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Dear Interested Party:

REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE PROVISION OF FIREARMS SERVICES

The County of Los Angeles (County) Department of Treasurer and Tax Collector (TTC), is issuing this Request for Statement of Qualifications (RFSQ) for the provision of Firearms Services. The TTC intends to establish a Master List (List) of qualified licensed firearms dealers.

The County Treasurer and Tax Collector is the *ex officio* Public Administrator (PA) for the County and the PA is responsible for administering decedent estates in accordance with the California Probate Code. The PA has authority to sell firearms from estates through qualified firearms dealers. The PA will invite those on the List to participate in a competitive sale to purchase firearms and/or related items. The List will have an initial term of three years unless sooner terminated or extended in whole or in part by the option of the County.

Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) are due by 5:00 p.m. Pacific Standard Time (PST), on Thursday, December 20, 2018, and shall be delivered or mailed to the County of Los Angeles, Department of Treasurer and Tax Collector, Contracts Section, 500 West Temple Street, Room 437, Los Angeles, California 90012. The TTC will execute and administer Master Agreements with qualified licensed firearms dealers that submitted SOQs by this initial deadline to establish an initial List.

The TTC may, at its sole discretion, continue to accept SOQs after the above deadline for inclusion on the List until such time as the TTC determines that the number of Vendors on the List is sufficient to meet the needs of the County.

You may download the RFSQ from the Internet by accessing the County's website at <http://camisvr.co.la.ca.us/lacobids>, selecting "View Open Bids," selecting "List by Department," selecting "Treasurer and Tax Collector" from the drop-down list and then click on "Select Department." You may also download the RFSQ by accessing the TTC's website at <http://ttc.lacounty.gov>, selecting the "TTC Contract Opportunities" link from the menu on the left, and selecting "Request for Statement of Qualifications

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Firearms Services.” Potential vendors are responsible for downloading and reviewing the entire RFSQ.

The RFSQ contains the service requirements, SOQ content and format requirements, a description of the SOQ selection process, and a sample Master Agreement. Vendors that meet the minimum qualifications identified in Paragraph 1.4, Vendor’s Minimum Qualifications, are invited to submit a SOQ to provide the services described further in Appendix I, Statement of Work. Potential vendors should carefully review the RFSQ and ensure their SOQ complies with all RFSQ requirements.

An optional Vendors’ Conference (Conference) to answer questions regarding the written specifications of the RFSQ, will be held at **1:00 p.m. PST, on Wednesday, December 12, 2018**, at the Hall of Records, 320 West Temple Street, 9th Floor, Patio Conference Room, Los Angeles, California 90012. **Vendors that intend to submit a SOQ are encouraged to attend this Conference, either in person or via webinar.** To register to attend the Conference, please contact Mr. Ashley Cupino, Contracts Section, at (213) 974-7360 or send an email to contracts@ttc.lacounty.gov no later than **5:00 p.m. PST, on Monday, December 10, 2018.**

SOQs must be prepared in accordance with Paragraph 2.0, Instructions to Vendors. Vendors understand and agree that submission of a SOQ constitutes acknowledgement and acceptance of, and a willingness to comply with, all terms and conditions of this RFSQ and any addenda including, but not limited to, Appendix H, Sample Master Agreement. **The terms and conditions of Appendix H, Sample Master Agreement, of the RFSQ are not negotiable.**

Very truly yours,



JOSEPH KELLY
Treasurer and Tax Collector
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1.0 GENERAL INFORMATION

The County of Los Angeles (County) Treasurer and Tax Collector is the *ex officio* Public Administrator for the County, and the Public Administrator Branch (PA) is responsible for administering decedent estates in accordance with the California Probate Code. In addition, [Government Code section 27400](#) states that the Treasurer and Tax Collector is the ex-officio license collector for the County.

The PA has authority to sell firearms of estates through qualified firearms dealers under [California Penal Code, sections 27545](#) and [31700\(b\)](#). The PA also provides services to the Public Guardian (PG), a division of the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (DMH), responsible for administering the estates of individuals under conservatorship. The Department of Treasurer and Tax Collector (TTC) is administering this Request for Statement of Qualifications (RFSQ) to establish a Master List (List) of qualified firearms dealers.

1.1 General Overview

The TTC intends to establish a List of firearms dealers that satisfy all of the requirements in the [California Penal Code Section 26700](#) (a) to (f), excerpted below:

- (a) Has a valid federal firearms license.
- (b) Has any regulatory or business license, or licenses, required by local government.
- (c) Has a valid seller's permit issued by the State Board of Equalization.
- (d) Has a certificate of eligibility issued by the Department of Justice pursuant to Section 26710.
- (e) Has a license issued in the format prescribed by subdivision (c) of Section 26705.
- (f) Is among those recorded in the centralized list specified in Section 26715.

The PA will invite those on the List to participate in a competitive sale to purchase firearms and related items.

1.2 Overview of Solicitation Document

This RFSQ is composed of the following parts:

- **GENERAL INFORMATION:** Specifies the Minimum Qualifications, provides information regarding some of the requirements of the Master Agreement, and the solicitation process.
- **INSTRUCTIONS TO VENDORS:** Contains instructions to the Vendors on how to prepare and submit their Statement of Qualifications (SOQ).

- **STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS REVIEW/SELECTION/QUALIFICATION PROCESS:** Explains to the Vendors the manner in which the TTC reviews the SOQ.
- **APPENDICES:**
 - **A - REQUIRED FORMS:** Forms contained in this section must be completed and included in the SOQ.
 - **B - TRANSMITTAL FORM TO REQUEST A SOLICITATION REQUIREMENTS REVIEW:** Transmittal sent to the TTC requesting a Solicitation Requirements Review.
 - **C - COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES POLICY ON DOING BUSINESS WITH SMALL BUSINESS:** [Chapter 2.204 of the County Code](#).
 - **D - JURY SERVICE ORDINANCE:** [Chapter 2.203 of the County Code](#).
 - **E - LISTING OF CONTRACTORS DEBARRED IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY:** Contractors that are not allowed to contract with the County for a specific length of time.
 - **F - IRS NOTICE 1015:** Provides information on Federal Earned Income Credit.
 - **G - SAFELY SURRENDERED BABY LAW:** A County program.
 - **H - SAMPLE MASTER AGREEMENT:** The Master Agreement used for this solicitation. The terms and conditions shown in the Master Agreement are not negotiable.
 - **I - STATEMENT OF WORK (SOW):** The SOW explains in detail the services the Contractor is required to perform.
 - **I1 - STATEMENT OF WORK ATTACHMENTS:** Provides examples and historical information of services and required reports.
 - **J - STATEMENT OF WORK AND SAMPLE MASTER AGREEMENT TECHNICAL EXHIBITS:** Identifies Contractor's performance requirements.
 - **K - DEFAULTED PROPERTY TAX REDUCTION PROGRAM:** [Chapter 2.206 of the County Code](#).

1.3 Terms and Definitions

The headings in the RFSQ are for convenience and reference only and do not define the scope of any provision in the RFSQ. The definitions shall be construed to have the meanings indicated, unless another meaning is apparent from the context in which the term is used. For your convenience, definitions are located in Appendix H, Sample Master Agreement, Paragraph 2.0, Definitions.

1.4 Vendor's Minimum Qualifications

The TTC invites interested Vendors that meet the Minimum Qualifications stated below to submit an SOQ. The Vendor shall attest it meets or does not meet each Minimum Qualification on Appendix A, Required Forms, Exhibit 1A, Vendor's Organization Questionnaire/Affidavit and CBE Information, pages 2 and 3.

1.4.1 The Vendor must demonstrate (i.e., provide copies of a business license, firearms licenses, including a current California Department of Justice/Bureau of Firearms Centralized List Letter, resale tax certificates, etc.) that it has been in business for at least three years, providing the required services equivalent or similar to the services identified in Appendix I, Statement of Work (SOW).

If the Vendor does not meet this requirement, then at least one principal and/or owner of the firm who will be responsible for the provision of services to the County, under the Master Agreement, must have a minimum of three years of professional experience performing services equivalent or similar to the required services identified in Appendix I, SOW. The Vendor must provide a written detailed description and/or resume demonstrating its principal's three years of experience to fulfill this requirement.

1.4.2 The Vendor must have an administrative business office located within the County or within a county contiguous to the County with a responsible person(s) to provide services and to maintain all required records specified in this RFSQ. The Vendor must provide the address of its business office in its SOQ.

1.4.3 The Vendor must demonstrate it has valid, current federal, state, and local licenses and/or permits to purchase legal Firearms and related items. (See RFSQ, Subparagraph 2.7.6, Proof of Licenses and/or Permits, Section D).

1.4.4 The Vendor must demonstrate financial stability sufficient to maintain a Firearms business, e.g., by providing evidence it has been in operation for three or more years, or has branched off from another business which operated for more than three years, or is taking over for a former business which has

operated for more than three years, or has a strong cash flow on its financial statements.

- 1.4.5 All potential Vendors must be registered in the County's WebVen by or before the submission of their respective SOQ. The County requires that all Vendors that wish to respond to this RFSQ must be registered through the Los Angeles County Vendor Registration (WebVen) website at: <http://camisvr.co.la.ca.us/webven/>. Vendors will need to have completed the registration process in WebVen prior to submitting their SOQs and provide proof of WebVen registration, by listing its County WebVen Number on Appendix A, Required Forms, Exhibit 1A, Vendor's Organization Questionnaire/Affidavit and CBE Information, page 4.
- 1.4.6 The Vendor or principal owner(s) must not appear on the Listing of Contractors Debarred in the County.
- 1.4.7 If the Vendor's compliance with a County Master Agreement has been reviewed by the County's Department of the Auditor-Controller (Auditor-Controller) within the last 10 years, the Vendor must not have unresolved questioned costs identified by the Auditor-Controller, in an amount over \$100,000.00, that are confirmed to be disallowed costs by the contracting County department, and remain unpaid for six months or more from the date of disallowance, unless such disallowed costs are the subject of current good faith negotiations to resolve the disallowed costs, in the opinion of the County.

1.5 Intentionally Omitted

1.6 Master Agreement Process

The objective of this RFSQ is to enable the TTC to establish a List of qualified firearms dealers who will be invited to participate in a Competitive Sale for the purchase of Firearms and related items.

- 1.6.1 The TTC will review each SOQ that a Vendor submits by the initial SOQ submission deadline identified in Subparagraph 2.3, Request for Statement of Qualifications Timetable, and determine if the Vendor meets all requirements of this RFSQ. The TTC will execute and administer Master Agreements with qualified Vendors and establish an initial List.
- 1.6.2 The TTC may, at its sole discretion, continue to accept SOQs after the initial SOQ submission deadline for inclusion in the List, per Subparagraph 2.3, Request for Statement of Qualifications Timetable, until such time as the TTC determines that the number of Vendors in the List is sufficient to meet the needs of the County.

1.6.3 The TTC may, at its sole discretion, elect to stop accepting SOQs at any time after the initial deadline.

1.6.4 No Subcontracting

The Vendor shall not subcontract the Master Agreement, or any portion thereof. Any attempt by the Vendor to subcontract shall be null and void, and constitutes a material breach of the Master Agreement.

1.7 Master Agreement Term

1.7.1 The Master Agreement Term shall be for a period of three years, commencing upon the execution date of the first individual Master Agreement signed by the TTC, unless sooner terminated or extended, with up to three one-year renewal option periods, for a maximum total Master Agreement Term of six years. The Master Agreement is deemed executed upon the Vendor's signature and thereafter the approval and signature by the Treasurer and Tax Collector or his designee.

1.7.2 Renewal option periods will be exercised at the sole discretion of the Treasurer and Tax Collector or his designee throughout the Term of the Master Agreement.

1.8 County Rights and Responsibilities

The County has the right to amend the RFSQ by written addendum. The County is responsible only for that which is expressly stated in the solicitation document and any authorized written addenda thereto. Such addendum shall be made available to each person or organization that the County records indicate has received this RFSQ. Should such addendum require additional information not previously requested, a prospective Vendor's failure to respond to the requirements of such addendum may result in the SOQ not being considered, as determined in the sole discretion of the County. The County is not responsible for and shall not be bound by any representations otherwise made by any individual acting or purporting to act on its behalf.

1.9 Contact with County Personnel

All contact regarding this RFSQ or any matter relating thereto must be in writing and mailed, e-mailed, or faxed as follows:

County of Los Angeles
Department of Treasurer and Tax Collector
Contracts Section
500 West Temple Street, Room 464
Los Angeles, California 90012
E-mail Address: contracts@ttc.lacounty.gov
Fax Number: (213) 687-4857
Attn: Ashley Cupino

The Vendors may not contact County personnel other than the person specified above, regarding this solicitation. If the TTC discovers that a Vendor contacted and received information from County personnel, other than the person specified above, regarding this solicitation, the TTC, in its sole determination, may disqualify its SOQ from further consideration.

1.10 Mandatory Requirement to Register on County's WebVen

All potential Vendors must be registered in the County's WebVen by or before the submission of their respective SOQ. The County requires that all the Vendors that wish to respond to this RFSQ must be registered through the Los Angeles County Vendor Registration (WebVen) website at <http://camisvr.co.la.ca.us/webven/>. The County's WebVen contains the Vendor's business profile and identifies the goods/services the business provides.

Vendors will need to have completed the registration process in WebVen prior to submitting their SOQs and provide proof of WebVen registration, by listing its County WebVen Number on Appendix A, Required Forms, Exhibit 1A, Vendor's Organization Questionnaire/Affidavit and CBE Information, page 4.

1.11 County Option to Reject Statement of Qualifications

The County may, at its sole discretion, reject any or all SOQs submitted in response to the RFSQ or may, in its sole discretion, decline to award a Master Agreement, and may cancel the RFSQ in its entirety at any time prior to award of a Master Agreement. The County shall not be liable for costs incurred by a Vendor in connection with preparation and submittal of any SOQ. The County reserves the right to waive inconsequential disparities in a submitted SOQ.

1.12 Protest Process

1.12.1 Under [Board Policy No. 5.055](#) (Services Contract Solicitation Protest), any prospective Vendor may request a review of the requirements under this solicitation, as described in Subparagraph 1.12.3 below. Additionally, a Vendor may request a review of a disqualification under such a solicitation, as described in the sections below.

1.12.2 Throughout the review process, the County has no obligation to delay or otherwise postpone an award of Master Agreement based on a Vendor protest. In all cases, the County reserves the right to make an award when it is determined to be in the best interest of the County to do so.

1.12.3 Grounds for Review

Unless State or Federal statutes or regulations otherwise provide, the grounds for review of the TTC's determination or action should be limited to the following:

- Review of Solicitation Requirements (Reference Subparagraph 2.4, in the Solicitation Requirement Review)
- Review of a Disqualified SOQ (Reference Subparagraph 3.2 in the Disqualification Review)

1.13 Notice to Vendors Regarding the California Public Records Act

1.13.1 Responses to this RFSQ shall become the exclusive property of the County. At such time as the Master Agreement is awarded to the qualified Vendor, all SOQs submitted in response to this RFSQ become a matter of public record, with the exception of those parts of each SOQ which are justifiably defined and identified by the Vendor as business or trade secrets, and plainly marked as "Trade Secret," "Confidential," or "Proprietary."

1.13.2 The County shall not, in any way, be liable or responsible for the disclosure of any such record or any parts thereof, if disclosure is required or permitted under the California Public Records Act or otherwise by law. **A blanket statement of confidentiality or the marking of each page of the SOQ as confidential shall not be deemed sufficient notice of exception. The Vendor must specifically label only those provisions of the SOQ which are "Trade Secret," "Confidential," or "Proprietary" in nature.**

1.14 Indemnification and Insurance

The Vendor shall be required to comply with the Indemnification provisions contained in Appendix H, Sample Master Agreement, Subparagraph 8.22, Indemnification. The Vendor shall procure, maintain, and provide to the County proof of insurance coverage for all the programs of insurance along with associated amounts specified in Appendix H, Sample Master Agreement, Subparagraphs 8.23, General Provisions for All Insurance Coverage and 8.24, Insurance Coverage.

1.15 Intentionally Omitted

1.16 Injury and Illness Prevention Program

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

1.17 Background and Security Investigations

Each of the Vendor's staff participating in Competitive Sales under the Master Agreement will undergo and pass, to the satisfaction of the TTC, a background investigation as a condition of beginning and continuing to work under the Master Agreement.

Such background investigation shall be obtained through fingerprints submitted to the California Department of Justice to include state, local, and federal level review, which include, but may not be limited to, criminal conviction information. Examples of disqualifying factors include, but are not limited to, bribery, robbery, theft, fraud, embezzlement, forgery, extortion, perjury, convictions involving a controlled substance, convictions involving stolen property, any felony conviction, a misdemeanor conviction involving moral turpitude, or any job-related misdemeanor conviction. The fees associated with background investigation shall be at the expense of the Contractor regardless if the member of Contractor's staff passes or fails the background investigation.

1.18 Confidentiality and Independent Contractor Status

The Vendor shall comply with the Confidentiality provision, Subparagraph 7.7, Confidentiality, and the Independent Contractor Status provision, Subparagraph 8.21 in Appendix H, Sample Master Agreement.

1.19 Conflict of Interest

No County employee whose position in the County enables him/her to influence the selection of a Vendor for this RFSQ or any competing RFSQ, nor any spouse or economic dependent of such employee, shall be employed in any capacity by a Vendor or have any other direct or indirect financial interest in the selection of a Vendor. Vendor shall certify that he/she is aware of and has read [Section 2.180.010 of the County Code](#) as stated in Appendix A, Required Forms, Exhibit 2, Certification of No Conflict of Interest.

1.20 Determination of Vendor Responsibility

- 1.20.1 A responsible Vendor is a Vendor who has demonstrated the attribute of trustworthiness, as well as quality, fitness, capacity, and experience to satisfactorily perform the Master Agreement. It is the County's policy to conduct business only with responsible Vendors.
- 1.20.2 Vendors are hereby notified that, in accordance with [Chapter 2.202 of the County Code](#), the County may determine whether the Vendor is responsible based on a review of the Vendor's performance on any Contracts including, but not limited to,

County Master Agreements. Particular attention will be given to violations of labor laws related to employee compensation and benefits, and evidence of false claims made by the Vendor against public entities.

- 1.20.3 The County may declare a Vendor to be non-responsible for purposes of this Master Agreement if the Board, in its discretion, finds that the Vendor has done any of the following: (1) violated a term of a Master Agreement with the County or a nonprofit corporation created by the County; (2) committed an act or omission which negatively reflects on the Vendor's quality, fitness, or capacity to perform a Master Agreement with the County, any other public entity, or a nonprofit corporation created by the County, or engaged in a pattern or practice which negatively reflects on same; (3) committed an act or omission which indicates a lack of business integrity or business honesty; or (4) made or submitted a false claim against the County or any other public entity.
- 1.20.4 If there is evidence that the Vendor may not be responsible, the TTC shall notify the Vendor in writing of the evidence and the TTC's intention to find the Vendor not responsible. The TTC shall provide the Vendor and/or the Vendor's representative with an opportunity to present evidence as to why the Vendor should be found to be responsible and to rebut the TTC's evidence.
- 1.20.5 If the Vendor presents evidence in rebuttal to the TTC, the TTC shall evaluate the merits of such evidence and make its decision whether or not the Vendor is responsible. The final decision concerning the responsibility of the Vendor shall reside with the Board.

1.21 Vendor Debarment

- 1.21.1 The Vendor is hereby notified that, in accordance with [Chapter 2.202 of the County Code](#), the County may debar the Vendor from bidding or proposing on, or being awarded, and/or performing work on other 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 the County may terminate any or all of the Vendor's existing contracts with the County, if the Board finds, in its discretion, that the Vendor has done any of the following: (1) violated a term of a Contract with the County or a nonprofit corporation created by the County; (2) committed an act or omission which negatively reflects on the Vendor's quality, fitness, or capacity to perform a Contract with the County, any other public entity, or a nonprofit corporation created by the County, or engaged in a pattern or practice which negatively

reflects on same; (3) committed an act or offense which indicates a lack of business integrity or business honesty; or (4) made or submitted a false claim against the County or any other public entity.

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

debarment, and includes supporting documentation. Upon receiving an appropriate request, the Contractor Hearing Board will provide notice of the hearing on the request. At the hearing, the Contractor Hearing Board shall conduct a hearing where evidence on the proposed reduction of debarment period or termination of debarment is presented. This hearing shall be conducted and the request for review decided by the Contractor Hearing Board pursuant to the same procedures as for a debarment hearing.

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

1.21.8 Appendix E, Listing of Contractors Debarred in Los Angeles County, provides a link to the County's website where there is a listing of the Vendors that are currently on the County's Debarment List.

1.22 Vendor's Adherence to County Child Support Compliance Program

The Vendors shall: 1) fully comply with all applicable State and Federal reporting requirements relating to employment reporting for their employees; and 2) comply with all lawfully served Wage and Earnings Assignment Orders and Notice of Assignment, and continue to maintain compliance during the term of any Master Agreement that may be awarded pursuant to this solicitation. Failure to comply may be cause for termination of a Master Agreement or initiation of debarment proceedings against the non-compliant Contractor ([County Code Chapter 2.202](#)).

1.23 Gratuities

1.23.2 Attempt to Secure Favorable Treatment

It is improper for any County officer, employee, or agent to solicit consideration, in any form, from a Vendor with the implication, suggestion, or statement that the Vendor's provision of the consideration may secure more favorable treatment for the Vendor in the award of a Master Agreement or that the Vendor's failure to provide such consideration may negatively affect the County's consideration of the Vendor's submission. A Vendor shall not offer or give, either directly or through an intermediary, consideration in any form to a County officer, employee, or agent for the purpose of securing

favorable treatment with respect to the award of a Master Agreement.

1.23.2 Vendor Notification to County

A Vendor shall immediately report any attempt by a County officer, employee or agent to solicit such improper consideration. The report shall be made either to the County manager charged with the supervision of the employee or to the County Auditor-Controller's Employee Fraud Hotline at (800) 544-6861. Failure to report such a solicitation may result in the Vendor's submission being eliminated from consideration.

1.23.3 Form of Improper Consideration

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

1.24 Notice to Vendors Regarding the County Lobbyist Ordinance

The Board has enacted an ordinance regulating the activities of persons who lobby County officials. This ordinance, referred to as the "Lobbyist Ordinance," defines a County Lobbyist and imposes certain registration requirements upon individuals meeting the definition. The complete text of the ordinance can be found in the [County Code Chapter 2.160](#). In effect, each person, corporation, or other entity that seeks a County permit, license, franchise, or contract must certify compliance with the ordinance. As part of this solicitation process, it will be the responsibility of each Vendor to review the ordinance independently as the text of said ordinance is not contained within this RFSQ. Thereafter, each person, corporation, or other entity submitting a response to this solicitation must certify that each County Lobbyist, as defined by the [County Code Section 2.160.010](#), retained by the Vendor is in full compliance with Chapter 2.160 of the County Code and each such County Lobbyist is not on the Executive Office's List of Terminated Registered Lobbyists by completing and submitting the Familiarity with the County Lobbyist Ordinance Certification, as set forth in Appendix A, Required Forms, Exhibit 5, Familiarity with the County Lobbyist Ordinance Certification, as part of its SOQ.

1.25 Federal Earned Income Credit

The Vendor shall notify its employees that they may be eligible for the Federal Earned Income Credit under the Federal income tax laws. Such notice shall be provided in accordance with the requirements set forth in the [Internal Revenue Service Notice No. 1015](#), reference Appendix F.

1.26 Consideration of GAIN/GROW Participants for Employment

As a threshold requirement for consideration of a Master Agreement, the Vendor shall demonstrate a proven record of hiring participants in the

County's Department of Public Social Services Greater Avenues for Independence (GAIN) or General Relief Opportunity for Work (GROW) Programs or shall attest to a willingness to consider GAIN/GROW participants for any future employment openings if they meet the Minimum Qualifications for that opening. The Vendor shall attest to a willingness to provide employed GAIN/GROW participants access to the Vendor's employee mentoring program, if available, to assist these individuals in obtaining permanent employment and/or promotional opportunities. Vendors that are unable to meet this requirement shall not be considered for a Master Agreement.

The Vendor shall complete and return the form, Attestation of Willingness to Consider GAIN/GROW Participants, as set forth in Appendix A, Required Forms, Exhibit 9, as part of its SOQ.

1.27 County's Quality Assurance Plan

After award of a Master Agreement, the County or its agent will monitor the Contractor's performance under the Master Agreement on an annual basis. Such monitoring will include assessing the Vendor's compliance with all terms and conditions in the Master Agreement. The Vendor's deficiencies which the County determines are significant or continuing and that may jeopardize performance of the Master Agreement will be reported to the Board. The report will include improvement/corrective action measures taken by the County and the Vendor. If improvement does not occur consistent with the corrective action measures, the County may terminate the Master Agreement in whole or in part, or impose other penalties as specified in the Master Agreement.

1.28 Recycled Bond Paper

The Vendor shall be required to comply with the County's policy on recycled bond paper as specified in Appendix H, Sample Master Agreement, Subparagraph 8.38, Recycled Bond Paper.

1.29 Safely Surrendered Baby Law

The Vendor shall notify and provide to its employees information regarding the Safely Surrendered Baby Law, its implementation in the County, and where and how to safely surrender a baby. The information is set forth in Appendix G, Safely Surrendered Baby Law, of this solicitation document. Additional information is available at www.babysafela.org.

1.30 County Policy on Doing Business with Small Business

1.30.1 The Board encourages small business participation in the County's contracting process by constantly streamlining and simplifying our selection process and expanding opportunities for small businesses to compete for our business.

- 1.30.2 The Local Small Business Enterprise (LSBE) Preference Program requires the business to complete a certification process. This program and how to obtain certification are further explained in Paragraph 1.32 of this section.
- 1.30.3 The Jury Service Program provides exceptions to the Jury Service Program if a company qualifies as a Small Business. It is important to note that each Jury Service Program has a different definition for Small Business. You may qualify as a Small Business in one Program but not the other. Further explanation of the Jury Service Program is provided in Paragraph 1.31 of this section.
- 1.30.4 The County also has a policy on Doing Business with Small Business that is stated in Appendix C.

1.31 Jury Service Program

To the extent applicable, the Jury Service Program applies to all of a Vendor’s full-time California employees, even those not working specifically on the County Master Agreement.

The prospective Master Agreement is subject to the requirements of the County’s Vendor Employee Jury Service Ordinance (“Jury Service Program”) ([County Code, Chapter 2.203](#)). Prospective Vendors should carefully read the Jury Service Ordinance, Appendix D, and the pertinent jury service provisions of the Appendix H, Sample Master Agreement, Subparagraph 8.7, Compliance with County’s Jury Service Program, both of which are incorporated by reference into and made a part of this RFSQ.

SOQs that fail to comply with the requirements of the Jury Service Program will be considered non-responsive and excluded from further consideration.

- 1.31.1 The Jury Service Program requires the Vendors to have and adhere to a written policy that provides that their employees shall receive from the Vendor, on an annual basis, no less than five (5) business days of regular pay for actual jury service. The policy may provide that employees deposit any fees received for such jury service with the Vendor or that the Vendor deduct from the employee’s regular pay the fees received for jury service. For purposes of the Jury Service Program, “employee” means any California resident who is a full-time employee of a Vendor and “full-time” means 40 hours or more worked per week, or a lesser number of hours if: 1) the lesser number is a recognized industry standard as determined by the County, or 2) the Vendor has a long-standing practice that defines the lesser number of hours as full-time. Therefore, the Jury Service Program applies to all of a Vendor’s full-time California

employees, even those not working specifically on the County Master Agreement. Full-time employees providing short-term, temporary services of 90 business days or less within a 12-month period are not considered full-time for purposes of the Jury Service Program.

1.31.2 There are two ways in which a Vendor might not be subject to the Jury Service Program. The first is if the Vendor does not fall within the Jury Service Program's definition of the "Vendor." The Jury Service Program defines the "Vendor" to mean a person, partnership, corporation or other entity which has a contract with the County or a subcontract with a County Vendor and has received or will receive an aggregate sum of \$50,000 or more in any 12-month period under one or more County contracts or subcontracts. The second is if the Vendor meets one of the two exceptions to the Jury Service Program. The first exception concerns small businesses and applies to Vendors that have: 1) ten or fewer employees; and 2) annual gross revenues in the preceding 12 months which, if added to the annual amount of this Contract is less than \$500,000; and 3) is not an "affiliate or subsidiary of a business dominant in its field of operation." The second exception applies to Vendors that possess a collective bargaining agreement that expressly supersedes the provisions of the Jury Service Program. The Vendor is subject to any provision of the Jury Service Program not expressly superseded by the collective bargaining agreement.

1.31.3 If a Vendor does not fall within the Jury Service Program's definition of the "Vendor" or if it meets any of the exceptions to the Jury Service Program, then the Vendor must so indicate in the Contractor Employee Jury Service Program Certification Form and Application for Exception, as set forth in Appendix A, Required Forms, Exhibit 10, County of Los Angeles Contractor Employee Jury Service Program – Certification Form and Application for Exception, and include with its submission all necessary documentation to support the claim such as tax returns or a collective bargaining agreement, if applicable. Upon reviewing the Vendor's application, the County will determine, in its sole discretion, whether the Vendor falls within the definition of the "Vendor" or meets any of the exceptions to the Jury Service Program. The County's decision will be final.

1.32 Local Small Business Enterprise Preference Program (NOT APPLICABLE FOR BUSINESSES LOCATED OUTSIDE OF THE COUNTY)

1.32.1 In reviewing SOQs, the County will give Local Small Business Enterprise (LSBE) preference to businesses that meet the

definition of a LSBE, consistent with [Chapter 2.204.030C.1 of the Los Angeles County Code](#). A LSBE is defined as a business: 1) certified by the State of California as a small business and has had its principal office located in the County for a period of at least one year, or 2) certified as a small business enterprise with other certifying agencies pursuant to the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs (DCBA) inclusion policy that: a) has its principal place of business located in the County, and b) has revenues and employee sizes that meet the State's Department of General Services requirements. The business must be certified by the DCBA as meeting the requirements set forth above prior to requesting the LSBE Preference in a solicitation.

- 1.32.2 To apply for certification as a LSBE, businesses should contact the DCBA at <http://dcba.lacounty.gov>.
- 1.32.3 Certified LSBEs may only request the preference in their SOQ responses and may not request the preference unless the certification process has been completed and certification is affirmed. Businesses must complete and submit the Request for Preference Program Consideration with their SOQ response and submit a letter of certification from the DCBA with their SOQ.
- 1.32.4 Information about the State's small business enterprise certification regulations is in the California Code of Regulations, Title 2, Subchapter 8, Section 1896 et seq., and is also available on the California Department of General Services Office of Small Business Certification and Resources website at <http://www.pd.dgs.ca.gov/smbus/default>.

1.33 Local Small Business Enterprise Prompt Payment Program

It is the intent of the County that certified LSBEs receive prompt payment for services they provide to the County departments. Prompt payment is defined as 15 calendar days after receipt of an undisputed invoice.

1.34 Notification to County of Pending Acquisitions/Mergers by Proposing Company

The Vendor shall notify the County of any pending acquisitions/mergers unless legally prohibited from doing so. If the Vendor is restricted from legally notifying the County of pending acquisitions/mergers, then it should notify the County of the actual acquisitions/mergers as soon as the law allows and provide to the County the legal framework that restricted it from notifying the County prior to the actual acquisitions/mergers. This information shall be provided by the Vendor on Appendix A, Required Forms, Exhibit 1A, Vendor's Organization Questionnaire/Affidavit and CBE Information, page 4. Failure of the

Vendor to provide this information may eliminate its SOQ from any further consideration. The Vendor shall have a continuing obligation to notify the County of changes to the information contained in Appendix A, Required Forms, Exhibit 1A, Vendor's Organization Questionnaire/Affidavit and CBE Information, during the pendency of this RFSQ by providing a revised Exhibit 1A, Vendor's Organization Questionnaire/Affidavit and CBE Information, to the County upon the occurrence of any event giving rise to a change in its previously-reported information.

1.35 Social Enterprise Preference Program

1.35.1 In reviewing SOQs, the County will give preference during the solicitation process to businesses that meet the definition of a Social Enterprise (SE), consistent with [Chapter 2.205 of the Los Angeles County Code](#). A SE is defined as:

- 1) A business that qualifies as a SE and has been in operation for at least one year providing transitional or permanent employment to a Transitional Workforce or providing social, environmental and/or human justice services; and
- 2) A business certified by the DCBA as a SE.

