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NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR LANDSCAPE AND GROUNDS MAINTENANCE SERVICES (2009-PA032)

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Public Works requests proposals for the contract for Landscape Maintenance Services (2009-PA032). The total annual contract amount of this service is estimated to be **\$107,500 for the Road Divisions 141/241 Medians; \$82,500 for the Road Divisions 146/446 Medians; \$110,000 for the San Gabriel Valley Medians; and \$49,000 for the Montrose/Altadena Medians.** The Request for Proposals (RFP) with contract specifications, forms, and instructions for preparing and submitting proposals can be accessed at <http://dpw.lacounty.gov/asd/contracts> or requested from Ms. Melissa Saradpon at (626) 458-4077, Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Each area will be awarded and evaluated independently. Proposers may submit a proposal for one or more areas or one proposal package for all areas. However, the Work Plan/Staffing Plan; Schedule of Prices, Form PW-2; and Cost Methodology, LW-8, must be customized for each area.

Minimum Requirement(s): Proposers must meet all minimum requirements set forth in the RFP document, including, but not limited to, Proposer or its managing employee and, if any, subcontractor, must have a minimum of three years of experience providing landscape maintenance services. In addition, the Proposer's on-site supervising employee must have a minimum of three years of experience supervising landscape maintenance services. Proposer must submit a copy of the Proposer's, employees' and/or subcontractor's valid C27 – Landscaping Contractor's License, California Qualified Applicator License, and California Pest Control Business License, issued by the State of California.

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A Proposers' Conference will be held on **Tuesday, November 10, 2009, at 3 p.m.** at Public Works Headquarters, 900 South Fremont Avenue, Alhambra, California 91803, in the Alhambra Room. **ATTENDANCE BY THE PROPOSER OR AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE AT THE CONFERENCE IS MANDATORY.** Public Works will **reject proposals from those whose attendance at the conference cannot be verified.** Attendees should be prepared to ask questions at that time about the specifications, proposal requirements, and contract terms. After the conference, it may be impossible to respond to further requests for information.

The deadline to submit proposals is Monday, November 30, 2009, at 5:30 p.m. Please direct your questions to Ms. Saradpon at (626) 458-4077.



The conference facility complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). With four business days' notice, Public Works will make all reasonable efforts to provide information in alternate formats and other accommodations for people with disabilities. For the ADA Coordinator, please call (626) 458-4081 or TDD at (626) 282-7829, Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Very truly yours,

GAIL FARBER
Director of Public Works

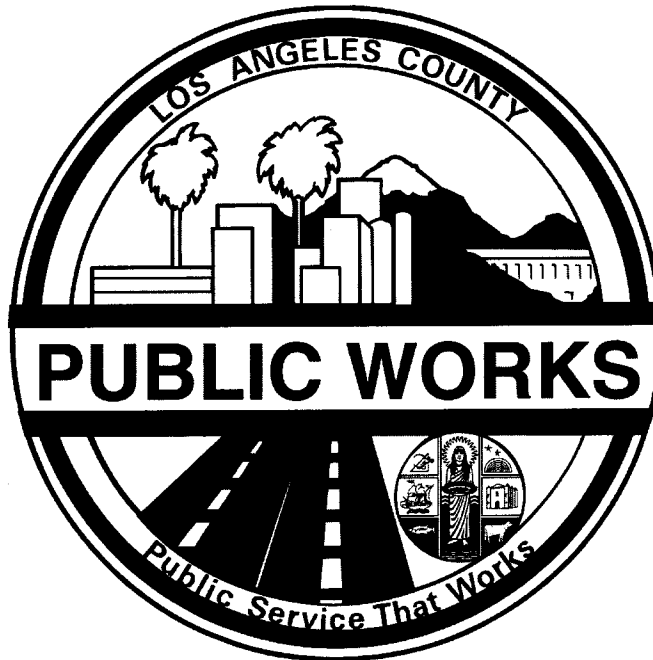

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
FOR
LANDSCAPE AND GROUNDS MAINTENANCE
SERVICES (2009-PA032)



Approved NOVEMBER 3, 2009
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PART I

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

SECTION 1

INTRODUCTION

A. Proposers' Conference

Each Proposer or an authorized representative must attend a Proposers' Conference to be held at the place, date, and time announced in the Notice of Request for Proposals. **ALL INTERESTED PROPOSERS OR THEIR AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE MUST ATTEND THIS CONFERENCE.** Proposals received from Proposers not signed in as attending this Conference will be rejected as nonresponsive. Proposers are encouraged to be prepared to ask questions concerning the Request for Proposals (RFP), Contract requirements, specifications, terms, and conditions. For example, questions may address concerns, if any, that the application of minimum mandatory requirements, evaluation criteria, and/or business requirements would unfairly disadvantage Proposers or, due to unclear instructions, may result in the County not receiving the best possible responses from Proposers. Upon conclusion of the Proposers' Conference, Public Works will only provide further clarifications and/or answers concerning this solicitation through an addendum(s) to all who attended the Conference.

B. Minimum Mandatory Requirements

Interested and qualified Proposers, who can demonstrate their ability to successfully provide the required services outlined in Exhibit A, Scope of Work, of this RFP are invited to submit a proposal for each landscape area, provided they meet the following requirement(s) at the time of proposal submission:

1. Proposer or its managing employee and if any, subcontractor, must have a minimum of three years of experience providing landscape maintenance services.
2. Proposer's on-site supervising employee must have a minimum of three years of experience supervising landscape maintenance services.
3. Proposer must submit a copy of the Proposer's, employees' and/or subcontractor's valid C27 – Landscaping Contractor's License, California Qualified Applicator License, and California Pest Control Business License issued by the State of California.

C. Contract Analyst

Proposers are instructed not to contact any County personnel other than the Contract Analyst listed below regarding this solicitation. All contact regarding this

RFP or any matter relating thereto must be in writing and may be mailed, e-mailed, or sent via facsimile to:

County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Administrative Services Division – 9th Floor
Attention Ms. Melissa Saradpon
P.O. Box 1460
Alhambra, California 91802-1460

E-mail: msaradpon@dpw.lacounty.gov
Telephone: (626) 458-4077
Facsimile: (626) 458-4194

If it is discovered that a Proposer contacted and received material information from any County personnel, other than the Contract analyst named in the Notice of Request for Proposals and above, regarding this solicitation, the County, in its sole determination, may disqualify their proposal from further consideration.

D. Child Support Compliance Program

Proposers shall: 1) fully comply with all applicable State and Federal reporting requirements relating to employment reporting for its employees; and 2) comply with all lawfully served Wage and Earnings Assignment Orders and Notices of Assignment, and continue to maintain compliance during the term of any Contract that may be awarded pursuant to this solicitation. Failure to comply may be cause for termination of a Contract and/or initiation of debarment proceedings against the noncompliant Contractor (County Code Chapter 2.202).

E. County Rights and Responsibilities

The County has the right to amend this RFP by written addendum prior to the proposal submission deadline. The County is responsible only for that which is expressly stated in this solicitation document and any authorized written addenda. Addendums shall be made available to each person or organization that attended the Proposers' Conference. Should an addendum(s) require additional information not previously requested, failure to address the requirements of such addendum may result in the proposal 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.

F. GAIN and GROW Programs

As a threshold requirement for consideration for Contract award, Proposers shall demonstrate a proven record of hiring participants in the County's Department of Public Social Services' Greater Avenue for Independence (GAIN) and General Relief Opportunity for Work (GROW) Programs or shall attest to a willingness to consider GAIN and GROW participants for any future employment opening if they

meet the minimum qualifications for that opening. Additionally, Proposers shall attest to a willingness to provide employed GAIN and GROW participants access to Proposer's employee mentoring program, if available, to assist these individuals in obtaining permanent employment and/or promotional opportunities. Proposers who are unable to meet this requirement shall not be considered for Contract award. Proposers shall certify compliance on Form PW-10, GAIN and GROW Employment Commitment.

G. Indemnification and Insurance

The successful Contractor will be required to comply with the indemnification provisions contained in Exhibit B, Section 5, Indemnification and Insurance Requirements. The Contractor will be required to procure, maintain, and provide the County proof of insurance coverage for all programs of insurance along with associated amounts specified throughout the entire term of the proposed Contract, without interruption or break in coverage.

H. Injury and Illness Prevention Program

The successful Contractor will be required to comply with the State of California's Cal/OSHA's 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.

I. Interpretation of Request for Proposals

The definitions and other rules of interpretation set forth in Part II, Sample Agreement and Exhibit B, Section 1, Interpretation of Contract, also apply to interpretation of this RFP.

J. Jury Service Program

1. The resultant Contract from this RFP will be subject to the requirements of the County's Contractor Employee Jury Service Ordinance (Jury Service Program, Los Angeles County Code Chapter 2.203). Proposers should carefully read the pertinent jury service provisions in the Sample Agreement (Part II, Exhibit B, Service Contract General Requirements, Section 7, Compliance with County's Jury Service Program). The Jury Service Program applies to both Contractorss and their subcontractors. Proposals that fail to comply with the requirements of the Jury Service Program will be considered nonresponsive and excluded from further consideration.
2. The Jury Service Program requires Contractors and their subcontractors to have and adhere to a written policy that provides that its employees shall receive from the Contractor, on an annual basis, no less than five days of regular pay for actual jury service. The policy may provide that employees deposit any fees received for such jury service with the Contractor or that the

Contractor deduct from the employee's regular pay the fees received for jury service. For purposes of the Jury Service Program, "employee" means any California resident who is a full-time employee of a Contractor, 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 Proposer 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 Contractor's full-time California employees, even those not working specifically on the County project. Full-time employees providing short-term, temporary services of 90 days or less within a 12-month period are not considered full-time for purposes of the Jury Service Program.

3. There are two ways in which a Contractor might not be subject to the Jury Service Program. The first is if the Contractor does not fall within the Jury Service Program's definition of "Contractor." The Jury Service Program defines "Contractor" to mean 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. The second is if the Contractor meets one of the two exceptions to the Jury Service Program. The first exception concerns small businesses and applies to Contractors 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 proposed 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 Contractors that possess a collective bargaining agreement that expressly supersedes the provisions of the Jury Service Program. The Contractor is subject to any provision of the Jury Service Program not expressly superseded by the collective bargaining agreement.
4. If a Contractor does not fall within the Jury Service Program's definition of "Contractor" or if it meets any of the exceptions to the Jury Service Program, then the Contractor must so indicate in the Contractor Employee Jury Service Program Application for Exception and Certification Form (Form PW-3) 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 Contractor's application, the County will determine, in its sole discretion, whether the Contractor falls within the definition of "Contractor" or meets any of the exceptions to the Jury Service Program. The County's decision will be final.

K. Living Wage Program

1. Proposers are advised that the Board has enacted the Living Wage Program (Form LW-1) for Contracts awarded under the authority of Los Angeles County Code Chapter 2.121.250 through 2.121.420

("Proposition A") as well as cafeteria service Contracts. In doing so, the Board made a finding that the Living Wage Program was not only to provide living wage and health benefits to employees working on these County Contracts, but it is also intended to relieve the County of the burden for providing social and health services to persons who receive less than a living wage. Any Contract resulting from this solicitation will be awarded under the Proposition A authority. The Living Wage Program (Los Angeles County Code Chapter 2.201) requires Contractors and subcontractors to pay their full-time employees providing these requested services no less than the County's living wage. The County has established the living wage as \$11.84 per hour without health benefits and \$9.64 per hour with qualifying health benefits. Contractors/ subcontractors to qualify for the lower hourly wage rate of \$9.64, the Contractor/Subcontractor shall pay at least an additional \$2.20 per hour toward the provision of a bona fide health care, vision, and/or dental benefit plan for each employee and any dependents. Contractors/Subcontractors will not be allowed to pay less than \$2.20 per hour toward an employee health benefit and pay the difference to the employee. Each Proposer shall complete the Contractor Living Wage Declaration (Form LW-3) and submit it with the Proposal, or, if appropriate, may submit the Living Wage Ordinance - Application for Exemption (Form LW-2), **at least seven days prior to the proposal submission deadline**. The requirements and terms of the Living Wage Program are nonnegotiable. Proposals that fail to comply with the requirements of the Living Wage Program will be considered nonresponsive and excluded from further consideration.

2. Proposer is further notified that throughout the term of the Contract resulting from this solicitation, the Contractor and its subcontractor(s) will be required to submit periodic monitoring reports for each employee providing services under the Contract, certifying under penalty of perjury, the hours worked, wages paid, and amounts paid towards each employee's health benefits.
3. At any time during the term of the Contract resulting from this solicitation, the County may conduct an audit of the successful Proposer's records as well as field visits with the Proposer's employees to ascertain compliance with the Living Wage Program.
4. Also, the successful Proposer will be required to place specified living wage posters at their place of business and locations where the Proposer's employees are working. The successful Proposer will also be required to distribute County-provided notices to each of its employees providing services to the County at least once per year.
5. Violations of the provisions of the Living Wage Program will subject the successful Proposer to withholding of monies owed it under the Contract, liquidated damages, termination, and/or debarment from future County

Contracts in accordance with Section 2.202.040 of Los Angeles County Code.

6. The Proposer will have to demonstrate a history of business stability, integrity in employee relations and financial ability to pay the Living Wage.
7. Any Proposer who submits false information may be barred from participating in this solicitation and future County solicitations/Contracts in accordance with Section 2.202.040 of Los Angeles County Code.

L. Local Small Business Enterprise Preference Program

1. To the extent permitted by State and federal law and when the price category is scored, the County will give Local SBE preference during the solicitation process to businesses that meet the definition of a Local Small Business Enterprise (Local SBE), consistent with Chapter 2.204.030C.1 of the Los Angeles County Code. A Local SBE is defined as: 1) A business certified by the State of California as a small business and 2) has had its principal office located in Los Angeles County for at least one year. The business must be certified by the Office of Affirmative Action Compliance as meeting the requirements set forth in 1 and 2 above prior to requesting the Local SBE Preference in a solicitation.
2. To apply for certification as a Local SBE, businesses may register at the Office of Affirmative Action Compliance's website at:

<http://oaac.co.la.ca.us/Contract/sbemain.html>
3. Certified Local SBEs must request the SBE Preference in their solicitation responses and may not request the preference unless the certification process has been completed and certification affirmed. Businesses must attach their Local SBE Certification Letter to a completed Form PW-9, Request for Local SBE Preference Program Consideration and CBE Firm/Organization Information Form with their proposal. Sanctions and financial penalties may apply to a business that knowingly, and with intent to defraud, seeks to obtain or maintain certification as a certified Local SBE.
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>.

M. Notification to County of Pending Acquisitions/Mergers by Proposing/Bidding Company

The Proposer shall notify the County of any pending acquisitions/mergers of their company. This information shall be provided by the Proposer on Form PW-1,

Verification of Proposal. The proposed Contract will only be awarded to the entity that submitted the proposal. Any acquisitions and merger will be handled pursuant to Exhibit B, Section 2.B, Assignment and Delegation and evaluated in accordance with the Board's policy regarding Contractors engaged in mergers and acquisitions. Failure of the Proposer to provide this information may eliminate its proposal/bid from any further consideration.

N. Prompt Payment Program

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

O. Proposal Requirements and Contract Specifications

1. Persons who wish to Contract with the County may respond to this RFP by submitting a proposal in the form described in the following Sections and Attachments. Proposers are instructed to carefully read these Terms, Requirements, Specifications, Conditions, Attachments, and Exhibits.
2. Requirements for proposals are explained in Part I of this RFP.
3. The proposed Contract's specifications and requirements are fully described in Part II, Sample Agreement; Exhibit A, Scope of Work; and Exhibit B, Service Contract General Requirements. Proposers are also requested to review Attachment 1, Policy on Doing Business with Small Business; Attachment 2, Debarred Vendors Report; and Attachment 3, County of Los Angeles Lobbyist Ordinance.
4. Dates and times of the Proposers' Conference and for the submission of Proposals are set forth in the Notice of Request for Proposals.

P. Proposer's Charitable Contributions Compliance

California's "Supervision of Trustees and Fundraisers for Charitable Purposes Act" regulates receiving and raising charitable contributions. Among other requirements, those subject to the Charitable Purposes Act must register. The 2004 Nonprofit Integrity Act (SB 1262, Chapter 919) increases Charitable Purposes Act requirements. New rules cover California public benefit corporations, unincorporated associations, trustee entities, and may include similar foreign corporations doing business or holding property in California. Key Nonprofit Integrity Act requirements affect executive compensation, fund-raising practices, and documentation. Charities with over \$2 million of revenues (excluding funds that must be accounted for to a governmental entity) have new audit requirements.

All prospective Contractors must determine if they receive or raise charitable contributions, which subject them to the Charitable Purposes Act and complete

the certification form attached as Form PW-12. A completed Form PW-12 is a required part of any agreement with the County.

In Form PW-12, prospective Contractors certify either that:

1. They have determined that they do not now receive or raise charitable contributions regulated under the California Charitable Purposes Act (including the Nonprofit Integrity Act) but will comply if they become subject to coverage of those laws during the term of a County Contract; or
2. They are currently complying with their obligations under the Charitable Purposes Act, attaching a copy of their most recent filing with the Registry of Charitable Trusts.

Prospective County Contractors that do not complete Form PW-12 as part of the solicitation process may, in the County's sole discretion, be disqualified for Contract award. A County Contractor that fails to comply with its obligations under the Charitable Purposes Act is subject to either Contract termination or debarment proceedings or both (County Code Chapter 2.202).

Q. Transitional Job Opportunities Preference Program

To the extent permitted by State and federal law in evaluating proposals and when the price category is scored, the County will give preference to businesses that are certified by the County as Transitional Job Opportunity vendors, consistent with Chapter 2.205 of the Los Angeles County Code. A Certified Transitional Job Opportunity vendor is, and has been such for three years, an entity: that is a nonprofit organization recognized as tax exempt pursuant to section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Services Code; set forth, under penalty of perjury, such information as requested by the County on either electronic or hard copy forms, along with their application form and three most recent annual tax returns to Public Works with their proposal response to Contracting solicitation for which they are competing; has been in services to program participants; and provided a profile of their program a description of their program components designed to assist program participants, number of past program participants, and any other information requested by Public Works. Transitional Job Opportunities vendors must request the preference in their solicitation responses (Form PW-13) and may not receive the preference until their certification has been affirmed by Public Works. County must verify the Transitional Job Opportunity vendor certification prior to applying the preference. Sanctions and financial penalties may apply to a vendor that knowingly and with intent to defraud seeks to obtain or maintain certification as a Transitional Job Opportunities vendor.

R. Vendor Registration

Proposers must register on-line with the County's web-based vendor registration system to facilitate the Contract award process. Registration can be accomplished online via the Internet by accessing the County's home page at http://lacounty.info/doing_business/main_db.htm and click on "Vendor

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Registration Information – Self Registration." Being registered will assist the Proposer in receiving notifications of the release of County solicitations that may be of interest to the Proposer.

SECTION 2

PROPOSAL PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION

A. Proposal Format and Content Requirements

Proposals shall be bound and presented in the sequence, with the content, and tabbed and paginated in the format stated below. Failure to provide the required information or to strictly comply with these guidelines may be a basis for rejection of the Proposal as nonresponsive at the County's sole discretion:

1. Title page

The title page shall show the Proposer's name, title of the service requested, local address, telephone number, and date of submittal.

2. Table of Contents

A comprehensive table of contents shall list all material included in the Proposal.

3. Letter of Transmittal

A person legally authorized to enter into Contracts for the Proposer shall sign the Letter of Transmittal. The letter must include a brief statement of the Proposer's understanding of the work to be accomplished and a list of names of individuals authorized to make representations for the Proposer, their titles, addresses, and telephone numbers.

4. Support Documents for Corporations and Limited Liability Companies

a. Corporations

Proposer must provide a copy of the corporation's "Certificate of Good Standing" with the State of California or state of incorporation and the most recent "Statement by Domestic (or Foreign) Stock Corporation" as filed with the California Secretary of State or state of incorporation. If Proposer's most recent Statement has only the "No change in information" box checked, the Proposer must also submit the most recent Statement, which includes a list of corporate officers. The "Statement of Information" must list the corporate officers.

b. Limited Liability Companies

Proposer must provide a copy of the most recent "Statement by Domestic (or Foreign) Stock Corporation" as filed with the California Secretary of State or state of incorporation. If Proposer's most recent Statement has only the "No change in information" box checked, the Proposer must also submit the most recent Statement,

which includes a list of corporate officers. The "Statement of Information" must list the corporate officers.

5. Experience

Proposer's capabilities and experience shall be described comprehensively in order to provide for a meaningful evaluation, comparison, and assessment. The narrative should discuss each of the following subject areas:

- Background;
- Organization (provide a chart or outline of the firm's organizational structure);
- Specific information regarding length and quality of experience providing services of the type described in these Specifications. **(Part I, Section 4.E, Evaluation Criteria)**. Identify the roles of and submit resumes for the firm, principals, managing employees, on-site supervisors, other key staff, and subcontractors.
- Demonstrate how the Proposer complies with requirements outlined in Part I, Section 1.B, Minimum Mandatory Requirements, if any.

6. Work Plan

FAILURE TO PREPARE AND INCLUDE A WORK PLAN MAY RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION OF THE PROPOSAL.

Describe comprehensively and in detail how the service will be performed to meet or exceed the requirements of Exhibit A, Scope of Work. Prepare and include a staffing plan that specifically describes the number of staff who will be committed to the project and their qualifications. If possible, list them by name. Describe and include the schedules, procedures, techniques, and methods that will be employed in meeting the objectives outlined in the Scope of Work. These may include personnel management, training, subcontracting, emergency and contingency planning, recruitment and replacement, supervision, supplies, uniforms, identification badges, safety, communications, and quality control.

The Work Plan shall include the Proposer's proposed full-time employee staffing plan (Form LW-8). Proposer will be required to assign and use full-time employees to provide services under the proposed Contract, unless Proposer demonstrates to the satisfaction of the County the need to use non-full-time employees based on staffing efficiency or the County requirements of an individual job.

If the Proposer desires to assign and use non-full-time employees to provide these or a part of these requested services, the Proposer shall submit to the listed Contract Analyst **at least seven days before the deadline to submit Proposals**, a detailed written request, attaching all documentation necessary to substantiate the request. Based on the County's review of the Proposer's request and submitted documentation, the County will determine, at its sole discretion, whether the Proposer may use non-full-time employees. The County's decision will be final.

7. Subcontractors

If subcontractors are to be used, submit a description of their proposed assignments, qualifications, experience, staffing, and schedules.

8. Financial Resources

Submit copies of the proposing entity's audited financial statements prepared and certified by an independent Certified Public Accountant (CPA) for the most current three full fiscal years. All the financial statements submitted shall be prepared in accordance with General Accepted Accounting Principles ("GAAP"). At a minimum, statements must include a statement of financial position (balance sheet), a statement of operations (income statement), and a statement of cash flow. All pertinent schedules and footnotes, if applicable, should be provided for evaluation. Income tax returns, personal financial records, or any other self-reported information are unacceptable. Financial records will not be held confidential unless they are properly designated as trade secrets in accordance with Part I, Section 3.H, Notice to Proposers Regarding the Public Records Act.

If audited statements are available, these shall be submitted. If audited financial statements are not available, the Proposer may submit one or more of the following items to demonstrate financial resources and stability:

- A written statement signed by an authorized agent of a California-admitted surety with an A.M. Best Rating of not less than A:VII establishing that the surety is presently willing to issue a performance bond of 50 percent of the annual Contract amount on behalf of the Proposer. To establish present willingness, the signed written statement from the authorized agent must be dated on or after the date on the Notice of Request for Proposal;
- A written statement that the Proposer is presently able to secure a letter of credit of 50 percent of the annual Contract amount. To establish present ability, the statement must be dated on or after the date on the Notice of Request for Proposal. The statement must be issued by a financial institution with the following minimum ratings:

Moody's

A2 or better LT Issuer Credit and B or better for Bank Financial Strength

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Standard and Poor's	A or better for LT Issuer Credit
Bauer Financial	4 Stars or better
TheStreet.com Ratings	B or better

Note: A letter of credit is not to be confused with a line of credit. A letter of credit (LOC) is a commitment, usually by a bank on behalf of a client (Contractor), to pay a beneficiary a stated amount of money under specified conditions, if the client fails to fulfill its Contractual obligations. It is a cash guarantee to the beneficiary, who can call on the LOC on demand. The LOC converts to a payment to the beneficiary and an interest-bearing loan for the client.

- Additional business history, and/or other information to demonstrate financial resources and stability, verified by an independent, reliable third party such as a CPA, a credit agency, or a financial institution, or by means of reliable audit reports from other governmental agencies, etc. However, such additional history and/or information will not be scored in Proposal evaluation, and will be reviewed solely to establish that the Proposer possesses sufficient financial qualifications to be considered for award of a Contract.

9. Licenses and Certifications

Submit copies of the Proposer's, employees', and/or subcontractors' valid C-27 Landscaping Contractor's license, California Qualified Applicator License, and California Pest Control Business License issued by the State of California, and any additional licenses or certifications required to perform the work, if any.

10. Insurance

Submit completed and signed Form PW-16, Proposer's Insurance Compliance Affirmation, acknowledging that the Proposer will comply with all provisions set forth in Exhibit B, Section 5, Indemnification and Insurance Requirements of this Request for Proposals if awarded the Contract. In Form PW-16, Proposer affirms that the Proposer will procure, maintain, and provide the County with proof of insurance and coverage as specified by this Request for Proposals throughout the entire term of the proposed Contract, without interruption or break in coverage.

11. Record Keeping

The Proposer (and any subcontractors) is required to comply with State and Federal labor regulations and record keeping requirements. The objective of this request is to determine the appropriateness, scope, and suitability of the procedures the Proposer uses and the internal controls in place to

ensure compliance with State and Federal labor regulations and record keeping requirements. In order to appropriately evaluate this area, it is critical that the Proposer submit a detailed description of the processes and the steps associated with those processes on Form LW-9, Wage and Hour Record Keeping for Living Wage Contracts. It is preferred that the Proposer provide additional details to ensure a clear picture of the firm's processes and controls. Proposers must answer all questions thoroughly. If Proposer believes a question is not applicable, indicate with "N/A" and explain why such question is not applicable.

12. Forms List

Complete and submit the following forms which are included in the RFP package:

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| PW-1 | Verification of Proposal; |
| PW-2 | Schedule of Prices (The forms can be accessed at the following link: http://dpw.lacounty.gov/asd/contracts,); |
| PW-3 | County of Los Angeles Contractor Employee Jury Service Program Application for Exception and Certification Form; |
| PW-4 | Contractor's Industrial Safety Record; |
| PW-5 | Conflict of Interest Certification; |
| PW-6 | Proposer's Reference List; |
| PW-7 | Proposer's Equal Employment Opportunity Certification; |
| PW-8 | List of Subcontractors; |
| PW-9 | Request for Local Small Business Enterprise (SBE) Preference Program Consideration and CBE Firm/Organization Information Form (Attach Local SBE certification form if requesting SBE preference); |
| PW-10 | GAIN and GROW Employment Commitment; |
| PW-11 | Transmittal Form to Request an RFP Solicitation Requirements Review (Submit only if requesting a review. If requesting a review, please submit form as early as possible but no later than 10 business days of issuance of this RFP to the listed Contract Analyst); |
| PW-12 | Charitable Contributions Certifications; |
| PW-13 | Transitional Job Opportunities Preference Application; |

- PW-14 Statement of Terminated Contracts;
- PW-15 Proposer's Pending Litigations and Judgments;
- PW-16 Proposer's Insurance Compliance Affirmation;
- PW-17 Statement of Equipment Form;
- LW-2 Living Wage Ordinance – Application for Exemption (If requesting exemption, submit at least seven days before due date for Proposals);
- LW-3 Contractor Living Wage Declaration;
- LW-4 Living Wage Acknowledgment and Statement of Compliance;
- LW-5 Labor/Payroll/Debarment History (Disclose full details of any such determinations, claims, and/or debarments.);
- LW-7 Proposer's Medical Plan Coverage;
- LW-8 Proposer's Staffing Plan and Cost Methodology. (Total annual price listed on LW-8 must match the total proposed annual price listed in Form PW-2. If a discrepancy is found between PW-2 and LW-8, correctly calculated prices on PW-2, in accordance with Section 3.L, Proposal Prices and Agreement of Figures, shall prevail); and
- LW-9 Wage and Hour Record Keeping for Living Wage Contracts.

(Proposer should note that any change, edit, deletion, etc., of these forms by the Proposer may subject the Proposer's Proposal to disqualification, at the sole discretion of the County.)

13. Subcontractors' Forms List

The County seeks diverse, broad-based participation in its Contracting. Subcontractors, if any, shall be subject to all requirements set forth in the RFP that are applicable to Contractors in general. If subcontractors are to be employed, Proposer must submit a statement of their proposed assignments, qualifications, experience, staffing, and schedules. In addition to this statement, the following forms must be completed and submitted for each subcontractor contemplated:

- PW-3 County of Los Angeles Contractor Employee Jury Service Program Application for Exception and Certification Form;
- PW-4 Contractor's Industrial Safety Record;

- PW-5 Conflict of Interest Certification;
- PW-7 Proposer's Equal Employment Opportunity Certification;
- PW-9 Request for Local Small Business Enterprise (SBE) Preference Program Consideration and CBE Firm/Organization Information Form (Part II of form only);
- PW-10 GAIN and GROW Employment Commitment Form;
- PW-12 Charitable Contributions Certification;
- LW-2 Living Wage Ordinance – Application for Exemption (If requesting exemption, submit at least seven days before due date for Proposals);
- LW-3 Contractor Living Wage Declaration;
- LW-4 Living Wage Acknowledgment and Statement of Compliance;
- LW-5 Labor/Payroll/Debarment History (Disclose full details of any such determinations, claims, and/or debarments.); and
- LW-9 Wage and Hour Record Keeping for Living Wage Contracts.

14. Living Wage Ordinance – Application for Exemption

If the Proposer believes that it does not fall within Living Wage Program's definition for "employer" or that it meets any of the exceptions to the Living Wage Program as stated in Form LW-1, Living Wage Program, Section 2.201.020, Definitions, and/or Section 2.201.090, Exceptions, then the Proposer must complete and submit to the listed Public Works Contract Analyst, Form LW-2, Living Wage Ordinance – Application for Exemption, **at least seven days prior to the deadline to submit proposals** and include in its submission all necessary documentation to support the claim such as the last two years' tax returns and last State payroll tax return, if claiming exception as a small business, a copy of the applicable collective bargaining agreement, or an IRS Determination Letter, if claiming exception as nonprofit corporation qualified under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3). Upon reviewing the Proposer's application, the County will determine, in its sole discretion, whether the Proposer falls within the definition of "employer" or meets any of the exceptions to the Living Wage Program. The County's decision will be final.

Note that the collective bargaining agreement exception applies if it is demonstrated to the County that the agreement is bona fide and that the agreement expressly provides that it supersedes all of the provisions of the Living Wage Program, or (if not all) those specific provisions that are superseded. The Proposer is subject to any provision of the Living Wage

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Program not expressly superseded by the collective bargaining agreement. All exemption requests are to be delivered or sent via facsimile to the Contract Analyst.

A Proposer is required to complete all applicable forms, LW-2 to LW-9, even if the Proposer is approved for Living Wage Program Exemption.

15. Additional Information

Additional information that is not presented elsewhere and is essential to a fair evaluation must appear in the last Section of the Proposal and be labeled "Additional Information." If there is no additional information the Proposer wishes to present, this Section will consist of the statement: "There is no additional information we wish to present."

B. Proposal Submission

1. Proposals shall be submitted with five complete sets (one original, three copies, and one electronic copy on a CD in PDF Format) of the Proposal and any related information. Proposals received after the closing date and time specified in the Notice of Request for Proposals will be rejected by Public Works as nonresponsive.
2. Submit Proposals to the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works Cashier, located on the Mezzanine Floor, 900 South Fremont Avenue, Alhambra, California 91803, in a package that clearly identifies the Proposer and this RFP. Proposals are received only when accepted and time stamped by the Cashier. All other indications of apparent timely delivery may be disregarded.
3. It is the responsibility of the Proposer to instruct delivery services, such as United Parcel Service and Federal Express, to deliver Proposals directly to the Cashier. Proposals submitted via facsimile or e-mail will not be accepted.
4. Proposals delivered by other means, including United States Postal Service, may be delayed in Public Works' mail system, resulting in untimely delivery to the Cashier and possible failure to meet the Proposal submission deadline. Delays and missed deadlines for submission of proposals not delivered in strict compliance with this RFP shall be the sole responsibility of the Proposer, not of the County, Public Works, or any Special District.

SECTION 3

GENERAL CONDITIONS OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

A. Acceptance or Rejection of Proposals

The right is reserved to reject any or all proposals that, in the judgment of the Board or Director, are not in the best interests of the County/Public Works/Special Districts. In the event of any such rejection, the County will not be liable for any costs incurred in connection with the preparation and submittal of a Proposal.

Proposals signed by an agent other than the president and secretary of a corporation or a member of a general copartnership must be submitted with a power of attorney or corporate resolution, certified by the secretary or assistant secretary, authorizing such signature; otherwise, the Proposal may be rejected as unauthorized and nonresponsive.

No proposal will be considered unless the Proposer submits a Proposal for all requested items. If the solicitation document requests multiple quotations, no Proposal will be considered unless the Proposer submits a price on all items within each category; however, the solicitation document may not require the Proposer to submit a price on all of the categories.

B. Altering Solicitation Document

The wording of the solicitation document shall not be changed. Any additions, conditions, limitations, or provisions inserted by the Proposer will render their Proposal irregular and may cause its rejection as nonresponsive.

C. County Responsibility

The County will not be responsible for representation made by any of its officers or employees prior to the execution of the proposed Contract unless such understanding or representation is included in the proposed Contract.

D. Determination of Proposer Responsibility

1. A responsible Proposer is a Proposer who has demonstrated the attribute of trustworthiness as well as quality, fitness, capacity, and experience to satisfactorily perform the proposed Contract. It is the County's policy to conduct business only with responsible Contractors.
2. Proposers are hereby notified that, in accordance with Chapter 2.202 of the Los Angeles County Code, the County may determine whether the Proposer is responsible based on a review of the Proposer's performance on any Contracts, including, but not limited to, County Contracts. Particular attention will be given to violations of labor laws related to employee compensation and benefits and evidence of false claims made by the Proposer against public entities. Labor law violations which are the fault of

subcontractors and of which the Proposer had no knowledge shall not be the basis of a determination that the Proposer is not responsible.

3. The County may declare a Proposer to be nonresponsible for purposes of the proposed Contract if the Board, in its discretion, finds that the Proposer 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 Proposer'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 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.
4. If there is evidence that the highest-rated Proposer may not be responsible, Public Works will notify the Proposer in writing of the evidence relating to the Proposer's responsibility and its intention to recommend to the Board that the Proposer be found not responsible. Public Works will provide the Proposer and/or the Proposer's representative with an opportunity to present evidence as to why the Proposer should be found to be responsible and to rebut evidence, which is the basis for Public Works' recommendation.
5. If the Proposer presents evidence in rebuttal to Public Works, Public Works will evaluate the merits of such evidence, and based on that evaluation, make a recommendation to the Board. The final decision concerning the responsibility of the Proposer will reside with the Board.
6. These terms shall also apply to proposed subcontractors of Proposer on County Contracts.

E. Disqualification of Proposers

More than one proposal from an individual, firm, partnership, corporation, or association under the same or different names will not be considered. Reasonable grounds for believing that any Proposer has an interest in more than one proposal for the work contemplated may cause the rejection of all proposals in which such Proposer has interest on the basis of nonresponsibility and/or nonresponsiveness. If there is reason for believing that collusion exists among the Proposers, such collusion by the participants may be cause for the rejection of their proposals or future proposals on the basis of nonresponsibility and/or nonresponsiveness and may subject such Proposers to debarment.

F. Gratuities

1. It is improper for any County officer, employee, or agent to solicit consideration, in any form, from a Proposer with the implication, suggestion, or statement that the Proposer's provision of the consideration may secure

more favorable treatment for the Proposer in the award of the proposed Contract or that the Proposer's failure to provide such consideration may negatively affect the County's consideration of the Proposer's submission. A Proposer 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 the proposed Contract.

2. A Proposer 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 Proposer's submission being rejected on the basis of nonresponsibility and/or nonresponsiveness.
3. Among other items, such improper consideration may take the form of cash; discounts; services; and the provision of travel, entertainment, or tangible gifts.

G. Knowledge of Work to be Done

By submitting a Proposal, Proposer shall be held to have carefully read this RFP, all attachments, and exhibits; satisfied themselves before the delivery of their Proposal as to their ability to meet all of the requirements and difficulties attending the execution of the proposed work; and agreed that if awarded a Contract, no claim will be made against the County based on this RFP, including, without limitation, claims based on any ambiguity or misunderstanding. Furthermore, the Proposer has carefully examined the location(s) of the proposed work, and is familiar with all of the physical and climatic conditions, and makes this Proposal solely upon the Proposer's own knowledge. The Proposer has carefully examined these specifications and requirements, both in general and in detail, any drawings attached, and any additional communications sent and makes their Proposal in accordance therewith. If Proposer's Proposal is accepted, the Proposer will enter into a written Contract with the County for the performance of the proposed work and will accept payment based on the prices shown in Form PW-2, Schedule of Prices, as full compensation for work performed. It is understood and agreed that the quantities set forth in Form PW-2, Schedule of Prices and this RFP are only estimates, and the unit prices will apply to the actual quantities, whatever they may be.

H. Notice to Proposers Regarding the Public Records Act

1. All responses to this solicitation shall become the exclusive property of the County. Absent extraordinary circumstances, at such time as (a) with respect to the recommended Proposer's proposal and corresponding Public Works evaluation documents, Public Works completes contract negotiations and obtains a letter from an authorized officer of the recommended Proposer that the negotiated contract is a firm offer of the

recommended Proposer, which shall not be revoked by the recommended Proposer pending the Department's completion of the process under Board Policy No. 5.055 and approval by the Board of Supervisors (Board) and (b) with respect to each Proposer requesting a County Review Panel, the County Review Panel convenes as a result of such Proposers' request, and (c) with respect to all other Proposers, Public Works recommends the recommended Proposer(s) to the Board and such recommendation appears on the Board agenda, proposals submitted in response to this solicitation and corresponding Public Works evaluation documents become a matter of public record, with the exception of those parts of each proposal which are justifiably defined as business or trade secrets, and, if by the proposer, plainly marked as "Trade Secret," "Confidential," or "Proprietary."

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 proposal as confidential shall not be deemed sufficient notice of exception. The proposers must specifically label only those provisions of their respective proposal which are "Trade Secret," "Confidential," or "Proprietary" in nature.
3. In the event County is required to defend an action on a Public Records Act request for any of the aforementioned documents, information, books, records, and/or contents of a proposal marked "trade secret," "confidential," or "proprietary," Proposer agrees to defend and indemnify County from all costs and expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees, in connection with any requested action or liability arising under the Public Records Act.