1.35.2 The DCBA shall certify that a SE meets the criteria set forth in Subparagraph 1.35.1.

1.35.3 Certified SEs may only request the preference in their SOQ responses and may not request the preference unless the certification process has been completed and certification is affirmed. Businesses must complete and submit the Request for Preference Program Consideration their SOQ response and submit a letter of certification from the DCBA with their SOQ.

1.35.4 Further information on SEs is also available on the DCBA's website at <http://dcba.lacounty.gov>.

1.36 Business Associate Agreement Under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996

The Vendor shall be required to comply with the Administrative Simplification requirements of the Federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996, as in effect and as may be amended, at the Business Associate level of compliance, as contained in Appendix H, Sample Master Agreement, Exhibit I, Business Associate Agreement under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA).

1.37 Intentionally Omitted

1.38 Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program

The County's Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program ("Defaulted Tax Program") ([County Code, Chapter 2.206](#)) is a term in the Master Agreement with which the Vendor must comply. Prospective Vendors should carefully read the Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program, Appendix K, and the pertinent provisions of the Sample Master Agreement, Appendix H, Subparagraphs 8.49, Warranty of Compliance with County's Defaulted Property Tax Program, and 8.50, Termination for Breach of Warranty to Maintain Compliance with County's Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program, both of which are incorporated by reference into and made a part of this solicitation.

The Vendors shall be required to certify that they are in full compliance with the provisions of the Defaulted Tax Program and shall maintain compliance during the term of any Master Agreement that may be awarded pursuant to this solicitation or shall certify that they are exempt from the Defaulted Tax Program by completing a Certification of Compliance with the County's Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program, Exhibit 11 in Appendix A, Required Forms. Failure to maintain compliance, or to timely cure defects, may be cause for termination of a Master Agreement or initiation of debarment proceedings against the non-compliant Vendor ([Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.202](#)).

SOQs that fail to comply with the certification requirements of the Defaulted Tax Program will be considered non-responsive and excluded from further consideration.

1.39 Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise Preference Program

1.39.1 In reviewing SOQs, the County will give preference during the solicitation process to businesses that meet the definition of a Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (DVBE), consistent with [Chapter 2.211 of the Los Angeles County Code](#).

A DVBE Vendor is defined as:

- 1) A business which is certified by the State of California as a DVBE; or
- 2) A business which is verified as a Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business (SDVOSB) by the Veterans Administration; or
- 3) A business certified as DVBE with other certifying agencies pursuant to the DCBA inclusion policy that meets the criteria set forth by the agencies in 1 and 2 above.

1.39.2 The DCBA shall certify that a DVBE is currently certified by the State of California, by the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs, or is determined by the DCBA inclusion policy that meets the

criteria set forth by the agencies in Paragraph 1.39.1, 1 or 2 above.

- 1.39.3 Certified DVBEs may only request the preference in their SOQ responses and may not request the preference unless the certification process has been completed and certification is affirmed. Businesses must complete and submit the Request for Preference Program Consideration their SOQ response and submit a letter of certification from the DCBA with their SOQ.
- 1.39.4 Information about the State's DVBE certification regulations is found in the California Code of Regulations, Title 2, Subchapter 8, Section 1896 et seq., and is also available on the California Department of General Services Office of Disabled Veteran Business Certification and Resources website at <http://www.dgs.ca.gov/pd/Home.aspx>.
- 1.39.5 Information on the Department of Veteran Affairs SDVOSB certification regulations is found in the [Code of Federal Regulations, 38CFR 74](#) and is also available on the Department of Veterans Affairs website at <http://www.vetbiz.gov/>.

1.40 Time Off for Voting

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

1.41 Vendor's Acknowledgement of County's Commitment to Zero Tolerance Human Trafficking

On October 4, 2016, the Board approved a motion taking significant steps to protect victims of human trafficking by establishing a zero tolerance human trafficking policy. The policy prohibits the Vendors engaged in human trafficking from receiving Contract awards or performing services under a County Contract.

The Vendors are required to complete Exhibit 12, Zero Tolerance Human Trafficking Policy Certification, in Appendix A, Required Forms, certifying that they are in full compliance with the County's Zero Tolerance Human Trafficking provision as defined in Subparagraph 8.53, Compliance with County's Zero Tolerance Policy on Human Trafficking, of Appendix H, Sample Master Agreement. Further, the Vendors are required to comply with the requirements under said provision for the term of any Master Agreement awarded pursuant to this solicitation.

1.42 Intentionally Omitted

1.43 Default Method of Payment: Direct Deposit or Electronic Fund Transfer

- 1.43.1 The County, at its sole discretion, has determined that the most efficient and secure default form of payment for goods and/or services provided under an agreement/contract with the County shall be Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) or direct deposit, unless an alternative method of payment is deemed appropriate by the Auditor-Controller (A-C).
- 1.43.2 Upon Contract Award or at the request of the A-C and/or the contracting department, the Contractor shall submit a direct deposit authorization request 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.
- 1.43.3 Any provision of law, grant, or funding agreement requiring a specific form or method of payment other than EFT or direct deposit shall supersede this requirement with respect to those payments.
- 1.43.4 Upon Contract Award or at any time during the duration of the agreement/contract, a Contractor may submit a written request for an exemption to this requirement. The A-C, in consultation with the contracting department(s), shall decide whether to approve exemption requests.

1.44 Vendor's Acknowledgement of County's Commitment to Fair Chance Employment Hiring Practices

On May 29, 2018, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approved a Fair Chance Employment Policy in an effort to remove job barriers for individuals with criminal records. The policy requires businesses that contract with the County to comply with fair chance employment hiring practices set forth in [California Government Code Section 12952](#), Employment Discrimination: Conviction History (Section 12952).

Vendors are required to complete Exhibit 13 (Compliance with Fair Chance Employment Hiring Practices Certification) in Appendix A (Required Forms), certifying that they are in full compliance with Section 12952, as indicated in the Master Agreement. Further, Vendors are required to comply with the requirements under Section 12952 for the term of any Master Agreement awarded pursuant to this solicitation.

2.0 INSTRUCTIONS TO VENDORS

This section contains key project dates and activities as well as instructions to the Vendors in how to prepare and submit their SOQ.

2.1 County Responsibility

The County is not responsible for representations made by any of its officers or employees prior to the execution of the Master Agreement unless such understanding or representation is included in the Master Agreement.

2.2 Truth and Accuracy of Representations

False, misleading, incomplete, or deceptively unresponsive statements in connection with an SOQ shall be sufficient cause for rejection of the SOQ. The evaluation and determination in this area shall be at the Treasurer and Tax Collector’s sole judgment and his judgment shall be final.

2.3 Request for Statement of Qualifications Timetable

The timetable for this RFSQ is as follows:

- Release of RFSQ Monday, November 26, 2018
- Request for a Solicitation Requirements Review Due.....Monday, December 10, 2018
- Optional Vendors’ Conference (1:00 p.m. Pacific Standard Time (PST))Wednesday, December 12, 2018
- Written Questions Due no later than (5:00 p.m. PST).....Thursday, December 13, 2018
- Questions and Answers Released by Addendum on or about..... Monday, December 17, 2018
- Initial SOQ Submission Deadline (5:00 p.m. PST).....Thursday, December 20, 2018

(TTC staff will review SOQs submitted on or before the initial SOQ submission deadline to determine if the Vendors met all requirements of the RFSQ. The TTC will execute and administer Master Agreements with qualified Vendors that submitted SOQs by the initial submission deadline to establish the initial List. After the establishment of the initial List, the TTC may, at its sole discretion, continue to accept and review SOQs submitted after the initial deadline. If the TTC elects to accept SOQs after the initial submission deadline, the TTC will add those Vendors that meet all requirements of the RFSQ to the List.

2.4 Solicitation Requirements Review

Any person or entity may seek a Solicitation Requirements Review by submitting Appendix B, RFSQ Transmittal to Request a Solicitation Requirements Review, to the Department conducting the solicitation as described in this section. A request for a Solicitation Requirements Review may be denied, in the Department’s sole discretion, if the request does not satisfy all of the following criteria:

1. The request for a Solicitation Requirements Review is made within ten business days of the issuance of the solicitation document.
2. The request for a Solicitation Requirements Review includes documentation, which demonstrates the underlying ability of the person or entity to submit a proposal.
3. The request for a Solicitation Requirements Review itemizes in appropriate detail, each matter contested and factual reasons for the requested review; and
4. The request for a Solicitation Requirements Review asserts either that:
 - a. The application of the Minimum Qualifications, evaluation criteria, and/or business requirements unfairly disadvantages the person or entity; or
 - b. Due to unclear instructions, the process may result in the County not receiving the best possible responses from prospective Vendor.

The Solicitation Requirements Review shall be completed on or before Monday, December 10, 2018, and the Department's determination shall be provided to the requesting person or entity, in writing, within a reasonable time prior to the proposal due date.

Requests for Solicitation Requirements Review shall be submitted to:

County of Los Angeles
Department of Treasurer and Tax Collector
Contracts Section
500 West Temple Street, Room 464
Los Angeles, California 90012
Attn: Ashley Cupino

2.5 Vendors' Questions

The Vendors may submit written questions regarding this RFSQ by mail, fax, or email to the individual identified below. All questions must be received by Thursday, December 13, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. PST. It is the sole responsibility of the submitting Vendor that the TTC receives its written questions before this deadline. All questions, without identifying the submitting Vendor will be compiled with the appropriate answers and issued as an addendum to the RFSQ.

When submitting questions, please specify the RFSQ section number and page number, and quote the language that prompted the question. The County reserves the right to group similar questions when providing answers.

Questions may address concerns that the application of Minimum Qualifications, evaluation criteria, and/or business requirements would

unfairly disadvantage the Vendors, or due to unclear instructions, may result in the County not receiving the best possible responses from the Vendor.

Questions should be addressed to:

County of Los Angeles
Department of Treasurer and Tax Collector
Contracts Section
500 West Temple Street, Room 464
Los Angeles, California 90012
E-mail Address: contracts@ttc.lacounty.gov
Fax Number: (213) 687- 4857
Attn: Ashley Cupino

2.6 Optional Vendors' Conference

The TTC will hold an Optional Vendors' Conference to discuss the RFSQ requirements. County staff will respond to questions from potential Vendors. All potential Vendors may attend this conference either in person or via webinar.

The Vendors planning to attend the Optional Vendors' Conference in person, or via webinar, should register by either calling (213) 974-7360 or e-mailing contracts@ttc.lacounty.gov by no later than 5:00 p.m. PST on Monday, December 10, 2018. Upon registration completion, the TTC will provide the webinar link and instructions via e-mail.

The schedule for the Optional Vendors' conference is as follows:

Location: County of Los Angeles
Department of Treasurer and Tax Collector
Hall of Records - Patio Conference Room
320 West Temple Street, 9th Floor
Los Angeles, California 90012
Date: Wednesday, December 12, 2018
Time: 1:00 p.m. PST

The purpose of the Optional Vendors' Conference is to answer all questions concerning the written specifications of this RFSQ in the presence of the Vendors interested in providing services to the County. The County staff will not hold any private or unilateral consultations before or after the conference that may give any one Vendor advantage over another in responding to this RFSQ. The Vendors will have the opportunity to submit additional questions pursuant to Paragraph 2.5, Vendors' Questions.

All Vendors in attendance of the Optional Vendors' Conference are to ensure that at least one of its representatives complete and sign the official sign-in attendance sheet. Vendors attending via webinar are to ensure their representative(s) inform the County's Moderator that the

Vendor is in attendance via webinar and the Moderator will manually enter the Vendor's information onto the official sign-in attendance sheet. The sign-in attendance sheet will serve as evidence that a representative for the Vendor was present at the Optional Vendor's Conference and as a mailing list for disseminating any addendum/addenda to the RFSQ, subsequent to the Optional Vendor's Conference, if the County determines that such addendum/addenda is necessary.

Note: In the event the location of the Optional Vendors' Conference is changed, an Addendum will be issued with the new location.

2.7 Preparation and Format of the Statement of Qualifications

All SOQ's must be bound and submitted in the prescribed format. Any SOQ that deviates from this format may be rejected as non-responsive, without review at the County's sole discretion.

All SOQs must be printed on 8 ½" x 11" white bond paper and shall be individually bound in a secure manner with a protective covering that allows for easy removal of documents marked "Trade Secret," "Confidential," or "Proprietary." Section tabs are not required but may be included.

In preparing the SOQ, Vendors are to provide thorough responses to all requirements within this RFSQ using their own words and should avoid using language directly from this RFSQ. The objective of the SOQ submission is for the TTC to ascertain the Vendor's ability to provide the required services.

The County assumes no responsibility for any misunderstanding or misrepresentations provided by any of its employees. Vendors are solely to rely on the information provided within this RFSQ or in any Addendum to this RFSQ for the preparation of their SOQs.

The content and sequence of the SOQ must be as follows:

- Transmittal Letter
- Table of Contents
- Vendor's Qualifications (Section A)
- Required Forms (Section B)
- Proof of Insurability (Section C)
- Proof of Licenses and/or Permits (Section D)

2.7.1 Transmittal Letter

The Transmittal letter must be a maximum of one page and submitted on Vendor's letterhead with their SOQ. The transmittal letter must include the Vendor's name, address, email address, telephone and facsimile numbers of the contact person who will be authorized to represent the Vendor. **The transmittal letter must bear the signature of the person**

authorized to sign on behalf of the Vendor and to bind the Vendor in a Master Agreement. The letter shall indicate if the Vendor intends to perform the services of this Master Agreement as a single Vendor and must include a statement indicating that the Vendor will bear sole and complete responsibility for all work as identified in Appendix I, SOW.

2.7.2 Table of Contents

The Table of Contents must be a comprehensive listing of material included in the SOQ. This section must include a clear definition of the material, identified by sequential page numbers and by section reference numbers.

2.7.3 Vendor's Qualifications (Section A)

To demonstrate that the Vendor's organization has the experience to perform the required services, the following sections must be included:

A. Vendor's Background and Experience (Section A.1)

The Vendor shall complete, sign, and date the Vendor's Organization Questionnaire/Affidavit and CBE Information, Exhibit 1A as set forth in Appendix A, Required Forms. **The person signing the form must be authorized to sign on behalf of the Vendor and to bind the Vendor in a Master Agreement.**

The Vendor shall provide a summary of relevant background information to demonstrate that the Vendor meets the Minimum Qualifications stated in Paragraph 1.4, Vendor's Minimum Qualifications, of this RFSQ and has the capability to perform the required services as a corporation or other entity. In addition to the summary, the Vendor shall complete and submit Appendix A, Required Forms, Exhibit 1B, Project Staff Background, with the Vendor's proposal and provide the following documentation:

1. The Vendor must provide evidence of having at least one business location within the borders of the County or within a county contiguous to the County with a responsible person(s) to provide services and to maintain all required records specified in this RFSQ. The Vendor must provide the address of its business office in its SOQ.
2. The Vendor must provide evidence of valid, current Federal, State, and Local licenses and permits and valid status on the California Department of Justice/Bureau of Firearms Centralized List of Firearms Dealers to

purchase legal firearms and related items. (See Subparagraph 2.7.6, Proof of Licenses and/or Permits).

Based on the structure of the Vendor's organization, the Vendor shall submit the required documents below. If the Vendor's organization does not fit into one of these categories, upon receipt of the SOQ or at some later time, the County may, in its discretion, request additional documentation regarding the Vendor's business organization and authority of individuals to sign Master Agreements.

If the below referenced documents are not available at the time of SOQ submission, the Vendor must request the appropriate documents from the California Secretary of State and provide a statement on the status of the request.

Required Support Documents:

Corporation or Limited Liability Company (LLC):

The Vendor must submit the following documentation with the SOQ:

- 1) A copy of a "Certificate of Good Standing" with the state of incorporation/organization.
- 2) A conformed copy of the most recent "Statement of Information" as filed with the California Secretary of State listing corporate officers or members and managers.

For a Vendor incorporated in another State, please refer to the California Secretary of State website at:

<http://www.sos.ca.gov/business-programs/business-entities/faqs/> and under Frequently Asked Questions, click on "Form/register, license or terminate a business entity" link.

Refer to the following questions to determine if you must register with the California Secretary of State:

- Do I have to qualify or register a foreign (out-of-state or out-of-country) business entity?
- How do I qualify or register a foreign (out-of-state or out-of-country) business entity in California?

The TTC is not able to advise a Vendor incorporated in another State as to whether or not the business must qualify/register to do business in California. The Vendor should consult with their respective legal counsel on this matter as necessary.

If you determine you are not required to qualify/register with the California Secretary of State, you must provide a conformed

copy of the most recent "Statement of Information" or its equivalent from your State.

Limited Partnership:

The Vendor must submit a conformed copy of the Certificate of Limited Partnership or Application for Registration of Foreign Limited Partnership as filed with the California Secretary of State, and any amendments.

For a Vendor incorporated in another State, please refer to the information in Subparagraph 2.7.3A above related to the requirement to qualify or register with the California Secretary of State.

B. Vendor's References (Section A.2)

It is the Vendor's sole responsibility to ensure that the reference's name, and point of contact's name, title, and phone number for each reference is accurate. The same references may be listed on both forms, Exhibits 6 and 7.

The County may disqualify a Vendor if:

- References fail to substantiate the Vendor's description of the services provided; or
- References fail to support that the Vendor has a continuing pattern of providing capable, productive and skilled personnel, or
- The TTC is unable to reach the Vendor's references with reasonable effort (i.e., three attempts). It is the Vendor's responsibility to inform the references of the TTC's normal working hours.

The Vendor must complete and include Required Forms, Exhibits 6, Prospective Vendor References, 7, Prospective Vendor List of Contracts, and 8, Prospective Vendor List of Terminated Contracts, as set forth in Appendix A, Required Forms.

- Prospective Vendor References, Exhibit 6: The Vendor must provide three references for current clients for whom the Vendor provides substantially similar services to those services set forth in this RFSQ, or services that reflect favorably upon the Vendor's ability to provide those services set forth in this RFSQ. Law enforcement and/or military references are preferred. **References for existing or terminated Contracts and/or Subcontracts with the TTC will not be accepted to meet this requirement.**

- Prospective Vendor List of Contracts, Exhibit 7: The listing must include all public entity (e.g., city, county, or other level of government) contracts for the last three years. A photocopy of this form should be included if necessary.
- Prospective Vendor List of Terminated Contracts, Exhibit 8: Listing must include any contracts terminated within the past three years with a reason for termination.

C. Vendor’s Pending Litigation and Judgments (Section A.3)

The Vendor must identify by name, case, and court jurisdiction any pending litigation in which the Vendor is involved, enforcement actions by regulators (resulting in fines), or judgments against Vendor in the past five years. The Vendor must provide a statement describing the size and scope of any pending or threatening litigation against the Vendor or principals of the Vendor.

2.7.4 Required Forms (Section B)

The Vendor must include all forms identified in Appendix A, Required Forms.

2.7.5 Proof of Insurability (Section C)

The Vendors must provide proof of insurability that meet all insurance requirements set forth in the Appendix H – Sample Master Agreement, Subparagraphs 8.23, General Provisions for All Insurance Coverage, and 8.24, Insurance Coverage. If a Vendor does not currently have the required coverage, a letter from a qualified insurance carrier indicating a willingness to provide the required coverage, should the Vendor be selected to receive a Master Agreement Award, may be submitted with the SOQ.

The Vendor must, however, provide proof of insurability within five business days of selection to receive a Master Agreement Award.

2.7.6 Proof of Licenses and/or Permits (Section D)

The Vendors must provide copies of all applicable licenses, certificates and/or permits, as well as a copy of the Vendor’s Centralized List Acknowledgement from the Bureau of Firearms. When a license or permit specifies the post office address of the activity licensed, the licensee may conduct such activity only at the address specified in the license. Licenses, certificates and permits, at a minimum, must include the following:

- U.S. Department of Justice Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives - Federal Firearms License (FFL)

- California Department of Justice/Bureau of Firearms-Certificate of Eligibility
- California Department of Justice/Bureau of Firearms - Secondhand Dealer License
- California State Board of Equalization-Seller's Permit
- California Department of Justice/Bureau of Firearms-Dangerous Weapons License/Permit(s) (Assault Weapon/.50 BMG Rifle Permit) and/or High Capacity Magazine Permit, as applicable to the Lot offered for sale
- Applicable Business and Gun Dealer License, under local jurisdiction/city regulation where the business is located

2.8 Statement of Qualifications Submission

2.8.1 The original SOQ, one CD, and five complete numbered copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope or box, plainly marked in the upper left-hand corner with the name and address of the prospective Vendor and bear the words:

“SOQ FOR FIREARMS SERVICES, TTC RFSQ 2018-04 PA FS”

The SOQ and/or any related information shall be hand delivered or mailed to:

County of Los Angeles
 Department of Treasurer and Tax Collector
 Contracts Section
 500 West Temple Street, Room 437
 Los Angeles, California 90012
 Attn: Ashley Cupino

2.8.2 **It is the sole responsibility of the submitting Vendor to ensure that its SOQ is received on or before the initial SOQ submission deadline referenced in Subparagraph 2.3, Request for Statement of Qualifications Timetable, to be included in the initial List. Submitting Vendors shall bear all risks associated with delays in delivery by any person or entity, including the U.S. Mail. No facsimile or email copies will be accepted.**

2.8.3 Any SOQ received after the initial SOQ submission deadline may be accepted in accordance with Subparagraph 1.6, Master Agreement Process. All SOQs shall be firm offers and may not be withdrawn for a period of 270 calendar days following the SOQ submission deadline date.

2.8.4 Any Vendor may submit a new SOQ if they have been removed or suspended from the List in accordance with this RFSQ as

long as the solicitation is open. Grounds for a rejected SOQ include but are not limited to the following:

- SOQs that are not in accordance with this RFSQ as referenced in Subparagraph 2.7;
- DOJ/Bureau of Firearms licensing/permitting deficiency of the firearms dealer;
- Failure to comply with a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) or to timely resolve complaints (Appendix H, Sample Master Agreement, Subparagraph 8.4),
- Conflict of Interest (Appendix H, Sample Master Agreement, Subparagraph 8.8),
- Evidence of a bribe or attempt to bribe (RFSQ, Gratuities, Subparagraph 1.23),
- Discovery that the Vendor is not responsive or responsible in some manner that may or may not lead to debarment, etc.
- The TTC will reject any SOQ submitted prior to the expiration of the suspension period imposed by the TTC.
- It is the responsibility of any Vendor and/or the principal owner(s) of a Vendor that appear on the County Debarment List, State Debarment List and/or the Federal Excluded Parties List, to notify the TTC. The TTC shall immediately remove the Vendor from the List or reject the Vendor's SOQ as appropriate.

2.9 Acceptance of Terms and Conditions of Master Agreement

The Vendors understand and agree that submission of the SOQ constitutes acknowledgement and acceptance of, and a willingness to comply with, all terms and conditions of the Appendix H, Sample Master Agreement, of this RFSQ. **The terms and conditions of Appendix H, Sample Master Agreement, of the RFSQ are not negotiable.**

2.10 Statement of Qualifications Withdrawals

The Vendor may withdraw its SOQ at any time prior to the date and time which is set forth herein as the deadline for acceptance of SOQs, upon written request for same to:

County of Los Angeles
Department of Treasurer and Tax Collector
Contracts Section
500 West Temple Street, Room 464
Los Angeles, California 90012
Attn: Ashley Cupino

3.0 STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS REVIEW/SELECTION/QUALIFICATION PROCESS

3.1 Review Process

Pursuant to Subparagraph 1.6, Master Agreement Process, of this RFSQ, TTC staff will conduct a detailed review of each SOQ submitted in response to this RFSQ. The review process will include the following steps:

3.1.1 Adherence to Minimum Qualifications

The TTC staff shall review the Vendor's Organization Questionnaire/Affidavit and CBE Information, Exhibit 1A of Appendix A, Required Forms, and determine if the Vendor meets the Vendor's Minimum Qualifications as outlined in Subparagraph 1.4, Vendor's Minimum Requirements, of this RFSQ. TTC shall also verify the Vendor is recorded on the DOJ/Bureau of Firearms Centralized List Letter, as required by Penal Code Section 26715. Discrepancies between the business name of the Vendor in Vendor's SOQ and the Centralized List may subject the Vendor to elimination from further consideration.

Failure of the Vendor to comply with the Minimum Qualifications may eliminate its SOQ from any further consideration. The TTC may elect to waive any informality in an SOQ if the sum and substance of the SOQ is present.

If the TTC eliminates a Vendor's SOQ from consideration because the Vendor did not initially comply with the Minimum Qualifications, the Vendor may submit a new SOQ for consideration as long as the solicitation is still open.

3.1.2 Vendor's Qualifications (Section A)

TTC's review shall include the following:

- The Vendor's Background and Experience as provided in Section A, Vendor's Qualifications Sub-section A.1 of the SOQ.
- The Vendor's References as provided in Paragraph A.2. The review will include verification of references submitted, a review of the County's Contract Database and the Vendor Alert Reporting Database, if applicable, reflecting past performance history on County or other contracts, and a review of terminated contracts.
- A review to determine the magnitude of any pending litigation or judgments against the Vendor as provided in Section A.3.

3.1.3 Required Forms

All forms listed in Paragraph 2.0, Subparagraph 2.7.4 must be included in **Section B** of the SOQ.

3.1.4 Proof of Insurability

Review the proof of insurability provided in **Section C** of the SOQ.

3.1.5 Proof of Licenses and/or permits

Review the proof of licenses and/or permits provided in **Section D** of the SOQ.

3.2 Disqualification Review

The TTC may disqualify an SOQ from consideration if it determines that it is non-responsive at any time during the review/evaluation process. If the TTC determines that a Vendor's SOQ is disqualified due to a Vendor's non-responsiveness, the TTC shall notify the Vendor in writing.

Upon receipt of the written determination of non-responsiveness, the Vendor may submit a written request for a Disqualification Review within the timeframe specified in the written determination.

The TTC, at its sole discretion, may deny a request for a Disqualification Review if such request does not satisfy all of the following criteria:

1. The person or entity requesting a Disqualification Review is a Vendor;
2. The request for a Disqualification Review is submitted timely (i.e., by the date and time specified in the written determination); and
3. The request for a Disqualification Review asserts that the TTC's determination of disqualification due to non-responsiveness was erroneous (e.g. factual errors, etc.) and provides factual support on each ground asserted as well as copies of all documents and other material that support the assertions.

The Disqualification Review shall be completed and the determination shall be provided to the requesting Vendor, in writing, prior to the conclusion of the evaluation process.

3.3 Selection/Qualification Process

The TTC will select responsive and responsible Vendors that have the ability to purchase firearms and related items as described in this RFSQ. Vendors that submit SOQs that are incomplete and/or do not follow content and format guidelines as set forth in Paragraph 2.0, Instructions to Vendors, Subparagraph 2.7, Preparation and Format of the Statement of Qualifications, may be disqualified without further consideration. The selection process will begin with receipt of the SOQ, as specified in Subparagraph 2.3, Request of Statement of Qualifications Timetable of this RFSQ.

- After the SOQs have been reviewed, the TTC will establish Master Agreements with qualified Vendors as specified in Subparagraph 1.6, Master Agreement Process, of this RFSQ.
- The TTC will reject an SOQ if a Vendor, including the principal owner(s) of a Vendor, appears on the Listing of Vendors Debarred in the County.
- A prospective Vendor's business location(s) is/are subject to inspection by the PA prior to consideration for inclusion on the List.

3.4 Master Agreement Award

The Vendors must meet all the requirements in the RFSQ prior to the TTC considering the Vendor for Master Agreement Award. The TTC will inform all Vendors of the final selections. The TTC will execute separate Master Agreements with each selected Vendor.

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VENDOR'S ORGANIZATION QUESTIONNAIRE/AFFIDAVIT AND CBE INFORMATION**

Please complete, sign and date this form and include it in Section A.1 of the SOQ. The person signing the form must be authorized to sign on behalf of the Vendor and to bind the applicant in a Master Agreement.

1. Is your firm a corporation or limited liability company (LLC)? **Yes** **No**

If yes, complete:

Legal Name (found in Articles of Incorporation) _____

State _____ Year Inc. _____

2. If your firm is a limited partnership or a sole proprietorship, state the name of the proprietor or managing partner: _____

3. Is your firm doing business under one or more DBA's? **Yes** **No**

If yes, complete:

Name	County of Registration	Year became DBA
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

4. Is your firm wholly/majority owned by, or a subsidiary of another firm? **Yes** **No**

If yes, complete:

Name of parent firm: _____

State of incorporation or registration of parent firm: _____

5. Has your firm done business as other names within last five (5) years? **Yes** **No**

If yes, complete:

Name _____ Year of Name Change _____

Name _____ Year of Name Change _____

6. Is your firm involved in any pending acquisition or mergers, including the associated company name?

Yes **No** If yes, provide information:

Vendor acknowledges and certifies that firm meets and will comply with the Vendor's Minimum Qualifications as stated in Section 1.4, Vendor's Minimum Qualifications, of this Request for Statement of Qualifications, as listed below:

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VENDOR'S ORGANIZATION QUESTIONNAIRE/AFFIDAVIT AND CBE INFORMATION

Check the appropriate boxes:

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<p>1.4.1 The Vendor must demonstrate (i.e., provide copies of a business license, firearms licenses, including a current California Department of Justice/Bureau of Firearms Centralized List Letter, resale tax certificates, etc.) that it has been in business for at least three years, providing the required services equivalent or similar to the services identified in Appendix I, Statement of Work (SOW).</p> <p>If the Vendor does not meet this requirement, then at least one principal and/or owner of the firm who will be responsible for the provision of services to the County, under the Master Agreement, must have a minimum of three years of professional experience performing services equivalent or similar to the required services identified in Appendix I, SOW. The Vendor must provide a written detailed description and/or resume demonstrating its principal's three years of experience to fulfill this requirement.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<p>1.4.2 The Vendor must have an administrative business office located within the County or within a county contiguous to the County with a responsible person(s) to provide services and to maintain all required records specified in this RFSQ. The Vendor must provide the address of its business office in its SOQ.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<p>1.4.3 The Vendor must demonstrate it has valid, current federal, state, and local licenses and/or permits to purchase legal Firearms and related items. (See RFSQ, Subparagraph 2.7.6, Proof of Licenses and/or Permits, Section D).</p>
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<p>1.4.4 The Vendor must demonstrate financial stability sufficient to maintain a Firearms business (i.e., by providing evidence it has been in operation for three or more years, or has branched off from another business which operated for more than three years, or is taking over for a former business which has operated for more than three years, or has a strong cash flow on its financial statements).</p>
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<p>1.4.5 All potential Vendors must be registered in the County's WebVen by or before the submission of their respective SOQ. The County requires that all Vendors that wish to respond to this RFSQ must be registered through the Los Angeles County Vendor Registration (WebVen) website at: http://camisvr.co.la.ca.us/webven/. Vendors will need to have completed the registration process in Webven prior to submitting their SOQs and provide proof of WebVen registration, by listing its County WebVen Number on Appendix A, Required Forms, Exhibit 1A, Vendor's Organization Questionnaire/Affidavit and CBE Information, page 4.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<p>1.4.6 The Vendor or principal owner(s) must not appear on the Listing of Contractor's Debarred in the County.</p>

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<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	1.4.7 If the Vendor's compliance with a County Master Agreement has been reviewed by the County's Department of the Auditor-Controller (Auditor-Controller) within the last 10 years, the Vendor must not have unresolved questioned costs identified by the Auditor-Controller, in an amount over \$100,000.00, that are confirmed to be disallowed costs by the contracting County department, and remain unpaid for six months or more from the date of disallowance, unless such disallowed costs are the subject of current good faith negotiations to resolve the disallowed costs, in the opinion of the County.
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VENDOR'S ORGANIZATION QUESTIONNAIRE/AFFIDAVIT AND CBE INFORMATION**

I. FIRM/ORGANIZATION INFORMATION: The information requested below is for statistical purposes only. On final analysis and consideration of award, vendor will be selected without regard to race/ethnicity, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, sexual orientation or disability.