I. Notice to Proposers 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 Los Angeles 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 Proposer to review the ordinance independently as the text of the ordinance is not contained in this RFP. Each person, corporation, or other entity submitting a response to this solicitation, must certify that each County Lobbyist, as defined by Los Angeles County Code Section 2.160.010, retained by the Proposer is in full compliance with Chapter 2.160 of the Los Angeles County Code and each County Lobbyist is **not** on the Executive Office's List of Terminated Registered Lobbyist. The Proposer's signature on the Proposal submission is its certification that it is in full compliance with Los Angeles County Code Chapter 2.160. See Attachment 3 regarding County Lobbyist.

J. Opening of Proposals

Proposals will not be publicly opened.

K. Proposer Debarment

1. The Proposer is hereby notified that, in accordance with Chapter 2.202 of the Los Angeles County Code, the County may debar the Proposer 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 circumstance, and the County may terminate any or all of the Proposer's existing Contracts with the County, if the Board finds, in its discretion, that the Proposer 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 Proposer's quality, fitness, or capacity to perform a Contract with the County or 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.
2. If there is evidence that the highest-rated Proposer may be subject to debarment, Public Works will notify the Proposer in writing of the evidence, which is the basis for the proposed debarment, and will advise the Proposer of the scheduled date for a debarment hearing before the Contractor Hearing Board.
3. The Contractor Hearing Board will conduct a hearing where evidence on the proposed debarment is presented. The Proposer and/or the Proposer's representative shall be given an opportunity to submit evidence at that hearing. After the hearing, the Contractor Hearing Board will prepare a tentative proposed decision, which will contain a recommendation regarding whether the Proposer should be debarred, and, if so, the appropriate length of time of the debarment. The Proposer and Public Works shall be provided an opportunity to object to the tentative proposed decision prior to its presentation to the Board.
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.
5. If a Proposer has been debarred for a period longer than five years, that Proposer 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 Proposer 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.

6. The Contractor Hearing Board will consider requests for review of a debarment determination only where (1) the Proposer 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 procedure as for a debarment hearing.
7. The Contractor Hearing Board's proposed decision will contain a recommendation on the request to reduce the period of debarment or terminate the debarment. The Contractor Hearing Board shall present its proposed decision and recommendation to the Board. The Board will have the right to modify, deny, or adopt the proposed decision and recommendation of the Contractor Hearing Board.
8. These terms shall also apply to proposed subcontractors of Proposer on County Contracts.
9. Attachment 2 is a listing of Contractors currently debarred.

L. Proposal Prices and Agreement of Figures

If the total amount arrived at by multiplying the unit price times the quantity does not agree with the total amount entered for the item or if the total amount is not entered, the unit price and the corrected total amount will be considered as representing the Proposer's intentions. If the total amount is entered for the item, but not the unit price, the unit price will be that which is derived by dividing the total amount proposed for the item by the number of units in the item as representing the Proposer's intentions. If the items are incorrectly calculated, the corrected total will be considered as representing the Proposer's intentions.

M. Proposer's Safety Record

A review of the Proposer's safety record will be made before the award. Proposers are required to submit this information, with their Proposal, on Form PW-4, Contractor's Industrial Safety Record form provided. Nonsubmission or an adverse finding as to the Proposer's safety record may be

cause for rejection of the Proposal on the basis of nonresponsibility and/or nonresponsiveness.

N. Qualification of Proposer

No award will be made to any Proposer who cannot give satisfactory assurance as to its ability to carry out the intended Contract, based both on financial strength and experience as a Contractor on work of the nature contemplated in the proposed Contract. Proposers are encouraged to submit records of work of similar nature, size, or extent to that proposed under these specifications and requirements. A reasonable inquiry to determine the responsibility of a Proposer will be conducted. The unreasonable failure of a Proposer to promptly supply information in connection with such inquiry, including, but not limited to, information regarding past performance, financial stability, and ability to perform on schedule, may be grounds for a determination of nonresponsibility and/or nonresponsiveness with respect to such Proposer. Unfamiliarity with the type of work required by Public Works may be cause for rejection of the Proposal on the basis of nonresponsibility and/or nonresponsiveness.

O. Qualifications of Subcontractors

Proposers shall list all subcontractors to be used on the List of Subcontractors (Form PW-8). The use of subcontractors shall be subject to Public Works' approval. Subcontractors shall be properly licensed under the laws of the State of California for the type of work, which they are to perform. Alternate subcontractors shall not be listed for the same work.

P. Safely Surrendered Baby Law

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

Q. Term of Proposals

All proposals shall be firm offers and may not be withdrawn for a period of 270 days following the deadline for submission of proposals.

R. Truth and Accuracy of Representations

False, misleading, incomplete, or deceptively unresponsive statements in connection with a proposal will be sufficient cause for the rejection of the proposal. The evaluation and determination in this area will be at the Director's sole judgment and the Director's judgment will be final.

S. Wages, Materials, and Other Costs

It is the responsibility of the Proposer to calculate the Proposal price to take into consideration a possible escalation of wages, materials, and other costs during the Contract period. The Board, County, Public Works, District(s), or Director make no representations regarding future costs or the rate of wages that may become necessary to pay employees of the Contractor for the work performed during the Contract period.

T. Withdrawal of Proposals

Proposers may withdraw their Proposal anytime before the date and hour set for submission set forth in the Notice for Request for Proposals upon presentation of a written request to the Director signed by an authorized representative of the Proposer or by the person filing the Proposal.

SECTION 4

EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS; AWARD AND EXECUTION OF CONTRACT

A. Award of Contract

Subject to the right of the Board to make the ultimate decisions concerning the award of Contracts, the County intends to award a Contract to the highest-rated Proposer based on the evaluation criteria in Part I, Section 4.E, Evaluation Criteria, whose Proposal provides the most beneficial program and price, with all other factors considered. The County retains the right to select a proposal other than the proposal receiving the highest number of points, if County determines, in its sole discretion, another proposal is the most overall qualified, cost-effective, responsive, responsible, and in the best interest of the County. The awardee shall sign and return the agreement within 14 calendar days of its mailing to the awardee for signature by Public Works. The awardee shall submit copies of its proof of insurance coverage, within 14 days after Board approval of the proposed Contract or at least 14 days prior to the proposed Contract's start date, whichever occurs last. Work under the proposed Contract cannot begin before proof of valid insurance coverage is submitted to Public Works.

B. Final Contract Award by Board

Notwithstanding a recommendation by Public Works and/or the Chief Executive Office, the Board retains the right to exercise its judgment concerning the selection of a proposal, the terms of any resultant agreement, and to determine which proposal best serves the interests of the County. The Board is the ultimate decision-making body and makes the final determinations necessary to arrive at a decision to award, or not award, a Contract.

C. Evaluation of Proposals

1. All responses to this RFP become the property of the County. Upon receipt of the Proposal as specified and evaluation of Proposals in accordance with the evaluation criteria set forth below, Public Works may recommend the award of a Contract to one or more of those submitting Proposals. The proposed Contract may be submitted to the Board for consideration and possible approval.
2. The County may require whatever evidence it deems necessary to determine the Proposer's overall and specific abilities to meet the requirements of proposed Contract over the entire Contract term. This determination will be based on, but not limited to, on an evaluation of the Proposer's experience, personnel, financial stability and resources, work plan, cost to perform requested services, and staffing plan.
3. The County reserves the sole right to judge the Proposer's written and oral representations and to review, evaluate, and select the successful proposal(s).

4. The County may make on-site inspections of Proposer's current jobs and/or facilities.
5. The County, in its sole discretion, may elect to waive any error or informalities in the form of a proposal or any other disparity, if, as a whole, the proposal substantially complies with the RFP's requirements.
6. The County may utilize the services of appropriate experts to assist in the evaluation process.
7. The County will evaluate and award each area separately.

D. Pass/Fail Review

Proposals will be reviewed on a Pass/Fail basis concerning the items listed below. Proposals not meeting all of these requirements may be rejected as nonresponsive:

1. Proposer will comply with the insurance requirements, outlined in Exhibit B, Section 5, Indemnification and Insurance Requirements, as evidenced by submitting a completed and signed Form PW-16.
2. Proposer and any subcontractors have met the GAIN and GROW Programs requirements (Form PW-10).
3. Proposer and any subcontractors have completed and submitted the Charitable Contributions Certification (Form PW-12).
4. Proposer and any subcontractors have submitted the Jury Service Program Application for Exception and Certification Form (Form PW-3) stating that they accept and will comply with the program requirements or establish their entitlement to an exception to the program.
5. Proposer and subcontractors, if any, have completed and signed all appropriate forms, and Proposer has completed and signed Form PW-2, Schedule of Prices.
6. Proposer complies with all minimum requirements as outlined in Part I, Section 1.B, Minimum Mandatory Requirements.
7. Proposer has submitted the required valid C-27 Landscaping Contractors License, California Qualified Applicator License, and California Pest Control Business License issued by the State of California, and any additional licenses, certifications, and/or permits required to perform the service.

Proposers who do not possess required licenses, certifications, and permits at the time of proposal submission (or who fail to submit the names of County-approved subcontractors who possess the required licenses, certifications, and permits) may be disqualified as nonresponsive.

8. Proposer or its managing employee and if any, subcontractor, must have a minimum of three years of experience providing landscape maintenance services.
9. Proposer's on-site supervising employee must have a minimum of three years of experience supervising landscape maintenance services.
10. Proposer is signed in as attending the Proposers' Conference.
11. Proposal was time stamped by the Cashier prior to the deadline for submission of the Proposal. Any proposal without a Public Works time stamp verifying that the deadline for submission has been met will be rejected.
12. If Proposer is not exempt, Proposer has indicated on Form LW-3, Contractor Living Wage Declaration, it will meet the Living Wage Program employee payment requirements and has included their contribution for the identified medical plan. Proposals that include hourly and health benefit payments that do not comply with Living Wage Program requirements, shall be rejected as nonresponsive unless the Proposer has been granted exemption status pursuant to a fully documented request for exemption in compliance with the Living Wage Program, Form LW-2, Living Wage Ordinance - Application for Exemption (Part I, Section 2.A.15).
13. Proposer's staffing plan identifies full-time employees of the Proposer who will perform the required work unless the Proposer has demonstrated the necessity of part-time staff to the County's satisfaction in accordance with Part I, Section 2.A.6, Work Plan. Proposers may submit part-time staffing plans for approval before the due date for receipt of Proposals in accordance with Part I, Section 2.A.6.

E. Evaluation Criteria

An evaluation committee selected by Public Works will evaluate proposals. All proposals will receive a composite score (rating) and be ranked in numerical sequence from high to low based on the following criteria:

1. Proposed Price (50 points)

The proposed price should accurately reflect the Proposer's cost of providing the required products and services and any profit expected during the Contract term. Prior to scoring, the proposed prices must be adjusted in accordance with the Transitional Job Opportunities Preference or the Local Small Business Preference or both, as applicable.

- Transitional Job Opportunities Preference. To the extent permitted by State and federal law, should one or more of the Proposers qualify for the Transitional Job Opportunities Preference (Form PW-13), the price component points will be adjusted prior to

scoring as follows: Five percent of the lowest price proposed will be calculated, and that amount will be deducted from the prices submitted by all Proposers who requested and were granted the Transitional Job Opportunities Preference. The Transitional Job Opportunities Preference will not reduce or change the Proposer's payment, which will be based on the Proposer's bid amount.

- Local Small Business Enterprise (SBE) Preference. To the extent permitted by State and federal law, should one or more of the Proposers qualify for the Local SBE Preference (Form PW-9), the price component points will be adjusted prior to scoring as follows: Five percent of the lowest price proposed will be calculated, which shall not exceed \$50,000, and that amount will be deducted from the prices submitted by all Local SBE Proposers who requested and were granted the Local SBE Preference. The Local SBE Preference will not reduce or change the Proposer's payment, which is based on the Proposer's bid amount.

Subject to such adjustment(s), the lowest Total Proposed Annual Price quoted in the Schedule of Prices (Form PW-2) will receive the full weight of this evaluated item. Other Proposals will receive a prorated score calculated as follows: divide the lowest Total Proposed Annual Price by each other Proposer's Total Proposed Annual Price and multiply the result by the maximum possible points for this evaluation criterion. The Proposal with the lowest Total Proposed Annual Price may not necessarily be awarded a Contract.

2. References (10 points)

Public Works will check at least four of the Proposer's references for overall satisfaction with Proposer's services, with priority given to services provided to County departments. Proposer may receive up to a maximum of 2.5 points for each responding reference up to a total of four responding references. Proposer's references for all Contracts with the County during the previous three years must be listed on Form PW-6, Proposer's Reference List. Public Works reserves the right to utilize any reference of Proposer, County or other, listed or not listed. In addition to the references provided, the review will include the County's Contract Database, if applicable, reflecting past performance history on County Contracts, and an evaluation of any terminated Contract(s) reported on Form PW-14, Statement of Terminated Contracts. If references fail to substantiate Proposer's description of services provided; references fail to support that Proposer has a continuing pattern of providing capable, productive, and skilled personnel and services; or a significant unacceptable weakness in references may result in a low or zero score. Additionally, a Proposer's unacceptable performance on another County Contract(s), as documented by either the County's Contract Database or by an unfavorable reference, may result in a low or zero score for this evaluation category. A score of

zero in this evaluation category may result in rejection of the Proposal as nonresponsive.

References may be contacted by telephone, facsimile, mail, express delivery, or e-mail. It is the Proposer's responsibility to ensure that accurate and timely contact information is included in the proposal. Public Works will ordinarily not make repeated attempts to contact references and will ordinarily not contact the Proposer to correct bad phone numbers, etc. It is the Proposer's responsibility to ensure that its references respond promptly to Public Works' requests for information.

3. Experience (10 points)

Proposer or its managing employee must have a minimum of three years' experience performing the type of service solicited. In addition, the Proposer's on-site supervising employee must have at least three years' experience performing the service solicited. Failure to demonstrate the minimum lengths of experience performing the service may result in rejection of the Proposal as nonresponsive.

The evaluators may award higher scores for the higher quality and quantity of experience of the Proposer, its key personnel, supervising employee, and subcontractors in providing the requested services to organizations. Greater weight will be given to services provided to agencies of similar size and nature. The evaluators may consider the Proposer's description of its capabilities, resumes of key personnel (Part I, Section 2.A.5), and any other relevant information, including, but not limited to, pending litigation and judgments. The evaluators may consider the safety record of the Proposer and any subcontractors to ensure that they have provided services in a safe manner. Significant unacceptable weakness in quality or quantity of experience may result in a low or zero score. A score of zero in this evaluation category may result in rejection of the Proposal as nonresponsive.

4. Financial Resources (5 Points)

The Proposal may be submitted to Public Works financial staff for comments and/or evaluation to assist the evaluators. The Proposer's audited financial statements, annual reports, ability to secure a performance bond or a letter of credit of 50 percent of the annual Contract amount will be evaluated and scored on the extent to which they demonstrate that the Proposer has financial and business stability and can perform the work and pay the Living Wage throughout the term of the proposed Contract. Higher scores will be awarded to Proposers who submit audited financial statements or annual reports that show strong financial ratios for all periods requested.

Proposers who submit a written statement signed by an authorized agent of a California-admitted surety with an A.M. Best Rating of not less than

A:VII establishing that the surety is presently willing to issue a performance bond of 50 percent of the annual Contract amount on behalf of the Proposer and/or a written statement that the Proposer is presently able to secure a letter of credit of 50 percent of the annual Contract amount, in accordance with the requirements set forth in Section 2, Financial Resources, will be awarded a maximum score of 1.

Audited financial statements or annual reports that are incomplete or fail to show strong financial ratios may be given a low or zero score and unaudited financial statements (compiled, reviewed, or self-prepared) will not be scored.

Significant unacceptable weakness in the Proposer's Financial Resources or lack of it in the Proposal may result in a low or zero score. Public Works reserves the right to review Proposer's active and expired Contracts awarded by the County, additional business history and/or other information to demonstrate financial resources and viability, verified by an independent third party. Although no points will be awarded as a result of this review, a favorable finding may result in Public Works not rejecting the Proposal as nonresponsive even though the Proposal may have scored a zero in this category.

5. Work Plan (15 points)

Evaluation and scoring of the Proposer's Work Plan will be based on the extent to which it demonstrates that the Proposer is likely to meet or exceed the performance requirements set forth in Exhibit A, Scope of Work; to demonstrate creativity and innovation that exceed the minimum requirements of the Scope of Work; to render timely and responsive service to Public Works; to respond to contingencies and emergencies; and to provide a professional level of quality in the service and work product. The highest scores will be awarded to the most comprehensive and detailed work plans that are highly likely to lead the Contractor to exceed minimum performance expectations.

The evaluators will award higher scores to work plans that commit to specific staffing levels and staff qualifications that exceed the requirements of the work.

Comprehensiveness of the Work Plan will be evaluated based on detailed, specific discussion of all issues relevant to the work. These may include personnel management, training, subcontracting, recruitment and replacement, supervision, supplies, identification badges, safety, communications, quality control, and other issues.

The evaluation committee may make these determinations from all relevant information presented in the Proposal, which may include the work plan, staffing plan, quality assurance plan, schedules, and other documents. If an interview or presentation is scheduled, it may also be considered.

In addition, Form LW-8, Staffing Plan and Cost Methodology, may be considered in evaluating the Work Plan.

Significant unacceptable weakness in any of the Work Plan subject areas or omission of a Work Plan from the Proposal at the time of submission may result in a low or zero score. A score of zero in this evaluation category may result in rejection of the Proposal as nonresponsive.

6. Equipment (5 points)

The evaluators may award up to maximum of 5 points based on their evaluation of the Proposer's equipment to exceed all of the requirements set forth in Exhibit A, Scope of Work.

A review of the Proposer's equipment to be used to perform the work, as listed on the Statement of Equipment Form (Form PW-17), will be made. List vehicles separate from other equipment. Public Works reserves the right to conduct on-site inspections of equipment listed on this form.

The Proposer's equipment may be evaluated based on the following criteria, but is not limited to, the type and quantity of equipment within the organization's fleet, type and quantity of equipment dedicated to the service, date of manufacture/purchase, up-to-date maintenance and service records.

Significant unacceptable weakness in the Proposer's equipment may result in a low or zero score. A score of zero in this evaluation category may result in rejection of the Proposal as nonresponsive.

7. Demonstrated Controls over Labor/Payroll Record Keeping (5 points)

Proposer will be evaluated on the firm's labor/payroll record keeping system and regulatory compliance information as requested in Form LW-9, Wage and Hour Record Keeping for Living Wage Contracts.

The County may conduct site visits to audit Proposer's labor/payroll record keeping system and processes.

Significant unacceptable weakness in the Proposer's Labor/Payroll Record Keeping or lack of it in the Proposal may result in a low or zero score. A score of zero in this evaluation category may result in rejection of the Proposal as nonresponsive. Public Works reserves the right to review Proposer's past Labor/Payroll Record Keeping procedures under Living Wage type Contracts awarded by the County and/or other local agencies for compliance with State and generally acceptable labor and payroll record keeping laws and practices. Although no additional points will be awarded as a result of this review, a favorable finding may result in Public Works not rejecting the Proposal as nonresponsive even though the Proposal may have scored a zero in this category.

8. Optional Interview/Clarification

The County may, at its option, invite one or more Proposers to make a written or verbal clarification, presentation, and/or participate in an interview before a final selection is made. Evaluation criteria for any additional information provided is the same as that for written Proposals. A separate score will not be given for a presentation or interview, but the Proposer's performance may be considered as part of the overall evaluation. The evaluators may, in their sole discretion, limit the offer to give a presentation or interview, if any, to the two or more Proposers who receive the highest scores in a preliminary scoring of Proposals in accordance with the evaluation criteria set forth in this Part I, Section 4.E, Evaluation Criteria.

9. Deduction for Labor Law/Payroll Violations

In evaluating proposals, the County will review the Proposer's history of labor law/payroll violations (including, but not limited to, violations or pending claims pertaining to wages, hours, and working conditions, such as minimum wage, prevailing wage, living wage, the Fair Labor Standard Act, employment of minors, or unlawful employment discrimination). To facilitate this process, Proposer must submit with its Proposal a completed Living Wage Acknowledgment and Statement of Compliance Form (Form LW-4) and disclose on that form: (1) any determination by a public entity within three years of the Proposal's submission date that the Proposer committed a labor law/payroll violation, and (2) any pending claim that involves an incident of labor law/payroll violation occurring within three years of the Proposal's submission date.

Applying established criteria as set forth in Form LW-6, Guidelines for Assessment of Proposer Labor Law/Payroll Violations, the County may deduct from 1 to 20 percent of the maximum number of available evaluation points for labor law/payroll violations with substantially increased deductions for Proposer's failure to disclose reportable violations. "Pending Claim" (i.e., claims that do not have a final disposition) will not result in point deductions; however, such claims may be reported to the Board before a Contract is awarded.

10. Additional Criteria

These criteria are not exclusive. The County reserves the right to apply additional evaluation criteria.

F. Negotiation

The County reserves the right to negotiate the terms, conditions, and price of the Proposal, in the sole discretion of the County, to achieve the most beneficial program and price for the County. The County, in its sole discretion, may limit the negotiation, if any, to one or more responsive and responsible Proposers who

receive the highest scores in a preliminary scoring of Proposals in accordance with the evaluation criteria set forth in this Part I, Section 4.E, Evaluation Criteria. The negotiation with the Proposer(s) will not result in a change in the rating of the Proposers. If a satisfactory Contract cannot be negotiated, the County may, at its sole discretion, begin Contract negotiations with the next highest-rated Proposer who submitted a proposal, as determined by the County.

In the event that the highest-rated Proposer receives a low score or zero score in Financial Resources criteria in this Part I, Section 4.E, Evaluation Criteria, Public Works reserves the right to request a County approved performance guaranty such as a letter of credit or performance bond in an amount up to 100 percent of the annual Contract amount. If the Proposer is unwilling to provide the requested performance guaranty acceptable to the County or is unable to provide the performance guaranty within the requested timeframe from the County, the County may, at its sole discretion, begin Contract negotiations with the next highest-rated Proposer who submitted a proposal, as determined by the County.

SECTION 5
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A. Protest Policy Review Process

1. Under Board Policy No. 5.055 (Services Contract Solicitation Protest), any prospective Proposer may request a review of the requirements under a solicitation for a Board-approved services Contract, as described in Paragraph C, Solicitation Requirements Review, below. Additionally, any Proposer may request a review of a disqualification or of a proposed Contract award under such a solicitation, as described, respectively, in Paragraphs E and F, Disqualification Review and Proposed Contractor Selection Review, respectively, below. Additionally, any Proposer may obtain copies of proposals and Public Works evaluation documents as provided in Part I, Section 3, Paragraph H. Under any such review, it is the responsibility of the Proposer challenging the decision of Public Works to demonstrate that Public Works committed a sufficiently material error in the solicitation process to justify invalidation of a solicitation or a proposed Contract award as the case may be.
2. Throughout the review process, the County has no obligation to delay or otherwise postpone an award of Contract based on a Proposer 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 of Los Angeles to do so.

B. Grounds for Review

Unless State or Federal statutes or regulations otherwise provide, the grounds for review of a solicitation for Board-approved services Contract provided for under Board Policy No. 5.055 (Services Contract Solicitation Protest) are limited to the following:

- Review of the Solicitation Requirements
- Review of a Disqualified Bid/Proposal
- Review of the Proposed Contractor Selection

C. Solicitation Requirements Review

Any person or entity may seek a Solicitation Requirements Review by submitting a written request for review to Public Works conducting the solicitation as described in this Paragraph. A Request for a Solicitation Requirements Review may be

denied, in Public Works' 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 (10) 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. Application of the minimum requirements, 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 Proposers.
5. The Solicitation Requirements Review will be completed and Public Works' determination will be provided to the requesting person or entity, in writing, within a reasonable time prior to the bid/proposal due date.

D. Place to Submit Requests for Review

All Requests for Review shall be submitted to the Contract Analyst.

E. Disqualification Review

1. A bid/proposal may be disqualified from consideration because Public Works determined it was nonresponsive at any time during the review/evaluation process. If Public Works determines that a bid/proposal is disqualified due to nonresponsiveness, Public Works shall notify the Proposer in writing.
2. Upon receipt of the written determination of nonresponsiveness, the Proposer may submit a written request for a Disqualification Review within the timeframe specified in the written determination.
3. A request for a Disqualification Review may, in Public Works' sole discretion, be denied if the request does not satisfy all of the following criteria:
 - a. The person or entity requesting a Disqualification Review is a Proposer;
 - b. The request for a Disqualification Review is submitted timely (i.e., by the date and time specified in the written determination); and

- c. The request for a Disqualification Review asserts that the determination of disqualification due to bid/proposal nonresponsiveness 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.
4. The Disqualification Review shall be completed and the determination shall be provided to the requesting Proposer, in writing, prior to the conclusion of the evaluation process.

F. Debriefing Process

For solicitations where proposals are evaluated and scored in accordance to Section 4, Evaluation of Proposals, the following provisions shall apply:

1. Upon completion of the evaluation, Public Works will notify the remaining Proposers in writing that Public Works is entering negotiations with another Proposer. Upon receipt of the letter, any nonselected Proposer may submit a written request for a Debriefing within the timeframe specified in the letter. A request for a Debriefing may, in Public Works' sole discretion, be denied if the request is not received within the specified timeframe.
2. The purpose of the Debriefing is to compare the requesting Proposer's response to the solicitation document with the evaluation document. The requesting Proposer shall be debriefed only on its response. Because Contract negotiations are not yet complete, responses from other Proposers shall not be discussed, although Public Works may inform the requesting Proposer of its relative ranking.
3. During or following the Debriefing, Public Works will instruct the requesting Proposer of the manner and timeframe in which the requesting Proposer must notify Public Works of its intent to request a Proposed Contractor Selection Review, below, if the requesting Proposer is not satisfied with the results of the Debriefing.

G. Proposed Contractor Selection Review

Any Proposer that has timely submitted a notice of its intent to request a Proposed Contractor Selection Review as described in Paragraph F, above, may submit a written request for a Proposed Contractor Selection Review in the manner and timeframe as specified by Public Works. For low-bid solicitations, where applicable, upon selection of the lowest-cost, responsive, and responsible bidder, Public Works will notify the remaining bidders in writing that Public Works is entering negotiations with another bidder. Public Works will instruct the remaining bidders of the manner and timeframe in which each remaining bidder must notify Public Works of its intent to request a Proposed Contractor Selection Review, should such remaining bidder desire to have such a review performed.

A request for a Proposed Contractor Selection Review may, in Public Works' sole discretion, be denied if the request does not satisfy all of the following criteria:

1. The person or entity requesting a Proposed Contractor Selection Review is a Proposer;
2. The request for a Proposed Contractor Selection Review is submitted timely (i.e., by the date and time specified by Public Works)
3. The person or entity requesting a Proposed Contractor Selection Review asserts in appropriate detail with factual reasons one or more of the following grounds for review:
 - a. Public Works materially failed to follow procedures specified in its solicitation document. This includes:
 - i. Failure to correctly apply the standards for reviewing the proposal format requirements.
 - ii. Failure to correctly apply the standards, and/or follow the prescribed methods, for evaluating the proposals as specified in the solicitation document.
 - iii. Use of evaluation criteria that were different from the evaluation criteria disclosed in the solicitation document.
 - b. Public Works made identifiable mathematical or other errors in evaluating bids/proposals, resulting in the Proposer receiving an incorrect score and not being selected as the recommended Contractor.
 - c. For applicable solicitations where responses are evaluated and scored, a member of the Evaluation Committee demonstrated bias in the conduct of the evaluation.
 - d. Another basis for review as provided by State or Federal law; and
4. The request for a Proposed Contractor Selection Review sets forth sufficient detail to demonstrate that, but for Public Works' alleged failure, the Proposer would have been the lowest-cost, responsive, and responsible bid or the highest-scored proposal, as the case may be.

Upon completing the Proposed Contractor Selection Review, Public Works representative shall issue a written decision to the Proposer within a reasonable time following receipt of the request for a Proposed Contractor Selection Review, and always before the date the Contract award recommendation is to be heard by the Board. The written decision shall additionally instruct the Proposer of the manner and timeframe for requesting a review by a County Review Panel, Paragraph H, below.

H. County Review Panel

1. Any Proposer that is not satisfied with the results of the Proposed Contractor Selection Review may submit a written request for review by a County Review Panel in the manner and timeframe specified by Public Works in Public Works' written decision regarding the Proposed Contractor Selection Review.
2. A request for review by a County Review Panel may, in the County's sole discretion, be denied if the request does not satisfy all of the following criteria:
 - a. The person or entity requesting review by a County Review Panel is a Proposer;
 - b. The request for a review by a County Review Panel is submitted timely (i.e., by the date and time specified by Public Works); and
 - c. The person or entity requesting review by a County Review Panel has limited the request to items raised in the Proposed Contractor Selection Review and new items that (a) arise from Public Works' written decision and (b) are on of the appropriate grounds for requesting a Proposed Contractor Selection Review as listed in Paragraph G above.
3. Upon completion of the County Review Panel's review, the Panel will forward its report to Public Works, which will provide a copy to the Proposer.

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VERIFICATION OF PROPOSAL

DATE: _____, 200__		THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY DECLARES AS FOLLOWS:	
1. THIS DECLARATION IS GIVEN IN SUPPORT OF A PROPOSAL FOR A CONTRACT WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.			
2. NAME OF SERVICE: _____			
DECLARANT INFORMATION			
3. NAME OF DECLARANT: _____			
4. I AM DULY VESTED WITH THE AUTHORITY TO MAKE AND SIGN INSTRUMENTS FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE PROPOSER(S).			
5. MY TITLE, CAPACITY, OR RELATIONSHIP TO THE PROPOSER(S) IS: _____			
PROPOSER INFORMATION			
6. Proposer's full legal name: _____			Telephone No.: _____
Address: _____			Fax No.: _____
e-mail: _____	County WebVen No.: _____	IRS No.: _____	Business License No.: _____
7. Proposer's fictitious business name(s) or dba(s) (if any): _____			
County(s) of Registration: _____		State: _____	Year(s) became DBA: _____
8. The Proposer's form of business entity is (CHECK ONLY ONE):			
<input type="checkbox"/> Sole proprietor	Name of Proprietor: _____		
<input type="checkbox"/> A corporation:	Corporation's principal place of business: _____		
	State of incorporation: _____		Year incorporated: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-profit corporation certified under IRS 501(c) 3 and registered with the CA Attorney General's Registry of Charitable Trusts		President/CEO: _____	
		Secretary: _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> A general partnership:		Names of partners: _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> A limited partnership:		Name of general partner: _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> A joint venture of:		Names of joint venturers: _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> A limited liability company:		Name of managing member: _____	
9. The only persons or firms interested in this proposal as principals are the following:			
Name(s)	Title	Phone	Fax
Street	City	State	Zip
Name(s)	Title	Phone	Fax
Street	City	State	Zip
10. Is your firm wholly or majority owned by, or a subsidiary of another firm? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes			
If yes, name of parent firm: _____			
State of incorporation/registration of parent firm: _____			
11. Has your firm done business under any other name(s) within the last five years? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes If yes, please list the other name(s):			
Name(s): _____		Year of name change: _____	
Name(s): _____		Year of name change: _____	
12. Is your firm involved in any pending acquisition or merger? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes			
If yes, indicate the associated company's name: _____			
13. Proposer acknowledges that if any false, misleading, incomplete, or deceptively unresponsive statements in connection with this proposal are made, the proposal may be rejected. The evaluation and determination in this area shall be at the Director's sole judgment and the Director's judgment shall be final.			
14. CHECK ONE:	<input type="checkbox"/> (a) I am making these representations and all representation contained in this proposal on my personal knowledge;		
	<input type="checkbox"/> (b) I am making these representations all representation contained in this proposal based on information and belief that they are true.		
I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of California that is true and correct.			
Signature of Proposer or Authorized Agent: _____			Date: _____
Type name and title: _____			

SCHEDULE OF PRICES

FOR

LANDSCAPE AND GROUNDS MAINTENANCE SERVICES (2009-PA032)

Please complete Form PW-2, Schedule of Prices, for each area you will be submitting a proposal for. Proposers are to complete, sign, and include forms in their proposals. The forms can be accessed at the following link:

<http://dpw.lacounty.gov/asd/contracts>

PROPOSERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR INDEPENDENTLY INVESTIGATING THE SERVICE AREA(S) PRIOR TO PROPOSAL SUBMISSION.

FOR A LIST OF ALL THE SERVICE AREAS, PLEASE REFER TO EXHIBIT E.1 – E.4.

IF YOU EXPERIENCE DIFFICULTY DOWNLOADING FORM(S) PW-2, PLEASE CONTACT THE CONTRACT ANALYST FOR A COPY.

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

This contract is subject to the County of Los Angeles Contractor Employee Jury Service Program (Program) (Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.203). All contractors and subcontractors must complete this form to either (1) request an exception from the Program requirements or (2) certify compliance. Upon review of the submitted form, the County department will determine, in its sole discretion, whether the bidder or proposer is excepted from the Program.

Company Name:		
Company Address:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Telephone Number:		
(Type of Goods or Services):		

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

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/purchase order 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 exemption 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, including full-time and part-time 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 that expressly provides that it supersedes all provisions of the Program. **ATTACH THE AGREEMENT.**

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:

CONTRACTOR'S INDUSTRIAL SAFETY RECORD

PROPOSED CONTRACT FOR: _____
 SERVICE BY PROPOSER _____
 PROPOSAL DATE: _____

This information must include all work undertaken in the State of California by the proposer and any partnership, joint venture, or corporation that any principal of the proposer participated in as a principal or owner for the last five calendar years and the current calendar year prior to the date of proposal submittal. Separate information shall be submitted for each particular partnership, joint venture, corporate, or individual proposer. The proposer may attach any additional information or explanation of date which the proposer would like taken into consideration in evaluating the safety record. An explanation must be attached to the circumstances surrounding any and all fatalities.

5 CALENDAR YEARS PRIOR TO CURRENT YEAR

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	Total	Current Year to Date
1. Number of contracts.							
2. Total dollar amount of Contracts (in thousands of dollars).							
3. Number of fatalities.							
4. Number of lost workday cases.							
5. Number of lost workday cases involving permanent transfer to another job or termination of employment.							
6. Number of lost workdays.							

The above information was compiled from the records that are available to me at this time, and I declare under penalty of perjury that the information is true and accurate within the limitations of those records.

 Name of Proposer or Authorized Agent (print) Signature Date

CONFLICT OF INTEREST CERTIFICATION

I, _____

- ☐ sole owner
☐ general partner
☐ managing member
☐ President, Secretary, or other proper title) _____

 of _____
 Name of proposer

make this certification in support of a proposal for a contract with the County of Los Angeles for services within the scope of Los Angeles County Code Section 2.180.010, which provides as follows:

Contracts Prohibited. A. Notwithstanding any other section of this code, the county shall not contract with, and shall reject any bid or proposal 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 subdivision 1 of subsection A serve as officers, principals, partners, or major shareholders;
3. Persons who, within the immediately preceding 12 months, came within the provisions of subdivision 1 of subsection A, 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 of its service specifications; and
4. Profit-making firms or businesses in which the former employees described in subdivision 3 of subsection A, serve as officers, principals, partners, or major shareholders.

I hereby certify I am informed and believe that personnel who developed and/or participated in the preparation of this contract do not fall within scope of the Los Angeles County Code Section 2.180.010 as cited above. Furthermore, that no County employee whose position in the County enables him/her to influence the award of this contract, or any competing contract, and no spouse or economic dependent of such employee is or shall be employed in any capacity by the Contractor herein, or has or shall have any direct or indirect financial interest in this contract. I understand and agree that any falsification in this Certificate will be grounds for rejection of this Proposal and cancellation of any contract awarded pursuant to this Proposal.

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Signed _____

Date _____

PROPOSER'S REFERENCE LIST

PROPOSED CONTRACT FOR: _____

Provide a comprehensive reference list of all contracts for goods and/or services provided by the Proposer during the previous three years. Please verify all contact names, telephone and fax numbers, and e-mail addresses before listing. Incorrect names, telephone and/or fax numbers, or e-mail addresses will be disregarded. Use additional pages if required.

A. COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AGENCIES**All contracts with the County during the previous three years must be listed.**

SERVICE:	SERVICE DATES:
DEPT/ DISTRICT:	
CONTACT:	
TELEPHONE:	
FAX:	
E-MAIL:	

SERVICE:	SERVICE DATES:
DEPT/DISTRICT:	
CONTACT:	
TELEPHONE:	
FAX:	
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SERVICE:	SERVICE DATES:
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FAX:	
E-MAIL:	

SERVICE:	SERVICE DATES:
DEPT/DISTRICT:	
CONTACT:	
TELEPHONE:	
FAX:	
E-MAIL:	

B. OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES AND PRIVATE COMPANIES

SERVICE:	SERVICE DATES:
AGENCY/ FIRM:	
ADDRESS:	
CONTACT:	
TELEPHONE:	
FAX:	
E-MAIL:	

SERVICE:	SERVICE DATES:
AGENCY/ FIRM:	
ADDRESS:	
CONTACT:	
TELEPHONE:	
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SERVICE:	SERVICE DATES:
AGENCY/ FIRM:	
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CONTACT:	
TELEPHONE:	
FAX:	
E-MAIL:	

PROPOSER'S EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY CERTIFICATION

Proposer's Name
Address
Internal Revenue Service Employer Identification Number

In accordance with Los Angeles County Code Section 4.32.010, the Proposer certifies and agrees that all persons employed by it, 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.

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

Proposer	
Authorized representative	
Signature	Date

LIST OF SUBCONTRACTORS

Proposer is required to complete the following. Any Subcontractors listed must be properly licensed under the laws of the State of California for the type of service that they are to perform, AND THEIR LICENSE NUMBERS MUST BE LISTED HEREIN. Failure to do so may result in delay of the award of contract. Do not list alternate subcontractors for the same service.

☐ Proposer in providing the requested services will not utilize Subcontractors. Proposer will perform all required services.

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County of Los Angeles
Request for Local Small Business Enterprise (SBE) Preference Program Consideration and
CBE Firm/Organization Information Form

All proposers responding to the Request for Proposals must complete and return this form for proper consideration of the proposal.

FIRM NAME:

My County (WebVen) Vendor Number:

I. LOCAL SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PREFERENCE PROGRAM:

☐ As Local SBE certified by the County of Los Angeles Office of Affirmative Action Compliance as of the date of this proposal/bid's submission, I request this proposal/bid be considered for the Local SBE Preference.

☐ Attached is a copy of Local SBE certification issued by the County.