Business Structure: <input type="checkbox"/> Sole Proprietorship <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Profit <input type="checkbox"/> Franchise <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____						
Total Number of Employees (including owners):						
Race/Ethnic Composition of Firm. Distribute the above total number of individuals into the following categories:						
Race/Ethnic Composition	Owners/Partners/ Associate Partners		Managers`		Staff	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Black/African American						
Hispanic/Latino						
Asian or Pacific Islander						
American Indian						
Filipino						
White						

II. PERCENTAGE OF OWNERSHIP IN FIRM: Please indicate by percentage (%) how ownership of the firm is distributed.

	Black/African American	Hispanic/Latino	Asian or Pacific Islander	American Indian	Filipino	White
Men	%	%	%	%	%	%
Women	%	%	%	%	%	%

III. CERTIFICATION AS MINORITY, WOMEN, DISADVANTAGED, AND DISABLED VETERAN BUSINESS ENTERPRISES: If your firm is currently certified as a minority, women, disadvantaged or disabled veteran owned business enterprise by a public agency, complete the following and attach a copy of your proof of certification. (Use back of form, if necessary.)

Agency Name	Minority	Women	Disadvantaged	Disabled Veteran	Other

Vendor further acknowledges that if any false, misleading, incomplete, or deceptively unresponsive statements in connection with this SOQ are made, the SOQ may be rejected. The evaluation and determination in this area shall be at the Director's sole judgment and his/her judgment shall be final.

DECLARATION: I DECLARE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS TRUE AND ACCURATE.

VENDOR NAME:		COUNTY WEBVEN NUMBER:	
ADDRESS:			
PHONE NUMBER:		E-MAIL:	
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:		CALIFORNIA BUSINESS LICENSE NUMBER:	
VENDOR OFFICIAL NAME AND TITLE (PRINT):			
SIGNATURE		DATE	

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PROJECT STAFF BACKGROUND

(Complete and attach staff resume)

NAME OF CONTRACTOR _____

1. Individual's Name: _____

2. Position/Title with Contractor: _____

3. Current Employment Status with Contractor: Full Time Part Time Contract
 Permanent Temporary Other (Specify): _____

4. Length of Service with Contractor: Year(s) Month(s) Start Date:

5. Individual's proposed position on this project: _____

6. Percent (%) of time to be allocated to the proposed project: _____

7. Worksite where individual will be located during the term of the proposed project: _____

8. Name and Title of person who this individual will report to: _____

9. How many projects for similar services to those requested in this RFSQ has this individual managed: _____

10. How much experience does this individual have with projects and services similar to those requested in this RFSQ: Year(s) Month(s) _____

Describe: _____

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CERTIFICATION OF NO CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The [Los Angeles County Code, Section 2.180.010](#), provides as follows:

CONTRACTS PROHIBITED

Notwithstanding any other section of this Code, the County shall not contract with, and shall reject any proposals submitted by, the persons or entities specified below, unless the Board of Supervisors finds that special circumstances exist which justify the approval of such contract:

1. Employees of the County or of public agencies for which the Board of Supervisors is the governing body;
2. Profit-making firms or businesses in which employees described in number 1 serve as officers, principals, partners, or major shareholders;
3. Persons who, within the immediately preceding 12 months, came within the provisions of number 1, and who:
 - a. Were employed in positions of substantial responsibility in the area of service to be performed by the contract; or
 - b. Participated in any way in developing the contract or its service specifications; and
4. Profit-making firms or businesses in which the former employees, described in number 3, serve as officers, principals, partners, or major shareholders.

Contracts submitted to the Board of Supervisors for approval or ratification shall be accompanied by an assurance by the submitting department, district or agency that the provisions of this section have not been violated.

Contractor Name

Contractor Official Title

Official's Signature

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CONTRACTOR'S EEO CERTIFICATION

Company Name

Address

Internal Revenue Service Employer Identification Number

GENERAL

In accordance with provisions of the County Code of the County of Los Angeles, the Contractor certifies and agrees that all persons employed by such firm, its affiliates, subsidiaries, or holding companies are and will be treated equally by the firm without regard to or because of race, religion, ancestry, national origin, or sex and in compliance with all anti-discrimination laws of the United States of America and the State of California.

CERTIFICATION	YES	NO
1. Contractor has written policy statement prohibiting discrimination in all phases of employment.	()	()
2. Contractor periodically conducts a self-analysis or utilization analysis of its work force.	()	()
3. Contractor has a system for determining if its employment practices are discriminatory against protected groups.	()	()
4. When areas are identified in employment practices, Contractor has a system for taking reasonable corrective action to include establishment of goal and/or timetables.	()	()

Signature

Date

Name and Title of Signer (please print)

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REQUEST FOR PREFERENCE PROGRAM CONSIDERATION

INSTRUCTIONS: Businesses requesting preference consideration must complete and return this form for proper consideration of the bid. Businesses may request consideration for one or more preference programs. Check all certifications that apply.*

I MEET ALL OF THE REQUIREMENTS AND REQUEST THIS BID BE CONSIDERED FOR THE PREFERENCE PROGRAM(S) SELECTED BELOW. A COPY OF THE CERTIFICATION LETTER ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS (DCBA) IS ATTACHED.

Request for Local Small Business Enterprise (LSBE) Program Preference

- Certified by the State of California as a small business and has had its principal place of business located in Los Angeles County for at least one (1) year; **or**
- Certified as a LSBE with other certifying agencies under DCBA's inclusion policy that has its principal place of business located in Los Angeles County and has revenues and employee size that meet the State's Department of General Services requirements; **and**
- Certified as a LSBE by the DCBA.

Request for Social Enterprise (SE) Program Preference

- A business that has been in operation for at least one year providing transitional or permanent employment to a Transitional Workforce or providing social, environmental and/or human justice services; **and**
- Certified as a SE business by the DCBA.

Request for Disabled Veterans Business Enterprise (DVBE) Program Preference

- Certified by the State of California, **or**
- Certified by U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs as a DVBE; **or**
- Certified as a DVBE with other certifying agencies under DCBA's inclusion policy that meets the criteria set forth by: the State of California as a DVBE or is verified as a service-disabled veteran-owned small business by the Veterans Administration; **and**
- Certified as a DVBE by the DCBA.

***BUSINESS UNDERSTANDS THAT ONLY ONE OF THE ABOVE PREFERENCES WILL APPLY. IN NO INSTANCE SHALL ANY OF THE ABOVE LISTED PREFERENCE PROGRAMS PRICE OR SCORING PREFERENCE BE COMBINED WITH ANY OTHER COUNTY PROGRAM TO EXCEED FIFTEEN PERCENT (15%) IN RESPONSE TO ANY COUNTY SOLICITATION.**

DECLARATION: I DECLARE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS TRUE AND ACCURATE.

DCBA certification is attached.

Name of Firm		County Webven No.	
Print Name:		Title:	
Signature:		Date:	
Reviewer's Signature	Approved	Disapproved	Date

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FAMILIARITY WITH THE COUNTY

LOBBYIST ORDINANCE CERTIFICATION

The Contractor certifies that:

- 1) it is familiar with the terms of the [County of Los Angeles Lobbyist Ordinance, Los Angeles Code Chapter 2.160](#);
- 2) that all persons acting on behalf of the Contractor organization have and will comply with it during the proposal process; and
- 3) it is not on the County's Executive Office's List of Terminated Registered Lobbyists.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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PROSPECTIVE VENDOR REFERENCES

Vendor's Name: _____

List three references, as required in the RFSQ, Subsection 2.7.3 Vendor's Qualifications, Subsection B, Vendor's References (Section A.2), where the same or similar scope of services were provided in order to meet the Minimum Qualifications stated in this solicitation.

1. Name of Firm	Address of Firm	Contact Person	Telephone # ()	Fax # ()
Name or Contract No.	# of Years / Term of Contract		Type of Service	Dollar Amt.
2. Name of Firm	Address of Firm	Contact Person	Telephone # ()	Fax # ()
Name or Contract No.	# of Years / Term of Contract		Type of Service	Dollar Amt.
3. Name of Firm	Address of Firm	Contact Person	Telephone # ()	Fax # ()
Name or Contract No.	# of Years / Term of Contract		Type of Service	Dollar Amt.

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PROSPECTIVE VENDOR LIST OF CONTRACTS

Vendor's Name: _____

List all public entities for which the Vendor has provided service within the last three years as required in the RFSQ, Subsection 2.7.3 Vendor's Qualifications, Subsection B, Vendor's References (Section A.2). Use additional sheets if necessary.

1. Name of Firm	Address of Firm	Contact Person	Telephone # ()	Fax # ()
Name or Contract No.	# of Years / Term of Contract		Type of Service	Dollar Amt.
2. Name of Firm	Address of Firm	Contact Person	Telephone # ()	Fax # ()
Name or Contract No.	# of Years / Term of Contract		Type of Service	Dollar Amt.
3. Name of Firm	Address of Firm	Contact Person	Telephone # ()	Fax # ()
Name or Contract No.	# of Years / Term of Contract		Type of Service	Dollar Amt.
4. Name of Firm	Address of Firm	Contact Person	Telephone # ()	Fax # ()
Name or Contract No.	# of Years / Term of Contract		Type of Service	Dollar Amt.
5. Name of Firm	Address of Firm	Contact Person	Telephone # ()	Fax # ()
Name or Contract No.	# of Years / Term of Contract		Type of Service	Dollar Amt.

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PROSPECTIVE VENDOR LIST OF TERMINATED CONTRACTS

Vendor's Name: _____

List all contracts that have been terminated within the past three years as required in the RFSQ, Subsection 2.7.3 Vendor's Qualifications, Subsection B, Vendor's References (Section A.2).

1. Name of Firm	Address of Firm	Contact Person	Telephone # ()	Fax # ()
Name or Contract No.	Reason for Termination:			
2. Name of Firm	Address of Firm	Contact Person	Telephone # ()	Fax # ()
Name or Contract No.	Reason for Termination:			
3. Name of Firm	Address of Firm	Contact Person	Telephone # ()	Fax # ()
Name or Contract No.	Reason for Termination:			
4. Name of Firm	Address of Firm	Contact Person	Telephone # ()	Fax # ()
Name or Contract No.	Reason for Termination:			
5. Name of Firm	Address of Firm	Contact Person	Telephone # ()	Fax # ()
Name or Contract No.	Reason for Termination:			

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ATTESTATION OF WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER
GAIN/GROW PARTICIPANTS

As a threshold requirement for consideration for contract award, Contractor shall demonstrate a proven record for hiring GAIN/GROW participants or shall attest to a willingness to consider GAIN/GROW participants for any future employment opening if they meet the minimum qualifications for that opening. Additionally, Contractor shall attest to a willingness to provide employed GAIN/GROW participants access to the Contractor's employee mentoring program, if available, to assist these individuals in obtaining permanent employment and/or promotional opportunities.

To report all job openings with job requirements to obtain qualified GAIN/GROW participants as potential employment candidates, Contractor shall email: GAINGROW@DPSS.LACOUNTY.GOV and BSERVICES@WDACS.LACOUNTY.GOV.

Contractors unable to meet this requirement shall not be considered for contract award.

Contractor shall complete all of the following information, sign where indicated below, and return this form with any resumes and/or fixed price bid being submitted:

A. Contractor has a proven record of hiring GAIN/GROW participants.

_____ YES (subject to verification by County) _____ NO

B. Contractor is willing to provide DPSS with all job openings and job requirements to consider GAIN/GROW participants for any future employment openings if the GAIN/GROW participant meets the minimum qualifications for the opening. "Consider" means that Contractor is willing to interview qualified GAIN/GROW participants.

_____ YES _____ NO

C. Contractor is willing to provide employed GAIN/GROW participants access to its employee-mentoring program, if available.

_____ YES _____ NO _____ N/A (Program not available)

Contractor Organization: _____

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Title: _____ Date: _____

Telephone No.: _____ Fax No.: _____

APPENDIX A - REQUIRED FORMS

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEE JURY SERVICE PROGRAM
CERTIFICATION FORM AND APPLICATION FOR EXCEPTION**

The County’s solicitation for this Request for Statement of Qualifications is subject to the County of Los Angeles Contractor Employee Jury Service Program (Program), [Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.203](#). All Contractors, whether a Contractor or subcontractor, must complete this form to either certify compliance or request an exception from the Program requirements. Upon review of the submitted form, the County department will determine, in its sole discretion, whether the Contractor is excepted from the Program.

Company Name:		
Company Address:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Telephone Number:		
Solicitation For _____ Services:		

If you believe the Jury Service Program does not apply to your business, check the appropriate box in Part I (attach documentation to support your claim); or, complete Part II to certify compliance with the Program. Whether you complete Part I or Part II, please sign and date this form below.

Part I: Jury Service Program is Not Applicable to My Business

- My business does not meet the definition of “contractor,” as defined in the Program, as it has not received an aggregate sum of \$50,000 or more in any 12-month period under one or more County contracts or subcontracts (this exception is not available if the contract itself will exceed \$50,000). I understand that the exception will be lost and I must comply with the Program if my revenues from the County exceed an aggregate sum of \$50,000 in any 12-month period.

My business is a small business as defined in the Program. It 1) has ten or fewer employees; and, 2) has annual gross revenues in the preceding twelve months which, if added to the annual amount of this contract, are \$500,000 or less; and, 3) is not an affiliate or subsidiary of a business dominant in its field of operation, as defined below. I understand that the exception will be lost and I must comply with the Program if the number of employees in my business and my gross annual revenues exceed the above limits.

“**Dominant in its field of operation**” means having more than ten employees and annual gross revenues in the preceding twelve months, which, if added to the annual amount of the contract awarded, exceed \$500,000.

“**Affiliate or subsidiary of a business dominant in its field of operation**” means a business which is at least 20 percent owned by a business dominant in its field of operation, or by partners, officers, directors, majority stockholders, or their equivalent, of a business dominant in that field of operation.

- My business is subject to a Collective Bargaining Agreement (attach agreement) that expressly provides that it supersedes all provisions of the Program.

OR

Part II: Certification of Compliance

- My business has and adheres to a written policy that provides, on an annual basis, no less than five days of regular pay for actual jury service for full-time employees of the business who are also California residents, **or** my company will have and adhere to such a policy prior to award of the contract.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information stated above is true and correct.

Print Name:	Title:
Signature:	Date:

APPENDIX A - REQUIRED FORMS

CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE COUNTY'S
DEFAULTED PROPERTY TAX REDUCTION PROGRAM

Company Name:		
Company Address:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Telephone Number:	Email address:	
Solicitation/Contract For _____ Services:		

The Proposer/Bidder/Contractor certifies that:

- It is familiar with the terms of the County of Los Angeles Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program, [Los Angeles County Code Chapter 2.206](#); **AND**

To the best of its knowledge, after a reasonable inquiry, the Proposer/Bidder/Contractor is not in default, as that term is defined in [Los Angeles County Code Section 2.206.020.E](#), on any Los Angeles County property tax obligation; **AND**

The Proposer/Bidder/Contractor agrees to comply with the County's Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program during the term of any awarded contract.

- OR -

- I am exempt from the County of Los Angeles Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program, pursuant to [Los Angeles County Code Section 2.206.060](#), for the following reason:

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information stated above is true and correct.

Print Name:	Title:
Signature:	Date:

Date: _____

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**ZERO TOLERANCE HUMAN TRAFFICKING
POLICY CERTIFICATION**

Company Name:		
Company Address:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Telephone Number:	Email address:	
Solicitation/Contract for _____ Services		

VENDOR CERTIFICATION

Los Angeles County has taken significant steps to protect victims of human trafficking by establishing a zero tolerance human trafficking policy that prohibits contractors found to have engaged in human trafficking from receiving contract awards or performing services under a County contract.

Vendor acknowledges and certifies compliance with Section 8.53 (Compliance with County's Zero Tolerance Human Trafficking Policy) of the proposed Contract and agrees that vendor or a member of his staff performing work under the proposed Contract will be in compliance. Vendor further acknowledges that noncompliance with the County's Zero Tolerance Human Trafficking Policy may result in rejection of any proposal, or cancellation of any resultant Contract, at the sole judgment of the County.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information herein is true and correct and that I am authorized to represent this company.

Print Name:	Title:
Signature:	Date:

APPENDIX A - REQUIRED FORMS

**COMPLIANCE WITH FAIR CHANCE EMPLOYMENT HIRING PRACTICES
CERTIFICATION**

Company Name:		
Company Address:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Telephone Number:	Email address:	
Solicitation/Contract for _____ Services		

PROPOSER/CONTRACTOR CERTIFICATION

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approved a Fair Chance Employment Policy in an effort to remove job barriers for individuals with criminal records. The policy requires businesses that contract with the County to comply with fair chance employment hiring practices set forth in [California Government Code Section 12952](#), Employment Discrimination: Conviction History (California Government Code Section 12952), effective January 1, 2018.

Proposer/Contractor acknowledges and certifies compliance with fair chance employment hiring practices set forth in California Government Code Section 12952 and agrees that proposer/contractor and staff performing work under the Contract will be in compliance. Proposer/Contractor further acknowledges that noncompliance with fair chance employment practices set forth in California Government Code Section 12952 may result in rejection of any proposal, or termination of any resultant Contract, at the sole judgment of the County.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information herein is true and correct and that I am authorized to represent this company.

Print Name:	Title:
Signature:	Date:

RFSQ TRANSMITTAL TO REQUEST A SOLICITATION REQUIREMENTS REVIEW

A Solicitation Requirements Review must be received by the County within 10 business days of issuance of the solicitation document

Contractor Name:	Date of Request:
Project Title:	Project No.

A **Solicitation Requirements Review** is being requested because the Contractor asserts that they are being unfairly disadvantaged for the following reason(s): *(check all that apply)*

- Application of **Minimum Requirements**
- Application of **Business Requirements**
- Due to **unclear instructions**, the process may result in the County not receiving the best possible responses

I understand that this request must be received by the County within **10 business days** of issuance of the solicitation document.

For each area contested, Contractor must explain in detail the factual reasons for the requested review. *(Attach additional pages and supporting documentation as necessary.)*

Request submitted by:

(Name)

(Title)

For County use only

Date Transmittal Received by County: _____ Date Solicitation Released: _____

Reviewed by: _____

Results of Review - Comments:

Date Response sent to Contractor: _____

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

POLICY ON DOING BUSINESS WITH SMALL BUSINESS

Forty-two percent of businesses in Los Angeles County have five or fewer employees. Only about four percent of businesses in the area exceed 100 employees. According to the Los Angeles Times and local economists, it is not large corporations, but these small companies that are generating new jobs and helping move Los Angeles County out of its worst recession in decades.

WE RECOGNIZE. . . .

The importance of small business to the County. . .

- in fueling local economic growth
- providing new jobs
- creating new local tax revenues
- offering new entrepreneurial opportunity to those historically under-represented in business

The County can play a positive role in helping small business grow. . .

- as a multi-billion dollar purchaser of goods and services
- as a broker of intergovernmental cooperation among numerous local jurisdictions
- by greater outreach in providing information and training
- by simplifying the bid/proposal process
- by maintaining selection criteria which are fair to all
- by streamlining the payment process

WE THEREFORE SHALL:

1. Constantly seek to streamline and simplify our processes for selecting our vendors and for conducting business with them.
2. Maintain a strong outreach program, fully-coordinated among our departments and districts, as well as other participating governments to: a) inform and assist the local business community in competing to provide goods and services; b) provide for ongoing dialogue with and involvement by the business community in implementing this policy.
3. Continually review and revise how we package and advertise solicitations, evaluate and select prospective vendors, address subcontracting and conduct business with our vendors, in order to: a) expand opportunity for small business to compete for our business; and b) to further opportunities for all businesses to compete regardless of size.
4. Insure that staff who manage and carry out the business of purchasing goods and services are well trained, capable and highly motivated to carry out the letter and spirit of this policy.

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2.203.010 Findings.

The board of supervisors makes the following findings. The county of Los Angeles allows its permanent, full-time employees unlimited jury service at their regular pay. Unfortunately, many businesses do not offer or are reducing or even eliminating compensation to employees who serve on juries. This creates a potential financial hardship for employees who do not receive their pay when called to jury service, and those employees often seek to be excused from having to serve. Although changes in the court rules make it more difficult to excuse a potential juror on grounds of financial hardship, potential jurors continue to be excused on this basis, especially from longer trials. This reduces the number of potential jurors and increases the burden on those employers, such as the county of Los Angeles, who pay their permanent, full-time employees while on juror duty. For these reasons, the county of Los Angeles has determined that it is appropriate to require that the businesses with which the county contracts possess reasonable jury service policies. (Ord. 2002-0015 § 1 (part), 2002)

2.203.020 Definitions.

The following definitions shall be applicable to this chapter:

- A. "Contractor" means a person, partnership, corporation or other entity which has a contract with the county or a subcontract with a county contractor and has received or will receive an aggregate sum of \$50,000 or more in any 12-month period under one or more such contracts or subcontracts.
- B. "Employee" means any California resident who is a full-time employee of a contractor under the laws of California.
- C. "Contract" means any agreement to provide goods to, or perform services for or on behalf of, the county but does not include:
 - 1. A contract where the board finds that special circumstances exist that justify a waiver of the requirements of this chapter; or
 - 2. A contract where federal or state law or a condition of a federal or state program mandates the use of a particular contractor; or
 - 3. A purchase made through a state or federal contract; or
 - 4. A monopoly purchase that is exclusive and proprietary to a specific manufacturer, distributor, or reseller, and must match and inter-member with existing supplies,

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equipment or systems maintained by the county pursuant to the Los Angeles County Purchasing Policy and Procedures Manual, Section P-3700 or a successor provision; or

5. A revolving fund (petty cash) purchase pursuant to the Los Angeles County Fiscal Manual, Section 4.4.0 or a successor provision; or
6. A purchase card purchase pursuant to the Los Angeles County Purchasing Policy and Procedures Manual, Section P-2810 or a successor provision; or
7. A non-agreement purchase with a value of less than \$5,000 pursuant to the Los Angeles County Purchasing Policy and Procedures Manual, Section A-0300 or a successor provision; or
8. A bona fide emergency purchase pursuant to the Los Angeles County Purchasing Policy and Procedures Manual, Section PP-1100 or a successor provision.

D. "Full time" means 40 hours or more worked per week, or a lesser number of hours if:

1. The lesser number is a recognized industry standard as determined by the chief administrative officer, or
2. The contractor has a long-standing practice that defines the lesser number of hours as full time.

E. "County" means the county of Los Angeles or any public entities for which the board of supervisors is the governing body (Ord. 2002-0040 § 1, 2002: Ord. 2002-0015 § 1 (part), 2002)

2.203.030 Applicability.

This chapter shall apply to contractors who enter into contracts that commence after July 11, 2002. This chapter shall also apply to contractors with existing contracts which are extended into option years that commence after July 11, 2002. Contracts that commence after May 28, 2002, but before July 11, 2002, shall be subject to the provisions of this chapter only if the solicitations for such contracts stated that the chapter would be applicable. (Ord. 2002-0040 § 2, 2002: Ord. 2002-0015 § 1 (part), 2002)

2.203.040 Contractor Jury Service Policy.

A contractor shall have and adhere to a written policy that provides that its employees shall receive from the contractor, on an annual basis, no less than five days of regular pay for

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actual jury service. The policy may provide that employees deposit any fees received for such jury service with the contractor or that the contractor deduct from the employees' regular pay the fees received for jury service. (Ord. 2002-0015 § 1 (part), 2002)

2.203.050 Other Provisions.

- A. Administration. The chief administrative officer shall be responsible for the administration of this chapter. The chief administrative officer may, with the advice of county counsel, issue interpretations of the provisions of this chapter and shall issue written instructions on the implementation and ongoing administration of this chapter. Such instructions may provide for the delegation of functions to other county departments.
- B. Compliance Certification. At the time of seeking a contract, a contractor shall certify to the county that it has and adheres to a policy consistent with this chapter or will have and adhere to such a policy prior to award of the contract. (Ord. 2002-0015 § 1 (part), 2002)

2.203.060 Enforcement and Remedies.

For a contractor's violation of any provision of this chapter, the county department head responsible for administering the contract may do one or more of the following:

1. Recommend to the board of supervisors the termination of the contract; and/or,
2. Pursuant to chapter 2.202, seek the debarment of the contractor. (Ord. 2002-0015 § 1 (part), 2002)

2.203.070. Exceptions.

- A. Other Laws. This chapter shall not be interpreted or applied to any contractor or to any employee in a manner inconsistent with the laws of the United States or California.
- B. Collective Bargaining Agreements. This chapter shall be superseded by a collective bargaining agreement that expressly so provides.
- C. Small Business. This chapter shall not be applied to any contractor that meets all of the following:
 1. Has ten or fewer employees during the contract period; and,

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2. Has annual gross revenues in the preceding twelve months which, if added to the annual amount of the contract awarded, are less than \$500,000; and,
3. Is not an affiliate or subsidiary of a business dominant in its field of operation.

“Dominant in its field of operation” means having more than ten employees and annual gross revenues in the preceding twelve months which, if added to the annual amount of the contract awarded, exceed \$500,000.

“Affiliate or subsidiary of a business dominant in its field of operation” means a business which is at least 20 percent owned by a business dominant in its field of operation, or by partners, officers, directors, majority stockholders, or their equivalent, of a business dominant in that field of operation. (Ord. 2002-0015 § 1 (part), 2002)

2.203.090. Severability.

If any provision of this chapter is found invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect. (Ord. 2002-0015 § 1 (part), 2002)

**LISTING OF CONTRACTORS DEBARRED
IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY**

List of Debarred Contractors in Los Angeles County may be obtained by going to the following website:

<http://doingbusiness.lacounty.gov/DebarmentList.htm>

IRS NOTICE 1015

Latest version is available from IRS website at
<http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/n1015.pdf>



Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Notice 1015

(Rev. December 2017)

Have You Told Your Employees About the Earned Income Credit (EIC)?

What is the EIC?

The EIC is a refundable tax credit for certain workers.

Which Employees Must I Notify About the EIC?

You must notify each employee who worked for you at any time during the year and from whose wages you did not withhold income tax. However, you do not have to notify any employee who claimed exemption from withholding on Form W-4, Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate.

Note: You are encouraged to notify each employee whose wages for 2017 are less than \$53,930 that he or she may be eligible for the EIC.

How and When Must I Notify My Employees?

You must give the employee one of the following.

- The IRS Form W-2, Wage and Tax Statement, which has the required information about the EIC on the back of Copy B.
- A substitute Form W-2 with the same EIC information on the back of the employee's copy that is on Copy B of the IRS Form W-2.
- Notice 797, Possible Federal Tax Refund Due to the Earned Income Credit (EIC).
- Your written statement with the same wording as Notice 797.

If you give an employee a Form W-2 on time, no further notice is necessary if the Form W-2 has the required information about the EIC on the back of the employee's copy. If you give an employee a substitute Form W-2, but it does not have the required information, you must notify

the employee within 1 week of the date the substitute Form W-2 is given. If Form W-2 is required but is not given on time, you must give the employee Notice 797 or your written statement by the date Form W-2 is required to be given. If Form W-2 is not required, you must notify the employee by February 7, 2018.

You must hand the notice directly to the employee or send it by first-class mail to the employee's last known address. You will not meet the notification requirements by posting Notice 797 on an employee bulletin board or sending it through office mail. However, you may want to post the notice to help inform all employees of the EIC. You can download copies of the notice at www.irs.gov/FormsPubs. Or you can go to www.irs.gov/OrderForms to order it.

How Will My Employees Know If They Can Claim the EIC?

The basic requirements are covered in Notice 797. For more detailed information, the employee needs to see Pub. 596, Earned Income Credit (EIC), or the instructions for Form 1040, 1040A, or 1040EZ.

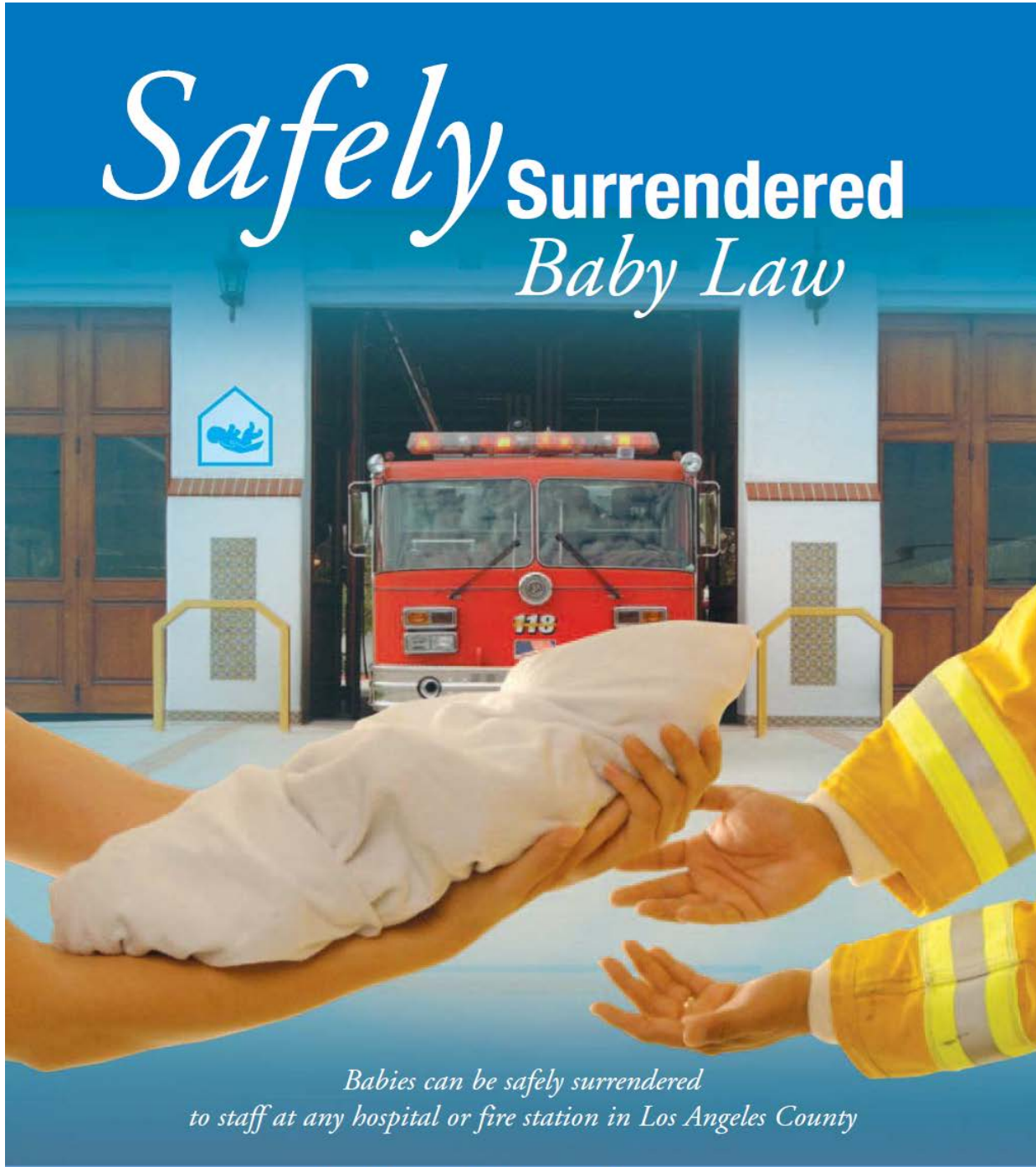
How Do My Employees Claim the EIC?

An eligible employee claims the EIC on his or her 2017 tax return. Even an employee who has no tax withheld from wages and owes no tax may claim the EIC and ask for a refund, but he or she must file a tax return to do so. For example, if an employee has no tax withheld in 2017 and owes no tax but is eligible for a credit of \$800, he or she must file a 2017 tax return to get the \$800 refund.

Notice **1015** (Rev. 12-2017)
Cat. No. 205991

SAFELY SURRENDERED BABY LAW

Safely Surrendered *Baby Law*



*Babies can be safely surrendered
to staff at any hospital or fire station in Los Angeles County*

No shame. No blame. No names.

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Safely Surrendered Baby Law

What is the Safely Surrendered Baby Law?

California's Safely Surrendered Baby Law allows parents or other persons, with lawful custody, which means anyone to whom the parent has given permission to confidentially surrender a baby. As long as the baby is three days (72 hours) of age or younger and has not been abused or neglected, the baby may be surrendered without fear of arrest or prosecution.

Every baby deserves a chance for a healthy life. If someone you know is considering abandoning a baby, let her know there are other options. For three days (72 hours) after birth, a baby can be surrendered to staff at any hospital or fire station in Los Angeles County.

How does it work?

A distressed parent who is unable or unwilling to care for a baby can legally, confidentially, and safely surrender a baby within three days (72 hours) of birth. The baby must be handed to an employee at a hospital or fire station in Los Angeles County. As long as the baby shows no sign of abuse or neglect, no name or other information is required. In case the parent changes his or her mind at a later date and wants the baby back, staff will use bracelets to help connect them to each other. One bracelet will be placed on the baby, and a matching bracelet will be given to the parent or other surrendering adult.

What if a parent wants the baby back?

Parents who change their minds can begin the process of reclaiming their baby within 14 days. These parents should call the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services at 1-800-540-4000.

Can only a parent bring in the baby?

No. While in most cases a parent will bring in the baby, the Law allows other people to bring in the baby if they have lawful custody.

Does the parent or surrendering adult have to call before bringing in the baby?

No. A parent or surrendering adult can bring in a baby anytime, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, as long as the parent or surrendering adult surrenders the baby to someone who works at the hospital or fire station.

Does the parent or surrendering adult have to tell anything to the people taking the baby?

No. However, hospital or fire station personnel will ask the surrendering party to fill out a questionnaire designed to gather important medical history information, which is very useful in caring for the baby. The questionnaire includes a stamped return envelope and can be sent in at a later time.

What happens to the baby?

The baby will be examined and given medical treatment. Upon release from the hospital, social workers immediately place the baby in a safe and loving home and begin the adoption process.

What happens to the parent or surrendering adult?

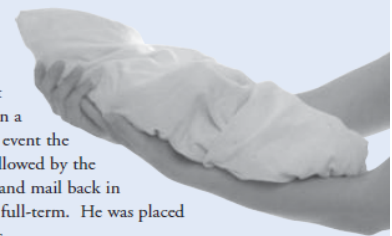
Once the parent or surrendering adult surrenders the baby to hospital or fire station personnel, they may leave at any time.

Why is California doing this?

The purpose of the Safely Surrendered Baby Law is to protect babies from being abandoned, hurt or killed by their parents. You may have heard tragic stories of babies left in dumpsters or public bathrooms. Their parents may have been under severe emotional distress. The mothers may have hidden their pregnancies, fearful of what would happen if their families found out. Because they were afraid and had no one or nowhere to turn for help, they abandoned their babies. Abandoning a baby is illegal and places the baby in extreme danger. Too often, it results in the baby's death. The Safely Surrendered Baby Law prevents this tragedy from ever happening again in California.

A baby's story

Early in the morning on April 9, 2005, a healthy baby boy was safely surrendered to nurses at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center. The woman who brought the baby to the hospital identified herself as the baby's aunt and stated the baby's mother had asked her to bring the baby to the hospital on her behalf. The aunt was given a bracelet with a number matching the anklet placed on the baby; this would provide some identification in the event the mother changed her mind about surrendering the baby and wished to reclaim the baby in the 14-day period allowed by the Law. The aunt was also provided with a medical questionnaire and said she would have the mother complete and mail back in the stamped return envelope provided. The baby was examined by medical staff and pronounced healthy and full-term. He was placed with a loving family that had been approved to adopt him by the Department of Children and Family Services.



SAFELY SURRENDERED BABY LAW

Ley de Entrega de Bebés *Sin Peligro*



Los recién nacidos pueden ser entregados en forma segura al personal de cualquier hospital o cuartel de bomberos del Condado de Los Ángeles

Sin pena. Sin culpa. Sin nombres.

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Ley de Entrega de Bebés Sin Peligro

¿Qué es la Ley de Entrega de Bebés sin Peligro?

La Ley de Entrega de Bebés sin Peligro de California permite la entrega confidencial de un recién nacido por parto de sus padres u otras personas con custodia legal, es decir cualquier persona a quien los padres le hayan dado permiso. Siempre que el bebé tenga tres días (72 horas) de vida o menos, y no haya sufrido abuso ni negligencia, pueden entregar al recién nacido sin temor de ser arrestados o procesados.

Cada recién nacido se merece la oportunidad de tener una vida saludable. Si alguien que usted conoce está pensando en abandonar a un recién nacido, infórmele que tiene otras opciones. Hasta tres días (72 horas) después del nacimiento, se puede entregar un recién nacido al personal de cualquier hospital o cuartel de bomberos del condado de Los Angeles.

¿Cómo funciona?

El padre/madre con dificultades que no pueda o no quiera cuidar de su recién nacido puede entregarlo en forma legal, confidencial y segura dentro de los tres días (72 horas) del nacimiento. El bebé debe ser entregado a un empleado de cualquier hospital o cuartel de bomberos del Condado de Los Ángeles. Siempre que el bebé no presente signos de abuso o negligencia, no será necesario suministrar nombres ni información alguna. Si el padre/madre cambia de opinión posteriormente y desea recuperar a su bebé, los trabajadores utilizarán brazaletes para poder vincularlos. El bebé llevará un brazaletes y el padre/madre o el adulto que lo entregue recibirá un brazaletes igual.

¿Qué pasa si el padre/madre desea recuperar a su bebé?

Los padres que cambien de opinión pueden comenzar el proceso de reclamar a su recién nacido dentro de los 14 días. Estos padres deberán llamar al Departamento de Servicios para Niños y Familias (Department of Children and Family Services) del Condado de Los Ángeles al 1-800-540-4000.

¿Sólo los padres podrán llevar al recién nacido?

No. Si bien en la mayoría de los casos son los padres los que llevan al bebé, la ley permite que otras personas lo hagan si tienen custodia legal.

¿Los padres o el adulto que entrega al bebé deben llamar antes de llevar al bebé?

No. El padre/madre o adulto puede llevar al bebé en cualquier momento, las 24 horas del día, los 7 días de la semana, siempre y cuando entreguen a su bebé a un empleado del hospital o cuartel de bomberos.

¿Es necesario que el padre/madre o adulto diga algo a las personas que reciben al bebé?

No. Sin embargo, el personal del hospital o cuartel de bomberos le pedirá a la persona que entregue al bebé que llene un cuestionario con la finalidad de recabar antecedentes médicos importantes, que resultan de gran utilidad para cuidar bien del bebé. El cuestionario incluye un sobre con el sello postal pagado para enviarlo en otro momento.

¿Qué pasará con el bebé?

El bebé será examinado y le brindarán atención médica. Cuando le den el alta del hospital, los trabajadores sociales inmediatamente ubicarán al bebé en un hogar seguro donde estará bien atendido, y se comenzará el proceso de adopción.

¿Qué pasará con el padre/madre o adulto que entregue al bebé?

Una vez que los padres o adulto hayan entregado al bebé al personal del hospital o cuartel de bomberos, pueden irse en cualquier momento.

¿Por qué se está haciendo esto en California? ?

La finalidad de la Ley de Entrega de Bebés sin Peligro es proteger a los bebés para que no sean abandonados, lastimados o muertos por sus padres. Usted probablemente haya escuchado historias trágicas sobre bebés abandonados en basureros o en baños públicos. Los padres de esos bebés probablemente hayan estado pasando por dificultades emocionales graves. Las madres pueden haber ocultado su embarazo, por temor a lo que pasaría si sus familias se enteraran. Abandonaron a sus bebés porque tenían miedo y no tenían nadie a quien pedir ayuda. El abandono de un recién nacido es ilegal y pone al bebé en una situación de peligro extremo. Muy a menudo el abandono provoca la muerte del bebé. La Ley de Entrega de Bebés sin Peligro impide que vuelva a suceder esta tragedia en California.

Historia de un bebé

A la mañana temprano del día 9 de abril de 2005, se entregó un recién nacido saludable a las enfermeras del Harbor-UCLA Medical Center. La mujer que llevó el recién nacido al hospital se dio a conocer como la tía del bebé, y dijo que la madre le había pedido que llevara al bebé al hospital en su nombre. Le entregaron a la tía un brazaletes con un número que coincidía con la pulsera del bebé; esto serviría como identificación en caso de que la madre cambiara de opinión con respecto a la entrega del bebé y decidiera recuperarlo dentro del período de 14 días que permite esta ley. También le dieron a la tía un cuestionario médico, y ella dijo que la madre lo llenaría y lo enviaría de vuelta dentro del sobre con franqueo pagado que le habían dado. El personal médico examinó al bebé y se determinó que estaba saludable y a término. El bebé fue ubicado con una buena familia que ya había sido aprobada para adoptarlo por el Departamento de Servicios para Niños y Familias.



SAMPLE MASTER AGREEMENT

(PLACEHOLDER)

EXHIBITS TO THE SAMPLE MASTER AGREEMENT

(PLACEHOLDER)

STATEMENT OF WORK

(PLACEHOLDER)

STATEMENT OF WORK ATTACHMENTS

(PLACEHOLDER)

Exhibit 1 – Sample Lot for Sale (Not Attached)

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**STATEMENT OF WORK AND SAMPLE MASTER AGREEMENT
TECHNICAL EXHIBITS**

Exhibit 1 – Master Agreement Discrepancy Report

Exhibit 2 – Performance Requirement Summary Chart (PRS)

STATEMENT OF WORK AND SAMPLE MASTER AGREEMENT TECHNICAL EXHIBITS
EXHIBIT 1 - MASTER AGREEMENT DISCREPANCY REPORT

TO:

FROM:

DATES:

Prepared: _____

Returned by Contractor: _____

Action Completed: _____

DISCREPANCY or PROBLEM: _____

Signature of County Representative Date

CONTRACTOR RESPONSE (Cause and Corrective Action): _____

Signature of Contractor Representative Date

COUNTY EVALUATION OF CONTRACTOR RESPONSE: _____

Signature of Contractor Representative Date

COUNTY ACTIONS: _____

CONTRACTOR NOTIFIED OF ACTION:

County Representative's Signature and Date _____

Contractor Representative's Signature and Date _____

STATEMENT OF WORK AND SAMPLE MASTER AGREEMENT TECHNICAL EXHIBITS

EXHIBIT 2

PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS SUMMARY CHART (PRS)

SPECIFIC PERFORMANCE REFERENCE	SERVICE	MAXIMUM ALLOWED DEVIATION	MONITORING METHOD	DEDUCTIONS/FEEES TO BE ASSESSED
Master Agreement: Paragraph 7.0 , Administration of Master Agreement – Contractor	Contractor shall notify the County of Los Angeles (County) in writing of any change in name or address in Exhibit B, Contractor’s Administration, and provide changes with resume within five business days	None	Complaints, Inspection and Observation.	\$50 per day that notification is late.
Master Agreement: Paragraph 7.0 , Administration of Master Agreement – Contractor, Subparagraph 7.5 , Approval of Contractor’s Staff	Contractor shall use commercially reasonable efforts to promptly replace any such removed staff	None	On-site inspection and observation, user complaint(s).	\$100 per employee per occurrence of non-replacement/removal.
Master Agreement: Subparagraph 7.7 , Confidentiality	Contractor Employee Acknowledgement and Confidentiality Agreement signed and provided to the TTC within three business days.	None	Review of reports; complaints.	\$100 per day per employee when contractor submits unsigned. \$500 per unauthorized release of information.
Master Agreement: Subparagraph 8.23 , General Provisions for All Insurance Coverage; and 8.24 , Insurance Coverage	Maintain required insurance policies.	None	Receipt and review of insurance information.	\$100 per day; Contract termination at the TTC’s option.

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EXHIBIT 2

PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS SUMMARY CHART (PRS)

SPECIFIC PERFORMANCE REFERENCE	SERVICE	MAXIMUM ALLOWED DEVIATION	MONITORING METHOD	DEDUCTIONS/FEEES TO BE ASSESSED
Master Agreement: Subparagraph 8.37 , Record Retention and Inspection/Audit Settlement	Contractor to maintain all required documents as specified in Subparagraph 8.37 .	None	Inspection of files.	\$50 per occurrence.
Master Agreement: Subparagraph 8.37 , Record Retention and Inspection/Audit Settlement, Item 8.37.4	Contractor to provide required financial statements according to schedule.	One business day late.	Review of reports.	\$50 per each day that report is late. Incomplete/inaccurate reports submitted are late.
Master Agreement: Subparagraph 8.39 , Subcontracting	Contractor shall not subcontract for services within this Master Agreement. All subcontracts will be considered null and void by the TTC.	None	Inspection and Observation.	Possible termination for default of Contract.
SOW: Paragraph 3.0, General Requirements, Subparagraph 3.6	Contractor is to take possession of all firearms and related items after the Lot is purchased/Failure to take into possession all Lot items purchased.	None	Observation	\$200 per occurrence + Lot purchase voided + barred from participation in resale of the Lot.

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EXHIBIT 2

PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS SUMMARY CHART (PRS)

SPECIFIC PERFORMANCE REFERENCE	SERVICE	MAXIMUM ALLOWED DEVIATION	MONITORING METHOD	DEDUCTIONS/FEEES TO BE ASSESSED
SOW: Paragraph 5.0, Contractor Responsibilities, Subparagraph 5.1	Failure of Contractor to maintain current licenses, permits & certifications required to lawfully & properly conduct contracted activities.	None	Review of Reports, and Inspection and Observation	Barred from participation in contracted activities until corrected and provide acceptable proof of compliance to the TTC.
SOW: Paragraph 5.0, Contractor Responsibility, Subparagraph 5.7	Failure of Contractor to notify the TTC of an expired, suspended or revoked license or permit required to conduct contracted activities within two business days after expiration.	None	Review of submitted documents, periodic inquiry with licensing and permitting agencies	Barred from participation in contracted activities, and possible termination of contract.
SOW: Paragraph 6.0, Contractor Performance, Subparagraphs 6.2 and 6.3	Failure to comply with requirements of the CAP, and/or to comply timely.	Fifteen business days following expiration of the CAP deadline	Inspection and Observation	Vendor's suspension from the List of Qualified Vendors until 30 calendar days following demonstrated substantial compliance with all requirements of the previously imposed CAP, or cancellation of the Contract, at the TTC staff's sole discretion.

DEFAULTED PROPERTY TAX REDUCTION PROGRAM

Title 2 ADMINISTRATION

Chapter 2.206

DEFAULTED PROPERTY TAX REDUCTION PROGRAM

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2.206.010 Findings and declarations.

The Board of Supervisors finds that significant revenues are lost each year as a result of taxpayers who fail to pay their tax obligations on time. The delinquencies impose an economic burden upon the County and its taxpayers. Therefore, the Board of Supervisors establishes the goal of ensuring that individuals and businesses that benefit financially from contracts with the County fulfill their property tax obligation. (Ord. No. 2009-0026 § 1 (part), 2009.)

2.206.020 Definitions.

The following definitions shall be applicable to this chapter:

- A. "Contractor" shall mean any person, firm, corporation, partnership, or combination thereof, which submits a bid or proposal or enters into a contract or agreement with the County.
- B. "County" shall mean the county of Los Angeles or any public entities for which the Board of Supervisors is the governing body.
- C. "County Property Taxes" shall mean any property tax obligation on the County's secured or unsecured roll; except for tax obligations on the secured roll with respect to property held by a Contractor in a trust or fiduciary capacity or otherwise not beneficially owned by the Contractor.
- D. "Department" shall mean the County department, entity, or organization responsible for the solicitation and/or administration of the contract.
- E. "Default" shall mean any property tax obligation on the secured roll that has been deemed defaulted by operation of law pursuant to California Revenue and Taxation Code section 3436; or any property tax obligation on the unsecured roll that remains unpaid on the applicable delinquency date pursuant to California Revenue and Taxation Code section 2922; except for any property tax obligation dispute pending before the Assessment Appeals Board.
- F. "Solicitation" shall mean the County's process to obtain bids or proposals for goods and services.
- G. "Treasurer-Tax Collector" shall mean the Treasurer and Tax Collector of the County of Los Angeles. (Ord. No. 2009-0026 § 1 (part), 2009.)

2.206.030 Applicability.

This chapter shall apply to all solicitations issued 60 days after the effective date of the ordinance codified in this chapter. This chapter shall also apply to all new, renewed, extended, and/or amended contracts

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entered into 60 days after the effective date of the ordinance codified in this chapter. (Ord. No. 2009-0026 § 1 (part), 2009.)

2.206.040 Required solicitation and contract language.

All solicitations and all new, renewed, extended, and/or amended contracts shall contain language which:

- A. Requires any Contractor to keep County Property Taxes out of Default status at all times during the term of an awarded contract;
- B. Provides that the failure of the Contractor to comply with the provisions in this chapter may prevent the Contractor from being awarded a new contract; and
- C. Provides that the failure of the Contractor to comply with the provisions in this chapter may constitute a material breach of an existing contract, and failure to cure the breach within 10 days of notice by the County by paying the outstanding County Property Tax or making payments in a manner agreed to and approved by the Treasurer-Tax Collector, may subject the contract to suspension and/or termination. (Ord. No. 2009-0026 § 1 (part), 2009.)

2.206.050 Administration and compliance certification.

- A. The Treasurer-Tax Collector shall be responsible for the administration of this chapter. The Treasurer-Tax Collector shall, with the assistance of the Chief Executive Officer, Director of Internal Services, and County Counsel, issue written instructions on the implementation and ongoing administration of this chapter. Such instructions may provide for the delegation of functions to other departments.
- B. Contractor shall be required to certify, at the time of submitting any bid or proposal to the County, or entering into any new contract, or renewal, extension or amendment of an existing contract with the County, that it is in compliance with this chapter is not in Default on any County Property Taxes or is current in payments due under any approved payment arrangement. (Ord. No. 2009-0026 § 1 (part), 2009.)

2.206.060 Exclusions/Exemptions.

- A. This chapter shall not apply to the following contracts:
 - 1. Chief Executive Office delegated authority agreements under \$50,000;
 - 2. A contract where federal or state law or a condition of a federal or state program mandates the use of a particular contractor;
 - 3. A purchase made through a state or federal contract;
 - 4. A contract where state or federal monies are used to fund service related programs, including but not limited to voucher programs, foster care, or other social programs that provide immediate direct assistance;
 - 5. Purchase orders under a master agreement, where the Contractor was certified at the time the master agreement was entered into and at any subsequent renewal, extension and/or amendment to the master agreement.
 - 6. Purchase orders issued by Internal Services Department under \$100,000 that is not the result of a competitive bidding process.
 - 7. Program agreements that utilize Board of Supervisors' discretionary funds;

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8. National contracts established for the purchase of equipment and supplies for and by the National Association of Counties, U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance, or any similar related group purchasing organization;
 9. A monopoly purchase that is exclusive and proprietary to a specific manufacturer, distributor, reseller, and must match and inter-member with existing supplies, equipment or systems maintained by the county pursuant to the Los Angeles Purchasing Policy and Procedures Manual, section P-3700 or a successor provision;
 10. A revolving fund (petty cash) purchase pursuant to the Los Angeles County Fiscal Manual, section 4.6.0 or a successor provision;
 11. A purchase card purchase pursuant to the Los Angeles County Purchasing Policy and Procedures Manual, section P-2810 or a successor provision;
 12. A non-agreement purchase worth a value of less than \$5,000 pursuant to the Los Angeles County Purchasing Policy and Procedures Manual, section A-0300 or a successor provision; or
 13. A bona fide emergency purchase pursuant to the Los Angeles County Purchasing Policy and Procedures Manual section P-0900 or a successor provision;
 14. Other contracts for mission critical goods and/or services where the Board of Supervisors determines that an exemption is justified.
- B. Other laws. This chapter shall not be interpreted or applied to any Contractor in a manner inconsistent with the laws of the United States or California. (Ord. No. 2009-0026 § 1 (part), 2009.)

2.206.070 Enforcement and remedies.

- A. The information furnished by each Contractor certifying that it is in compliance with this chapter shall be under penalty of perjury.
- B. No Contractor shall willfully and knowingly make a false statement certifying compliance with this chapter for the purpose of obtaining or retaining a County contract.
- C. For Contractor's violation of any provision of this chapter, the County department head responsible for administering the contract may do one or more of the following:
 1. Recommend to the Board of Supervisors the termination of the contract; and/or,
 2. Pursuant to chapter 2.202, seek the debarment of the contractor; and/or,
 3. Recommend to the Board of Supervisors that an exemption is justified pursuant to Section 2.206.060.A.14 of this chapter or payment deferral as provided pursuant to the California Revenue and Taxation Code. (Ord. No. 2009-0026 § 1 (part), 2009.)

2.206.080 Severability.

If any provision of this chapter is found invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect. (Ord. No. 2009-0026 § 1 (part), 2009.)

APPENDIX H



SAMPLE MASTER AGREEMENT

BY AND BETWEEN

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

AND

(CONTRACTOR)

FOR

FIREARMS SERVICES

NOVEMBER 2018

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SAMPLE MASTER AGREEMENT BETWEEN
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

AND

FOR

FIREARMS SERVICES

This Master Agreement and Exhibits made and entered into this ____ day of _____, 2019, by and between the County of Los Angeles (County), hereinafter referred to as the County and _____, hereinafter referred to as Contractor, to provide Firearms Services.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, pursuant to [California Probate Code Section 7600](#) et seq. and [California Penal Code Sections 27545](#) and [31700\(b\)](#), which require the Public Administrator (PA) to administer decedent's estates, including firearms, under particular circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the County Treasurer and Tax Collector serves as the *ex officio* Public Administrator for the County; and

WHEREAS, the PA may arrange for Firearms Services including sales and other dispositions of firearms, for the benefit of decedents' estates during the course of estate administration, and in accordance with applicable Sections of the California Penal Code and Probate Code; and

WHEREAS, the Contractor is a private firm licensed as a firearms dealer pursuant to Chapter 5 of the [Penal Code Sections 26700](#) and [28050](#) et seq., and specializing in providing Firearms Services;

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

1.0 APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS

Exhibits A, B, C, D, E, F, F1, G, H, I, J, and K are attached to and form a part of this Master Agreement. In the event of any conflict or inconsistency in the definition or interpretation of any word, responsibility, schedule, or the contents or description of any task, deliverable, goods, service, or other work, or otherwise between the base Master Agreement and the Exhibits, or between Exhibits, such conflict or inconsistency shall be resolved by giving precedence first to the Master Agreement and then to the Exhibits according to the following priority:

Standard Exhibits:

- 1.1 EXHIBIT A - County's Administration
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2.0 DEFINITIONS

The headings herein contained are for convenience and reference only and do not define the scope of any provision thereof. The following definitions below shall be construed to have the meanings indicated, unless another meaning is apparent from the context in which the term is used.

- 2.1 **Board of Supervisors:** The governing body of the County of Los Angeles.
- 2.2 **Business Days:** Monday through Friday, excluding County observed holidays, unless otherwise stated.
- 2.3 **Calendar Days:** Monday through Sunday, including County observed holidays, unless otherwise stated.
- 2.4 **Competitive Sale:** A periodic sale conducted by the PA to sell Firearms and related items to a contracted Firearms dealer offering the highest bid in a competitive bidding process
- 2.5 **Contractor:** The sole proprietor, partnership, corporation, or other legal entity that has entered into this Master Agreement with the County to perform or execute the work covered by this Master Agreement.
- 2.6 **Contractor's Alternate Contract Manager:** The authorized individual designated by the Contractor to act as the Contractor's Contract Manager in his/her absence.
- 2.7 **Contractor's Authorized Official(s):** The person(s) designated by the Contractor in Exhibit B, Contractor's Administration, that the Contractor represents and warrants such person(s) have actual authority to execute documents under the Master Agreement on behalf of the Contractor.
- 2.8 **Contractor's Contract Administrator:** The authorized individual designated by the Contractor as principal officer to oversee contractual or administrative matters relating to this Master Agreement that cannot be resolved by the Contractor's Contract Manager.
- 2.9 **Contractor's Contract Manager:** The authorized individual designated by the Contractor to administer the Master Agreement operations after the Master Agreement award.
- 2.10 **Contractor's Financial Manager:** The individual designated by the Contractor to have full authority to act on behalf of the Contractor in all matters related to invoicing under the Master Agreement after the Master Agreement Award.

- 2.11 Contractor's Staff:** All persons assigned by the Contractor to perform services pursuant to the Master Agreement inclusive of, but not limited to, officers, owners, volunteers and interns.
- 2.12 County:** The County of Los Angeles
- 2.13 County's Alternate Contract Manager:** The authorized person designated by the County to act as the County's Contract Manager in his/her absence.
- 2.14 County's Contract Administrator:** The person designated by the County with authority for the County on contractual or administrative matters relating to this Master Agreement that cannot be resolved by the County's Contract Manager.
- 2.15 County's Contract Manager:** The authorized person designated by County's Contract Administrator to manage the operations under this Master Agreement.
- 2.16 County's Contract Monitor:** The person with responsibility to oversee the day-to-day activities of this Contract, including inspections of any and all tasks, deliverables, goods, services, and other work provided by the Contractor.
- 2.17 County Observed Holidays:** Days on which County departments are closed for business in observance of significant events. Contractor is not required to provide services on County observed holidays unless otherwise stated in the SOW or Master Agreement. The following are the holidays observed by the County:
- New Year's Day
 - Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday
 - Presidents' Day
 - Cesar Chavez Day
 - Memorial Day
 - Independence Day
 - Labor Day
 - Indigenous Peoples' Day
 - Veterans' Day
 - Thanksgiving Day
 - Friday after Thanksgiving Day
 - Christmas Day

- 2.18 Department:** A department within the County of Los Angeles.
- 2.19 Firearms:** All projectile firing weapons as defined in Federal law, as well as pre-1898 projectile firing weapons (i.e. matchlock, flintlock, breech, and muzzle-loading weapons). In addition, Firearms also include firearm parts, accessories, magazines and related items
- 2.20 Fiscal Year:** The 12-month period beginning on July 1st and ending on June 30th of the following year.
- 2.21 Lot:** A collection of Firearms and related items assembled by the PA for Competitive Sale to a Contractor with the highest bid. Each Lot may contain 30 to 50 Firearms and/or related items.
- 2.22 Master Agreement:** PA's standard agreement executed between the PA and individual Contractors. It sets forth the terms and conditions for the issuance and performance of, and otherwise governs, subsequent Service Requests.
- 2.23 Master Agreement Discrepancy Report:** The TTC will document discrepancies or problems with Contractor's performance and record explanations of unsatisfactory performance on the sample form as set forth in Standard Exhibit G, SOW and Sample Master Agreement Technical Exhibits, Exhibit 1.
- 2.22 Notice of Competitive Sale:** Notifications issued to all current Contractors under the Master Agreement identifying the date, time and location when Firearms and related items are offered for sale by Lot.
- 2.23 Performance Requirements Summary:** Identifies the key performance indicators of the Master Agreement that will be evaluated by the County to assure the Contractor meets Master Agreement performance standards as specified in the Master Agreement.
- 2.24 Public Administrator (PA):** The County officer and his deputized staff responsible for protecting and administering estates of deceased individuals. The Treasurer and Tax Collector serves as the *ex officio* Public Administrator for the County. The PA is also the agent of the Public Guardian for the disposition of Firearms in estates of clients under the Public Guardian's authority.
- 2.25 Public Guardian (PG):** The Office of the Public Guardian, a division of the County's Department of Mental Health, responsible for protecting and administering the trusts and estates of clients under conservatorship.

- 2.26 PA Contract Administrator:** Person designated by the PA with authority to negotiate, recommend all Master Agreement changes on behalf of PA, and conduct Competitive Sales of Firearms for sale and transfers of Firearms for distribution.
- 2.27 PA Contract Manager:** Person designated as chief contact person with respect to the day-to-day administration of the Master Agreement.
- 2.28 Qualified Contractor:** A Contractor who has submitted a Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) in response to PA's Request for Statement of Qualifications (RFSQ), has met the minimum qualifications listed in the RFSQ, and has an executed Master Agreement with the PA.
- 2.29 Request for Statement of Qualifications (RFSQ):** A type of solicitation used to select qualified Contractors to provide specific services through Master Agreements.
- 2.30 Statement of Qualifications (SOQ):** A Contractor's response to an RFSQ.
- 2.31 Statement of Work:** A written description of tasks and/or deliverables desired by the County pursuant to this Agreement.
- 2.32 The Treasurer and Tax Collector:** The Director of the County's Department of the Treasurer and Tax Collector.
- 2.33 TTC:** The County of Los Angeles Department of Treasurer and Tax Collector.

3.0 WORK

- 3.1** Periodically, the PA conducts Competitive Sales of Firearms and related items to liquidate decedents and clients' estates. A Notice of Competitive Sale shall be issued to all current Contractors who have subscribed to this Master Agreement and will identify the date, time and location of the Competitive Sale and will include descriptions and images of Firearms and related items for sale as depicted in the SOW, Exhibit 1, Sample Lot for Sale. This Exhibit is only provided to assist the bidder in determining whether to participate in the bidding process and does NOT GUARANTEE that it will correspond identically to actual items for sale.
- 3.2** Each Contractor shall have ten calendar days from the date of the notice to review the Master List (List) of Firearms and/or gun parts and paraphernalia in the Lot being offered for sale. If interested in purchasing the Lot, the Contractor must respond within the notice period of their intent to participate in the Competitive Sale to the PA, and appear at the date, place and time

for the Competitive Sale of the Lot. Viewing and inspection of all items will take place for at least one hour prior to the Competitive Sale.

- 3.3 All Contractors that participate in the bidding process must come prepared to make prompt, full payment, in the event the Contractor submits the winning bid. Furthermore, each Contractor must be prepared to take prompt possession of the Lot purchased at the conclusion of the Competitive Sale process.
- 3.4 If a Contractor fails to appear at five or more Competitive Sales within the initial Master Agreement term (three years), without good cause, the TTC may deem the Contractor to be in default of this agreement and barred from future Competitive Sales. Egregious failure to comply with Competitive Sale terms and requirements will constitute good cause for Termination for Default, Subparagraph 8.42, and the potential barring of the Contractor from conducting future business with the TTC and/or the Co0unty (debarment).

4.0 TERM OF MASTER AGREEMENT

- 4.1 The Master Agreement Term shall be for a period of three years, commencing upon the execution of the first individual Master Agreement unless sooner extended or terminated or extended with up to three one-year renewal options, for a maximum total Master Agreement Term of six years. The Master Agreement is deemed executed upon the Contractor's signature and thereafter the approval and signature by the Treasurer and Tax Collector or his designee.
- 4.2 Option periods will be exercised at the sole discretion of the Treasurer and Tax Collector or his designee. In the event the Treasurer and Tax Collector desires to renew the Master Agreement by exercising an option term, the Treasurer and Tax Collector shall provide Contractor with a written notice of intent to renew the Master Agreement 30 calendar days prior to the expiration of the Term of the Master Agreement. The renewal option shall be set forth in writing, as provided in Subparagraph 8.1.2, Change Notices and Amendments.
- 4.3 The County maintains databases that track/monitor Contractor performance history. Information entered into such databases may be used for a variety of purposes, including determining whether the TTC will exercise a Master Agreement term extension option.
- 4.4 The Contractor shall notify the TTC when this Master Agreement is within six months from the expiration of the term as provided for hereinabove. Upon occurrence of this event, Contractor shall send written notification to the TTC at the address herein provided in Exhibit A, County's Administration.

5.0 FIREARMS TRANSACTIONS

- 5.1 The PA presents single 'Lots' for sale at each Competitive Sale as determined to be in the best interest of the decedent's estate, or in the best interest of the clients when directed by the PG.
- 5.2 'Lot' sales are awarded to the highest bidding Contractor who shall remit the total purchase price by way of cashier's check or federal funds wire immediately at the conclusion of the Competitive Sale.
- 5.3 In the event the awarded Contractor's payment for the Lot fails for any reason, the County shall employ any and all collection methods available by law, including notifying credit bureaus and the filing of a lien against the Firearms in the Lot and notifying the California Department of Justice Bureau of Firearms, until payment is completed.

6.0 ADMINISTRATION OF MASTER AGREEMENT – COUNTY

COUNTY'S ADMINISTRATION

A listing of all of the County's Administration referenced in the following Subparagraphs is designated in Exhibit A, County's Administration. The PA shall notify the Contractor in writing of any change in the names or addresses shown.

6.1 COUNTY'S CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR

The PA Contract Administrator has the authority to negotiate, recommend all changes to this Master Agreement, call for and conduct Competitive Sales and direct distributions, and resolve disputes between the PA and the Contractor.

6.2 COUNTY'S CONTRACT MANAGER

The PA Contract Manager, or his/her designee, will provide administrative oversight and assist in the resolution of any issues or concerns that arise in the administration of this Agreement and the Contractor List.