II. FIRM/ORGANIZATION INFORMATION: The information requested below is for statistical purposes only. On final analysis and consideration of award, contractor/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"/> Nonprofit	<input type="checkbox"/> Franchise	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please Specify):						
Total Number of Employees (including owners):						
Race/Ethnic Composition of Firm. Please 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						

III. 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	%	%	%	%	%	%

IV. 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	Expiration Date

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

Authorized Signature:	Title:	Date:
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GAIN and GROW EMPLOYMENT COMMITMENT

The undersigned:

- ☐ has hired participants from the County's Department of Social Services' Greater Avenue for Independence (GAIN) and General Relief Opportunity for Work (GROW) employment programs.

OR

- ☐ declares a willingness to consider GAIN and GROW participants for any future employment opening if participant(s) meet the minimum qualification for that opening, and

declares a willingness to provide employed GAIN and GROW participants access to proposer's employee mentoring program(s), if available, to assist those individuals in obtaining permanent employment and/or promotional opportunities.

Signature	Title
Firm Name	Date

TRANSMITTAL FORM TO REQUEST AN RFP SOLICITATION REQUIREMENTS REVIEW

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

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

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

- ☐ Application of **Minimum Requirements**
- ☐ Application of **Evaluation Criteria**
- ☐ 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, Proposer 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 Proposer: _____

CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS CERTIFICATION

Company Name

Address

Internal Revenue Service Employer Identification Number

California Registry of Charitable Trusts "CT" number (if applicable)

The Nonprofit Integrity Act (SB 1262, Chapter 919) added requirements to California's Supervision of Trustees and Fundraisers for Charitable Purposes Act, which regulates those receiving and raising charitable contributions.

CERTIFICATION

YES

NO

Proposer or Contractor has examined its activities and determined that it does not now receive or raise charitable contributions regulated under California's Supervision of Trustees and Fundraisers for Charitable Purposes Act. If Proposer engages in activities subjecting it to those laws during the term of a County contract, it will timely comply with them and provide County a copy of its initial registration with the California State Attorney General's Registry of Charitable Trusts when filed. () ()

OR

Proposer or Contractor is registered with the California Registry of Charitable Trusts under the CT number listed above and is in compliance with its registration and reporting requirements under California law. Attached is a copy of its most recent filing with the Registry of Charitable Trusts as required by Title 11 California Code of Regulations, sections 300-301 and Government Code sections 12585-12586. () ()

Signature

Date

Name and Title (please type or print)

TRANSITIONAL JOB OPPORTUNITIES PREFERENCE APPLICATION

COMPANY NAME:		
COMPANY ADDRESS:		
CITY:	STATE:	ZIP CODE:

- ☐ I am not requesting consideration under the County's Transitional Job Opportunities Preference Program.

I hereby certify that I meet all the requirements for this program:

- ☐ My business is a non-profit corporation qualified under Internal Revenue Services Code - Section 501(c)(3) and has been such for three years (*attach IRS Determination Letter*);
- ☐ I have submitted my three most recent annual tax returns with my application;
- ☐ I have been in operation for at least one year providing transitional job and related supportive services to program participants; and
- ☐ I have submitted a profile of our program; including a description of its components designed to help the program participants, number of past program participants and any other information requested by the contracting department.

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

PRINT NAME:	TITLE:
SIGNATURE:	DATE:

REVIEWED BY COUNTY:

SIGNATURE OF REVIEWER	APPROVED	DISAPPROVED	DATE

PROPOSER'S LIST OF TERMINATED CONTRACTS

PROPOSER'S NAME: _____

☐ Proposer has not had any contracts terminated in the past three years.

Proposer must list all contracts that have been terminated within the past three years. Terminated contracts are those contracts terminated by an agency or firm before the contract's expiration date. If a contract(s) was terminated, please attach an explanation on a separate sheet, whether the termination was at the fault of the Proposer or not. Any and all terminated contracts should be accompanied with an explanation. It should be noted that contracts that naturally expired need not be listed. The County is only seeking information on contracts that were terminated prior to expiration.

SERVICE:	TERMINATING DATE:
NAME OF TERMINATING FIRM	
ADDRESS OF FIRM	
CONTACT PERSON:	
TELEPHONE:	
FAX:	
E-MAIL:	

SERVICE:	TERMINATING DATE:
NAME OF TERMINATING FIRM	
ADDRESS OF FIRM	
CONTACT PERSON:	
TELEPHONE:	
FAX:	
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SERVICE:	TERMINATING DATE:
NAME OF TERMINATING FIRM	
ADDRESS OF FIRM	
CONTACT PERSON:	
TELEPHONE:	
FAX:	
E-MAIL:	

SIGNATURE _____

DATE: _____

PROPOSER'S PENDING LITIGATIONS AND JUDGMENTS

Proposer's Name: _____

- ☐ Proposer and/or principals are **not** currently involved in any pending litigation; are not aware of any threatened litigation where they would be a party; and have not had any judgments entered against them within the last five years as of the date of proposal submission.

Proposer and/or principals of the Proposer must list below (use additional pages if necessary) all pending litigation, threatened litigation, and/or any judgments entered against them within the last five years as of the date of proposal submission.

A. ☐ Pending Litigation ☐ Threatened Litigation ☐ Judgment (check one)

1. Against ☐ Proposer; ☐ Principal; ☐ Both (check as appropriate)
2. Name of Litigation/Judgment: _____
3. Case Number: _____
4. Court of Jurisdiction: _____
5. Please provide a statement describing the size and scope of the pending/threatened litigation or judgment (use additional page if necessary):

B. ☐ Pending Litigation ☐ Threatened Litigation ☐ Judgment (check one)

1. Against ☐ Proposer; ☐ Principal; ☐ Both (check as appropriate)
2. Name of Litigation/Judgment: _____
3. Case Number: _____
4. Court of Jurisdiction: _____
5. Please provide a statement describing the size and scope of the pending/threatened litigation or judgment (use additional page if necessary):

Signature of Proposer: _____ Date: _____

PROPOSER'S INSURANCE COMPLIANCE AFFIRMATION
LANDSCAPE AND GROUNDS MAINTENANCE SERVICES (2009-PA032)

Proposer's Name

Address

- ☐ If awarded the contract: Proposer will comply with the insurance coverage provisions set forth in Exhibit B, Section 5, Indemnification and Insurance Requirements of this Request for Proposals, and Proposer will procure, maintain, and provide the County with proof of insurance coverage in the coverage amounts and types specified in Exhibit B, Section 5 throughout the entire term of the proposed contract, without interruption or break in coverage.
- ☐ Proposer will not comply with the insurance coverage provisions set forth in Exhibit B, Section 5, Indemnification and Insurance Requirements of this Request for Proposals, and Proposer will not procure, maintain, and provide the County with proof of insurance coverage in the coverage amounts and types specified in Exhibit B, Section 5 throughout the entire term of the proposed contract, without interruption or break in coverage. If you check this box, your proposal will be immediately disqualified as non-responsive.

Proposer's Printed Name

Proposer's Signature

Date

TELEPHONE:

Please list one (1) item per line; DO NOT submit an equipment list in your own format. This form may be reproduced in order to list all equipment.

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LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE

Title 2 ADMINISTRATION

Chapter 2.201 Living Wage Program

2.201.010 Findings.

The board of supervisors finds that the county of Los Angeles is the principal provider of social and health services within the county, especially to persons who are compelled to turn to the county for such services. Employers' failure to pay a living wage to their employees causes them to use such services thereby placing an additional burden on the county of Los Angeles.

2.201.20 Definitions.

The general definitions contained in Chapter 2.02 shall be applicable to this chapter unless inconsistent with the following definitions:

- A. "County" includes the county of Los Angeles, any county officer or body, any county department head, and any county employee authorized to enter into a Proposition A contract or a cafeteria services contract with an employer.
- B. "Employee" means any individual who is an employee of an employer under the laws of California, and who is providing full time services to an employer, some or all of which are provided to the county of Los Angeles under a Proposition A contract, or under a cafeteria services contract at a county of Los Angeles owned or leased facility.
- C. "Employer" means:
 - 1. An individual or entity who has a contract with the county:
 - a. For services which is required to be more economical or feasible under Section 44.7 of the Charter of the county of Los Angeles, and is not listed as an excluded contract in Section 2.121.250 B of the Los Angeles County Code, referred to in this chapter as a "Proposition A contract," or
 - b. For cafeteria services, referred to in this chapter as a "cafeteria services contract," and
 - c. Who has received or will receive an aggregate sum of \$25,000.00 or more in any 12 month period under one or more Proposition A contracts and/or one or more cafeteria services contracts; or
 - 2. An individual or entity that enters into a subcontract with an employer, as defined in subsection C1 and who employs employees to provide services under the employer's contract with the county.
- D. "Full time" means a minimum 40 hours worked per week, or a lesser number of hours, if the lesser number is a recognized industry standard and is approved as such by the chief executive officer, but in no event less than 35 hours worked per week.

- E. "Proposition A contract" means a contract governed by Title 2, Section 2.121.250 et. Seq. of this code, entitled Contracting with Private Business.

2.201.30 Prospective effect.

This chapter shall be applicable to Proposition A contracts and cafeteria services contracts and their amendments the terms of which commence three months or more after the effective date of this chapter.* It shall not be applicable to Proposition A contracts or cafeteria services contracts or their amendments in effect before this chapter becomes applicable.

*Editor's note: Effective three months after the effective date of the Ordinance approval.

2.201.040 Payment of living wage.

- A. Employers shall pay employees a living wage for their services provided to the county of no less than the hourly rates set under this chapter. The rates shall be \$9.64 per hour with health benefits, or \$11.84 per hour without health benefits.
- B. To qualify for the living wage rate with health benefits, an employer shall pay at least \$2.20 per hour towards the provision of bona fide health care benefits for each employee and any dependents during the term of a Proposition A contract or a cafeteria services contract. Proof of the provision of such benefits must be submitted to the county for evaluation during the procurement process to qualify for the lower living wage rate in subsection A of this section. Employers who provide health care benefits to employees through the county department of health services community health plan are deemed to have qualified for the lower living wage rate in subsection A of this section.
- C. The board of supervisors may, from time to time, adjust the amounts specified in subsections A and B of this section above for future contracts. Any adjustments to the living wage rate specified in subsection A and B that are adopted by the board of supervisors shall be applicable to Proposition A contracts and cafeteria services contracts and their amendments which become effective three months or more after the effective date of the ordinance that adjusts the living wage rate.

2.201.050 Other provisions.

- A. Full Time Employees. An employer shall assign and use full time employees to provide services under a Proposition A contract or a cafeteria services contract, unless the employer can demonstrate to the county the necessity to use non-full time employees based on staffing efficiency or the county requirements of an individual job.
- B. Neutrality in Labor Relations. An employer shall not use any consideration received under a Proposition A contract or a cafeteria services contract to hinder, or to further, organization of, or collective bargaining activities by or on behalf of an employer's employees, except that this restriction shall not apply to any expenditure made in the course of good faith collective bargaining, or to any expenditure pursuant to obligations incurred under a bona fide collective bargaining agreement, or which would otherwise be permitted under the provisions of the National Labor Relations Act.
- C. Administration. The chief executive officer shall be responsible for the administration of this chapter. The chief executive officer may, with the advice of county counsel, issue interpretations of the provisions of this chapter. The chief executive officer in conjunction with the affirmative action compliance officer shall issue written instructions on the implementation and on-going administration of this Chapter. Such instructions

may provide for the delegation of functions to other county departments.

- D. Compliance Certification. An employer shall, during the term of a Proposition A contract, or a cafeteria services contract, report for each employee and certify the hours worked, wages paid, and amounts the employer paid for health benefits, and provide other information deemed relevant to the enforcement of this chapter by the county. Such reports shall be made at the times and in the manner set forth in instructions issued by the chief executive officer in conjunction with the affirmative action compliance officer. The affirmative action compliance officer in conjunction with the chief executive officer shall report annually to the board of supervisors on contractor compliance with the provisions of this chapter.
- E. Contractor Standards. An employer shall demonstrate during the procurement process and for the duration of a Proposition A contract or a cafeteria services contract a history of business stability, integrity in employee relations, and the financial ability to pay a living wage. (Ordinance No. 99-0048 ' 1 (part), 1999.)

2.201.60 Employer retaliation prohibited.

No employer shall take an adverse action causing a loss of any benefit of employment, of any contract benefit, or any statutory benefit to any employee, person, or other entity, who has reported a violation of this chapter to the board of supervisors or to one or more of their offices, to the county chief executive officer, or to the county auditor/controller, or to the county department administering the Proposition A contract or cafeteria services contract. (Ordinance No. 99-0048 ' 1 (part), 1999.)

2.201.70 Employee retention rights.

In the event that any Proposition A contract or cafeteria service contract is terminated by the county prior to its expiration, any new contract with a subsequent employer for such services shall provide for the employment of the predecessor employer's employees as provided in this section.

- A. A "retention employee" is an employee of a predecessor employer:
1. Who is not an exempt employee under the minimum wage and maximum hour exemptions defined in the federal Fair Labor Standards Act;
 2. Who has been employed by an employer under a predecessor Proposition A contract or a predecessor cafeteria services contract for at least six months prior to the date of a new contract; and
 3. Who is or will be terminated from his or her employment as a result of the county entering into a new contract.
- B. Subsequent employers shall offer employment to all retention employees who are qualified for such jobs.
- C. A subsequent employer is not required to hire a retention employee who:
1. Has been convicted of a crime related to the job or his or her job performance; or
 2. Fails to meet any other county requirement for employees of a contractor.

- D. A subsequent employer may not terminate a retention employee for the first 90 days of employment under a new contract, except for cause. Thereafter a subsequent employer may retain a retention employee on the same terms and conditions as the subsequent employer's other employees. (Ordinance No. 99-0048 ' 1 (part), 1999.)

2.201.80 Enforcement and Remedies.

For violation of any of the provisions of this chapter:

- A. An employee may bring an action in the courts of the state of California for damages caused by an employer's violation of this chapter.
- B. The county department head responsible for administering a Proposition A contract or a cafeteria services contract may do one or more of the following in accordance with such instructions as may be issued by the chief executive officer:
1. Assess liquidated damages as provided in the contract; and/or
 2. Recommend to the board of supervisors the termination of the contract; and/or
 3. Recommend to the board of supervisors that an Employer be barred from award of future county contracts for a period of time consistent with the seriousness of the employer's violation of this chapter, in accordance with Section 2.202.040 of this code.

2.201.090 Exceptions.

- A. Other Laws. This chapter shall not be interpreted or applied to any employer or to any employee in a manner inconsistent with United States or California laws.
- B. Collective Bargaining Agreements. Any provision of this chapter shall be superseded by a collective bargaining agreement that expressly so provides.
- C. This chapter shall not be applied to any employer which is a nonprofit corporation qualified under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- D. Small Businesses. This chapter shall not be applied to any employer which is a business entity organized for profit, including but not limited to any individual, partnership, corporation, joint venture, association or cooperative, which entity:
1. Is not an affiliate or subsidiary of a business dominant in its field of operation; and
 2. Has 20 or fewer employees during the contract period, including full time and part time employees; and
 3. Does not have annual gross revenues in the preceding fiscal year which if added to the annual amount of the contract awarded exceed \$1,000,000.00; or
 4. If the business is a technical or professional service, does not have annual gross revenues in the preceding fiscal year which if added to the annual amount of the contract awarded exceed \$2,500,000.00.

"Dominant in its field of operation" means having more than 20 employees, including full time and part time employees, and more than \$1,000,000.00 in annual gross revenues or \$2,500,000.00 in annual gross revenues if a technical or professional service.

"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. (Ordinance No. 99-0055 ' 1, 1999; Ordinance No. 99-0048 ' 1 (part), 1999.)

2.201.100 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. (Ordinance No. 99-0048 ' 1 (part), 1999.)

*Editor's note: Ordinance 99-0048, which enacted Chapter 2.201, is effective on July 22, 1999.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES LIVING WAGE PROGRAM

APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION

The contract to be awarded pursuant to the RFP is subject to the County of Los Angeles Living Wage Program (Program) (Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.201). Contractors and subcontractors may apply individually for consideration for an exemption from the Program. **To apply, complete and submit this form to Public Works seven days prior to the due date for proposals.** Upon review of the submitted Application for Exemption, Public Works will determine, in its sole discretion, whether the contractor and/or subcontractor is/are exempt from the Program.

Company Name:			
Company Address:			
City:		State:	Zip Code:
Telephone Number:	Facsimile Number:		Email Address:
Awarding Department:			Contract Term:
Type of Service:			
Contract Dollar Amount:			Contract Number (if any):

I am requesting an exemption from the Program for the following reason(s) (attach to this form all documentation that supports your claim and SUBMIT SEVEN DAYS PRIOR TO THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS TO PUBLIC WORKS OR FAX TO (626) 458-4194 :

- ☐ My business is a nonprofit corporation qualified under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3) **(you must attach the IRS Determination Letter).**
- ☐ My business is a Small Business **(as defined in the Living Wage Ordinance--you must attach your company's two most recent tax year returns and last state payroll tax return)** which is not an affiliate or subsidiary of a business dominant in its field of operation **AND** during the contract period will have 20 or fewer full- and part-time employees; **AND**
- ☐ Has less than \$1 million in annual gross revenues in the preceding fiscal year including the proposed contract amount; **OR**
- ☐ Is a technical or professional service that has less than \$2.5 million in annual gross revenues in the preceding fiscal year including the proposed contract amount.
- ☐ My business has received an aggregate sum of less than \$25,000 during the preceding 12 months under one or more Proposition A contracts and/or cafeteria services contracts, including the proposed contract amount.

FORM LW-2 - APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION (continued)

- ☐ My business is subject to a bona fide Collective Bargaining Agreement (***you must attach the agreement***); **AND**
- ☐ the Collective Bargaining Agreement expressly provides that it supersedes all of the provisions of the Living Wage Program; **OR**
- ☐ the Collective Bargaining Agreement expressly provides that it supersedes the following specific provisions of the Living Wage Program (I will comply with all provisions of the Living Wage Program not expressly superseded by my business - Collective Bargaining Agreement):
- _____
- _____
- _____

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

PRINT NAME:	TITLE:	
SIGNATURE:		DATE:

Additional Information

The additional information requested below is for information purposes only. It is not required for consideration of this Application for Exemption. The County will not consider or evaluate the information provided below by Contractor, in any way whatsoever, when recommending selection or award of a contract to the Board of Supervisors.

- ☐ **Either the contractor or the employees' collective bargaining unit have** a bona fide health care benefit plan for those employees who will be providing services to the County under the contract.

Health Plan Company Name(s): _____

Company Insurance Group Number(s): _____

Health Premium Amount Paid by Employer: _____

Health Premium Amount Paid by Employee: _____

Health Benefit(s) Payment Schedule:

☐ Monthly ☐ Quarterly ☐ Bi-Annual

☐ Annually ☐ Other (Specify): _____

- ☐ **Neither the contractor nor the employees' collective bargaining unit** have a bona fide health care benefit plan for those employees who will be providing services to the County under the contract.

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
LIVING WAGE ORDINANCE**

Contractor Living Wage Declaration

The contract to be awarded pursuant to this Request for Proposals (RFP) is subject to the County of Los Angeles Living Wage Ordinance (Program). You must declare your intent to comply with the Program.

If you believe that you are exempt from the Program, please complete the Application for Exemption form and submit it, as instructed in the RFP, to Public Works before the deadline to submit proposals.

If you are not exempt from the Program, please check the option that best describes your intention to comply with Program.

- ☐ I **do not** have a bona fide health care benefit plan for those employees who will be providing services to the County under the contract. I will pay an hourly wage of not less than **\$11.84 per hour** per employee.
- ☐ I **do have** a bona fide health care benefit plan for those employees who will be providing services to the County under the contract but will pay into the plan **less than \$2.20 per hour** per employee. I will pay an hourly wage of not less than **\$11.84 per hour** per employee.
- ☐ I **do have** a bona fide health care benefit plan for those employees who will be providing services to the County under the contract and will pay into the plan **at least \$2.20 per hour** per employee. I will pay an hourly wage of not less than **\$9.64 per hour** per employee.