7.0 ADMINISTRATION OF MASTER AGREEMENT – CONTRACTOR

A listing of the Contractor's Administrative personnel referenced in the following Subparagraphs is designated in Exhibit B, Contractor's Administration. The Contractor shall notify the PA in writing of any change in the names or addresses shown.

7.1 CONTRACTOR'S CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR

- 7.1.1 Contractor's Contract Administrator shall be a full-time employee of Contractor. Contractor's Contract Administrator shall be the principal officer in the Contractor's office to service the Master Agreement and to act as a liaison for the Contractor in coordinating the performance under the Master Agreement. The PA must be provided in writing with the name, address, and telephone number of the individual designated to act as the Contractor's Contract Administrator or any alternate identified in Exhibit B, Contractor's Administration, of this Master Agreement, and provide a current copy of the person's resume at the time the Master Agreement is executed and notify the PA as changes occur.
- 7.1.2 Contractor's Contract Administrator shall be responsible for Contractor's performance of all tasks, deliverables, goods, services, and other work provided by or on behalf of the Contractor and ensuring Contractor's compliance with this Master Agreement.
- 7.1.3 Contractor's Contract Administrator shall be available to meet and confer with the PA Contract Administrator on an as needed basis, either in person or by telephone as mutually agreed by the parties, to review the Master Agreement performance and discuss Master Agreement coordination. Such meetings shall be conducted at a time and place as mutually agreed by the parties.

7.2 CONTRACTOR'S CONTRACT MANAGER

- 7.2.1 Contractor's Contract Manager is designated in Exhibit B, Contractor's Administration. The Contractor shall notify the PA in writing of any change in the name or address of the Contractor's Contract Manager.
- 7.2.2 Contractor's Contract Manager shall be responsible for Contractor's day-to-day activities as related to this Master Agreement and shall coordinate with the PA's Deputies on a regular basis with respect to all active Firearms Services Orders.

7.3 CONTRACTOR'S FINANCIAL MANAGER

- 7.3.1 The Contractor's Financial Manager is designated in Exhibit B, Contractor's Administration. The Contractor shall assign a Financial Manager, to act as liaison for the Contractor and have

full authority to act on behalf of Contractor in all matters related to invoicing under the Master Agreement.

- 7.3.2 The Financial Manager shall be available on a daily basis, Monday through Friday, during the hours of 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. PST either by telephone or to meet with County personnel regarding any invoices issued under the Contract.

7.4 CONTRACTOR'S AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL(S)

- 7.4.1 Contractor's Authorized Official(s) shall also be designated in Exhibit B. Contractor shall promptly notify the PA in writing of any change in the name(s) or address(es) of Contractor's Authorized Official(s).

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

7.5 APPROVAL OF CONTRACTOR'S STAFF

The County has the right to reject any individual on the Contractor's staff performing work hereunder based on a good faith concern. The County may request that Contractor's staff be immediately removed from working on this Contract at any time during the Contract Term. Contractor shall use commercially reasonable efforts to promptly replace any such removed staff.

7.6 INTENTIONALLY OMITTED

7.7 CONFIDENTIALITY

- 7.7.1. Contractor shall 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.

- 7.7.2 Contractor shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the County, its officers, employees, and agents, from and against any and all claims, demands, damages, liabilities, losses, 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, or agents, to comply with this Paragraph 7.7, as determined by the County in its sole judgment. Any legal defense pursuant to Contractor's indemnification obligations under this Paragraph 7.7 shall be conducted by Contractor and performed by counsel selected by Contractor and approved by the County. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, the County shall have the right to participate in any such defense at its sole cost and expense, except that in the event Contractor fails to provide the County with a full and adequate defense, as determined by the County in its sole judgment, the County shall be entitled to retain its own counsel including, without limitation, County Counsel, and reimbursement from Contractor for all such costs and expenses incurred by the County in doing so. Contractor shall not have the right to enter into any settlement, agree to any injunction, or make any admission, in each case, on behalf of the County without the County's prior written approval.

- 7.7.3 Contractor shall inform all of its officers, employees, and agents providing services hereunder of the confidentiality provisions of this Master Agreement.
- 7.7.4 Contractor shall sign and adhere to the provisions of the "Contractor Acknowledgement and Confidentiality Agreement", Exhibit H1.
- 7.7.5 Contractor shall cause each employee performing services covered by this Master Agreement to sign and adhere to the provisions of the "Contractor Employee Acknowledgement and Confidentiality Agreement", Exhibit H2.
- 7.7.6 Contractor shall cause each non-employee performing services covered by this Master Agreement to sign and adhere to the provisions of the "Contractor Non-Employee Acknowledgement and Confidentiality Agreement", Exhibit H3.

7.8 BACKGROUND AND SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS

- 7.8.1 Each of the Contractor's staff participating in Competitive Sales under this Master Agreement will undergo and pass, to the satisfaction of the TTC, a background investigation as a condition of beginning and continuing to work under this Master Agreement.

The background investigation includes submitting fingerprints to the California Department of Justice (DOJ) for State, Local, and Federal level review. Examples of disqualifying civil or criminal convictions include, but are not limited to: bribery; robbery; theft; fraud; embezzlement; forgery; extortion; perjury; possession, sale or attempt to sell a controlled substance; possession, sale or attempt to sell stolen property; or any felony conviction or conviction of a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude, and job-related misdemeanor convictions. The fees associated with the background investigation shall be at the expense of the Vendor, whether or not the Vendor's staff passes the background investigation.

- 7.8.2 During the Master Agreement Term, if the County receives a subsequent disqualifying factor for a member of the Contractor's staff, the TTC shall request that the member of the Contractor's staff be immediately removed from performing services under the Master Agreement. Contractor shall promptly comply with the County's request.
- 7.8.3 The TTC will request the Contractor to advise the Contractor's staff member who did not pass the background investigation or who received a subsequent disqualifying factor to contact the TTC immediately to receive a copy of the Criminal Offender Record Information obtained from the DOJ through the TTC's background investigation.
- 7.8.4 The TTC, in its sole discretion, may immediately deny or terminate facility access to any member of the Contractor's staff that does not pass an investigation to the satisfaction of the TTC or whose background or conduct is incompatible with County facility access.
- 7.8.5 Disqualification of any member of the Contractor's staff pursuant to this Subparagraph 7.8 shall not relieve Contractor of its obligation to complete all work in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Master Agreement.

8.0 STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS

8.1 CHANGE NOTICES AND AMENDMENTS

- 8.1.1 The TTC's Contract Administrator or his/her designee may require the addition and/or change of certain terms and conditions in the Master Agreement during the term of this Master Agreement. The TTC reserves the right to add and/or change such provisions as

required to carry out the purposes of this Agreement. To implement such orders, an Amendment to the Master Agreement shall be prepared and executed by the Contractor and by the TTC.

- 8.1.2 The Treasurer and Tax Collector or his designee may at his sole discretion authorize extensions of time as defined in Paragraph 4.0, Term of Master Agreement. For the TTC to exercise additional optional one-year periods, a written notice shall be prepared and signed by the Treasurer and Tax Collector or his designee and delivered to the Contractor 30 calendar days prior to the expiration of the current Master Agreement Term. Any such change shall be in the form of an Amendment and signed by the Treasurer and Tax Collector or his/her designee. The Contractor agrees that such extensions of time shall not change any other term or condition of this Master Agreement during the period of such extensions.
- 8.1.3 The TTC reserves the right to initiate Change Notices that **do not affect** the scope, term, or method of payment. All such changes shall be executed with a Change Notice to this Master Agreement signed by the Contractor and by the TTC's Master Agreement Administrator.

8.2 ASSIGNMENT AND DELEGATION/MERGERS OR ACQUISITIONS

- 8.2.1 The Contractor shall notify the County of any pending acquisitions/mergers of its company unless otherwise legally prohibited from doing so. If the Contractor is restricted from legally notifying the County of pending acquisitions/mergers, then it should notify the County of the actual acquisitions/mergers as soon as the law allows and provide to the County the legal framework that restricted it from notifying the County prior to the actual acquisitions/mergers.
- 8.2.2 The Contractor shall not assign its rights or delegate its duties under this Master Agreement, or both, whether in whole or in part, without the prior written consent of the County, in its discretion, and any attempted assignment or delegation without such consent shall be null and void. For purposes of this Subparagraph, the County consent shall require a written amendment to the Master Agreement, which is formally approved and executed by the parties. Any payments by the County to any approved delegate or assignee on any claim under this Master Agreement shall be deductible, at the County's sole discretion, against the claims, which the Contractor may have against the County.

- 8.2.3 Shareholders, partners, members, or other equity holders of Contractor may transfer, sell, exchange, assign, or divest themselves of any interest they may have therein. However, in the event any such sale, transfer, exchange, assignment, or divestment is effected in such a way as to give majority control of Contractor to any person(s), corporation, partnership, or legal entity other than the majority controlling interest therein at the time of execution of the Master Agreement, such disposition is an assignment requiring the prior written consent of County in accordance with applicable provisions of this Master Agreement.
- 8.2.4 Any assumption, assignment, delegation, or takeover of any of the Contractor's duties, responsibilities, obligations, or performance of same by any entity other than the Contractor, whether through assignment, delegation, merger, buyout, or any other mechanism, with or without consideration for any reason whatsoever without the County's express prior written approval, shall be a material breach of the Master Agreement which may result in the termination of this Master Agreement. In the event of such termination, the County shall be entitled to pursue the same remedies against Contractor as it could pursue in the event of default by Contractor.

8.3 AUTHORIZATION WARRANTY

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

8.4 COMPLAINTS

The Contractor shall develop, maintain, and operate procedures for receiving, investigating, and responding to complaints.

- 8.4.1 Within ten business days after the Master Agreement effective date, the Contractor shall provide the PA with the Contractor's policy for receiving, investigating, and responding to complaints, whether from family and friends of a decedent or client, Vendors and suppliers providing goods and/or services used by Contractor to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement, or Federal, State, and/or Local agencies for any reason.
- 8.4.2 The Contractor shall preliminarily investigate all complaints arising out of Contractor's provision of contracted services, and notify the

PA Contract Manager of the status of the investigation within five business days of receiving the complaint.

- 8.4.3 When complaints cannot be resolved informally, a system of follow-through shall be instituted which adheres to formal plans for specific actions and strict time deadlines.
- 8.4.4 Copies of all written responses shall be sent to the PA Contract Manager within three business days of mailing to the complainant.

8.5 COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAW

- 8.5.1 In the performance of this Master Agreement, Contractor shall 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 Master Agreement are hereby incorporated herein by reference.
- 8.5.2 Contractor shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the County, its officers, employees, and agents, from and against any and all claims, demands, damages, liabilities, losses, 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, or agents, to comply with any such laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, directives, guidelines, policies, or procedures, as determined by the County in its sole judgment. Any legal defense pursuant to Contractor's indemnification obligations under this Paragraph 8.5, shall be conducted by Contractor and performed by counsel selected by Contractor and approved by the County. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, the County shall have the right to participate in any such defense at its sole cost and expense, except that in the event Contractor fails to provide the County with a full and adequate defense, as determined by the County in its sole judgment, the County shall be entitled to retain its own counsel including, without limitation, County Counsel, and reimbursement from Contractor for all such costs and expenses incurred by the County in doing so. Contractor shall not have the right to enter into any settlement, agree to any injunction or other equitable relief, or make any admission, in each case, on behalf of the County without the County's prior written approval.

8.6 COMPLIANCE WITH CIVIL RIGHTS LAWS

The Contractor hereby assures that it will comply with Subchapter VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 USC Sections 2000 (e) (1) through 2000 (e) (17), to the end that no person shall, 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 Master Agreement or under any project, program, or activity supported by this Master Agreement. The Contractor shall comply with Exhibit C, Contractor's EEO Certification.

8.7 COMPLIANCE WITH COUNTY'S JURY SERVICE PROGRAM

8.7.1 Jury Service Program: This Master Agreement is subject to the provisions of the County's ordinance entitled Contractor Employee Jury Service ("Jury Service Program") as codified in [Sections 2.203.010 through 2.203.090 of the County Code](#), a copy of which is attached as Exhibit D and incorporated by reference into and made part of this Master Agreement.

8.7.2 Written Employee Jury Service Policy

1. Unless Contractor has demonstrated to the County'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 shall have and adhere to a written policy that provides that its Employees shall receive from the Contractor, on an annual basis, no less than five business days of regular pay for actual jury service. The policy may provide that Employees deposit any fees received for such jury service with the Contractor or that the Contractor deduct from the Employee's regular pay the fees received for jury service.
2. For purposes of this Subparagraph, "Contractor" means a person, partnership, corporation, or other entity which has a contract with the County or a subcontract with a County Contractor and has received or will receive an aggregate sum of \$50,000 or more in any 12-month period under one or more County contracts or subcontracts. "Employee" means any California resident who is a full time employee of Contractor. "Full-time" means 40 hours or more worked per week, or a lesser number of hours if: 1) the lesser number is

a recognized industry standard as determined by the County, or 2) Contractor has a long-standing practice that defines the lesser number of hours as full-time. Full-time employees providing short-term, temporary services of 90 business days or less within a 12-month period are not considered full-time for purposes of the Jury Service Program.

3. If Contractor is not required to comply with the Jury Service Program when the Master Agreement commences, Contractor shall have a continuing obligation to review the applicability of its “exception status” from the Jury Service Program, and Contractor shall immediately notify the County 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 shall immediately implement a written policy consistent with the Jury Service Program. The County may also require, at any time during the Master Agreement and at its sole discretion, that Contractor demonstrate to the County’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.
4. Contractor’s violation of this Subparagraph of the Master Agreement may constitute a material breach of the Master Agreement. In the event of such material breach, the County may, in its sole discretion, terminate the Master Agreement and/or bar Contractor from the award of future County contracts for a period of time consistent with the seriousness of the breach.

8.8 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

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

8.8.2 The Contractor shall comply with all conflict of interest laws, ordinances, and regulations now in effect or hereafter to be enacted during the term of this Master Agreement. The Contractor warrants that it is not now aware of any facts that create a conflict of interest. If the Contractor hereafter becomes aware of any facts that might reasonably be expected to create a conflict of interest, it shall immediately make full written disclosure of such facts to the County. Full written disclosure shall include, but not limited to, identification of all persons implicated and a complete description of all relevant circumstances. Failure to comply with the provisions of this Subparagraph 8.8, shall be a material breach of this Master Agreement.

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

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

8.10 CONSIDERATION OF HIRING GAIN/GROW PARTICIPANTS

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

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

8.11 CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITY AND DEBARMENT

8.11.1 Responsible Contractor

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

8.11.2 Chapter 2.202 of the County Code

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

8.11.3 Non-responsible Contractor

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

8.11.4 Contractor Hearing Board

1. If there is evidence that the Contractor may be subject to debarment, the Department will notify the Contractor in writing of the evidence which is the basis for the proposed debarment and will advise the Contractor of the scheduled

date for a debarment hearing before the Contractor Hearing Board.

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

on the request. At the hearing, the Contractor Hearing Board shall conduct a hearing where evidence on the proposed reduction of debarment period or termination of debarment is presented. This hearing shall be conducted and the request for review decided by the Contractor Hearing Board pursuant to the same procedures as for a debarment hearing.

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

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

The Contractor acknowledges that the County places a high priority on the implementation of the Safely Surrendered Baby Law. The Contractor understands that it is the County's policy to encourage all County Contractors to voluntarily post the County's "Safely Surrendered Baby Law" poster, in Exhibit E, in a prominent position at the Contractor's place of business. Information and posters for printing are available at: www.babysafela.org.

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

- 8.13.1 The Contractor acknowledges that the County has established a goal of ensuring that all individuals who benefit financially from the County through Purchase Order or Master Agreement 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.
- 8.13.2 As required by the County's Child Support Compliance Program ([County Code Chapter 2.200](#)) and without limiting the Contractor's duty under this Master Agreement to comply with all applicable provisions of law, the Contractor warrants that it is now in compliance and shall during the term of this Master Agreement maintain in compliance with employment and wage reporting requirements as required by the Federal Social Security Act ([42 USC Section 653a](#)) and [California Unemployment Insurance](#)

[Code Section 1088.5](#), and shall implement all lawfully served Wage and Earnings Withholding Orders or Child Support Services Department Notices of Wage and Earnings Assignment for Child, Family or Spousal Support, pursuant to [Code of Civil Procedure Section 706.031](#) and [Family Code Section 5246\(b\)](#).

8.14 COUNTY'S QUALITY ASSURANCE PLAN

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

8.15 DAMAGE TO COUNTY FACILITIES, BUILDINGS OR GROUNDS

- 8.15.1 Contractor shall repair, or cause to be repaired, at its own cost, any and all damage to County facilities, buildings, or grounds caused by Contractor or employees or agents of Contractor. Such repairs shall be made immediately after Contractor has become aware of such damage, but in no event later than 30 business days after the occurrence.
- 8.15.2 If Contractor fails to make timely repairs, the County may make any necessary repairs. All costs incurred by the County, as determined by the County, for such repairs shall be repaid by Contractor by cash payment upon demand.

8.16 EMPLOYMENT ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION

- 8.16.1 The Contractor warrants that it fully complies with all federal and state statutes and regulations regarding the employment of aliens and others and that all its employees performing work under this Master Agreement meet the citizenship or alien status requirements set forth in federal and state statutes and regulations. The Contractor shall obtain, from all employees performing work hereunder, all verification and other documentation of employment eligibility status required by federal and state statutes and regulations including, but not

limited to, the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, (P.L. 99-603), or as they currently exist and as they may be hereafter amended. The Contractor shall retain all such documentation for all covered employees for the period prescribed by law.

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

8.17 FACSIMILE REPRESENTATIONS

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

8.18 FAIR LABOR STANDARDS

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

8.19 FORCE MAJEURE

- 8.19.1 Neither party shall be liable for such party's failure to perform its obligations under and in accordance with this Master Agreement, if such failure arises out of fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, other natural occurrences, strikes, lockouts (other than a lockout by such party), 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 Subparagraph as "force majeure events").

- 8.19.2 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.

8.20 GOVERNING LAW, JURISDICTION, AND VENUE

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

8.21 INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR STATUS

- 8.21.1 This Master Agreement is by and between the County and the Contractor and is not intended, and shall not be construed, to create the relationship of agent, servant, employee, partnership, joint venture, or association, as between the County and the Contractor. The employees and agents of one party shall not be, or be construed to be, the employees or agents of the other party for any purpose whatsoever.
- 8.21.2 The Contractor shall be solely liable and responsible for providing to, or on behalf of, all persons performing work pursuant to this Master Agreement all compensation and benefits. The County shall have no liability or responsibility for the payment of any salaries, wages, unemployment benefits, disability benefits, Federal, State, or Local taxes, or other compensation, benefits, or taxes for any personnel provided by or on behalf of the Contractor.
- 8.21.3 The Contractor understands and agrees that all persons performing work pursuant to this Master Agreement are, for purposes of Workers' Compensation liability, solely employees of the Contractor and not employees of the County. The Contractor shall be solely liable and responsible for furnishing any and all Workers' Compensation benefits to any person as a result of any injuries arising from or connected with any work performed by or on behalf of the Contractor pursuant to this Master Agreement.

8.21.4 The Contractor shall adhere to the provisions stated in Subparagraph 7.7, Confidentiality.

8.22 INDEMNIFICATION

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

8.23 GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR ALL INSURANCE COVERAGE

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

8.23.1 Evidence of Coverage and Notice to County

- Certificate(s) of insurance coverage (Certificate) satisfactory to the County, and a copy of an Additional Insured endorsement confirming County and its Agents (defined below) has been given Insured status under the Contractor's General Liability policy, shall be delivered to County at the address shown below and provided prior to commencing services under this Master Agreement.
- Renewal Certificates shall be provided to the County not less than ten business days prior to Contractor's policy expiration dates. The County reserves the right to obtain complete, certified copies of any required Contractor insurance policies at any time.
- Certificates shall identify all Required Insurance coverage types and limits specified herein, reference this Master Agreement by name or number, and be signed by an

authorized representative of the insurer(s). The Insured party named on the Certificate shall match the name of the Contractor identified as the contracting party in this Master Agreement. Certificates shall provide the full name of each insurer providing coverage, its NAIC (National Association of Insurance Commissioners) identification number, its financial rating, the amounts of any policy deductibles or self-insured retentions (SIR) exceeding \$50,000.00, and list any County required endorsement forms.

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

Certificates and copies of any required endorsements shall be sent to:

County of Los Angeles
Department of Treasurer and Tax Collector
Contracts Section
500 West Temple Street, Room 464
Los Angeles, California 90012

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

8.23.2 Additional Insured Status and Scope of Coverage

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

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

8.23.3 Cancellation of or Changes in Insurance

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

8.23.4 Failure to Maintain Insurance

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

8.23.5 Insurer Financial Ratings

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

8.23.6 Contractor's Insurance Shall Be Primary

Contractor's insurance policies, with respect to any claims related to this Master Agreement, shall be primary with respect to

all other sources of coverage available to Contractor. Any County maintained insurance or self-insurance coverage shall be in excess of and not contribute to any Contractor coverage.

8.23.7 Waivers of Subrogation

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

8.23.8 Deductibles and Self-Insured Retentions

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

8.23.9 Claims Made Coverage

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

8.23.10 Application of Excess Liability Coverage

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

8.23.11 Separation of Insureds

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

8.23.12 **Alternative Risk Financing Programs**

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

8.23.13 **County Review and Approval of Insurance Requirements**

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

8.24 **INSURANCE COVERAGE**

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

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

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

8.24.3 **Workers Compensation and Employers' Liability** insurance or qualified self-insurance satisfying statutory requirements, which includes Employers' Liability coverage with limits of not less than \$1 million per accident. If Contractor will provide leased employees, or is an employee leasing, or temporary staffing firm, or a professional employer organization, coverage also shall include an Alternate Employer Endorsement (providing scope of coverage equivalent to ISO policy form WC 00 03 01 A) naming the County as the Alternate Employer, and the endorsement

form shall be modified to provide that County will receive not less than 30 business days advance written notice of cancellation of this coverage provision. If applicable to Contractor's operations, coverage also shall be arranged to satisfy the requirements of any federal workers or workmen's compensation law or any federal occupational disease law.

8.24.4 Crime Coverage

A Fidelity Bond or Crime Insurance policy with limits of not less than \$1 million per occurrence. Such coverage shall protect against all loss of money, securities, or other valuable property entrusted by the County to the Contractor, and apply to all of Contractor's directors, officers, agents, and employees who regularly handle or have responsibility for such money, securities, or property. The County and its Agents shall be named as an Additional Insured and Loss Payee as its interests may appear. This insurance shall include third party fidelity coverage, include coverage for loss due to theft, mysterious disappearance, and computer fraud/theft, and shall not contain a requirement for an arrest and/or conviction.

8.25 LIQUIDATED DAMAGES

8.25.1 If, in the judgment of the PA Contract Administrator, the Contractor is deemed to be non-compliant with the terms and obligations assumed hereby, the PA Contract Administrator or his/her designee, at his/her option, in addition to, or in lieu of, other remedies provided herein, may withhold full or partial payment for goods and/or services not provided, or provided in a non-compliant or non-workmanlike manner. A description of the work not performed or performed unsatisfactorily, and the amount to be withheld or deducted from payments to the Contractor from the TTC, will be forwarded to the Contractor by the PA Contract Administrator or his/her designee, in a written notice describing the reasons for said action.

8.25.2 If the PA Contract Administrator determines that there are deficiencies in the performance of this Master Agreement that the PA Contract Administrator or his/her designee deems are correctable by the Contractor over a certain time span, the PA Contract Administrator or his/her designee, will provide a written notice to the Contractor to correct the deficiency within specified time frames. Should the Contractor fail to correct deficiencies within said time frame, the PA Contract Administrator may withhold further Firearms services requests until the Contractor

corrects the deficiencies to the satisfaction of the PA Contract Administrator, or terminate Contractor's participation in this Master Agreement.

In addition, where damages have or may result from Contractor's deficient performance, the PA Contract Administrator may assess damages in an amount sufficient to remedy the Contractor's deficient performance. The parties agree that it will be impracticable or extremely difficult to fix the extent of actual damages resulting from the failure of the Contractor to correct a deficiency within the specified time frame. The parties hereby agree that under the current circumstances a reasonable estimate of such damages is \$100 per day per infraction, or as may be specified in any Performance Requirements Summary (PRS) Chart, and that the Contractor shall be liable to the County for liquidated damages in said amount. Upon giving five business days' notice to the Contractor for failure to correct the deficiencies, the County may correct any and all deficiencies and the total costs incurred by the County for completion of the work by an alternate source, whether it be the County forces or separate private Contractor, will be charged to the Contractor as damages owed, as determined by the County.

- 8.25.3 The action noted in Subparagraph 8.25.2, shall not be construed as a penalty, but as an assessment to the Contractor to recover the County cost due to the failure of the Contractor to complete or comply with the provisions of this Master Agreement.
- 8.25.4 This Subparagraph shall not, in any manner, restrict or limit the County's right to damages for any breach of this Master Agreement provided by law or as specified in the PRS or Subparagraph 8.25.2, and shall not, in any manner, restrict or limit the County's right to terminate this Master Agreement as agreed to herein.

8.26 MOST FAVORED PUBLIC ENTITY

If the Contractor's prices decline, or should the Contractor at any time during the term of this Master Agreement 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 Master Agreement, then such lower prices shall be immediately extended to the County.

8.27 NONDISCRIMINATION AND AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

- 8.27.1 The Contractor certifies and agrees that all persons employed by it, its affiliates, subsidiaries, or holding companies are and shall be treated equally without regard to or because of race, color, 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.
- 8.27.2 The Contractor shall certify to, and comply with, the provisions of Exhibit C - Contractor's EEO Certification.
- 8.27.3 The Contractor shall take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to race, color, 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 shall include, but is not limited to: employment, upgrading, demotion, transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff or termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation, and selection for training, including apprenticeship.
- 8.27.4 The Contractor certifies and agrees that it will deal with its subcontractors, bidders, or contractors without regard to or because of race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, sex, age, physical or mental disability, marital status, or political affiliation.
- 8.27.5 The Contractor certifies and agrees that its affiliates, subsidiaries, or holding companies shall comply with all applicable federal and state laws and regulations to the end that no person shall, on the grounds of race, color, 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 Master Agreement or under any project, program, or activity supported by this Master Agreement.
- 8.27.6 The Contractor shall allow County representatives access to the Contractor's employment records during regular business hours to verify compliance with the provisions of this Subparagraph 8.27, when so requested by the County.
- 8.27.7 If the County finds that any provisions of this Subparagraph 8.27 have been violated, such violation shall constitute a material

breach of this Master Agreement upon which the County may terminate or suspend this Master Agreement. While the County reserves the right to determine independently that the anti-discrimination provisions of this Master Agreement have been violated, in addition, a determination by the California Fair Employment and Housing Commission or the Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission that the Contractor has violated federal or state anti-discrimination laws or regulations shall constitute a finding by the County that the Contractor has violated the anti-discrimination provisions of this Master Agreement.

- 8.27.8 The parties agree that in the event the Contractor violates any of the anti-discrimination provisions of this Master Agreement, the County shall, at its sole option, be entitled to the sum of \$500 for each such violation pursuant to [California Civil Code Section 1671](#) as liquidated damages in lieu of terminating or suspending this Master Agreement.

8.28 NON-EXCLUSIVITY

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

8.29 NOTICE OF DELAYS

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

8.30 NOTICE OF DISPUTES

The Contractor shall bring to the attention of the PA Contract Manager and/or the PA Contract Administrator any dispute between the County and the Contractor regarding the performance of services as stated in this Master Agreement. If the PA Contract Manager or the PA Contract Administrator is not able to resolve the dispute, the Treasurer and Tax Collector, or his designee shall resolve it.

8.31 NOTICE TO EMPLOYEES REGARDING THE FEDERAL EARNED INCOME CREDIT

The Contractor shall notify its employees that they may be eligible for the Federal Earned Income Credit under the federal income tax laws. Such notice shall be provided in accordance with the requirements set forth in the Internal Revenue Service Notice No. 1015, Appendix F.

8.32 NOTICE TO EMPLOYEES REGARDING THE SAFELY SURRENDERED BABY LAW

The Contractor shall notify and provide to its employees information regarding the Safely Surrendered Baby Law, its implementation in the County, and where and how to safely surrender a baby. The information is set forth in Exhibit E of this Master Agreement. Additional information is available at www.babysafela.org.

8.33 NOTICES

All notices or demands required or permitted to be given or made under this Master Agreement shall be in writing and shall be hand delivered with signed receipt or mailed by first-class registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the parties as identified in Exhibit A, County's Administration, and Exhibit B, Contractor's Administration. Addresses may be changed by either party giving ten business days prior written notice thereof to the other party. The Treasurer and Tax Collector or his designee shall have the authority to issue all notices or demands required or permitted by the County under this Master Agreement.

8.34 PROHIBITION AGAINST INDUCEMENT OR PERSUASION

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

8.35 PUBLIC RECORDS ACT

8.35.1 Any documents submitted by Contractor; all information obtained in connection with the County's right to audit and inspect Contractor's documents, books, and accounting records pursuant to Subparagraph 8.37, Record Retention and Inspection/Audit Settlement, of this Master Agreement; as well as those documents which were required to be submitted in response to the RFSQ

used in the solicitation process for this Master Agreement, become the exclusive property of the County. All such documents become a matter of public record and shall be regarded as public records. Exceptions will be those elements in the California [Government Code Section 6250](#) et seq. (Public Records Act) and which are marked “trade secret,” “confidential,” or “proprietary.” The County shall not in any way be liable or responsible for the disclosure of any such records including, without limitation, those so marked, if disclosure is required by law, or by an order issued by a court of competent jurisdiction.

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

8.36 PUBLICITY

- 8.36.1 The Contractor shall not disclose any details in connection with this Master Agreement to any person or entity except as may be otherwise provided hereunder or required by law. However, in recognizing the Contractor’s need to identify its services and related clients to sustain itself, the County shall not inhibit the Contractor from publishing its role under this Master Agreement within the following conditions:
- The Contractor shall develop all publicity material in a professional manner; and
 - During the term of this Master Agreement, the Contractor shall not, and shall not authorize another to, publish or disseminate any commercial advertisements, press releases, feature articles, or other materials using the name of the County without the prior written consent of the PA Contract Administrator. The County shall not unreasonably withhold written consent.
- 8.36.2 The Contractor may, without the prior written consent of the County, indicate in its proposals and sales materials that it has been awarded this Master Agreement with the County, provided that the requirements of this Subparagraph 8.36, shall apply.

8.37 RECORD RETENTION AND INSPECTION/AUDIT SETTLEMENT

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

- 8.37.1 In the event that an audit of the Contractor is conducted specifically regarding this Master Agreement by any Federal or State auditor, or by any auditor or accountant employed by the Contractor or otherwise, then the Contractor shall file a copy of such audit report with the County's Auditor-Controller (A-C) within 30 business days of the Contractor's receipt thereof, unless otherwise provided by applicable federal or state law or under this Master Agreement. The County shall make a reasonable effort to maintain the confidentiality of such audit report(s).
- 8.37.2 Failure on the part of the Contractor to comply with any of the provisions of this Subparagraph shall constitute a material breach of this Master Agreement upon which the County may terminate or suspend this Master Agreement.
- 8.37.3 If, at any time during the term of this Master Agreement or within five years after the expiration or termination of this Master Agreement, representatives of the County may conduct an audit of the Contractor regarding the work performed under this Master Agreement, and if such audit finds that the County's dollar liability for any such work is less than payments made by the County to the Contractor, then the difference shall be either: a) repaid by the Contractor to the County by cash payment upon demand or b)

at the sole option of the County's A-C, deducted from any amounts due to the Contractor from the County, whether under this Master Agreement or otherwise. If such audit finds that the County's dollar liability for such work is more than the payments made by the County to the Contractor, then the difference shall be paid to the Contractor by the County by cash payment, provided that in no event shall the County's maximum obligation for this Master Agreement exceed the funds appropriated by the County for the purpose of this Master Agreement.

8.37.4 Financial Statements

Beginning one year after the Effective Date of this Master Agreement, and every year thereafter until the expiration of this Master Agreement, Contractor shall submit to the County a complete set of financial statements, audited if available, for the 12-month period. Such statements shall, at a minimum, include a Balance Sheet (Statement of Financial Position), and Income Statement (Statement of Operations). In addition, Contractor shall submit a statement regarding any pending litigation since the Contractor last reported same to the County. The County reserves the right to request these financial statements on a more frequent basis and will so notify Contractor in writing.

8.38 RECYCLED BOND PAPER

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

8.39 SUBCONTRACTING

In entering into this Master Agreement, the TTC has relied on the reputation, and upon obtaining the performance, of the Contract itself. Therefore, the Contractor shall not subcontract this Master Agreement, or any portion thereof. Any attempt by the Contractor to subcontract shall be null and void, and constitutes a material breach of this Master Agreement.

8.40 TERMINATION FOR BREACH OF WARRANTY TO MAINTAIN COMPLIANCE WITH COUNTY'S CHILD SUPPORT COMPLIANCE PROGRAM

Failure of the Contractor to maintain compliance with the requirements set forth in Subparagraph 8.13, Contractor's Warranty of Adherence to County's Child Support Compliance Program, shall constitute a default under this Master Agreement. Without limiting the rights and remedies

available to the County under any other provision of this Master Agreement, failure of Contractor to cure such default within 90 calendar days of written notice shall be grounds upon which the County may terminate this Master Agreement pursuant to Subparagraph 8.42, Termination for Default and pursue debarment of Contractor, pursuant to [County Code Chapter 2.202](#).

8.41 TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE

8.41.1 **The County may terminate this Master Agreement**, and any Firearms Services Order issued hereunder, in whole or in part, from time to time or permanently, when such action is deemed by the County, in its sole discretion, to be in its best interest. Termination of work hereunder shall be effected by notice of termination to Contractor specifying the extent to which performance of work is terminated and the date upon which such termination becomes effective. The date upon which such termination becomes effective shall be no less than ten business days after the notice is sent.

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

- Stop work under this Master Agreement, as identified in such notice; and
- Complete performance of such part of the work as shall not have been terminated by such notice.

8.41.3 All material including books, records, documents, or other evidence bearing on the costs and expenses of the Contractor under this Master Agreement or Firearms Services Order shall be maintained by the Contractor in accordance with Subparagraph 8.37, Record Retention and Inspection/Audit Settlement.

8.42 TERMINATION FOR DEFAULT

8.42.1 The County may, by written notice to the Contractor, terminate the whole or any part of this Master Agreement, if, in the judgment of County Contract Administrator:

- Contractor has materially breached this Master Agreement;
- Contractor fails to timely provide and/or satisfactorily perform any task, deliverable, service, or other work required under this Master Agreement; or

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

8.42.2 In the event that the County terminates this Master Agreement in whole or in part, as provided in Subparagraph 8.42.1, the County may procure, upon such terms and in such manner as the County may deem appropriate, goods and services similar to those so terminated. The Contractor shall be liable to the County for any and all excess costs incurred by the County, as determined by the County, for such similar goods and services. The Contractor shall continue the performance of this Master Agreement to the extent not terminated under the provisions of this Subparagraph.

8.42.3 The Contractor shall not be liable for any such excess costs of the type identified in Subparagraph 8.42.2, if its failure to perform this Master Agreement, including any Firearms services request issued hereunder, arises out of causes beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the Contractor. Such causes may include, but are not limited to: acts of God or of the public enemy, acts of the County in either its sovereign or contractual capacity, acts of Federal or State governments in their sovereign capacities, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, strikes, freight embargoes, and unusually severe weather; but in every case, the failure to perform must be beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the Contractor.

8.42.4 If, after the County has given notice of termination under the provisions of this Subparagraph 8.42, it is determined by the County that the Contractor was not in default under the provisions of this Subparagraph 8.42, or that the default was excusable under the provisions of Subparagraph 8.42.3, the rights and obligations of the parties shall be the same as if the notice of termination had been issued pursuant to Subparagraph 8.41, Termination for Convenience.

8.42.5 The rights and remedies of the County provided in this Subparagraph 8.42, shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this Master Agreement.

8.43 TERMINATION FOR IMPROPER CONSIDERATION

- 8.43.1 The County may, by written notice to the Contractor, immediately terminate the right of the Contractor to proceed under this Master Agreement if it is found that consideration, in any form, was offered or given by the Contractor, either directly or through an intermediary, to any County officer, employee, or agent with the intent of securing this Master Agreement or securing favorable treatment with respect to the award, amendment, or extension of this Master Agreement or the making of any determinations with respect to the Contractor's performance pursuant to this Master Agreement. In the event of such termination, the County shall be entitled to pursue the same remedies against the Contractor as it could pursue in the event of default by the Contractor.
- 8.43.2 The Contractor shall immediately report any attempt by a County officer or employee to solicit such improper consideration. The report shall be made either to the County manager charged with the supervision of the employee or to the County A-C's Employee Fraud Hotline at (800) 544-6861.
- 8.43.3 Among other items, such improper consideration may take the form of cash, discounts, services, the provision of travel or entertainment, or tangible gifts.

8.44 TERMINATION FOR INSOLVENCY

- 8.44.1 The County may terminate this Master Agreement forthwith in the event of the occurrence of any of the following:
- Insolvency of the Contractor. The Contractor shall be deemed to be insolvent if it has ceased to pay its debts for at least 60 business days in the ordinary course of business or cannot pay its debts as they become due, whether or not a petition has been filed under the federal Bankruptcy Code and whether or not the Contractor is insolvent within the meaning of the Federal Bankruptcy Code;
 - The filing of a voluntary or involuntary petition regarding the Contractor under the Federal Bankruptcy Code;
 - The appointment of a Receiver or Trustee for the Contractor; or
 - The execution by the Contractor of a general assignment for the benefit of creditors.

8.44.2 The rights and remedies of the County provided in this Subparagraph 8.44, shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this Master Agreement.

8.45 TERMINATION FOR NON-ADHERENCE TO COUNTY LOBBYIST ORDINANCE

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

8.46 VALIDITY

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

8.47 WAIVER

No waiver by the County of any breach of any provision of this Master Agreement shall constitute a waiver of any other breach or of such provision. Failure of the County to enforce at any time, or from time to time, any provision of this Master Agreement shall not be construed as a waiver thereof. The rights and remedies set forth in this Subparagraph 8.47 shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this Master Agreement.

8.48 WARRANTY AGAINST CONTINGENT FEES

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

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

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

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. 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 Master Agreement will maintain compliance, with the [County Code Chapter 2.206](#).

8.50 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 8.49, "Warranty of Compliance with County's Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program," shall constitute default under this Master Agreement. Without limiting the rights and remedies available to the County under any other provision of this Master Agreement, failure of Contractor to cure such default within ten business days of notice shall be grounds upon which the County may terminate this Master Agreement and/or pursue debarment of Contractor, pursuant to [County Code Chapter 2.206](#).

8.51 TIME OFF FOR VOTING

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

8.52 USE OF THE COUNTY SEAL AND/OR THE TTC LOGOS

The County claims right, title, and interest in and to certain intellectual property including, but not limited to, the current and former County Seal and the TTC logos (hereafter collectively "County Seal"). Except as expressly authorized herein, the Contractor shall not reproduce, copy, distribute, republish, download, display, post, transmit, or make any other use of any kind whatsoever of the County Seal, in any format or by any means whatsoever. At no time shall the Contractor in any manner (1) modify the County Seal, or (2) create derivative works of the County Seal. The Contractor shall not in any manner sublicense, transfer, or assign its rights, or delegate its duties, with respect to use of the County Seal, whether in whole or in part, without the prior written consent of the County, in its discretion, and any attempted sublicense, transfer, assignment, or delegation without such consent shall be null and void.

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

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

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

Disqualification of any member of Contractor's staff pursuant to this Paragraph shall not relieve Contractor of its obligation to complete all work in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Master Agreement.

8.54 DEFAULT METHOD OF PAYMENT: DIRECT DEPOSIT OR ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER

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

8.54.2 The Contractor shall submit a direct deposit authorization request via the website <https://directdeposit.lacounty.gov> with banking and

vendor information, and any other information that the A-C determines is reasonably necessary to process the payment and comply with all accounting, record keeping, and tax reporting requirements.

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

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

8.55 COMPLIANCE WITH FAIR CHANCE EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES

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

8.56 COMPLIANCE WITH THE COUNTY POLICY OF EQUITY

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

9.0 UNIQUE TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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

- 9.1.1 The County is subject to the Administrative Simplification requirements and prohibitions of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996, Public Law 104-191, and regulations promulgated thereunder, including the Privacy, Security, Breach Notification, and Enforcement Rules at 45 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) Parts 160 and 164 (collectively, the "HIPAA Rules"). Under this Master Agreement, the Contractor provides services to the County and the Contractor creates, has access to, receives, maintains, or transmits Protected Health Information as defined in Exhibit I in order to provide those services. The County and the Contractor therefore agree to the terms of Exhibit I, Business Associate Under HIPAA.

9.2 LOCAL SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PREFERENCE PROGRAM

- 9.2.1 This Master Agreement is subject to the provisions of the County's ordinance entitled Local Small Business Enterprise (LSBE) Preference Program, as codified in [Chapter 2.204 of the Los Angeles County Code](#).
- 9.2.2 The Contractor shall not knowingly and with the intent to defraud, fraudulently obtain, retain, attempt to obtain or retain, or aid another in fraudulently obtaining or retaining or attempting to obtain or retain certification as a LSBE.
- 9.2.3 The Contractor shall not willfully and knowingly make a false statement with the intent to defraud, whether by affidavit, report, or other representation, to a County official or employee for the purpose of influencing the certification or denial of certification of any entity as a LSBE.
- 9.2.4 If the Contractor has obtained certification as a LSBE by reason of having furnished incorrect supporting information or by reason of having withheld information, and which knew, or should have known, the information furnished was incorrect or the information withheld was relevant to its request for certification, and which by reason of such certification has been awarded this Master Agreement to which it would not otherwise have been entitled, shall:

1. Pay to the County any difference between the contract amount and what the County's costs would have been if the Master Agreement had been properly awarded;
2. In addition to the amount described in subdivision (1), be assessed a penalty in an amount of not more than ten percent of the amount of the Master Agreement; and
3. Be subject to the provisions of [Chapter 2.202 of the Los Angeles County Code](#) (Determinations of Contractor Non-responsibility and Contractor Debarment).

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

9.3 SOCIAL ENTERPRISE PREFERENCE PROGRAM

- 9.3.1 This Master Agreement is subject to the provisions of the County's ordinance entitled Social Enterprise (SE) Preference Program, as codified in [Chapter 2.205 of the Los Angeles County Code](#).
- 9.3.2 Contractor shall not knowingly and with the intent to defraud, fraudulently obtain, retain, attempt to obtain or retain, or aid another in fraudulently obtaining or retaining or attempting to obtain or retain certification as a SE.
- 9.3.3 Contractor shall not willfully and knowingly make a false statement with the intent to defraud, whether by affidavit, report, or other representation, to a County official or employee for the purpose of influencing the certification or denial of certification of any entity as a SE.
- 9.3.4 If Contractor has obtained County certification as a SE by reason of having furnished incorrect supporting information or by reason of having withheld information, and which knew, or should have known, the information furnished was incorrect or the information withheld was relevant to its request for certification, and which by reason of such certification has been awarded this Master Agreement to which it would not otherwise have been entitled, Contractor shall:

1. Pay to the County any difference between the Master Agreement amount and what the County's costs would have been if the Master Agreement had been properly awarded;
2. In addition to the amount described in subdivision (1) above, the Contractor will be assessed a penalty in an amount of not more than ten percent of the amount of the Master Agreement; and
3. Be subject to the provisions of [Chapter 2.202 of the Los Angeles County Code](#) (Determinations of Contractor Non-responsibility and Contractor Debarment).

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

9.4 DISABLED VETERAN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PREFERENCE PROGRAM

- 9.4.1 This Master Agreement is subject to the provisions of the County's ordinance entitled Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (DVBE) Preference Program, as codified in [Chapter 2.211 of the Los Angeles County Code](#).
- 9.4.2 Contractor shall not knowingly and with the intent to defraud, fraudulently obtain, retain, attempt to obtain or retain, or aid another in fraudulently obtaining or retaining or attempting to obtain or retain certification as a DVBE.
- 9.4.3 Contractor shall not willfully and knowingly make a false statement with the intent to defraud, whether by affidavit, report, or other representation, to a County official or employee for the purpose of influencing the certification or denial of certification of any entity as a DVBE.
- 9.4.4 If 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 Master

AUTHORIZATION OF MASTER AGREEMENT FOR FIREARMS SERVICES

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the County of Los Angeles, by order of the Treasurer and Tax Collector, or his designee, has caused this Master Agreement to be executed, and Contractor has caused this Master Agreement to be executed in its behalf by its duly authorized officer, this _____ day of _____, 2019.

Contractor:

Name

By _____
Name

Title

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

By _____
Joseph Kelly
Treasurer and Tax Collector
ex officio Public Administrator

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

MARY C. WICKHAM
County Counsel

By _____
Sayuj Panicker
Deputy County Counsel

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COUNTY'S ADMINISTRATION

CONTRACT NO. _____

COUNTY'S CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR:

Name: Lisa Proft
Title: Assistant Treasurer and Tax Collector
Address: 320 West Temple Street, 8th Floor (Mailing)
Los Angeles, CA 90012
Telephone: (213) 974-0418
Facsimile: (213) 633-1944
E-Mail Address: lproft@ttc.lacounty.gov

COUNTY'S CONTRACT MANAGER:

Name: Henry Agadjanyan
Title: Assistant Operations Chief
Address: 320 West Temple Street, 9th Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90012
Telephone: (213) 974-0517
Facsimile: (213) 617-7580
Email Address: hagadjanyan@ttc.lacounty.gov

**COUNTY'S ALTERNATE
CONTRACT MANAGER:**

Damia Johnson
Assistant Operations Chief
320 West Temple Street, 9th Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90012
(213) 974-0419
(213) 617-7580
djohnson@ttc.lacounty.gov

COUNTY'S CONTRACT MONITOR:

Name: _____
Title: _____
Address: _____

Telephone: _____
Facsimile: _____
Email Address: _____

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CONTRACTOR'S ADMINISTRATION

CONTRACTOR'S NAME: _____

CONTRACT NO: _____

CONTRACTOR'S CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR:

Name: _____

Title: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Facsimile: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

**CONTRACTOR'S CONTRACT
MANAGER:**

**CONTRACTOR'S ALTERNATE
CONTRACT MANAGER:**

Name: _____

Title: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Facsimile: _____

Email Address: _____

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CONTRACTOR'S ADMINISTRATION

CONTRACTOR'S FINANCIAL MANAGER:

Name: _____
Title: _____
Address: _____

Telephone: _____
Facsimile: _____
E-Mail Address: _____

CONTRACTOR'S AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL(S)

Name: _____
Title: _____
Address: _____

Telephone: _____
Facsimile: _____
E-Mail Address: _____

Notices to Contractor shall be sent to the following:

Name: _____
Title: _____
Address: _____

Telephone: _____
Facsimile: _____
E-Mail Address: _____

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CONTRACTOR'S EEO CERTIFICATION

Contractor Name

Address

Internal Revenue Service Employer Identification Number

GENERAL CERTIFICATION

In accordance with [Section 4.32.010 of the Code of the County of Los Angeles](#), the contractor, supplier, or vendor certifies and agrees that all persons employed by such firm, its affiliates, subsidiaries, or holding companies are and will be treated equally by the firm without regard to or because of race, religion, ancestry, national origin, or sex and in compliance with all anti-discrimination laws of the United States of America and the State of California.

CONTRACTOR'S SPECIFIC CERTIFICATIONS

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| 1. The Contractor has a written policy statement prohibiting discrimination in all phases of employment. | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. The Contractor periodically conducts a self analysis or utilization analysis of its work force. | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. The Contractor has a system for determining if its employment practices are discriminatory against protected groups. | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Where problem areas are identified in employment practices, the Contractor has a system for taking reasonable corrective action, to include establishment of goals or timetables. | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |

Authorized Official's Printed Name and Title

Authorized Official's Signature

Date

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JURY SERVICE ORDINANCE

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CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEE JURY SERVICE

2.203.010 Findings.

The board of supervisors makes the following findings. The county of Los Angeles allows its permanent, full-time employees unlimited jury service at their regular pay. Unfortunately, many businesses do not offer or are reducing or even eliminating compensation to employees who serve on juries. This creates a potential financial hardship for employees who do not receive their pay when called to jury service, and those employees often seek to be excused from having to serve. Although changes in the court rules make it more difficult to excuse a potential juror on grounds of financial hardship, potential jurors continue to be excused on this basis, especially from longer trials. This reduces the number of potential jurors and increases the burden on those employers, such as the county of Los Angeles, who pay their permanent, full-time employees while on juror duty. For these reasons, the county of Los Angeles has determined that it is appropriate to require that the businesses with which the county contracts possess reasonable jury service policies. (Ord. 2002-0015 § 1 (part), 2002)

2.203.020 Definitions.

The following definitions shall be applicable to this chapter:

- A. "Contractor" means a person, partnership, corporation or other entity which has a contract with the county or a subcontract with a county contractor and has received or will receive an aggregate sum of \$50,000 or more in any 12-month period under one or more such contracts or subcontracts.
- B. "Employee" means any California resident who is a full-time employee of a contractor under the laws of California.
- C. "Contract" means any agreement to provide goods to, or perform services for or on behalf of, the county but does not include:
 - 1. A contract where the board finds that special circumstances exist that justify a waiver of the requirements of this chapter; or
 - 2. A contract where federal or state law or a condition of a federal or state program mandates the use of a particular contractor; or
 - 3. A purchase made through a state or federal contract; or
 - 4. A monopoly purchase that is exclusive and proprietary to a specific manufacturer, distributor, or reseller, and must match and inter-member with existing supplies, equipment or systems maintained by the county pursuant to the Los Angeles County Purchasing Policy and Procedures Manual, Section P-3700 or a successor provision; or
 - 5. A revolving fund (petty cash) purchase pursuant to the Los Angeles County Fiscal Manual, Section 4.4.0 or a successor provision; or

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6. A purchase card purchase pursuant to the Los Angeles County Purchasing Policy and Procedures Manual, Section P-2810 or a successor provision; or
 7. A non-agreement purchase with a value of less than \$5,000 pursuant to the Los Angeles County Purchasing Policy and Procedures Manual, Section A-0300 or a successor provision; or
 8. A bona fide emergency purchase pursuant to the Los Angeles County Purchasing Policy and Procedures Manual, Section PP-1100 or a successor provision.
- D. "Full time" means 40 hours or more worked per week, or a lesser number of hours if:
1. The lesser number is a recognized industry standard as determined by the chief administrative officer, or
 2. The contractor has a long-standing practice that defines the lesser number of hours as full time.
- E. "County" means the county of Los Angeles or any public entities for which the board of supervisors is the governing body. (Ord. 2002-0040 § 1, 2002: Ord. 2002-0015 § 1 (part), 2002)

2.203.030 Applicability.

This chapter shall apply to contractors who enter into contracts that commence after July 11, 2002. This chapter shall also apply to contractors with existing contracts which are extended into option years that commence after July 11, 2002. Contracts that commence after May 28, 2002, but before July 11, 2002, shall be subject to the provisions of this chapter only if the solicitations for such contracts stated that the chapter would be applicable. (Ord. 2002-0040 § 2, 2002: Ord. 2002-0015 § 1 (part), 2002)

2.203.040 Contractor Jury Service Policy.

A contractor shall have and adhere to a written policy that provides that its employees shall receive from the contractor, on an annual basis, no less than five days of regular pay for actual jury service. The policy may provide that employees deposit any fees received for such jury service with the contractor or that the contractor deduct from the employees' regular pay the fees received for jury service. (Ord. 2002-0015 § 1 (part), 2002)

2.203.050 Other Provisions.

- A. Administration. The chief administrative officer shall be responsible for the administration of this chapter. The chief administrative officer may, with the advice of county counsel, issue interpretations of the provisions of this chapter and shall issue written instructions on the implementation and ongoing administration of this chapter. Such instructions may provide for the delegation of functions to other county departments.

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- B. Compliance Certification. At the time of seeking a contract, a contractor shall certify to the county that it has and adheres to a policy consistent with this chapter or will have and adhere to such a policy prior to award of the contract. (Ord. 2002-0015 § 1 (part), 2002)

2.203.060 Enforcement and Remedies.

For a contractor's violation of any provision of this chapter, the county department head responsible for administering the contract may do one or more of the following:

1. Recommend to the board of supervisors the termination of the contract; and/or,
2. Pursuant to chapter 2.202, seek the debarment of the contractor. (Ord. 2002-0015 § 1 (part), 2002)

2.203.070. Exceptions.

- A. Other Laws. This chapter shall not be interpreted or applied to any contractor or to any employee in a manner inconsistent with the laws of the United States or California.
- B. Collective Bargaining Agreements. This chapter shall be superseded by a collective bargaining agreement that expressly so provides.
- C. Small Business. This chapter shall not be applied to any contractor that meets all of the following:
1. Has ten or fewer employees during the contract period; and,
 2. Has annual gross revenues in the preceding twelve months which, if added to the annual amount of the contract awarded, are less than \$500,000; and,
 3. Is not an affiliate or subsidiary of a business dominant in its field of operation.

"Dominant in its field of operation" means having more than ten employees and annual gross revenues in the preceding twelve months which, if added to the annual amount of the contract awarded, exceed \$500,000.

"Affiliate or subsidiary of a business dominant in its field of operation" means a business which is at least 20 percent owned by a business dominant in its field of operation, or by partners, officers, directors, majority stockholders, or their equivalent, of a business dominant in that field of operation. (Ord. 2002-0015 § 1 (part), 2002)

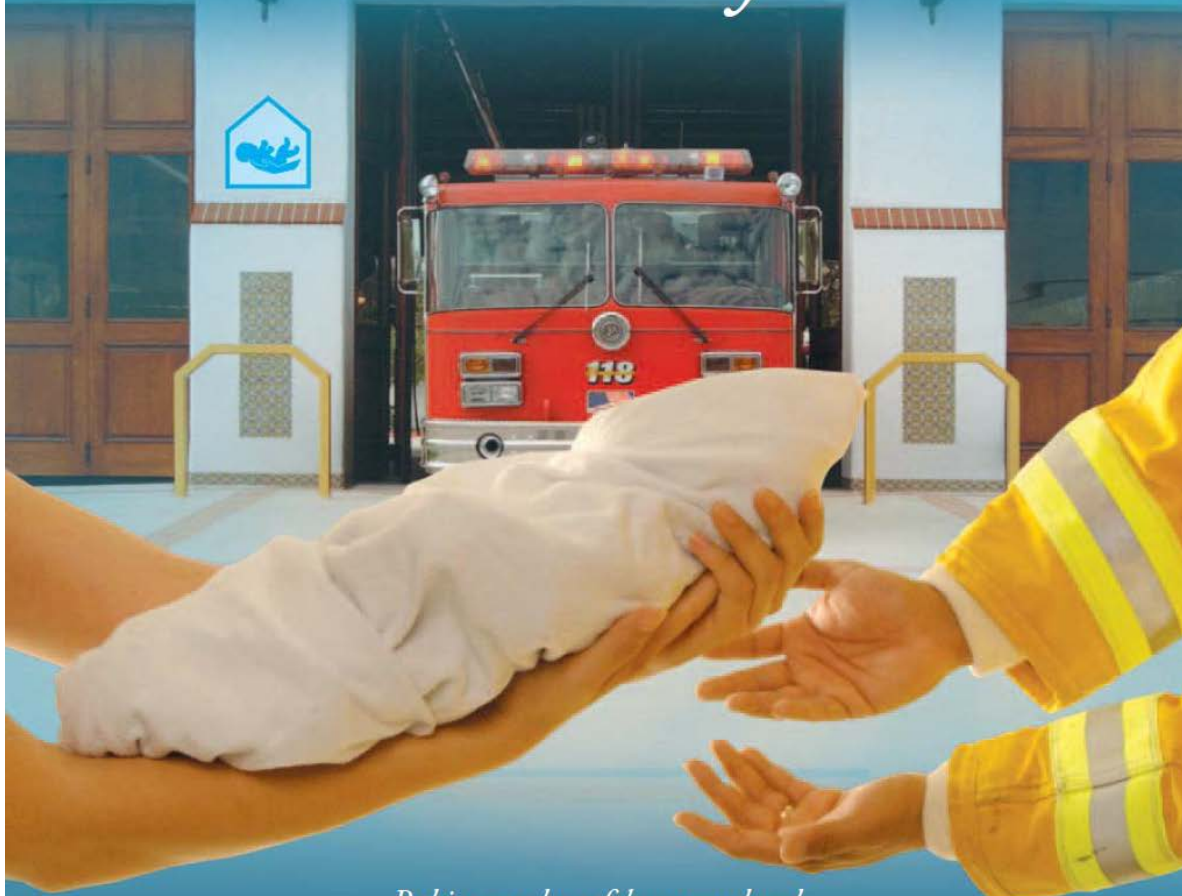
2.203.090. Severability.

If any provision of this chapter is found invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect. (Ord. 2002-0015 § 1 (part), 2002)

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SAFELY SURRENDERED BABY LAW

Safely Surrendered *Baby Law*



*Babies can be safely surrendered
to staff at any hospital or fire station in Los Angeles County*

No shame. No blame. No names.

In Los Angeles County: 1-877-BABY SAFE • 1-877-222-9723

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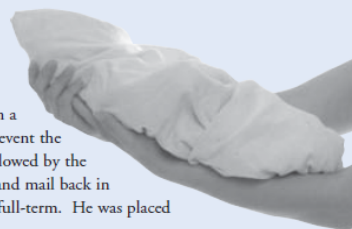
What is the Safely Surrendered Baby Law?

California's Safely Surrendered Baby Law allows parents or other persons, with lawful custody, which means anyone to whom the parent has given permission to confidentially surrender a baby. As long as the baby is three days (72 hours) of age or younger and has not been abused or neglected, the baby may be surrendered without fear of arrest or prosecution.

Every baby deserves a chance for a healthy life. If someone you know is considering abandoning a baby, let her know there are other options. For three days (72 hours) after birth, a baby can be surrendered to staff at any hospital or fire station in Los Angeles County.

A baby's story

Early in the morning on April 9, 2005, a healthy baby boy was safely surrendered to nurses at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center. The woman who brought the baby to the hospital identified herself as the baby's aunt and stated the baby's mother had asked her to bring the baby to the hospital on her behalf. The aunt was given a bracelet with a number matching the anklet placed on the baby; this would provide some identification in the event the mother changed her mind about surrendering the baby and wished to reclaim the baby in the 14-day period allowed by the Law. The aunt was also provided with a medical questionnaire and said she would have the mother complete and mail back in the stamped return envelope provided. The baby was examined by medical staff and pronounced healthy and full-term. He was placed with a loving family that had been approved to adopt him by the Department of Children and Family Services.



How does it work?

A distressed parent who is unable or unwilling to care for a baby can legally, confidentially, and safely surrender a baby within three days (72 hours) of birth. The baby must be handed to an employee at a hospital or fire station in Los Angeles County. As long as the baby shows no sign of abuse or neglect, no name or other information is required. In case the parent changes his or her mind at a later date and wants the baby back, staff will use bracelets to help connect them to each other. One bracelet will be placed on the baby, and a matching bracelet will be given to the parent or other surrendering adult.

What if a parent wants the baby back?

Parents who change their minds can begin the process of reclaiming their baby within 14 days. These parents should call the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services at 1-800-540-4000.

Can only a parent bring in the baby?

No. While in most cases a parent will bring in the baby, the Law allows other people to bring in the baby if they have lawful custody.

Does the parent or surrendering adult have to call before bringing in the baby?

No. A parent or surrendering adult can bring in a baby anytime, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, as long as the parent or surrendering adult surrenders the baby to someone who works at the hospital or fire station.

Does the parent or surrendering adult have to tell anything to the people taking the baby?

No. However, hospital or fire station personnel will ask the surrendering party to fill out a questionnaire designed to gather important medical history information, which is very useful in caring for the baby. The questionnaire includes a stamped return envelope and can be sent in at a later time.

What happens to the baby?

The baby will be examined and given medical treatment. Upon release from the hospital, social workers immediately place the baby in a safe and loving home and begin the adoption process.

What happens to the parent or surrendering adult?

Once the parent or surrendering adult surrenders the baby to hospital or fire station personnel, they may leave at any time.

Why is California doing this?

The purpose of the Safely Surrendered Baby Law is to protect babies from being abandoned, hurt or killed by their parents. You may have heard tragic stories of babies left in dumpsters or public bathrooms. Their parents may have been under severe emotional distress. The mothers may have hidden their pregnancies, fearful of what would happen if their families found out. Because they were afraid and had no one or nowhere to turn for help, they abandoned their babies. Abandoning a baby is illegal and places the baby in extreme danger. Too often, it results in the baby's death. The Safely Surrendered Baby Law prevents this tragedy from ever happening again in California.

Ley de Entrega de Bebés *Sin Peligro*

Los recién nacidos pueden ser entregados en forma segura al personal de cualquier hospital o cuartel de bomberos del Condado de Los Ángeles

Sin pena. Sin culpa. Sin nombres.

En el Condado de Los Ángeles: 1-877-BABY SAFE • 1-877-222-9723
www.babysafela.org

Ley de Entrega de Bebés Sin Peligro

¿Qué es la Ley de Entrega de Bebés sin Peligro?

La Ley de Entrega de Bebés sin Peligro de California permite la entrega confidencial de un recién nacido por parte de sus padres u otras personas con custodia legal, es decir cualquier persona a quien los padres le hayan dado permiso. Siempre que el bebé tenga tres días (72 horas) de vida o menos, y no haya sufrido abuso ni negligencia, pueden entregar al recién nacido sin temor de ser arrestados o procesados.

Cada recién nacido se merece la oportunidad de tener una vida saludable. Si alguien que usted conoce está pensando en abandonar a un recién nacido, infórmele que tiene otras opciones. Hasta tres días (72 horas) después del nacimiento, se puede entregar un recién nacido al personal de cualquier hospital o cuartel de bomberos del condado de Los Angeles.

¿Cómo funciona?

El padre/madre con dificultades que no pueda o no quiera cuidar de su recién nacido puede entregarlo en forma legal, confidencial y segura dentro de los tres días (72 horas) del nacimiento. El bebé debe ser entregado a un empleado de cualquier hospital o cuartel de bomberos del Condado de Los Angeles. Siempre que el bebé no presente signos de abuso o negligencia, no será necesario suministrar nombres ni información alguna. Si el padre/madre cambia de opinión posteriormente y desea recuperar a su bebé, los trabajadores utilizarán brazaletes para poder vincularlos. El bebé llevará un brazaletes y el padre/madre o el adulto que lo entregue recibirá un brazaletes igual.

¿Qué pasa si el padre/madre desea recuperar a su bebé?

Los padres que cambien de opinión pueden comenzar el proceso de reclamar a su recién nacido dentro de los 14 días. Estos padres deberán llamar al Departamento de Servicios para Niños y Familias (Department of Children and Family Services) del Condado de Los Angeles al 1-800-540-4000.

¿Sólo los padres podrán llevar al recién nacido?

No. Si bien en la mayoría de los casos son los padres los que llevan al bebé, la ley permite que otras personas lo hagan si tienen custodia legal.

¿Los padres o el adulto que entrega al bebé deben llamar antes de llevar al bebé?

No. El padre/madre o adulto puede llevar al bebé en cualquier momento, las 24 horas del día, los 7 días de la semana, siempre y cuando entreguen a su bebé a un empleado del hospital o cuartel de bomberos.

¿Es necesario que el padre/madre o adulto diga algo a las personas que reciben al bebé?

No. Sin embargo, el personal del hospital o cuartel de bomberos le pedirá a la persona que entregue al bebé que llene un cuestionario con la finalidad de recabar antecedentes médicos importantes, que resultan de gran utilidad para cuidar bien del bebé. El cuestionario incluye un sobre con el sello postal pagado para enviarlo en otro momento.

¿Qué pasará con el bebé?

El bebé será examinado y le brindarán atención médica. Cuando le den el alta del hospital, los trabajadores sociales inmediatamente ubicarán al bebé en un hogar seguro donde estará bien atendido, y se comenzará el proceso de adopción.

¿Qué pasará con el padre/madre o adulto que entregue al bebé?