Health Plan(s):

Company Insurance Group Number:

Health Benefit(s) Payment Schedule:

☐ Monthly

☐ Quarterly

☐ Bi-Annual

☐ Annually

☐ Other: _____ (Specify)

PLEASE PRINT COMPANY NAME:

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

SIGNATURE:

DATE:

PLEASE PRINT NAME:

TITLE OR POSITION:

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES LIVING WAGE PROGRAM ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

The undersigned individual is the owner or authorized agent of the business entity or organization (Firm) identified below and makes the following statements on behalf of his or her Firm. **CHECK EACH APPLICABLE BOX.**

LIVING WAGE ORDINANCE:

- ☐ I have read the County's Living Wage Ordinance (Los Angeles County Code Section 2.201.010 through 2.201.100), and understand that the Firm is subject to its terms.

CONTRACTOR NON-RESPONSIBILITY AND CONTRACTOR DEBARMENT ORDINANCE:

- ☐ I have read the provisions of the RFP describing the County's Determinations of Contractor Non-Responsibility and Contractor Debarment Ordinance (Los Angeles County Code Section 2.202.010 through 2.202.060), and understand that the Firm is subject to its terms.

LABOR LAW/PAYROLL VIOLATIONS :

A "Labor Law/Payroll Violation" includes violations of any Federal, State, or local statute, regulation, or ordinance pertaining to wages, hours, or working conditions such as minimum wage, prevailing wage, living wage, the Fair Labor Standards Act, employment of minors, or unlawful employment discrimination.

History of Alleged Labor Law/Payroll Violations (Check One):

- ☐ The Firm **HAS NOT** been named in a complaint, claim, investigation or proceeding relating to a alleged Labor Law/Payroll Violation which involves an incident occurring within three years of the date of the proposal; **OR**
- ☐ The Firm **HAS** been named in a complaint, claim, investigation, or proceeding relating to a alleged Labor Law/Payroll Violation which involves an incident occurring within three years of the date of the proposal. (I have attached to this form the required Labor/Payroll/Debarment History form with the pertinent information for each allegation.)

History of Determinations of Labor Law/Payroll Violations (Check One):

- ☐ There **HAS BEEN NO** determination by a public entity within the three years of the date of the proposal that the Firm committed a Labor Law/Payroll Violation; **OR**
- ☐ There **HAS BEEN** a determination by a public entity within the three years of the date of the proposal that the Firm committed a Labor/Payroll Violation. I have attached to this form the required Labor/Payroll/Debarment History form with the pertinent information for each violation (including each reporting entity name, case number, name and address of claimant, date of incident, date claim opened, and nature and disposition of each violation or finding.) (The County may deduct points from the proposer's final evaluation score ranging from 1% to 20% of the total evaluation points available with the largest deductions occurring for undisclosed violations.)

HISTORY OF DEBARMENT (Check one):

- ☐ The Firm **HAS NOT** been debarred by any public entity during the past ten years; **OR**
- ☐ The Firm **HAS** been debarred by a public entity within the past ten years. Provide the pertinent information (including each public entity's name and address, dates of disbarment, and nature of each debarment) on the attached Labor/Payroll/Debarment History form.

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

Owner's/Agent's Authorized Signature

Print Name and Title

Print Name of Firm

Date

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
LIVING WAGE PROGRAM
LABOR/PAYROLL/DEBARMENT HISTORY**

The Firm must complete and submit a separate form (make photocopies of form) for each instance of (check the applicable box below):

- ☐ An alleged claim, investigation, or proceeding relating to an alleged Labor Law/Payroll Violation for an incident occurring within the past three years of the date of the proposal.
- ☐ A determination by a public entity within three years of the date of the proposal that the Firm committed a Labor Law/Payroll Violation.
- ☐ A debarment by a public entity listed below within the past ten years.

Print Name of Firm:	Print Name of Owner:
Print Address of Firm:	Owner's/AGENT's Authorized Signature:
City, State, Zip Code	Print Name and Title:

Public Entity Name	
Public Entity Address:	Street Address:
	City, State, Zip:
Case Number/Date Claim Opened:	Case Number:
	Date Claim Opened:
Name and Address of Claimant:	Name:
	Street Address:
	City, State, Zip:
Description of Work: (e.g., Janitorial)	
Description of Allegation and/or Violation:	
Disposition of Finding: (attach disposition letter) (e.g., Liquidated Damages, Penalties, Debarment, etc.)	

☐ Additional Pages are attached for a total of _____ pages.

GUIDELINES FOR ASSESSMENT OF PROPOSER LABOR LAW/PAYROLL VIOLATIONS

COUNTY DETERMINATION Proposer Name: _____ Contracting Department: _____ Department Contact Person: _____ Phone: _____	RANGE OF DEDUCTION _____ (Deduction is taken from the maximum evaluation points available)	
	Proposer Fully Disclosed	Proposer <i>Did Not</i> Fully Disclose
MAJOR County determination, based on the Evaluation Criteria, that proposer has a record of very serious violations.*	8 - 10% Consider investigating a finding of proposer non-responsibility**	16 - 20% Consider investigating a finding of proposer non-responsibility**
SIGNIFICANT County determination, based on the Evaluation Criteria, that proposer has a record of significant violations.*	4 - 7%	8 - 14% Consider investigating a finding of proposer non-responsibility**
MINOR County determination, based on the Evaluation Criteria, that proposer has a record of relatively minor violations.*	2 - 3%	4 - 6%
INSIGNIFICANT County determination, based on the Evaluation Criteria, that proposer has a record of very minimal violations.*	0 - 1%	1 - 2%
NONE County determination, based on the Evaluation Criteria, that proposer does not have a record of violations.*	0	N/A

Assessment Criteria

* A 'Labor Law/Payroll Violation' includes violations of any Federal, State or local statute, regulation or ordinance pertaining to wages, hours, working conditions such as minimum wage, prevailing wage, living wage, the Fair Labor Standards Act, employment of minors, or unlawful employment discrimination. The County may deduct points from a proposer's final evaluation score only for Labor Law/Payroll Violations with disposition by a public entity within the past three years of the date of the proposal.

The assessment and determination of whether a violation is major, significant, minor, or insignificant and the assignment of a percentage deduction shall include, but not be limited to, consideration of the following criteria and variables:

- ☐ Accuracy in self-reporting by proposer
- ☐ Health and/or safety impact
- ☐ Number of occurrences
- ☐ Identified patterns in occurrences
- ☐ Dollar amount of lost/delayed wages
- ☐ Assessment of any fines and/or penalties by public entities
- ☐ Proportion to the volume and extent of services provided, e.g., number of contracts, number of employees, number of locations, etc.

** County Code Title 2, Chapter 2.202.030 sets forth criteria for making a finding of contractor non-responsibility which are not limited to the above situations.

REQUESTED INFORMATION ON THE PROPOSER'S MEDICAL PLAN COVERAGE

Proposer: _____

Name of Proposer's Health Plan: _____ Date: _____

(Please use a separate form for each health plan offered by the proposer to employees who will be working under this contract.)

ITEMS	DOES THE PLAN COVER? (YES) (NO)	WHAT DOES THE PROPOSER OR PROPOSER'S PLAN PAY?	LIST ANY CO-PAYMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS
Proposer's Health Plan Premium			
Employee only	Y N	\$	
Employee + 1 dependent	Y N	\$	
Employee + 2 dependents	Y N	\$	
Employee + 3 dependents	Y N	\$	
Proposer's portion of above health premium payment			
Employee only	Y N	\$	
Employee + 1 dependent	Y N	\$	
Employee + 2 dependents	Y N	\$	
Employee + 3 dependents	Y N	\$	
Any Annual Deductible?			
Per Person	Y N	\$	
Per Family	Y N	\$	
Any Annual Maximum Employee Out-of-Pocket Expense?			
Per Person	Y N	\$	
Per Family	Y N	\$	
Any Lifetime Maximum?			
Per Person	Y N	\$	
Per Family	Y N	\$	
Ambulance coverage	Y N	\$	
Doctor's Office Visits	Y N	\$	
Emergency Care	Y N	\$	
Home Health Care	Y N	\$	
Hospice Care	Y N	\$	
Hospital Care	Y N	\$	
Immunizations	Y N	\$	
Maternity	Y N	\$	
Mental Health	Y N	\$	
Mental Health In-Patient Coverage	Y N	\$	

LW-7 – PROPOSER'S MEDICAL PLAN COVERAGE (continued)

ITEMS	DOES THE PLAN COVER? (YES) (NO)	WHAT DOES THE PROPOSER OR PROPOSER'S PLAN PAY?	LIST ANY CO-PAYMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS
Mental Health Out-Patient Coverage	Y N	\$	
Physical Therapy	Y N	\$	
Prescription Drugs	Y N	\$	
Routine Eye Examinations	Y N	\$	
Skilled Nursing Facility	Y N	\$	
Surgery	Y N	\$	
X-Ray and Laboratory	Y N	\$	

Under this health plan, a full time employee:

☐ Becomes eligible for health insurance coverage after ____ days of employment.

☐ Is defined as an employee who is employed more than ____ hours per week.

OTHER BENEFITS:

A. NUMBER OF PAID SICK DAYS EARNED IN THE FIRST YEAR OF EMPLOYMENT IS ____ DAYS.

B. NUMBER OF PAID SICK DAYS EARNED IN THE SECOND YEAR OF EMPLOYMENT IS ____ DAYS.

C. NUMBER OF PAID VACATION DAYS EARNED IN THE FIRST YEAR OF EMPLOYMENT IS ____ DAYS.

D. NUMBER OF PAID VACATION DAYS EARNED IN THE SECOND YEAR OF EMPLOYMENT IS ____ DAYS.

E. NUMBER OF PAID HOLIDAYS PER YEAR IS ____ DAYS.

Date

PROPOSER: _____

[illegible]

* All employees shown must be FULL-TIME employees of the proposer, unless exemption to use Part-Time employees has been granted by the County.

**** Living wage rate shall be at least \$11.84 per hour.**

*** Minimum cost for health insurance is \$2.20/hour if hourly wage rate is between \$9.64 and \$11.84, unless exemption from Living Wage requirements has been granted by the County.

This cost methodology is to show, in detail, how the Proposer arrived at the proposed contract price. This methodology is to reflect employee classifications to be used (e.g., landscape maintenance laborer, working supervisor, etc.); hours to be worked daily, weekly, and annually by each classification; hourly and annual wages to be paid to each classification; estimated annual payroll taxes; estimated annual allowances for vacation, sick, holiday, health and welfare, and pension. Proposer's costs for insurance, supplies, equipment, overhead, and any other miscellaneous costs are to be shown as requested. These costs, plus the gross labor costs and projected profit, must match the total to the Proposer's annual price as quoted in Form PW-2, Schedule of Prices. When there is a discrepancy between the price quoted in Form PW-2, Schedule of Prices, and this cost methodology, Form LW-8, the correctly calculated price indicated in Form PW-2, Schedule of Prices, shall prevail. The above information was compiled from records that are available to me at this time and I declare under penalty of perjury that the information is true and accurate within the requirements of the proposal.

Name of Proposer

Signature

Date

Date

Date

WAGE AND HOUR RECORD KEEPING FOR LIVING WAGE CONTRACTS

INSTRUCTIONS

The contractor selected through this RFP process will be required to comply with State and Federal labor regulations and record keeping requirements. The objective of this questionnaire is to determine the appropriateness, scope, and suitability of the procedures the Proposer uses and the internal controls in place to ensure compliance with State and Federal labor regulations and record keeping requirements. In order to appropriately evaluate this area (Part I, Section 4.E, Evaluation Criteria), it is critical that the Proposer submit a detailed description of the processes and the steps associated with those processes.

Answer all questions thoroughly and in the same sequence as provided below. If a question is not applicable, indicate with "N/A" and explain why such question is not applicable. Provide additional details to ensure a clear picture of the Proposer's processes and controls. As used in this questionnaire, the term Proposer includes the business entity that will provide the proposed services. Attach an actual sample copy of timesheet, paycheck, and pay stub.

ADDITIONAL PAGES MAY BE ATTACHED OR RESPONSES CAN BE PROVIDED IN A SEPARATE DOCUMENT.

IDENTIFY EACH RESPONSE BY THE CORRESPONDING QUESTION NUMBER.

QUESTION	RESPOND HERE OR ATTACHED NUMBERED RESPONSES IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED.
<p>1. TRACKING HOURS WORKED</p> <p>1.1. How does the Proposer track employee hours actually worked?</p> <p>1.2. Where do the Proposer's employees report to work at the beginning of their shift? At the work location or a central site with travel to the worksite?</p> <p>1.3. If the employees report to a central site with travel to the worksite, when does the Proposer consider the employees' shift to have started? At a central site or upon arrival at the work location?</p>	

QUESTION	RESPOND HERE OR ATTACHED NUMBERED RESPONSES IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED.
<p>2. REPORTING TIME</p> <p>How does the Proposer know employees actually reported to work and at what time? For example, sign-in sheets, computerized check in, call-in system, or some other method?</p>	
<p>3. RECORDS OF ACTUAL TIME WORKED</p> <p>3.1. What records are created to document the beginning and ending times of employee's actual work shifts?</p> <p>3.2. What records are maintained by the Proposer of actual time worked?</p> <p>3.3. Are the records maintained daily or at another interval (indicate the interval)?</p> <p>3.4. Who creates these records (e.g., employee, supervisor, or office staff)?</p> <p>3.5. Who checks the records, and what are they checking for?</p> <p>3.6. What happens to these records?</p> <p>3.7. Are they used as a source document to create Proposer's payroll?</p> <p>3.8. <u>ATTACH ACTUAL COPIES OF THESE RECORDS</u> (Please blank out any personal information).</p>	

QUESTION	RESPOND HERE OR ATTACHED NUMBERED RESPONSES IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED.
<p>4. OTHER RECORDS USED TO CREATE PAYROLL (IF ANY)</p> <p>4.1. If records of actual time worked are not used to create payroll, what is the source document that is used?</p> <p>4.2. Who prepares and who checks the source document?</p> <p>4.3. Does the employee sign it?</p> <p>4.4. Who approves the source document, and what do they compare it with prior to approving it?</p>	
<p>5. BREAKS</p> <p>5.1. How does the Proposer know that employees take mandated breaks and meal breaks (periods)?</p> <p>5.2. Does the Proposer maintain any written supporting documentation to validate that the breaks actually occurred?</p> <p>5.3. If so, who prepares, reviews, and approves such documentation?</p>	

QUESTION	RESPOND HERE OR ATTACHED NUMBERED RESPONSES IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED.
<p>6. HOW PAYROLL IS PREPARED</p> <p>6.1. Discuss how the Proposer's payroll is prepared and how the Proposer ensures that employee wages are appropriately paid.</p> <p>6.2. How are employees paid (e.g., manually issued check, cash, automated check, or combination of methods)?</p> <p>6.3. If by check, do they receive a single check for straight time and overtime or are separate payments made?</p> <p>6.4. What information is provided on the check (e.g., deductions for taxes, etc.)?</p> <p>6.5. <u>ATTACH A COPY OF A PAY CHECK AND PAY CHECK STUB THAT SHOWS DEDUCTION CATEGORIES (COVER UP OR BLOCK OUT BANK ACCOUNT INFORMATION AND ANY EMPLOYEE INFORMATION).</u></p>	

QUESTION	RESPOND HERE OR ATTACHED NUMBERED RESPONSES IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED.
<p>7. MANUAL PAYROLL SYSTEM</p> <p>7.1. If the Proposer uses a manual payroll system, describe the steps the person preparing the payroll takes to create a check, starting from the source document through the issuance of a check.</p> <p>7.2. If the employee has multiple wage rates (i.e., County's Living Wage rate for County work and the Proposer's standard rate for other non-County work), how does the person preparing the payroll calculate total wages paid?</p>	
<p>8. AUTOMATED PAYROLL SYSTEM</p> <p>8.1. If the Proposer uses an automated payroll system or contracts for such automated payroll services to an outside firm, describe the steps taken to prepare the payroll.</p> <p>8.2. If the employee has multiple wage rates (i.e., County's Living Wage rate for County work and the Proposer's standard rate for other non-County work), how does the automated payroll system calculate total wages paid?</p> <p>8.3. Is the calculation embedded in the software program, or does someone have to override the system to perform the calculation?</p>	

QUESTION	RESPOND HERE OR ATTACHED NUMBERED RESPONSES IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED.
<p>9. TRAVEL TIME</p> <p>9.1. How is travel time during an employee's shift paid?</p> <p>9.2. At what rate is such travel time paid if the employee has multiple wage rates?</p> <p>9.3. Discuss how the Proposer calculates the day's wages for each situation described in the following two examples:</p> <p>a. During a single shift, an employee works three hours at a work location under a County Living Wage contract, then travels an hour to another work location to work four hours, where they are paid at a different rate than the County's Living Wage rate.</p> <p>b. During a single shift, an employee works three hours at a work location under a County Living Wage contract, then travels an hour to another work location to work four hours, where they are also paid the County's Living Wage rate.</p>	
<p>10. OVERTIME</p> <p>10.1. How does the Proposer calculate overtime wages?</p> <p>10.2. What if the employee has multiple wage rates?</p>	

DATED: _____ PROPOSER'S SIGNATURE: _____



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; and, (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. Ensure 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.

Listing of Contractors Debarred in Los Angeles County

Vendor Name:	G COAST CONSTRUCTION INC.		
Alias:			
Debarment Start Date:	9/11/2007	Debarment End Date:	9/10/2012
Principal Owners and/or Affiliates:	Ezra Levi		
Vendor Name:	INSPECTION ENGINEERING CONSTR		
Alias:	Inspection Engineering Construction		
Debarment Start Date:	6/13/2006	Debarment End Date:	6/12/2016
Principal Owners and/or Affiliates:	Jamal Deaifi		
Vendor Name:	ARROWHEAD EMANCIPATION PROGRAM, INC.,		
Alias:			
Debarment Start Date:	7/08/2008	Debarment End Date:	PERMANENT DEBARMENT
Principal Owners and/or Affiliates:	Irma F. Reed and Charlene Williams		

Revised 7/10/08

County of Los Angeles *Lobbyist Ordinance*



IT'S THE LAW

It may affect you!

Chapter 2.160 of the Los Angeles County Code requires Lobbyists, Lobbying Firms and Lobbyist Employers to register with the Executive Office of the Board of Supervisors. This ordinance imposes extensive reporting requirements on individuals, businesses and other organizations. It places restrictions on the activities of anyone seeking to influence an official action of the County of Los Angeles including actions of the Board of Supervisors or the granting or denial of County contracts, licenses, permits, grants and franchises.

YOU MAY BE CONSIDERED A COUNTY LOBBYIST

If you are compensated to communicate directly (or through agents) with any County official for the purpose of influencing official action, then you may be required to register with the Executive Office of the Board of Supervisors. The requirement to register is the same whether you are an employee of, or on contract with, a firm or organization with business before the County. Additionally, an individual or business entity may be considered a County Lobbying Firm if it receives compensation to influence the County on behalf of any **other** persons or businesses. An individual, business entity or organization that employs or contracts with another individual or firm to represent or make contacts with a County agency on their behalf to influence County action may be considered a County Lobbyist Employer who must also register. If in doubt, it is best to register.