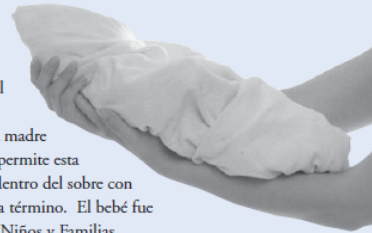
Una vez que los padres o adulto hayan entregado al bebé al personal del hospital o cuartel de bomberos, pueden irse en cualquier momento.

¿Por qué se está haciendo esto en California? ?

La finalidad de la Ley de Entrega de Bebés sin Peligro es proteger a los bebés para que no sean abandonados, lastimados o muertos por sus padres. Usted probablemente haya escuchado historias trágicas sobre bebés abandonados en basureros o en baños públicos. Los padres de esos bebés probablemente hayan estado pasando por dificultades emocionales graves. Las madres pueden haber ocultado su embarazo, por temor a lo que pasaría si sus familias se enteraran. Abandonaron a sus bebés porque tenían miedo y no tenían nadie a quien pedir ayuda. El abandono de un recién nacido es ilegal y pone al bebé en una situación de peligro extremo. Muy a menudo el abandono provoca la muerte del bebé. La Ley de Entrega de Bebés sin Peligro impide que vuelva a suceder esta tragedia en California.

Historia de un bebé

A la mañana temprano del día 9 de abril de 2005, se entregó un recién nacido saludable a las enfermeras del Harbor-UCLA Medical Center. La mujer que llevó el recién nacido al hospital se dio a conocer como la tía del bebé, y dijo que la madre le había pedido que llevara al bebé al hospital en su nombre. Le entregaron a la tía un brazaletes con un número que coincidía con la pulsera del bebé; esto serviría como identificación en caso de que la madre cambiara de opinión con respecto a la entrega del bebé y decidiera recuperarlo dentro del período de 14 días que permite esta ley. También le dieron a la tía un cuestionario médico, y ella dijo que la madre lo llenaría y lo enviaría de vuelta dentro del sobre con franqueo pagado que le habían dado. El personal médico examinó al bebé y se determinó que estaba saludable y a término. El bebé fue ubicado con una buena familia que ya había sido aprobada para adoptarlo por el Departamento de Servicios para Niños y Familias.



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STANDARD EXHIBITS**

STATEMENT OF WORK

(Not Attached to Sample)

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STATEMENT OF WORK ATTACHMENTS

(Not Attached to Sample)

EXHIBIT

- 1 SAMPLE LOT FOR SALE (NOT ATTACHED TO SAMPLE)
- 2 COMPETITIVE SALE TERMS AND CONDITIONS (NOT ATTACHED TO SAMPLE)

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**STATEMENT OF WORK AND SAMPLE MASTER
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FORMS REQUIRED BEFORE WORK BEGINS

EXHIBIT

- H1 CONTRACTOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT
- H2 CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT
- H3 CONTRACTOR NON-EMPLOYEE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT

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CONTRACTOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT

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

Contractor Name _____

Work Order No. _____

County Master Agreement No. _____

GENERAL INFORMATION:

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

CONTRACTOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

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

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

CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT:

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

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

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

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

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

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: ____/____/____

PRINTED NAME: _____

POSITION: _____

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CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT

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Contractor Name _____ Employee Name _____

Work Order No. _____ County Master Agreement No. _____

GENERAL INFORMATION:

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

EMPLOYEE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

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

I understand and agree that I am not an employee of the County of Los Angeles for any purpose whatsoever and that I do not have and will not acquire any rights or benefits of any kind from the County of Los Angeles by virtue of my performance of work under the above-referenced Master Agreement. I understand and agree that I do not have and will not acquire any rights or benefits from the County of Los Angeles pursuant to any agreement between any person or entity and the County of Los Angeles.

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

CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT:

I may be involved with work pertaining to services provided by the County of Los Angeles and, if so, I may have access to confidential data and information pertaining to persons and/or entities receiving services from the County. In addition, I may also have access to proprietary information supplied by other vendors doing business with the County of Los Angeles. The County has a legal obligation to protect all such confidential data and information in its possession, especially data and information concerning health, criminal, and welfare recipient records. I understand that if I am involved in County work, the County must ensure that I, too, will protect the confidentiality of such data and information. Consequently, I understand that I must sign this agreement as a condition of my work to be provided by my employer for the County. I have read this agreement and have taken due time to consider it prior to signing.

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

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

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

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: ____/____/____

PRINTED NAME: _____

POSITION: _____

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CONTRACTOR NON-EMPLOYEE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT

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Contractor Name _____ Non-Employee Name _____

Work Order No. _____ County Master Agreement No. _____

GENERAL INFORMATION:

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

NON-EMPLOYEE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

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

I understand and agree that I am not an employee of the County of Los Angeles for any purpose whatsoever and that I do not have and will not acquire any rights or benefits of any kind from the County of Los Angeles by virtue of my performance of work under the above-referenced Master Agreement. I understand and agree that I do not have and will not acquire any rights or benefits from the County of Los Angeles pursuant to any agreement between any person or entity and the County of Los Angeles.

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

CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT:

I may be involved with work pertaining to services provided by the County of Los Angeles and, if so, I may have access to confidential data and information pertaining to persons and/or entities receiving services from the County. In addition, I may also have access to proprietary information supplied by other vendors doing business with the County of Los Angeles. The County has a legal obligation to protect all such confidential data and information in its possession, especially data and information concerning health, criminal, and welfare recipient records. I understand that if I am involved in County work, the County must ensure that I, too, will protect the confidentiality of such data and information. Consequently, I understand that I must sign this agreement as a condition of my work to be provided by the above-referenced Contractor for the County. I have read this agreement and have taken due time to consider it prior to signing.

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

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

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

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: ____/____/____

PRINTED NAME: _____

POSITION: _____

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County is a Covered Entity as defined by, and subject to the requirements and prohibitions of, the Administrative Simplification provisions of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, Public Law 104-191 ("HIPAA"), and regulations promulgated thereunder, including the Privacy, Security, Breach Notification, and Enforcement Rules at 45 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) Parts 160 and 164 (collectively, the "HIPAA Rules").

Contractor performs or provides functions, activities or services to County that require Contractor in order to provide such functions, activities or services to create, access, receive, maintain, and/or transmit information that includes or that may include Protected Health Information, as defined by the HIPAA Rules. As such, Contractor is a Business Associate, as defined by the HIPAA Rules, and is therefore subject to those provisions of the HIPAA Rules that are applicable to Business Associates.

The HIPAA Rules require a written agreement ("Business Associate Agreement") between County and Contractor in order to mandate certain protections for the privacy and security of Protected Health Information, and these HIPAA Rules prohibit the disclosure to or use of Protected Health Information by Contractor if such an agreement is not in place.

This Business Associate Agreement and its provisions are intended to protect the privacy and provide for the security of Protected Health Information disclosed to or used by Contractor in compliance with the HIPAA Rules.

Therefore, the parties agree as follows:

1. DEFINITIONS

- 1.1 "Breach" has the same meaning as the term "breach" at 45 C.F.R. § 164.402.
- 1.2 "Business Associate" has the same meaning as the term "business associate" at 45 C.F.R. § 160.103. For the convenience of the parties, a "business associate" is a person or entity, other than a member of the workforce of covered entity, who performs functions or activities on behalf of, or provides certain services to, a covered entity that involve access by the business associate to Protected Health Information. A "business associate" also is a subcontractor that creates, receives, maintains, or transmits Protected Health Information on behalf of another business associate. And in reference to the party to this Business Associate Agreement "Business Associate" shall mean Contractor.

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- 1.3 "Covered Entity" has the same meaning as the term "covered entity" at 45 C.F.R. § 160.103, and in reference to the party to this Business Associate Agreement, "Covered Entity" shall mean County.
- 1.4 "Data Aggregation" has the same meaning as the term "data aggregation" at 45 C.F.R. § 164.501.
- 1.5 "De-identification" refers to the de-identification standard at 45 C.F.R. § 164.514.
- 1.6 "Designated Record Set" has the same meaning as the term "designated record set" at 45 C.F.R. § 164.501.
- 1.7 "Disclose" and "Disclosure" mean, with respect to Protected Health Information, the release, transfer, provision of access to, or divulging in any other manner of Protected Health Information outside Business Associate's internal operations or to other than its workforce. (See 45 C.F.R. § 160.103.)
- 1.8 "Electronic Health Record" means an electronic record of health-related information on an individual that is created, gathered, managed, and consulted by authorized health care clinicians and staff. (See 42 U.S. C. § 17921.)
- 1.9 "Electronic Media" has the same meaning as the term "electronic media" at 45 C.F.R. § 160.103. For the convenience of the parties, electronic media means (1) Electronic storage material on which data is or may be recorded electronically, including, for example, devices in computers (hard drives) and any removable/transportable digital memory medium, such as magnetic tape or disk, optical disk, or digital memory card; (2) Transmission media used to exchange information already in electronic storage media. Transmission media include, for example, the Internet, extranet or intranet, leased lines, dial-up lines, private networks, and the physical movement of removable/transportable electronic storage media. Certain transmissions, including of paper, via facsimile, and of voice, via telephone, are not considered to be transmissions via electronic media if the information being exchanged did not exist in electronic form immediately before the transmission.
- 1.10 "Electronic Protected Health Information" has the same meaning as the term "electronic protected health information" at 45 C.F.R. § 160.103, limited to Protected Health Information created or received by Business Associate from or on behalf of Covered Entity. For the convenience of the parties, Electronic

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Protected Health Information means Protected Health Information that is (i) transmitted by electronic media; (ii) maintained in electronic media.

- 1.11 "Health Care Operations" has the same meaning as the term "health care operations" at 45 C.F.R. § 164.501.
- 1.12 "Individual" has the same meaning as the term "individual" at 45 C.F.R. § 160.103. For the convenience of the parties, Individual means the person who is the subject of Protected Health Information and shall include a person who qualifies as a personal representative in accordance with 45 C.F.R. § 164.502 (g).
- 1.13 "Law Enforcement Official" has the same meaning as the term "law enforcement official" at 45 C.F.R. § 164.103.
- 1.14 "Minimum Necessary" refers to the minimum necessary standard at 45 C.F.R. § 164.502 (b).
- 1.15 "Protected Health Information" has the same meaning as the term "protected health information" at 45 C.F.R. § 160.103, limited to the information created or received by Business Associate from or on behalf of Covered Entity. For the convenience of the parties, Protected Health Information includes information that (i) relates to the past, present or future physical or mental health or condition of an Individual; the provision of health care to an Individual, or the past, present or future payment for the provision of health care to an Individual; (ii) identifies the Individual (or for which there is a reasonable basis for believing that the information can be used to identify the Individual); and (iii) is created, received, maintained, or transmitted by Business Associate from or on behalf of Covered Entity, and includes Protected Health Information that is made accessible to Business Associate by Covered Entity. "Protected Health Information" includes Electronic Protected Health Information.
- 1.16 "Required by Law" " has the same meaning as the term "required by law" at 45 C.F.R. § 164.103.
- 1.17 "Secretary" has the same meaning as the term "secretary" at 45 C.F.R. § 160.103
- 1.18 "Security Incident" has the same meaning as the term "security incident" at 45 C.F.R. § 164.304.

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- 1.19 "Services" means, unless otherwise specified, those functions, activities, or services in the applicable underlying Agreement, Contract, Master Agreement, Work Order, or Purchase Order or other service arrangement, with or without payment, that gives rise to Contractor's status as a Business Associate.
- 1.20 "Subcontractor" has the same meaning as the term "subcontractor" at 45 C.F.R. § 160.103.
- 1.21 "Unsecured Protected Health Information" has the same meaning as the term "unsecured protected health information" at 45 C.F.R. § 164.402.
- 1.22 "Use" or "Uses" means, with respect to Protected Health Information, the sharing, employment, application, utilization, examination or analysis of such Information within Business Associate's internal operations. (See 45 C.F.R § 164.103.)
- 1.23 Terms used, but not otherwise defined in this Business Associate Agreement, have the same meaning as those terms in the HIPAA Rules.

2. PERMITTED AND REQUIRED USES AND DISCLOSURES OF PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION

- 2.1 Business Associate may only Use and/or Disclose Protected Health Information as necessary to perform Services, and/or as necessary to comply with the obligations of this Business Associate Agreement.
- 2.2 Business Associate may Use Protected Health Information for de-identification of the information if de-identification of the information is required to provide Services.
- 2.3 Business Associate may Use or Disclose Protected Health Information as Required by Law.
- 2.4 Business Associate shall make Uses and Disclosures and requests for Protected Health Information consistent with the Covered Entity's applicable Minimum Necessary policies and procedures.
- 2.5 Business Associate may Use Protected Health Information as necessary for the proper management and administration of its business or to carry out its legal responsibilities.

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- 2.6 Business Associate may Disclose Protected Health Information as necessary for the proper management and administration of its business or to carry out its legal responsibilities, provided the Disclosure is Required by Law or Business Associate obtains reasonable assurances from the person to whom the Protected Health Information is disclosed (i.e., the recipient) that it will be held confidentially and Used or further Disclosed only as Required by Law or for the purposes for which it was disclosed to the recipient and the recipient notifies Business Associate of any instances of which it is aware in which the confidentiality of the Protected Health Information has been breached.
- 2.7 Business Associate may provide Data Aggregation services relating to Covered Entity's Health Care Operations if such Data Aggregation services are necessary in order to provide Services.

3. PROHIBITED USES AND DISCLOSURES OF PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION

- 3.1 Business Associate shall not Use or Disclose Protected Health Information other than as permitted or required by this Business Associate Agreement or as Required by Law.
- 3.2 Business Associate shall not Use or Disclose Protected Health Information in a manner that would violate Subpart E of 45 C.F.R. Part 164 if done by Covered Entity, except for the specific Uses and Disclosures set forth in Sections 2.5 and 2.6.
- 3.3 Business Associate shall not Use or Disclose Protected Health Information for de-identification of the information except as set forth in section 2.2.

4. OBLIGATIONS TO SAFEGUARD PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION

- 4.1 Business Associate shall implement, use, and maintain appropriate safeguards to prevent the Use or Disclosure of Protected Health Information other than as provided for by this Business Associate Agreement.
- 4.2 Business Associate shall comply with Subpart C of 45 C.F.R Part 164 with respect to Electronic Protected Health Information, to prevent the Use or Disclosure of such information other than as provided for by this Business Associate Agreement.

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5. **REPORTING NON-PERMITTED USES OR DISCLOSURES, SECURITY INCIDENTS,
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- 5.1 Business Associate shall report to Covered Entity any Use or Disclosure of Protected Health Information not permitted by this Business Associate Agreement, any Security Incident, and/ or any Breach of Unsecured Protected Health Information as further described in Sections 5.1.1, 5.1.2, and 5.1.3.
- 5.1.1 Business Associate shall report to Covered Entity any Use or Disclosure of Protected Health Information by Business Associate, its employees, representatives, agents or Subcontractors not provided for by this Agreement of which Business Associate becomes aware.
- 5.1.2 Business Associate shall report to Covered Entity any Security Incident of which Business Associate becomes aware.
- 5.1.3 Business Associate shall report to Covered Entity any Breach by Business Associate, its employees, representatives, agents, workforce members, or Subcontractors of Unsecured Protected Health Information that is known to Business Associate or, by exercising reasonable diligence, would have been known to Business Associate. Business Associate shall be deemed to have knowledge of a Breach of Unsecured Protected Health Information if the Breach is known, or by exercising reasonable diligence would have been known, to any person, other than the person committing the Breach, who is an employee, officer, or other agent of Business Associate, including a Subcontractor, as determined in accordance with the federal common law of agency.
- 5.2 Except as provided in Section 5.3, for any reporting required by Section 5.1, Business Associate shall provide, to the extent available, all information required by, and within the times frames specified in, Sections 5.2.1 and 5.2.2.
- 5.2.1 Business Associate shall make an immediate telephonic report upon discovery of the non-permitted Use or Disclosure of Protected Health Information, Security Incident or Breach of Unsecured Protected Health Information to **(562) 940-3335** that minimally includes:
- (a) A brief description of what happened, including the date of the non-permitted Use or Disclosure, Security Incident, or Breach and the

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date of Discovery of the non-permitted Use or Disclosure, Security Incident, or Breach, if known;

- (b) The number of Individuals whose Protected Health Information is involved;
- (c) A description of the specific type of Protected Health Information involved in the non-permitted Use or Disclosure, Security Incident, or Breach (such as whether full name, social security number, date of birth, home address, account number, diagnosis, disability code or other types of information were involved);
- (d) The name and contact information for a person highly knowledgeable of the facts and circumstances of the non-permitted Use or Disclosure of PHI, Security Incident, or Breach

5.2.2 Business Associate shall make a written report without unreasonable delay and in no event later than three (3) business days from the date of discovery by Business Associate of the non-permitted Use or Disclosure of Protected Health Information, Security Incident, or Breach of Unsecured Protected Health Information and to the **HIPAA Privacy Officer at: HIPAA Privacy Unit, County of Los Angeles, Risk Management Branch, 3333 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 820, Los Angeles, California 90010, HIPAA@ceo.lacounty.gov**, that includes, to the extent possible:

- (a) A brief description of what happened, including the date of the non-permitted Use or Disclosure, Security Incident, or Breach and the date of Discovery of the non-permitted Use or Disclosure, Security Incident, or Breach, if known;
- (b) The number of Individuals whose Protected Health Information is involved;
- (c) A description of the specific type of Protected Health Information involved in the non-permitted Use or Disclosure, Security Incident, or Breach (such as whether full name, social security number, date of birth, home address, account number, diagnosis, disability code or other types of information were involved);

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- (d) The identification of each Individual whose Unsecured Protected Health Information has been, or is reasonably believed by Business Associate to have been, accessed, acquired, Used, or Disclosed;
- (e) Any other information necessary to conduct an assessment of whether notification to the Individual(s) under 45 C.F.R. § 164.404 is required;
- (f) Any steps Business Associate believes that the Individual(s) could take to protect him or herself from potential harm from the non-permitted Use or Disclosure, Security Incident, or Breach;
- (g) A brief description of what Business Associate is doing to investigate, to mitigate harm to the Individual(s), and to protect against any further similar occurrences; and
- (h) The name and contact information for a person highly knowledgeable of the facts and circumstances of the non-permitted Use or Disclosure of PHI, Security Incident, or Breach.

5.2.3 If Business Associate is not able to provide the information specified in Section 5.2.1 or 5.2.2 at the time of the required report, Business Associate shall provide such information promptly thereafter as such information becomes available.

5.3 Business Associate may delay the notification required by Section 5.1.3, if a law enforcement official states to Business Associate that notification would impede a criminal investigation or cause damage to national security.

5.3.1 If the law enforcement official's statement is in writing and specifies the time for which a delay is required, Business Associate shall delay its reporting and/or notification obligation(s) for the time period specified by the official.

5.3.2 If the statement is made orally, Business Associate shall document the statement, including the identity of the official making the statement, and delay its reporting and/or notification obligation(s) temporarily and no longer than 30 days from the date of the oral statement, unless a written statement as described in Section 5.3.1 is submitted during that time.

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6. WRITTEN ASSURANCES OF SUBCONTRACTORS

- 6.1 In accordance with 45 C.F.R. § 164.502 (e)(1)(ii) and § 164.308 (b)(2), if applicable, Business Associate shall ensure that any Subcontractor that creates, receives, maintains, or transmits Protected Health Information on behalf of Business Associate is made aware of its status as a Business Associate with respect to such information and that Subcontractor agrees in writing to the same restrictions, conditions, and requirements that apply to Business Associate with respect to such information.
- 6.2 Business Associate shall take reasonable steps to cure any material breach or violation by Subcontractor of the agreement required by Section 6.1.
- 6.3 If the steps required by Section 6.2 do not cure the breach or end the violation, Contractor shall terminate, if feasible, any arrangement with Subcontractor by which Subcontractor creates, receives, maintains, or transmits Protected Health Information on behalf of Business Associate.
- 6.4 If neither cure nor termination as set forth in Sections 6.2 and 6.3 is feasible, Business Associate shall immediately notify County.
- 6.5 Without limiting the requirements of Section 6.1, the agreement required by Section 6.1 (Subcontractor Business Associate Agreement) shall require Subcontractor to contemporaneously notify Covered Entity in the event of a Breach of Unsecured Protected Health Information.
- 6.6 Without limiting the requirements of Section 6.1, agreement required by Section 6.1 (Subcontractor Business Associate Agreement) shall include a provision requiring Subcontractor to destroy, or in the alternative to return to Business Associate, any Protected Health Information created, received, maintained, or transmitted by Subcontractor on behalf of Business Associate so as to enable Business Associate to comply with the provisions of Section 18.4.
- 6.7 Business Associate shall provide to Covered Entity, at Covered Entity's request, a copy of any and all Subcontractor Business Associate Agreements required by Section 6.1.
- 6.8 Sections 6.1 and 6.7 are not intended by the parties to limit in any way the scope of Business Associate's obligations related to Subcontracts or Subcontracting in

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the applicable underlying Agreement, Contract, Master Agreement, Work Order, Purchase Order, or other services arrangement, with or without payment, that gives rise to Contractor's status as a Business Associate.

7. ACCESS TO PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION

- 7.1 To the extent Covered Entity determines that Protected Health Information is maintained by Business Associate or its agents or Subcontractors in a Designated Record Set, Business Associate shall, within two (2) business days after receipt of a request from Covered Entity, make the Protected Health Information specified by Covered Entity available to the Individual(s) identified by Covered Entity as being entitled to access and shall provide such Individuals(s) or other person(s) designated by Covered Entity with a copy the specified Protected Health Information, in order for Covered Entity to meet the requirements of 45 C.F.R. § 164.524.
- 7.2 If any Individual requests access to Protected Health Information directly from Business Associate or its agents or Subcontractors, Business Associate shall notify Covered Entity in writing within two (2) days of the receipt of the request. Whether access shall be provided or denied shall be determined by Covered Entity.
- 7.3 To the extent that Business Associate maintains Protected Health Information that is subject to access as set forth above in one or more Designated Record Sets electronically and if the Individual requests an electronic copy of such information, Business Associate shall provide the Individual with access to the Protected Health Information in the electronic form and format requested by the Individual, if it is readily producible in such form and format; or, if not, in a readable electronic form and format as agreed to by Covered Entity and the Individual.

8. AMENDMENT OF PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION

- 8.1 To the extent Covered Entity determines that any Protected Health Information is maintained by Business Associate or its agents or Subcontractors in a Designated Record Set, Business Associate shall, within ten (10) business days after receipt of a written request from Covered Entity, make any amendments to such Protected Health Information that are requested by Covered Entity, in order for Covered Entity to meet the requirements of 45 C.F.R. § 164.526.

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8.2 If any Individual requests an amendment to Protected Health Information directly from Business Associate or its agents or Subcontractors, Business Associate shall notify Covered Entity in writing within five (5) days of the receipt of the request. Whether an amendment shall be granted or denied shall be determined by Covered Entity.

9. ACCOUNTING OF DISCLOSURES OF PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION

9.1 Business Associate shall maintain an accounting of each Disclosure of Protected Health Information made by Business Associate or its employees, agents, representatives or Subcontractors, as is determined by Covered Entity to be necessary in order to permit Covered Entity to respond to a request by an Individual for an accounting of disclosures of Protected Health Information in accordance with 45 C.F.R. § 164.528.

9.1.1 Any accounting of disclosures provided by Business Associate under Section 9.1 shall include:

- (a) The date of the Disclosure;
- (b) The name, and address if known, of the entity or person who received the Protected Health Information;
- (c) A brief description of the Protected Health Information Disclosed; and
- (d) A brief statement of the purpose of the Disclosure.

9.1.2 For each Disclosure that could require an accounting under Section 9.1, Business Associate shall document the information specified in Section 9.1.1, and shall maintain the information for six (6) years from the date of the Disclosure.

9.2 Business Associate shall provide to Covered Entity, within ten (10) business days after receipt of a written request from Covered Entity, information collected in accordance with Section 9.1.1 to permit Covered Entity to respond to a request by an Individual for an accounting of disclosures of Protected Health Information in accordance with 45 C.F.R. § 164.528

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9.3 If any Individual requests an accounting of disclosures directly from Business Associate or its agents or Subcontractors, Business Associate shall notify Covered Entity in writing within five (5) days of the receipt of the request, and shall provide the requested accounting of disclosures to the Individual(s) within 30 days. The information provided in the accounting shall be in accordance with 45 C.F.R. § 164.528.

10. COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE HIPAA RULES

10.1 To the extent Business Associate is to carry out one or more of Covered Entity's obligation(s) under Subpart E of 45 C.F.R. Part 164, Business Associate shall comply with the requirements of Subpart E that apply to Covered Entity's performance of such obligation(s).

10.2 Business Associate shall comply with all HIPAA Rules applicable to Business Associate in the performance of Services.

11. AVAILABILITY OF RECORDS

11.1 Business Associate shall make its internal practices, books, and records relating to the Use and Disclosure of Protected Health Information received from, or created or received by Business Associate on behalf of Covered Entity available to the Secretary for purposes of determining Covered Entity's compliance with the Privacy and Security Regulations.

11.2 Unless prohibited by the Secretary, Business Associate shall immediately notify Covered Entity of any requests made by the Secretary and provide Covered Entity with copies of any documents produced in response to such request.

12. MITIGATION OF HARMFUL EFFECTS

12.1 Business Associate shall mitigate, to the extent practicable, any harmful effect of a Use or Disclosure of Protected Health Information by Business Associate in violation of the requirements of this Business Associate Agreement that is known to Business Associate.

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13. BREACH NOTIFICATION TO INDIVIDUALS

13.1 Business Associate shall, to the extent Covered Entity determines that there has been a Breach of Unsecured Protected Health Information by Business Associate, its employees, representatives, agents or Subcontractors, provide breach notification to the Individual in a manner that permits Covered Entity to comply with its obligations under 45 C.F.R. § 164.404.

13.1.1 Business Associate shall notify, subject to the review and approval of Covered Entity, each Individual whose Unsecured Protected Health Information has been, or is reasonably believed to have been, accessed, acquired, Used, or Disclosed as a result of any such Breach.

13.1.2 The notification provided by Business Associate shall be written in plain language, shall be subject to review and approval by Covered Entity, and shall include, to the extent possible:

- (a) A brief description of what happened, including the date of the Breach and the date of the Discovery of the Breach, if known;
- (b) A description of the types of Unsecured Protected Health Information that were involved in the Breach (such as whether full name, social security number, date of birth, home address, account number, diagnosis, disability code, or other types of information were involved);
- (c) Any steps the Individual should take to protect him or herself from potential harm resulting from the Breach;
- (d) A brief description of what Business Associate is doing to investigate the Breach, to mitigate harm to Individual(s), and to protect against any further Breaches; and
- (e) Contact procedures for Individual(s) to ask questions or learn additional information, which shall include a toll-free telephone number, an e-mail address, Web site, or postal address.

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- 13.2 Covered Entity, in its sole discretion, may elect to provide the notification required by Section 13.1 and/or to establish the contact procedures described in Section 13.1.2.
- 13.3 Business Associate shall reimburse Covered Entity any and all costs incurred by Covered Entity, in complying with Subpart D of 45 C.F.R. Part 164, including but not limited to costs of notification, internet posting, or media publication, as a result of Business Associate's Breach of Unsecured Protected Health Information; Covered Entity shall not be responsible for any costs incurred by Business Associate in providing the notification required by 13.1 or in establishing the contact procedures required by Section 13.1.2.

14. INDEMNIFICATION

- 14.1 Business Associate shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Covered Entity, its Special Districts, elected and appointed officers, employees, and agents from and against any and all liability, including but not limited to demands, claims, actions, fees, costs, expenses (including attorney and expert witness fees), and penalties and/or fines (including regulatory penalties and/or fines), arising from or connected with Business Associate's acts and/or omissions arising from and/or relating to this Business Associate Agreement, including, but not limited to, compliance and/or enforcement actions and/or activities, whether formal or informal, by the Secretary or by the Attorney General of the State of California.
- 14.2 Section 14.1 is not intended by the parties to limit in any way the scope of Business Associate's obligations related to Insurance and/or Indemnification in the applicable underlying Agreement, Contract, Master Agreement, Work Order, Purchase Order, or other services arrangement, with or without payment, that gives rise to Contractor's status as a Business Associate.

15. OBLIGATIONS OF COVERED ENTITY

- 15.1 Covered Entity shall notify Business Associate of any current or future restrictions or limitations on the Use or Disclosure of Protected Health Information that would affect Business Associate's performance of the Services, and Business Associate shall thereafter restrict or limit its own Uses and Disclosures accordingly.
- 15.2 Covered Entity shall not request Business Associate to Use or Disclose Protected Health Information in any manner that would not be permissible under Subpart E

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of 45 C.F.R. Part 164 if done by Covered Entity, except to the extent that Business Associate may Use or Disclose Protected Health Information as provided in Sections 2.3, 2.5, and 2.6.

16. TERM

- 16.1 Unless sooner terminated as set forth in Section 17, the term of this Business Associate Agreement shall be the same as the term of the applicable underlying Agreement, Contract, Master Agreement, Work Order, Purchase Order, or other service arrangement, with or without payment, that gives rise to Contractor's status as a Business Associate.
- 16.2 Notwithstanding Section 16.1, Business Associate's obligations under Sections 11, 14, and 18 shall survive the termination or expiration of this Business Associate Agreement.

17. TERMINATION FOR CAUSE

- 17.1 In addition to and notwithstanding the termination provisions set forth in the applicable underlying Agreement, Contract, Master Agreement, Work Order, Purchase Order, or other services arrangement, with or without payment, that gives rise to Contractor's status as a Business Associate, if either party determines that the other party has violated a material term of this Business Associate Agreement, and the breaching party has not cured the breach or ended the violation within the time specified by the non-breaching party, which shall be reasonable given the nature of the breach and/or violation, the non-breaching party may terminate this Business Associate Agreement.
- 17.2 In addition to and notwithstanding the termination provisions set forth in the applicable underlying Agreement, Contract, Master Agreement, Work Order, Purchase Order, or other services arrangement, with or without payment, that gives rise to Contractor's status as a Business Associate, if either party determines that the other party has violated a material term of this Business Associate Agreement, and cure is not feasible, the non-breaching party may terminate this Business Associate Agreement immediately.

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18. DISPOSITION OF PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION UPON TERMINATION OR EXPIRATION

- 18.1 Except as provided in Section 18.3, upon termination for any reason or expiration of this Business Associate Agreement, Business Associate shall return or, if agreed to by Covered entity, shall destroy as provided for in Section 18.2, all Protected Health Information received from Covered Entity, or created, maintained, or received by Business Associate on behalf of Covered Entity, that Business Associate, including any Subcontractor, still maintains in any form. Business Associate shall retain no copies of the Protected Health Information.
- 18.2 Destruction for purposes of Section 18.2 and Section 6.6 shall mean that media on which the Protected Health Information is stored or recorded has been destroyed and/or electronic media have been cleared, purged, or destroyed in accordance with the use of a technology or methodology specified by the Secretary in guidance for rendering Protected Health Information unusable, unreadable, or indecipherable to unauthorized individuals.
- 18.3 Notwithstanding Section 18.1, in the event that return or destruction of Protected Health Information is not feasible or Business Associate determines that any such Protected Health Information is necessary for Business Associate to continue its proper management and administration or to carry out its legal responsibilities, Business Associate may retain that Protected Health Information for which destruction or return is infeasible or that Protected Health Information which is necessary for Business Associate to continue its proper management and administration or to carry out its legal responsibilities and shall return or destroy all other Protected Health Information.
- 18.3.1 Business Associate shall extend the protections of this Business Associate Agreement to such Protected Health Information, including continuing to use appropriate safeguards and continuing to comply with Subpart C of 45 C.F.R Part 164 with respect to Electronic Protected Health Information, to prevent the Use or Disclosure of such information other than as provided for in Sections 2.5 and 2.6 for so long as such Protected Health Information is retained, and Business Associate shall not Use or Disclose such Protected Health Information other than for the purposes for which such Protected Health Information was retained.

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18.3.2 Business Associate shall return or, if agreed to by Covered entity, destroy the Protected Health Information retained by Business Associate when it is no longer needed by Business Associate for Business Associate's proper management and administration or to carry out its legal responsibilities.

18.4 Business Associate shall ensure that all Protected Health Information created, maintained, or received by Subcontractors is returned or, if agreed to by Covered entity, destroyed as provided for in Section 18.2.