Furthermore, each person or entity who is not otherwise required to register as a County Lobbyist, Lobbying Firm or Lobbyist Employer, but who directly or indirectly expends \$5,000 or more during a calendar quarter to influence official action need not register BUT must report the expenditure to the Executive Office of the Board of Supervisors on a form available from the Executive Office.

REGISTERING IS IMPORTANT

Failure to comply with the ordinance may subject offending Lobbyists, Lobbying Firms, and Lobbyist Employers to **serious penalties including fines up to \$2,000 and denial of contracts, licenses, permits, grants or franchises. Moreover, some violators may be refused permission to address the Board of Supervisors or any County commission.**

HERE'S HOW TO COMPLY WITH THE LAW

Within 10 days of qualifying as a County Lobbyist, Lobbying Firm, or Lobbyist Employer as described in the ordinance, you must register with the Executive Office of the Board of Supervisors.

Registering with the County is easy. To receive a copy of the ordinance and registration forms, or to receive additional information or answers to specific questions, please contact the Executive Office of the Board of Supervisors at the following address or you may call one of the following telephone numbers:

Executive Office of the Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall Of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

(213) 974-1093 (213) 974-1578

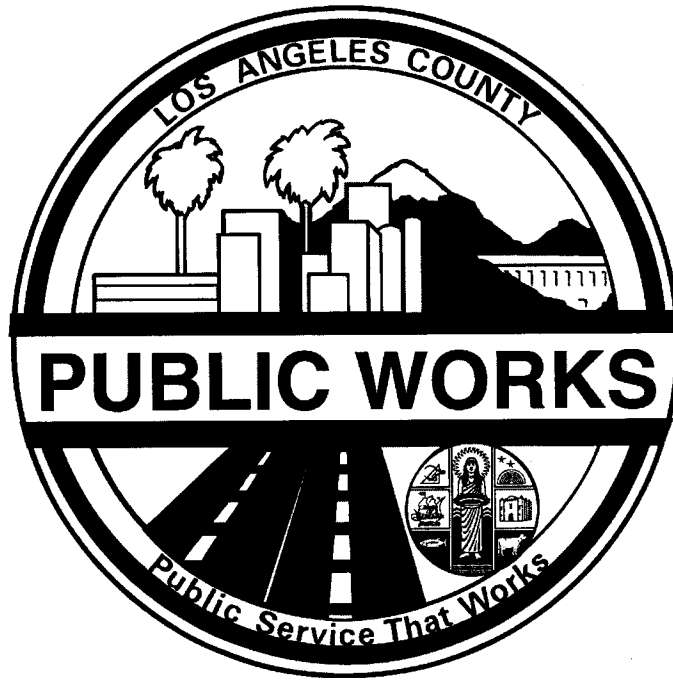
A copy of the ordinance is available for your review at this County facility or on the Internet.

<http://bos.co.la.ca.us/>

Thank you for your cooperation and attention.

Part II

Sample Agreement



BY AND BETWEEN

THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES,
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

AND

[NAME OF CONTRACTOR]

FOR

LANDSCAPE AND GROUNDS MAINTENANCE SERVICES
(2009-PA032)

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SAMPLE AGREEMENT FOR
LANDSCAPE AND GROUNDS MAINTENANCE SERVICES

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into this ____ day of _____, 2009, by and between the COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, a subdivision of the State of California, a body corporate and politic (hereinafter referred to as COUNTY) and [Name of CONTRACTOR], a [Form of Entity] (hereinafter referred to as CONTRACTOR).

WITNESSETH

FIRST: The CONTRACTOR, for the consideration hereinafter set forth and the acceptance by the Board of Supervisors of said COUNTY of the CONTRACTOR'S Proposal filed with the COUNTY on _____, 2009, hereby agrees to provide services as described in this Contract for Landscape and Grounds Maintenance Services (2009-PA032).

SECOND: This AGREEMENT, together with Exhibit A, Scope of Work; Exhibit B, Service Contract General Requirements; Exhibit C, Internal Revenue Service Notice 1015; Exhibit D, Safely Surrendered Baby Law Posters; Exhibit E, Service Area Maps; the CONTRACTOR'S Proposal, all attached hereto; the Request for Proposals; and Addenda to the Request for Proposals, all of which are incorporated herein by reference, are agreed by the COUNTY and the CONTRACTOR to constitute the Contract.

THIRD: The COUNTY agrees, in consideration of satisfactory performance of the foregoing services in strict accordance with the Contract specifications to the satisfaction of the Director, to pay the CONTRACTOR pursuant to the Schedule of Prices set forth in the Proposal and attached hereto as Form PW-2, an amount not to exceed \$_____ per year or such greater amount as the Board may approve (Maximum Contract Sum).

FOURTH: This Contract's initial term shall be for a period of one year commencing on _____. At the sole discretion of the COUNTY, this Contract may be extended in increments of one year, not to exceed a total contract period of five years. The COUNTY, acting through the Director, may give a written notice of intent to extend this Contract at least ten days prior to the end of each term. At the sole discretion of the COUNTY, in lieu of extending the Contract for the full one year, this Contract may be extended on a month-to-month basis, upon written notice to the Contractor at least ten days prior to the end of a term. The Director will provide a written notice of nonrenewal at least ten days before the last day of any term, in which case this Contract shall expire as of midnight on the last day of that term. Where all option years have been exercised, the Director will not provide a written notice of nonrenewal.

FIFTH: The CONTRACTOR shall bill monthly in arrears, for the work performed during the preceding month. Work performed shall be billed at the unit prices quoted in Form PW-2, Schedule of Prices.

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SIXTH: Public Works will make payment to the CONTRACTOR within 30 days of receipt and approval of a properly completed invoice. However, should the CONTRACTOR be certified by the COUNTY as a Local Small Business Enterprise, payment will be made in accordance with Board of Supervisors Policy No. 3.035, Small Business Liaison and Prompt Payment Program. Each invoice shall be in triplicate (original and two copies) and shall itemize the work completed. The invoices shall be submitted to:

County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Attention Fiscal Division, Accounts Payable
P.O. Box 7508
Alhambra, CA 91802-7508

SEVENTH: In no event shall the aggregate total amount of compensation paid to the CONTRACTOR exceed the amount of compensation authorized by the Board. Such aggregate total amount is the Maximum Contract Sum.

EIGHTH: The CONTRACTOR understands and agrees that only the designated Public Works Contract Manager is authorized to request or order work under this Contract. The CONTRACTOR acknowledges that the designated Contract Manager is not authorized to request or order any work that would result in the CONTRACTOR earning an aggregate compensation in excess of this Contract's Maximum Contract Sum.

NINTH: The CONTRACTOR shall not perform or accept work requests from the Contract Manager or any other person that will cause the Maximum Contract Sum of this Contract to be exceeded. CONTRACTOR shall monitor the balance of this Contract's Maximum Contract Sum. When the total of the CONTRACTOR'S paid invoices, invoices pending payment, invoices yet to be submitted, and ordered services reaches 75 percent of the Maximum Contract Sum, the CONTRACTOR shall immediately notify the Contract Manager in writing. The CONTRACTOR shall send written notification to the Contract Manager when this Contract is within six months from expiration of the term as provided for hereinabove.

TENTH: No cost-of-living adjustments shall be granted for the optional renewal periods.

ELEVENTH: In the event that terms and conditions, which may be listed in the CONTRACTOR'S Proposal, conflict with the COUNTY'S specifications, requirements, and terms and conditions as reflected in this AGREEMENT, including, but not limited to, Exhibits A through E, inclusive, the COUNTY'S provisions shall control and be binding.

TWELFTH: The CONTRACTOR agrees in strict accordance with the Contract specifications and conditions to meet the COUNTY'S requirements.

THIRTEENTH: This Contract constitutes the entire agreement between the COUNTY and the CONTRACTOR with respect to the subject matter of this Contract and supersedes all prior and contemporaneous agreements and understandings.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the COUNTY has, by order of its Board of Supervisors, caused these presents to be subscribed by the Chairman of said Board and the seal of said Board to be affixed and attested by the Clerk thereof, and the CONTRACTOR has subscribed its name by and through its duly authorized officers, as of the day, month, and year first written above.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

By _____
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

SACHI A. HAMAI
Executive Officer of the
Board of Supervisors of
the County of Los Angeles

By _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ROBERT E. KALUNIAN
Acting County Counsel

By _____
Deputy

[NAME OF CONTRACTOR]

By _____
Its President

Type or Print Name

By _____
Its Secretary

Type or Print Name

SCOPE OF WORK

LANDSCAPE AND GROUNDS MAINTENANCE SERVICES
(2009-PA032)A. Public Works Contract Manager

Public Works Contract Manager will be identified at the time of contract award. The Contract Manager is the only person authorized by Public Works to request work of the Contractor. From time to time, Public Works may change Contract Managers. The Contractor shall be notified in writing when there is a change in Contract Manager.

B. Work Location

Facilities to be maintained are enumerated in Exhibit E.1, Service Area Maps for RD 141/241 Medians; Exhibit E.2, Service Area Maps for RD 146/446 Medians; Exhibit E.3, Service Area Maps for Montrose/Altadena; and Exhibit E.4, Service Area Maps for San Gabriel Valley Medians; and are located throughout the County of Los Angeles. The jobsites may be landscaped with turf, groundcover, shrubs, trees, and may be irrigated by manual and/or automatic irrigation systems.

C. Work Description

The following are the general requirements governing the work to be performed and the manner of performance.

The Contractor shall:

1. The Contractor shall possess and maintain a valid C-27 Contractor's Landscaping License, California Qualified Applicator License, California Pest Control Business License issued by the State of California and a valid arborist certification.
2. Complete each task thoroughly in a professional manner. To this end, quality equipment and materials that comply with all current regulations shall be used.
3. Render and provide landscape and grounds maintenance services including, but not limited to, the maintenance of turf, groundcover, shrubs and trees; renovation of turf and groundcover areas; pruning of trees and shrubs; control of weeds, vegetation disease, and pests; operation and repair of the irrigation systems, sprinkler heads, and risers; and maintenance of equipment. Such activities shall be performed pursuant to these Specifications and to the frequencies established by Public Works, as set forth herein by Public Works in Form PW-2, Schedule of Prices.

The work requirement described in PW-2 shall govern the Contractor's performance obligation for the specified area.

4. Not perform any operations which may destroy or damage groundcover or turf areas during periods of inclement weather.
5. Recognize that during the course of this Contract, other activities may be conducted by County work forces and other contractors that may include, but are not limited to, landscape refurbishment, irrigation system modification or repair, construction, and/or storm related operations. The Contractor may be required to modify or curtail certain tasks and operations and shall promptly comply with any request made by the Contract Manager.
6. During the hours and days of maintenance service as identified in this Exhibit's paragraph L, Hours and Days of Maintenance Services, respond to all emergencies within two hours of notification.
7. Be required to clearly identify and equip each vehicle used at Public Works jobsites/facilities with decals on the exterior right and left front door panels, visible and readable from a distance of 50 feet, identifying the Contractor's name and phone number.
8. If required by the Contract Manager, submit work schedules for all phases of work performed that include mowing, irrigation system testing, maintenance, etc.

D. Management/Supervision

The Contractor shall:

1. Provide fully trained and qualified personnel as well as appropriate management, supervision, materials, supplies, and equipment.
2. Closely monitored its staff to detect operational irregularities and noncompliance with contractual requirements. The Contractor's executive, management, and supervisory staffs shall oversee these service activities, and shall not delay, ignore, or otherwise fail to fully comply with any contract obligations, task specifications, rate assignments, or reasonable requests of the Contract Manager.
3. Ensure its crew leader(s) and operational staff as well as its supervisory and management staff, are fully versed in the operational mandates and time lines required by this Contract. The task requirements, schedules, and time lines for the jobsite(s)/facility(ies) shall be kept by each operating crew.

4. Ensure its executive, management, or supervisory staff provides ongoing observation and correction of operations to ensure compliance with these Specifications. Neither Public Works' deficiency notices, deductions, or inspections may be utilized or viewed as a substitution for the Contractor's ongoing direction and management of its employees.
5. Ensure that Contractor has three years of experience and its on-site supervisor has at least three years' supervising experience in providing landscape maintenance services for business, commercial, and/or government customers.

E. Ongoing General Maintenance Tasks

1. Mowing Operations

The Contractor shall:

- a. Perform mowing operations in a workmanlike manner that ensures a smooth surface appearance without scalping or allowing excessive cuttings to remain.
- b. Mow the turf with a reel-type mower equipped with rollers or a rotary type mower. All mowing equipment shall be adjusted to the proper cutting heights and adequately sharpened.
- c. Mow turf species to appropriate height. Mowing heights may vary according to use parameters such as for special events and conditions. In general, cutting height shall be 2 to 3 inches high.
- d. Perform mowing operations on a Schedule (Dates, days, and or hours of scheduled work) that is acceptable to the Contract Manager.
- e. Clean walkways immediately following each mowing so that no clippings create a hazardous or unsightly condition.
- f. Complete mowing of turf and cleanup at each facility in one continuous operation.

2. Mowing Site Inspection and Reporting

The Contractor shall:

- a. Prior to initiating a mowing operation, have the site inspected by a knowledgeable and responsible employee who will determine the practicality of initiating the operation. Litter shall not be shredded by mowers. Glass bottles shall not be driven over or broken. Excessively wet turf areas shall not be driven across. Damaged

sprinkler heads and valve box covers shall be immediately replaced by the Contractor.

- b. If a mowing operation cannot be completed thoroughly within the designated time frame, immediately notify the Contract Manager.

3. Edging Operations

The Contractor shall:

- a. Keep all turf edges, including designed edges in flower beds, neatly edged, and all grass invasions eliminated.
- b. Trim all turf edges including, but not limited to, those edges next to sidewalks, drives, curbs, shrub beds, flower beds, groundcover beds, around tree bases, and along lakes and streams in a neat and uniform line.
- c. Complete all edging of turf and clean up in one continuous operation and in a manner that result in a well-defined, V-shaped edge that extends into the soil.
- d. Keep all turf edges limited around sprinklers to provide optimum water coverage, valve boxes, meter boxes, backflow devices, and other equipment and obstacles.
- e. Keep all groundcover and flower bed areas maintained next to turf areas neatly edged and all grass invasions eliminated.
- f. Clear walkways immediately following each edging operation to ensure removal of accumulated debris and to limit hazardous and unsightly conditions.

4. Weed Removal Operations

The Contractor shall:

- a. Keep all grass like weeds, morning glories, vine type weeds, ragweed, and other underground spreading weeds under strict control.
- b. Determine, in consultation with the County Contract Manager and subject to his or her instructions, the manner and method of weed control and removal. Methods for removal of weeds may incorporate one or more of the following:
 - Hand removal (mechanical)
 - Cultivation
 - Chemical Eradication (Refer to Section S, Use of Chemicals)

- Mulching

- c. Remove and/or control all weeds and grass from beds, planters, walkways, drainage areas, expansion joints in all hard surface areas, pavement, driveways, roadways, slopes, hillsides, bare areas, and undeveloped areas.
- d. Remove all weeds from shrub beds, planters, and other cultivated areas.
- e. Leave weeds treated using a systemic chemical in place per manufacturer's recommendation. If kill is not complete by the time specified in the manufacturer's recommendation, a second application, at no additional cost to the Public Works, shall be made.
- f. Remove all dead weeds from the areas, after complete kill.
- g. Inspect all walkways, beds, planters, landscapes, and spot treat weeds as necessary.
- h. Maintain, in a weed-free condition, developed areas of a facility that have become denuded.
- i. Leave in a natural state designated areas by County of a facility so that the plants' root systems are utilized to stabilize the soil. However, such areas may occasionally need to be mowed or otherwise controlled to a given height for appearance or fire suppression reasons.

5. Litter Control Operations

The Contractor shall:

- a. Inspect and pick up litter thoroughly and completely to ensure a neat appearance in all areas being maintained by removing paper, non-decorating rocks, glass, trash, siltation, and other accumulated debris and undesirable materials. Litter control operations shall cover, but are not limited to, walkways, roadways, service roads, between and around planted areas, steps, planters, drains, stream beds, areas on slopes from the toe or top of slope to ten feet up or down the slope adjacent to developed areas, and catch basins.
- b. Perform supplemental hand sweeping of parking space gutters, and other parking spaces inaccessible to power equipment to accomplish all inspection and litter removal to ensure a neat appearance.

- c. Accomplish the complete removal, if a lake, pond, and/or stream are located on the jobsite(s)/facility(ies) of:
 - 1) Floating debris and litter in the lake(s), pond(s), and/or stream(s).
 - 2) Trash cans and any other large materials placed into lake(s), pond(s), and/or stream(s).
 - 3) Submerged debris within ten feet of the incline of a lake(s), pond(s), and/or stream(s).
- d. Complete litter pick up as early in the day as possible, but in no case later than 11 a.m.
- e. Place litter picked up on-site in trash bin(s) and not in trash containers intended for the general public.
- f. Keep walkways clear of litter and debris from maintenance and irrigation operations, erosion, storm runoff, and wind. Turf, beds, planters, walkways, drainage areas, areas on slopes from the toe or top of the slope to ten feet up or down the slope adjacent to developed areas, roadways, parking spaces, lakes, ponds, and streams shall be clear of litter and debris.
- g. All debris derived from these services shall be removed from Public Works property and become the property of the Contractor. The Contractor shall dispose of all debris from these services in a legally established area appropriate for the type of debris being disposed. Disposal shall be at the Contractor's expense.
- h. The Contractor is advised that due to the nature of this Contract, discarded hazardous waste may be encountered during the performance of this contract. In the event an unknown substance or hazardous material is discovered, the Contractor shall immediately notify the Contract Manager. The Contractor shall NOT attempt to perform any type of hazardous waste remediation not included under the Scope of Work of this Contract, including identifying, containing, cleaning, moving, disposing, etc. The Contractor shall exercise extreme caution in the event unknown waste is encountered.

6. Raking Operations

The Contractor shall remove accumulation of leaves from all landscaped areas including beds, planters, turf areas under trees, and place it in appropriate trash bin(s).

7. Shrub Pruning and Hedge Trimming Operations

The Contractor shall:

- a. Prune all plant materials where necessary to maintain access and safe vehicular and pedestrian visibility and clearance and to prevent or eliminate hazardous situations.
- b. Trim all designated formal plant materials to maintain formal hedges and topiary work.
- c. Remove all dead shrubs.
- d. Remove all dead, diseased, unsightly branches, vines, or other growth as they develop. All groundcover shall be pruned to maintain a neat edge along planter box walls.
- e. Prune any runners that start to climb buildings, shrubs, or trees.
- f. Remove all pruned and/or trimmed plant material and place in appropriate trash bin(s) the same day.
- g. Maintain pruned shrubs in a natural shape and proper size as a continuous and ongoing operation so plants will not develop stray or undesirable growth.

8. Groundcover Operations

The Contractor shall:

- a. Trim all groundcover neatly away from shrubs, trees, walks, walls, headers, etc.
- b. Clear all groundcover beds of all debris, leaves, branches, papers, bottles, etc.
- c. Replace dead, missing, and unhealthy looking groundcover to maintain full, even, and healthy looking planting beds. Contractor shall submit a proposal for replacement of groundcover to the Contract Manager before beginning installation. Plants shall not be replaced with different types except to create or maintain a consistency in design.
- d. Cultivate the open soil between plants where planting permits.