19. AUDIT, INSPECTION, AND EXAMINATION

19.1 Covered Entity reserves the right to conduct a reasonable inspection of the facilities, systems, information systems, books, records, agreements, and policies and procedures relating to the Use or Disclosure of Protected Health Information for the purpose determining whether Business Associate is in compliance with the terms of this Business Associate Agreement and any non-compliance may be a basis for termination of this Business Associate Agreement and the applicable underlying Agreement, Contract, Master Agreement, Work Order, Purchase Order or other services arrangement, with or without payment, that gives rise to Contractor's status as a Business Associate, as provided for in section 17.

19.2 Covered Entity and Business Associate shall mutually agree in advance upon the scope, timing, and location of any such inspection.

19.3 At Business Associate's request, and to the extent permitted by law, Covered Entity shall execute a nondisclosure agreement, upon terms and conditions mutually agreed to by the parties.

19.4 That Covered Entity inspects, fails to inspect, or has the right to inspect as provided for in Section 19.1 does not relieve Business Associate of its responsibility to comply with this Business Associate Agreement and/or the HIPAA Rules or impose on Covered Entity any responsibility for Business Associate's compliance with any applicable HIPAA Rules.

19.5 Covered Entity's failure to detect, its detection but failure to notify Business Associate, or its detection but failure to require remediation by Business Associate of an unsatisfactory practice by Business Associate, shall not constitute acceptance of such practice or a waiver of Covered Entity's enforcement rights under this Business Associate Agreement or the applicable underlying

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- 19.6 Section 19.1 is not intended by the parties to limit in any way the scope of Business Associate's obligations related to Inspection and/or Audit and/or similar review in the applicable underlying Agreement, Contract, Master Agreement, Work Order, Purchase Order, or other services arrangement, with or without payment, that gives rise to Contractor's status as a Business Associate.

20. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

- 20.1 Disclaimer. Covered Entity makes no warranty or representation that compliance by Business Associate with the terms and conditions of this Business Associate Agreement will be adequate or satisfactory to meet the business needs or legal obligations of Business Associate.
- 20.2 HIPAA Requirements. The Parties agree that the provisions under HIPAA Rules that are required by law to be incorporated into this Amendment are hereby incorporated into this Agreement.
- 20.3 No Third Party Beneficiaries. Nothing in this Business Associate Agreement shall confer upon any person other than the parties and their respective successors or assigns, any rights, remedies, obligations, or liabilities whatsoever.
- 20.4 Construction. In the event that a provision of this Business Associate Agreement is contrary to a provision of the applicable underlying Agreement, Contract, Master Agreement, Work Order, Purchase Order, or other services arrangement, with or without payment, that gives rise to Contractor's status as a Business Associate, the provision of this Business Associate Agreement shall control. Otherwise, this Business Associate Agreement shall be construed under, and in accordance with, the terms of the applicable underlying Agreement, Contract, Master Agreement, Work Order, Purchase Order or other services arrangement, with or without payment, that gives rise to Contractor's status as a Business Associate.
- 20.5 Regulatory References. A reference in this Business Associate Agreement to a section in the HIPAA Rules means the section as in effect or as amended.

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- 20.6 Interpretation. Any ambiguity in this Business Associate Agreement shall be resolved in favor of a meaning that permits the parties to comply with the HIPAA Rules.
- 20.7 Amendment. The parties agree to take such action as is necessary to amend this Business Associate Agreement from time to time as is necessary for Covered Entity or Business Associate to comply with the requirements of the HIPAA Rules and any other privacy laws governing Protected Health Information.

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The Board of Supervisors finds that significant revenues are lost each year as a result of taxpayers who fail to pay their tax obligations on time. The delinquencies impose an economic burden upon the County and its taxpayers. Therefore, the Board of Supervisors establishes the goal of ensuring that individuals and businesses that benefit financially from contracts with the County fulfill their property tax obligation. (Ord. No. 2009-0026 § 1 (part), 2009.)

2.206.020 Definitions.

The following definitions shall be applicable to this chapter:

- A. "Contractor" shall mean any person, firm, corporation, partnership, or combination thereof, which submits a bid or proposal or enters into a contract or agreement with the County.
- B. "County" shall mean the county of Los Angeles or any public entities for which the Board of Supervisors is the governing body.
- C. "County Property Taxes" shall mean any property tax obligation on the County's secured or unsecured roll; except for tax obligations on the secured roll with respect to property held by a Contractor in a trust or fiduciary capacity or otherwise not beneficially owned by the Contractor.
- D. "Department" shall mean the County department, entity, or organization responsible for the solicitation and/or administration of the contract.
- E. "Default" shall mean any property tax obligation on the secured roll that has been deemed defaulted by operation of law pursuant to California Revenue and Taxation Code section 3436; or any property tax obligation on the unsecured roll that remains unpaid on the applicable delinquency date pursuant to California Revenue and Taxation Code section 2922; except for any property tax obligation dispute pending before the Assessment Appeals Board.
- F. "Solicitation" shall mean the County's process to obtain bids or proposals for goods and services.
- G. "Treasurer-Tax Collector" shall mean the Treasurer and Tax Collector of the County of Los Angeles. (Ord. No. 2009-0026 § 1 (part), 2009.)

2.206.030 Applicability.

This chapter shall apply to all solicitations issued 60 days after the effective date of the ordinance codified in this chapter. This chapter shall also apply to all new, renewed, extended, and/or amended contracts entered into 60 days after the effective date of the ordinance codified in this chapter. (Ord. No. 2009-0026 § 1 (part), 2009.)

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2.206.040 Required solicitation and contract language.

All solicitations and all new, renewed, extended, and/or amended contracts shall contain language which:

- A. Requires any Contractor to keep County Property Taxes out of Default status at all times during the term of an awarded contract;
- B. Provides that the failure of the Contractor to comply with the provisions in this chapter may prevent the Contractor from being awarded a new contract; and
- C. Provides that the failure of the Contractor to comply with the provisions in this chapter may constitute a material breach of an existing contract, and failure to cure the breach within 10 days of notice by the County by paying the outstanding County Property Tax or making payments in a manner agreed to and approved by the Treasurer-Tax Collector, may subject the contract to suspension and/or termination. (Ord. No. 2009-0026 § 1 (part), 2009.)

2.206.050 Administration and compliance certification.

A. The Treasurer-Tax Collector shall be responsible for the administration of this chapter. The Treasurer-Tax Collector shall, with the assistance of the Chief Executive Officer, Director of Internal Services, and County Counsel, issue written instructions on the implementation and ongoing administration of this chapter. Such instructions may provide for the delegation of functions to other departments.

B. Contractor shall be required to certify, at the time of submitting any bid or proposal to the County, or entering into any new contract, or renewal, extension or amendment of an existing contract with the County, that it is in compliance with this chapter is not in Default on any County Property Taxes or is current in payments due under any approved payment arrangement. (Ord. No. 2009-0026 § 1 (part), 2009.)

2.206.060 Exclusions/Exemptions.

A. This chapter shall not apply to the following contracts:

- 1. Chief Executive Office delegated authority agreements under \$50,000;
- 2. A contract where federal or state law or a condition of a federal or state program mandates the use of a particular contractor;
- 3. A purchase made through a state or federal contract;
- 4. A contract where state or federal monies are used to fund service related programs, including but not limited to voucher programs, foster care, or other social programs that provide immediate direct assistance;
- 5. Purchase orders under a master agreement, where the Contractor was certified at the time the master agreement was entered into and at any subsequent renewal, extension and/or amendment to the master agreement.
- 6. Purchase orders issued by Internal Services Department under \$100,000 that is not the result of a competitive bidding process.
- 7. Program agreements that utilize Board of Supervisors' discretionary funds;
- 8. National contracts established for the purchase of equipment and supplies for and by the National Association of Counties, U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance, or any similar related group purchasing organization;
- 9. A monopoly purchase that is exclusive and proprietary to a specific manufacturer, distributor, reseller, and must match and inter-member with existing supplies, equipment or systems maintained by the county pursuant to the Los Angeles Purchasing Policy and Procedures Manual, section P-3700 or a successor provision;

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UNIQUE EXHIBITS**

DEFAULTED PROPERTY TAX REDUCTION PROGRAM

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10. A revolving fund (petty cash) purchase pursuant to the Los Angeles County Fiscal Manual, section 4.6.0 or a successor provision;
 11. A purchase card purchase pursuant to the Los Angeles County Purchasing Policy and Procedures Manual, section P-2810 or a successor provision;
 12. A non-agreement purchase worth a value of less than \$5,000 pursuant to the Los Angeles County Purchasing Policy and Procedures Manual, section A-0300 or a successor provision; or
 13. A bona fide emergency purchase pursuant to the Los Angeles County Purchasing Policy and Procedures Manual section P-0900 or a successor provision;
 14. Other contracts for mission critical goods and/or services where the Board of Supervisors determines that an exemption is justified.
- B. Other laws. This chapter shall not be interpreted or applied to any Contractor in a manner inconsistent with the laws of the United States or California. (Ord. No. 2009-0026 § 1 (part), 2009.)

2.206.070 Enforcement and remedies.

- A. The information furnished by each Contractor certifying that it is in compliance with this chapter shall be under penalty of perjury.
- B. No Contractor shall willfully and knowingly make a false statement certifying compliance with this chapter for the purpose of obtaining or retaining a County contract.
- C. For Contractor's violation of any provision of this chapter, the County department head responsible for administering the contract may do one or more of the following:
 1. Recommend to the Board of Supervisors the termination of the contract; and/or,
 2. Pursuant to chapter 2.202, seek the debarment of the contractor; and/or,
 3. Recommend to the Board of Supervisors that an exemption is justified pursuant to [Section 2.206.060.A.14](#) of this chapter or payment deferral as provided pursuant to the California Revenue and Taxation Code. (Ord. No. 2009-0026 § 1 (part), 2009.)

2.206.080 Severability.

If any provision of this chapter is found invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect. (Ord. No. 2009-0026 § 1 (part), 2009.)

APPENDIX I

STATEMENT OF WORK

FIREARMS SERVICES

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1.0 SCOPE OF WORK

- 1.1 The County of Los Angeles (County) Treasurer and Tax Collector (TTC) is the ex officio Public Administrator (PA) for the County, and the PA is responsible for administering decedent estates in accordance with the California Probate Code. The PA has authority to sell firearms from estates through qualified firearms dealers under [California Penal Code, sections 27545](#) and [31700\(b\)](#). In addition, [Government Code section 27400](#) states that the Treasurer and Tax Collector is the ex-officio license collector for the County.
- 1.2 The PA also provides administrative services to the Public Guardian (PG), a division of the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (DMH), responsible for administering the estates of clients under conservatorship.
- 1.3 The PA provides this Statement of Work (SOW) to enable the County to establish a list of qualified firearms dealers to purchase firearms and related items.
- 1.4 The PA will invite from the established list of qualified firearms dealers to participate in a competitive sale of firearms and related items. The firearms dealer with the highest bid will purchase the items.
- 1.5 Historically, the PA has sold 170 to 200 firearms and related items annually.
- 1.6 The PA will also provide the names and addresses of the firearms dealers to interested parties to facilitate estate legal transfers, if requested by the interested parties.

2.0 DEFINITIONS

The headings in the SOW are for reference only and do not define the scope of any provision in the SOW. The following definitions below shall have the meanings indicated, unless another meaning is apparent from the context in which the term is used.

- 2.1 **Business Days:** Monday through Friday, excluding County observed holidays, unless otherwise stated.
- 2.2 **Calendar Days:** Monday through Sunday, including County observed holidays, unless otherwise stated.
- 2.3 **Competitive Sale:** A periodic sale conducted by the PA to sell Firearms and related items to a contracted firearms dealer offering the highest bid in a competitive bidding process.

- 2.4 **Contractor:** The sole proprietor, partnership, corporation, or other legal entity that has entered into the Master Agreement with the County to perform or execute the work covered by the Master Agreement.
- 2.5 **Contractor's Alternate Contract Manager:** The authorized individual designated by the Contractor to act as the Contractor's Contract Manager in his/her absence.
- 2.6 **Contractor's Contract Administrator:** The authorized individual designated by the Contractor as principal officer to oversee contractual or administrative matters relating to the Master Agreement that cannot be resolved by the Contractor's Contract Manager.
- 2.7 **Contractor's Contract Manager:** The authorized individual designated by the Contractor to administer the Master Agreement operations after the Master Agreement award.
- 2.8 **Contractor's Financial Manager:** The individual designated by the Contractor to have full authority to act on behalf of the Contractor in all matters related to invoicing under the Master Agreement after the Master Agreement Award.
- 2.9 **Contractor's Staff:** All persons assigned by the Contractor to perform services pursuant to the Master Agreement inclusive of, but not limited to, partners, officers, owners, volunteers and interns.
- 2.10 **County:** The County of Los Angeles.
- 2.11 **County's Alternate Contract Manager:** The authorized person designated by the County to act as the County's Contract Manager in his/her absence.
- 2.12 **County's Contract Administrator:** The person designated by the County with authority for the County on contractual or administrative matters relating to this Master Agreement which cannot be resolved by the County's Contract Manager.
- 2.13 **County's Contract Manager:** The authorized person designated by the County's Contract Administrator to manage the operations under this Master Agreement.
- 2.14 **County's Contract Monitor:** Person with responsibility to oversee the day-to-day activities of this Contract. Responsibility for inspections of any and all tasks, deliverables, goods, services, and other work provided by the Contractor.

- 2.15 **Firearms:** All projectile firing weapons as defined in Federal law, as well as pre-1898 projectile firing weapons (i.e. matchlock, flintlock, breech, and muzzle-loading weapons). In addition, Firearms also include firearm parts, accessories, magazines and related items.
- 2.16 **Hall of Records:** 320 West Temple Street, 8th Floor, Los Angeles, California, 90012.
- 2.17 **Lot:** A collection of Firearms and related items assembled by the PA for Competitive Sale to a Contractor with the highest bid. Each Lot may contain 30 to 50 Firearms and/or related items.
- 2.18 **Notice of Competitive Sale:** Notifications issued to all current Contractors under the Master Agreement identifying the date, time and location when Firearms and related items are offered for sale by Lot.
- 2.19 **Public Administrator (PA):** The County officer and his deputized staff responsible for protecting and administering estates of deceased individuals. The Treasurer and Tax Collector serves as the ex officio Public Administrator for the County. The PA is also the agent of the Public Guardian for the disposition of Firearms in estates of clients under the Public Guardian's authority.
- 2.20 **Public Guardian (PG):** The Office of the Public Guardian, a division of the County's Department of Mental Health, responsible for protecting and administering the trusts and estates of clients under conservatorship.
- 2.21 **Request for Statement of Qualifications (RFSQ):** A type of solicitation used to select qualified Contractors to provide specific services through Master Agreements.
- 2.22 **Statement of Qualifications (SOQ):** A Contractor's response to an RFSQ.
- 2.23 **The Treasurer and Tax Collector:** The Director of the County's Department of the Treasurer and Tax Collector.
- 2.24 **TTC:** The County of Los Angeles Department of Treasurer and Tax Collector.

3.0 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- 3.1 The PA will notify the Contractors of a scheduled Competitive Sale at least ten business days in advance of the Competitive Sale.

- 3.1.1 The PA will include a descriptive summary of the Lot. (SOW Exhibit 1 -- Sample Lot for Sale).
- 3.1.2 The PA will provide the Terms and Conditions applicable to the Competitive Sale, (SOW Exhibit 2 -- Competitive Sale Terms and Conditions) at each Competitive Sale. Failure to read these Terms and Conditions prior to a Competitive Sale does not release the Contractor from requirements outlined in this Exhibit. Contractor automatically accepts and agrees to all terms and conditions by attending a Competitive Sale.
- 3.1.3 Contractors interested in purchasing a Lot of Firearms shall attend the Competitive Sale to be held at the Hall of Records or at an alternate location, to be determined at a later date.
- 3.1.4 Firearms will be available for inspection for at least one hour prior to the Competitive Sale, after which time the PA will conduct the Competitive Sale.
- 3.1.5 The Contractor with the highest bid at the Competitive Sale purchases the Lot.
- 3.2 The PA shall determine the Lots. Contractors cannot choose which Firearms in a Lot to purchase. The Lot offered for sale must be purchased in its entirety.
- 3.3 The PA does not guarantee a minimum or maximum number of Competitive Sales or Lots, nor the total number of Firearms for sale in any calendar year period to any Contractor.
- 3.4 Upon conclusion of the Competitive Sale, the Contractor shall remit payment in full to the PA prior to taking possession of the Firearms. Payment must be made in the form of a Federal Reserve Bank funds wire or cashier's check made payable to the "Public Administrator". Cash, credit cards, and checks will not be accepted.
- 3.5 The inability of the highest bidding Contractor to provide payment at the time of the Competitive Sale will void the Contractor's bid. In such an event, the PA may declare the Contractor with the next highest bid as the successful Contractor, reopen the bidding process, or declare a failed Competitive Sale. If the PA declares a failed Competitive Sale, the PA may reconvene the Competitive Sale at a later time, redistribute the Lots, include the Lot in a new Lot, or other option at the sole discretion of the PA.

- 3.6 The Contractor shall take possession of all purchased items at the time of payment, immediately following the Competitive Sale. The Contractor will acknowledge purchase and possession by signing the PA's documents and custodial records. To avoid the PA's declaration of a failed Competitive Sale, successful payment, acknowledgement of purchase, and taking possession must occur immediately following the Competitive Sale.
- 3.7 Days on which County departments are closed for business in observance of significant events. Contractor is not required to provide services on County observed holidays unless otherwise stated in the SOW or Master Agreement. The following are the holidays observed by the County:
- New Year's Day
 - Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday
 - Presidents' Day
 - Cesar Chavez Day
 - Memorial Day
 - Independence Day
 - Labor Day
 - Indigenous Peoples' Day
 - Veterans Day
 - Thanksgiving Day
 - Friday after Thanksgiving Day
 - Christmas Day

4.0 COUNTY RESPONSIBILITIES

- 4.1 The PA, in conjunction with the County's Sheriff, exerts reasonable efforts to identify and exclude from Competitive Sale all Firearms barred by federal or state law, including improperly registered assault weapons and high capacity magazines. Barred items will be disposed of as provided by law and County procedures.
- 4.2 In the PA's sole discretion, the PA will assign Firearms to a Lot and schedule a Competitive Sale at the Hall of Records or at an alternate location, to be determined at a later date. The PA will provide notice to each Contractor, and provide descriptive information regarding the Lot(s) available for sale. Contractors cannot select specific Firearms for purchase.
- 4.3 The PA will conduct the Competitive Sale at the date and time scheduled, accepting bids from Contractors who respond to the notice and provide evidence of current valid licenses and permits needed to purchase all Firearms in the Lot. At the conclusion of the Competitive Sale, the PA will

declare the Contractor with the highest bid the successful purchaser of the Lot.

- 4.4 The PA will provide the documents required for PA purposes in recording the sale and release of Firearms in the Lot for the successful Contractor's execution. Following the Contractor's completed payment for the Lot, by Federal Reserve Bank funds wire or cashier's check, the PA will arrange for parking at the Hall of Records loading dock and facilitate the Contractor's removal of the Lot from the Hall of Records or from the alternate location.
- 4.5 The PA shall be responsible for any amendments to this SOW or changes to any of the Exhibits that occur as a result of a change in law, ordinance, and/or policy of Federal, State, County, or local municipal governments, or the PA. Master Agreement amendments may be necessary from time to time to align this SOW or an Exhibit with such requirements and/or policy. The PA will notify the Contractors in writing of Master Agreement amendments made to the SOW or an Exhibit.

5.0 CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITIES

- 5.1 The Contractor must be a qualified firearms dealer. At the Competitive Sale, the Contractor must furnish for PA inspection a copy of all current licenses, permits, and certifications applicable to the Lot, or a copy of the current California Department of Justice/Bureau of Firearms Centralized List Letter, including, but not limited to:
 - U.S. Department of Justice Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives - Federal Firearms License (FFL)
 - California Department of Justice/Bureau of Firearms - Certificate of Eligibility
 - California Department of Justice/Bureau of Firearms - Secondhand Dealer License
 - California State Board of Equalization - Seller's Permit
 - California Department of Justice/Bureau of Firearms - Dangerous Weapons License/Permit(s) (Assault Weapon/.50 BMG Rifle Permit) and/or High Capacity Magazine Permit, as applicable to the Lot offered for sale
 - Applicable Business and Gun Dealer License, under local jurisdiction/city regulation where the business is located
- 5.2 At the Competitive Sale, the Contractors should make their own determination whether items in the Lot are non-sellable, non-transferrable or illegal, such as damaged, inoperable, illegally modified, fully

automatic/machine guns, non-licensable, and/or related items that are not salvageable, and advise the PA of such a determination prior to beginning the bidding. The PA will note the Contractors' concerns, and may or may not remove Firearm(s) from the Lot, in the PA's sole discretion. All sales are final.

- 5.3 The Contractor is required to have permits to deal in dangerous and/or large caliber and other controlled weapons and high capacity magazines when such Firearms are included in a Lot. A Contractor unable to provide copies of current licenses and permits required to purchase all Firearms in the Lot will not be allowed to participate in the Competitive Sale.
- 5.4 The Contractor shall be responsible for complying with all applicable Federal, State, County, or local laws, ordinances, and/or policies and maintaining all licenses, permits, and required insurance coverage, at all times.
- 5.5 The Contractor shall be responsible for regularly attending and actively participating in Competitive Sales within the initial Term of the Master Agreement. A Contractor's failure to participate in more than five Competitive Sales during the initial Term, without good cause, will be deemed a breach of this requirement.
- 5.6 The Contractor shall provide proof of all applicable licenses and permits listed in Subparagraph 5.1. When the Contractor renews permits and licenses and employs additional licensed staff, the Contractor must submit copies of all applicable licenses and permits to the TTC within five business days of Contractor's receipt.
- 5.7 The Contractor shall report within two business days any expired, suspended, or revoked license or permit to the TTC in writing. The Contractor's failure to report any expired, suspended, or revoked license or permit constitutes grounds for suspension from providing contracted services.
- 5.8 The Contractor shall allow the TTC access to and inspection of licenses, permits, and records applicable to any Competitive Sale, distribution, and/or documentation filed with the State of California within a reasonable time – in no event later than three business days from the date of the TTC's request.
- 5.9 The Contractor shall report to the TTC any pending action taken against the Contractor by any federal, state, County, or local agency for any violation of laws, ordinances, and/or policies. The Contractor shall report to the TTC any litigation pending or otherwise against the Contractor

and/or the owner(s), partner(s), and/or officer(s) within ten business days of service of process.

- 5.10 A Contractor shall not offer or give either directly or through an intermediary, consideration in any form to a County officer, employee, or agent for the purpose of securing favorable treatment. Among other items, such improper consideration may take the form of cash, discounts, services, the provision of travel or entertainment, or tangible gifts.
- 5.11 It is improper for any County officer, employee, or agent to solicit consideration in any form from a Contractor with the implication, suggestion or statement that Contractor's provision of the consideration may secure more favorable treatment for Contractor, or that Contractor's failure to provide such consideration may negatively affect County's consideration of Contractor's submission.
- 5.12 A Contractor shall immediately report any attempt by a County officer, employee, or agent to solicit such improper consideration. The report shall be made either to the County manager charged with the supervision of the employee or to the County Auditor-Controller's Employee Fraud Hotline at (800) 544-6861. Failure to report such a solicitation may result in the elimination of the Contractor's submission from consideration.
- 5.13 The Contractor shall indemnify and defend the County for any licensing fees, transaction fees, costs, taxes, penalties, and other charges the State or other agency may seek from the County for transactions the Contractor performs under this Contract. The County shall in no way be liable for any errors and omissions the Contractor commits in transactions involving Firearms subject to this Contract, and the Contractor shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the County against any claims or losses suffered by any person thereby.
- 5.14 Only Contractors are eligible to participate in a Competitive Sale.

6.0 CONTRACTOR PERFORMANCE

- 6.1 The TTC will evaluate the Contractor's performance, as defined in the Master Agreement, on an annual basis. Evaluations will include assessing the Contractor's compliance with all terms and conditions of the Contract. If the TTC determines the Contractor's deficiencies are severe or continuing, the TTC may suspend the Contractor from providing services. Or, at the TTC's sole discretion, the TTC may provide improvement/corrective action measures to be taken by the Contractor. If improvement does not occur consistent with the corrective action measures, the TTC may suspend the Contractor from providing services or impose other penalties as specified in the Contract.

- 6.2 The TTC will issue a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) to the Contractor when in the TTC's sole discretion the Contractor has the ability to correct minor deficiencies in a reasonable amount of time. A CAP will not be utilized to resolve deficiencies in meeting the minimum requirements of this SOW or solicitation document, or a significant deficiency(ies) in purchasing Firearms, or any deficiency(ies) in meeting Federal, State, County, or local laws, and permitting requirements.
- 6.3 Failure or refusal to adhere to/complete the terms of the CAP shall be grounds for cancellation of the Master Agreement at the TTC's sole discretion.
- 6.4 A Performance Requirements Summary (PRS) chart, Exhibit 2 of Appendix J, SOW and Sample Master Agreement Technical Exhibits, outlines the required services monitored by the TTC during the term of the Master Agreement. The PRS is an important monitoring tool for the County, which:
- References the applicable paragraphs of the Master Agreement;
 - Outlines the required services;
 - Indicates the method of monitoring; and,
 - States the deduction or fee assessed for services that are not satisfactory.

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

- 6.5 The PA will document Contractor conduct that in the PA's discretion is inappropriate or inconsistent with this SOW and may report such conduct to the Bureau of Firearms, California Attorney General's Office, or other enforcement agency as appropriate.

7.0 CONTRACTOR REMOVAL

- 7.1 The TTC has sole discretion to suspend a Contractor from providing services for a period of time to be determined at the time of suspension, or may cancel the Master Agreement, for the reasons provided below. The

TTC will notify a Contractor in writing of the effective date of the suspension or removal.

- 7.1.1 Failure to comply with corrective requirements of the annual Performance Evaluation;
 - 7.1.2 Failure to participate in five or more Competitive Sales within the initial Master Agreement term, without good cause, as determined by the TTC;
 - 7.1.3 Failure to obtain and maintain, or timely provide to the TTC, documentation of all applicable federal, state, County, and locally required licenses and/or certificates;
 - 7.1.4 Failure to obtain and maintain, or timely provide to the TTC, evidence of required insurance;
 - 7.1.5 Failure to obtain and maintain, or timely provide to the TTC, any agreed upon reports, documents, filings, or other data;
 - 7.1.6 Failure to provide any service(s) as described in this Master Agreement and as directed by the TTC;
 - 7.1.7 Involvement in legal proceedings that in the TTC's sole opinion may seriously jeopardize or bring into question the integrity of the Contractor and/or its owner(s), partner(s), or director(s), and/or the Contractor's ability to provide the services required herein;
 - 7.1.8 Willfully colluding with other Contractors to affect the outcome of a Competitive Sale, including stifling competition, artificially manipulating bids received for a Lot, and other measures adversely impacting the Competitive Sale;
 - 7.1.9 Submitting a false claim against an estate;
 - 7.1.10 Offering or presenting material gratuities to a TTC staff member;
 - 7.1.11 Any impropriety or misrepresentation that in the TTC's opinion is flagrant; and/or,
 - 7.1.12 Any other reason as determined in the TTC's sole discretion that warrants suspension or cancellation of the Contract.
- 7.2 A firearms dealer whose Master Agreement has been cancelled may submit a new SOQ in accordance with the RFSQ for Firearms Services.

- 7.2.1 Any SOQ not in accordance with the RFSQ referenced above will be rejected.
- 7.2.2 Any SOQ submitted prior to the expiration of the suspension period imposed by the TTC, will be rejected. The TTC will not consider an SOQ submitted by a suspended Contractor under a different name or business location.
- 7.2.3 Any Contractor and/or the principal owner(s) of a Contractor that appears on the County Debarment List shall be suspended from providing contracted services or the SOQ shall be rejected as appropriate.

LOT SALE DATE/TIME: Day, Date, Time
 LOCATION: 320 W. Temple, 8th Floor L.A., CA 90012
 RSVP:(213) 974-0404

FIREARMS SALE – Lot # 2017-01
 (SAMPLE LOT FOR SALE)

This sample Lot is abbreviated – average lot size is 30-50 firearms.

FIREARMS FOR SALE – By LOT (no individual sales)							
Estate #	Make	Model	Type	Caliber	Serial #	Description/Condition	Thumbnail
0021426-D	S&W	37 Airweight	Rev	.38 spl	1X752-R11	Snub nose; Good (slight cyl wear)	
0021426-D	Colt	Mk IV Mustang	SAP	.380	MU46728	w/ clip; Good (slight bluing loss)	
0021426-D	Ruger	10-22	Rfl	.22	110-88558	Semi-auto, heavy barrel, custom stock, scope mount; Excellent, missing mag	
0021426-D	Colt	Cobra	Rev	.38	F76409	Snub nose; Good (minor scratches)	
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**Competitive Sale
Terms and Conditions**

EXHIBIT 2

- 1) All sales of Firearms and related items are by Competitive Sale of a single Lot – no sub-division or diversion of select Firearms and/or related items– and each Lot is sold “As Is” and “With All Faults” and/or modifications.
- 2) Each bidder understands and agrees that descriptions and images of Firearms and related items included in Lots, and provided by TTC before each Competitive Sale, are provided only to assist each bidder in determining whether to participate in the bidding. The Firearms and related items are NOT WARRANTED, either expressly or impliedly, to actually conform to such descriptions and/or images. At least 1 hour will be allowed before each Competitive Sale for inspection and handling, and bidders are encouraged to inspect all Firearms and related items in each Lot before bidding.
- 3) Firearms and related items are available for inspection only at the times and place(s) specified by TTC. Competitive Sales will be conducted at the Public Administrator’s Offices at 320 West Temple Street, 8th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90012. TTC reserves the right to change the location of a Competitive Sale, with prior notice to all bidders, as business needs may require.
- 4) To participate in the bidding, each bidder must present a copy of his or her own current and valid California Department of Justice/Bureau of Firearms Centralized List Letter and government-issued photo ID. Proxy bidders and phone or internet bidding are not authorized and will not be provided for. Bidders also must pre-register their attendance at each Competitive Sale at least 24 hours in advance, by means provided in each Lot Competitive Sale notice.
- 5) These Terms and Conditions may or may not be read prior to the start of bidding; each bidder, by participating, acknowledges these terms and conditions and assents to them as a condition precedent to valid bidder participation. Failure to understand these Terms and Conditions is not a valid reason for rescinding any bid or sale. Announcements regarding Firearms and/or related items made at the Competitive Sale will take precedence over the Lot Notice of Competitive Sale.
- 6) TTC reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids for any reason. Unreasonably low bidding, whether or not in concert with other bidders, may result in TTC withdrawing the Lot from sale and declaring a failed Competitive Sale, to be rescheduled at another time. TTC’s representative will resolve all disputes, and the representative’s decision is final. A bidder’s retraction does not revive any previous bid. TTC’s representative shall determine at what amount bidding will resume if a Competitive Sale is interrupted for any reason.
- 7) Sales of Lots are to the highest bidder, and each bidder is responsible for verifying the Lot’s contents before bidding. Bidder failure to inspect the Firearms, misunderstanding as to Firearms and/or related items included, and similar concerns, are not considered adequate cause for cancellation of any Competitive Sale. **All sales are FINAL.**
- 8) All bidders must come prepared to make full payment by Federal Funds Wire or cashier’s check at the conclusion of each Competitive Sale. Cash, credit card or other means of payment are not allowed. TTC will acknowledge the successful (highest) bidder’s payment immediately upon receipt. Until payment is completed, TTC retains possession of the Firearms Lot.
- 9) The successful (highest) bidder must be prepared to take possession of the Lot purchased, and the Firearms and related items for distribution, immediately after completing payment. The PA will arrange short term parking of up to 20 minutes at the Hall of Records loading dock with the Sheriff for loading and transport of the Lot. Removal is at the expense, liability, and risk of the highest bidder.
- 10) Any fees for certifications, Intra-familial or Operation of Law Transfers, registrations and other costs and fees are as required by law or at the discretion of the bidder, and are due and payable only from the transferees. TTC and the estate(s) represented are not responsible for payment of any fees and costs that a bidder may pay for the subsequent sale or transfer of any Firearm or related items whatsoever.