9. Sweeping Operations

The Contractor shall:

- a. Check concrete areas for cracks, crevices, and deterioration. When found, the Contractor shall immediately notify Contract Manager.
- b. Clean walkways and steps including, but not limited to, the removal of all foreign objects from surfaces such as gum, grease, broken glass, cans, bottles, and other foreign objects not designed as part of the landscape, etc. Methods for sweeping of designated areas may incorporate one or more of the following:
 - Power pack blowers
 - Vacuums
 - Brooms
 - Push power blowers
- c. Comply with local ordinances regarding noise levels, if the Contractor elects to use power equipment to complete such operations. The Contractor shall not use any power equipment on Monday through Friday, prior to 7 a.m., nor later than 3:30 p.m. Any schedule of such operations may be modified by the Contract Manager in order to ensure that the public is not unreasonably subjected to noise.
- d. Perform hand sweeping of parking space gutters and other parking spaces in those areas inaccessible to power equipment.
- e. Control cleanup with power blowers such that debris is blown into piles and picked up. Contractor shall not utilize blowers to disperse debris onto street or blow back on to turf area.

10. Aerification Operations

The Contractor shall aerate all turf areas by using a device that removes 1/2-inch cores to a depth of 2 inches and not more than 6 inches of spacing.

11. Rodent Control Operations

The Contractor shall maintain all areas free of rodents including, but not limited to, gophers and ground squirrels causing damage to turf, shrubs, groundcovers, trees, and irrigation systems. Fumitoxin (Aluminum Phosphide) shall be used for this control, subject to the provisions of Section S, Use of Chemicals.

12. General Landscape Maintenance - Site Inspection and Reporting

The Contractor shall:

- a. Ensure, prior to proceeding with any general landscape maintenance task, the site is inspected by a knowledgeable and responsible employee who shall determine the practicality of initiating the operation.
- b. Immediately notify the Contract Manager, if an operation cannot be thoroughly completed within the designated time frame.

13. Chemical Edging Detailing Operations

The Contractor shall:

- a. Use all chemicals in accordance with Section S, Use of Chemicals.
- b. Employ precautionary measures when using chemicals as all areas that will be open for public access during application. Chemical application may be used in and around areas such as planters, areas adjacent to trees, fence lines, sprinkler heads, etc. Prior to application of chemicals, all areas shall be trimmed to proper mowing height. Chemicals shall be applied in a manner to minimize drift.
- c. Not apply water to treated areas for 48 hours after each application. Reapply per manufacturer's recommendation if rain occurs within 48 hours.
- d. Limit, where trees and shrubs occur in turf areas, all grass growth to at least 18 inches from the trunks of trees and away from the drip line of shrubs by use of approved chemicals. Shield trunks, stems, or foliage not to receive chemical application to avoid damaging them.
- e. Perform linear chemical edging of turf boundaries in a manner that ensures a defined turf edge and limits its encroachment into beds or across boundaries where it is impractical to edge mechanically. A 6-inch barrier width shall be considered normal.
- f. Perform detailing of sprinkler heads (to provide maximum water coverage), valve boxes, meter boxes, and similar obstacles in turf areas in a manner that ensures operability, ease of location, and/or a clean appearance. A 6-inch barrier width shall be considered normal.
- g. Leave weeds treated using a systemic chemical in place per manufacturer's recommendation. If kill is not complete by the time specified in the manufacturer's recommendation, a second application, at no additional cost to Public Works, shall be made.

- h. Remove all dead weeds from the area, after complete kill.

14. Chemical Application - Site Inspection and Reporting

The Contractor shall:

- a. Ensure, prior to proceeding with any chemical application, that the site is inspected by a knowledgeable and responsible employee, who will determine the practicality of initiating the operation. Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) for each chemical shall be kept on-site. Refer to Section S, Use of Chemicals, for further information regarding chemical usage.
- b. Immediately notify the Contract Manager, if an operation cannot be thoroughly completed within the designated time frame.

15. Watering and Irrigation System Management

The Contractor shall:

- a. Recognize that water requirements vary by plant according to the season and a particular year, pay extremely close attention to the demands of the plants as influenced by their exposure to sun, wind, shade, and location in the individual planters. The variation in the size of plants installed as well as the varieties shall be taken into consideration. All landscaped and turf areas shall be irrigated as required to maintain adequate growth and appearance with a schedule most conducive to plant growth. The delivery of adequate moisture to the landscaped areas shall include, but not be limited to, hand watering, operation of manual valves, proper utilization of automatic controllers, and the bleeding of valves.
- b. Provide adequate soil moisture, giving consideration to the soil conditions, humidity, minimizing runoff, and all the factors considered, which affect day and night watering. This may include day time watering during freezing weather to prevent icy conditions and manual operation of the irrigation system and/or hand watering with portable sprinklers during periods of windy or inclement weather. A soil probe shall be used to a depth of 12 inches to determine the water penetration by random testing of the root zones.
- c. Regulate watering to avoid interference with any use of the roadways, pavements, walks, or areas designated for scheduled special events.

- d. For the areas where wind creates problems of spraying water onto private property or road right of ways, Contractor shall set the controllers to operate during time of day with lowest wind velocity, which would normally occur at night or early morning hours.
- e. Control the irrigation system in such a way as not to cause any excessively wet or "water-logged" areas, which could interfere with the ability to mow all turf. "In lawn" trees and other planting shall be protected from over watering and runoff drowning.
- f. Water new turf (up through the sixth mowing) immediately after mowing. Well established turf shall not be watered for at least four hours after mowing.
- g. Water all groundcover areas as needed to maintain a healthy condition with appropriate care being taken not to over water in shady areas.
- h. Be responsible for the operation of the automatic controllers, valves, and sprinkler heads in managing the overall irrigation water delivery system of the area. All irrigation systems shall be regularly inspected and tested in accordance with these Specifications and frequencies specified in Form PW-2, Schedule of Prices.
- i. Ensure that all personnel working on the irrigation system are fully trained in all phases of landscape irrigation systems and can easily identify and isolate problems and perform the proper testing and inspection of the irrigation system and the maintenance of the sprinkler heads. This knowledge of landscape irrigation systems shall include, but not be limited to, the operation, maintenance, adjustment, and repair of said systems and their components.

16. Irrigation System Maintenance and Repair

The Contractor shall:

- a. Be responsible for maintenance of the irrigation system.
- b. Inspect weekly and report the status of the irrigation system to the Contract Manager in accordance with the frequencies listed in Form PW-2, Schedule of Prices.
- c. Adjust and clean sprinkler heads which may require the removal of the sprinkler head.
- d. Repair or replace sprinkler heads having a 1/2-inch inlet at Contractor expense.

- e. Repair/replace malfunctioning sprinkler heads within one watering cycle.
- f. Correct malfunctioning irrigation systems and equipment that are identified as the Contractor's responsibility within one watering cycle of identification or following verbal notification.
- g. Provide replacements of all P.V.C. schedule 80 nipples, caps, plugs, elbows, couplings, etc., from the laterals to the heads due to normal wear at Contractor expense.
- h. Provide replacements of all risers and swing joints due to normal wear at Contractor's expense.
- i. Flush irrigation pipelines following repairs and replacements.
- j. Recover and refasten removed valve box covers.
- k. Confer with the Contract Manager regarding the need for replacement or relocation of inoperable sprinkler heads, including lateral pipes. As identified by the Contract Manager, the Contractor, at no additional cost, shall replace inoperable with operable sprinkler head(s) that are greater than a 1/2 inch and are supplied by Public Works.
- l. Following the repair or replacement of sprinkler heads in turf areas, the sprinkler heads shall be returned to grade.
- m. Notify Contract Manager of any damaged or inoperable major irrigation components, indicating the problem, location, size, and type of irrigation equipment. Public Works will be responsible for the following components of the irrigation system: quick couplers, plumbing systems, remote control valves, gate valves, automatic controller repairs, and backflow devices.
- n. Replace all irrigation components provided by Public Works to the Contractor within 24 hours upon receiving the component from the Public Works.
- o. Not be required to perform a complete piping replacement of the irrigation system. Public Works will be responsible for the repair or replacement of leaking main and lateral irrigation lines.
- p. Complete replacement of irrigation components that are identified as the Contractor's responsibility within one watering cycle of their discussion by Contractor.

17. Replace the irrigation system with originally specified parts/equipment of the same size and quality. Prior to the installation, the Contract Manager may approve the Contractor's request to use substitute parts/equipment.

Irrigation System Operability and Testing Operation

The Contractor shall:

- a. In order to ensure the operability of the irrigation system, cycle controller(s) through each station manually and automatically check the function of all facets of the irrigation system include inspection of drip emitters, drip tubes, inspecting/clean and flush filters, etc., and report any damage or incorrect operation to the Contract Manager.
- b. During the testing:
 1. Adjust all sprinkler heads for the correct coverage, to prevent excessive runoff and/or erosion and to prevent the spread of water onto roadways, sidewalks, hard surface areas, and private property.
 2. Unplug clogged heads and flush lines to free lines of rock, mud, and debris.
 3. Record and report all system malfunctions, damage, and obstructions to the Contract Manager and take corrective action.
 4. Replace or repair inoperable irrigation equipment identified as the Contractor's responsibility.
- c. In addition to regular testing, test and inspect all irrigation systems as necessary when damage is suspected, observed, or reported.
- d. Control the irrigation system during inclement weather conditions and limit the use of water concurrent with the weather situation to the satisfaction of the Contract Manager.

18. Irrigation System Operability and Testing - Frequency

The Contractor shall:

- a. Inspect for operability and proper adjustment of controllers, quick couplers, valves, and sprinkler heads once per month or more frequently if problems/conditions indicate a need.

- b. Inspect sprinkler heads and adjust and correct for coverage once per week.
 - c. Repair and/or replace, as determined by the Contract Manager, damaged or inoperable sprinkler heads as needed.
 - d. Visually inspect the system's impact on the jobsite(s)/facility(ies) once per week.
 - e. Check valve boxes for safety and appropriate security once per week.
 - f. Flush irrigation pipeline after repair or replacement of irrigation components as needed.
 - g. If an automatic irrigation system or a portion of a system malfunctions, and is authorized by the Contract Manager, manually manipulate the system for a period of 30 days from the date of the authorization. If the system requires manual manipulation for a greater period, the Contract Manager may opt to pay the Contractor a supplement to continue the manual manipulation, or the Contract Manager may decide to terminate the supplemental irrigation.
 - h. Clean/flush all filters, e.g., filter for backflow device once a year. Filter for drip irrigation system, twice a year, if applicable.
19. Watering and Irrigation System Management - Site Inspection and Reporting

The Contractor shall:

- a. Each time a jobsite/facility receives service, check for irrigation system malfunctions and hazards created by the system. A comprehensive monthly system operability check shall identify malfunctions and needs for repair. It shall also cause repairs to be initiated. This work shall be done by knowledgeable and responsible Contractor employees.
- b. Ensure that all its crews and supervisors working or reviewing a jobsite/facility reports malfunctions, hazards, and emergencies immediately to the Contract Manager.
- c. Immediately notify the Contract Manager, if an operability check cannot be thoroughly completed within the designated time frame.
- d. Ensure that all its crews and supervisors working or reviewing a jobsite/facility mitigate any observed hazards to the extent possible and immediately report hazards to the Contract Manager.

F. Seasonal Specialty Tasks

The following seasonal specialty tasks are to be performed at the request of the Contract Manager.

1. Shrub and Tree Care/Pruning Operation

When requested, the Contractor shall:

- a. Prune trees to maintain good tree health and structure, enhance the appearance and provide the proper vertical and horizontal clearances as follows:
 1. All trees shall be pruned to remove dead, crowded, rubbing, and/or hazardous limbs and branches.
 2. Cuts shall be made according to the International Society of Arboriculture standards. Typically pruning cuts shall be perpendicular to the branch just outside of the raised branch bark collar.
 3. Trees shall be thinned to increase light and air penetration to the tree's crown and landscape below. Pruning shall provide an even distribution of foliage along large limbs and the lower portion of the crown. Do not remove an excessive amount of inner foliage and small branches. No more than a quarter of the tree's foliage may be removed at one time. Maintain at least half of the foliage on the lower two-thirds of the tree.
 4. Reducing cuts for clearance and to prevent encroachment onto private property shall be accomplished by pruning back leaders and branch terminals to lateral branches that are large enough to assume the terminal roles (at least one-third of the diameter of the limb being pruned).
 5. Mature trees should be pruned only to remove dead or potentially hazardous limbs.
 6. Properly stake and tie trees as necessary. Trees ties shall be inspected at least once a year to prevent bark wounds caused by abrasion. Removal of tree stakes shall be considered as soon as possible to encourage tree development.
 7. Routinely inspect trees for insects and diseases. Approved chemical sprays shall be applied, if required, for the following

insect and disease infections: aphids, mealy bugs, mites, snails, whiteflies, thrips, gophers, fungus diseases, etc.

8. Certified arborist shall conduct a site visit and provide a written report to the Contract Manager.
- b. Prune shrubs to encourage healthy growth habits and shape in order to retain their natural form and proportionate size as follows:
1. Restrict growth of shrubbery to area behind curbs and walkways within planter beds by trimming.
 2. Under no circumstances shall hedge shears be used as a means of pruning.
 3. Rapid healing of pruning wounds is dependent upon where the cut is made when removing limbs. Never leave short stubs. Some trees produce a corky ring of growth where a limb originates. The pruning cut shall be made toward the outside portion of the "collar." If a tree does not produce this characteristic "collar," then make the cut flush to the limb where it is growing.
 4. All limbs 12 inches or greater in diameter shall be undercut 12 to 18 inches from the limb's point of attachment to prevent splitting.
 5. All limbs shall be lowered to the ground using a method which prevents damage to the remaining limbs.
 6. All equipment utilized shall be clean, sharp, and expressly designed for tree pruning.
 7. Climbing spurs shall not be used.
 8. Topping trees shall not be permitted. Topping causes decay and can create hazards by producing multiple shoots that are weakly attached and often fail. The central leader shall be allowed to develop to prevent disfigurement and future hazards.
- c. Utilize the following pruning criteria:
1. Removal of weak, diseased, insect infested and damaged limbs as recommended by a certified arborist.

2. Prune all trees for vertical and horizontal clearance. Such clearances are 7 feet for pedestrian areas and walkways, and 14 feet for vehicular roadways.
 3. Remove all crossed or rubbing limbs unless removal will result in large gaps in the general outline. Limbs should extend alternately from the trunk on 12- or 24-inch spacing.
 4. Thin all trees of smaller limbs to distribute the foliage evenly.
 5. Trim and shape all trees to provide a symmetrical appearance typical of the species.
 6. Cut all suckers and sprouts flush with the trunk or limb.
 7. Stubs are not permitted.
 - d. Report all structural weaknesses such as split crotch or limbs, diseased or decayed limbs, or severe damage to the Contract Manager.
 - e. Place special emphasis on public safety during pruning operations, particularly when adjacent to roadways.
 - f. Remove and dispose of all trimming and debris off-site at the end of each day's work at Contractor's expense.
 - g. Remove and dispose off-site all trees, which are downed by either natural or unnatural causes. Where possible, stumps shall be removed to 12 inches below grade, wood chips removed, and backfilled with topsoil to grade.
 - h. Not "...take, possess, or needlessly destroy the nest eggs of any bird..." in accordance with Fish and Game Code, Section 3503. In case of an accidental take, the Contractor shall contact the California Department of Fish and Game at (562) 590-5185.
 - i. Not trim palm trees during the bird nesting season of March 15 through August 31 unless otherwise approved by the Contract Manager.
 - j. Prune trees as seasonally proper according to the International Society of Arboriculture.
2. Cultivating Operation

The Contractor shall:

- a. Take care to avoid unnecessary or excessive injury to the turf grass.
- b. Sweep or take the dislodged thatch from the turf areas and place in appropriate trash bin(s).
- c. Use standard renovating or vertical mowing type equipment.
- d. Vertically mow and remove thatch in turf areas to encourage healthy growth and to maintain acceptable appearance.
- e. Renovation-Turf
 - 1. Renovate to the soil line and remove all excessive thatch in turf area.
 - 2. After thatch is removed and upon completion of turf renovation, all turf areas shall be over-seeded, have top dressing or seed covered, and watered.
 - 3. Areas to be over-seeded shall be seeded utilizing blends or mixtures at the rate application recommended by the Contract Manager.
 - 4. Mulch shall be spread evenly over the entire area to a uniform depth.
- f. Cultivate all planted areas to encourage water penetration, fertilizer absorption, and gaseous exchange.

3. Turf Reseeding/Restoration of Bare Areas Operation

The Contractor shall:

- a. Over-seed all damaged, vandalized, or bare areas to reestablish turf to an acceptable quality.
- b. Seed these areas utilizing blends or mixtures at the rate of application approved by the Contract Manager.
- c. Once each year in the fall, over-seed all turf areas after aerification and over-seed all bare spots as needed throughout the remainder of the year to reestablish turf to an acceptable quality. The Contractor shall aerify, renovate, or verticut, seed and top dress, or seed cover (spread evenly over the entire area to a uniform depth of 1/4 inch) in this sequence. The Contract Manager may require the use of sod when deemed necessary.

- d. Be entitled to additional compensation for the cost of the sod only provided loss of turf was not due to the negligence of the Contractor.
- e. Over seed at a rate of five pounds per 1,000 square feet and reseeded of bare areas shall be sown at a rate of eight pounds per 1,000 square feet. The following seed specifications shall be used for all over seeding and reseeded:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Prop</u>	<u>Purity</u>	<u>Germination</u>
Newport Blue Grass	20%	95%	90%
Lolium Perenne "Pennfine" Rye	26-1/3%	95%	85%
Pennant Rye	26-1/3%	95%	85%
Derby Rye	26-1/3%	95%	85%

4. Disease/Insect Control Operation

The Contractor shall:

- a. Maintain all landscaped areas free of disease and insects that could cause damage to plant materials, including, but not limited to, trees, shrubs, groundcover, and turf.
- b. Notify the Contract Manager immediately of any diseases, insects, or unusual conditions that might be developing.
- c. Provided, as needed, a disease control program to prevent all common diseases from causing serious damage. Disease control shall be achieved utilizing materials and rates recommended by a licensed California Pest Control Advisor.

5. Plant Materials Operation

The Contractor shall:

- a. Provide plant materials that conform to the requirements of the landscape plan of the areas and the "Horticultural Standards" of American Association of Nurserymen as to kind, size, age, etc. Plant material larger than those specified may be supplied if complying in all other respects.
- b. Be allowed substitutions, but only with prior written approval by the Contract Manager.

- c. Use plant names that conform to "Standard Plant Names" by American Joint Committee on Horticultural Nomenclature. In those cases where plant names are not covered, the custom of the nursery trade shall be followed.
- d. Provide the following level of quality:
 - 1) Plants shall be sound; healthy; vigorous; free from plant disease, insect pest, or their eggs; shall have healthy normal root systems and comply with all State and local regulations governing these matters; and shall be free from any noxious weeds.
 - 2) All trees shall be measured 6 inches above the ground surface.
 - 3) Where caliper or other dimensions of any plant material are omitted from the list of plants provided by the Contractor, it shall be understood that these plant materials shall be normal stock for type listed. They shall be sturdy enough to stand safely without staking.
 - 4) Plant materials shall be symmetrical and/or typical for variety and species and conform to measures specified in the list of plants provided by the Contractor.
 - 5) All plant materials shall be provided from a licensed nursery and shall be subject to acceptance as to quality by the Contract Manager.
- e. Guarantee all shrubs to live and remain in healthy condition for no less than 30 days from the date of acceptance of the job by the Contract Manager.

6. Fertilization – Operation

The Contractor shall:

- a. Have approval of the Contract Manager prior to applying any fertilizer/micronutrient.
- b. Apply fertilizers by areas covered by each irrigation system. All areas fertilized shall be thoroughly soaked immediately after fertilization.
- c. Apply not less than one pound of actual available nitrogen in a balance fertilizer form for each 1,000 square feet of turf area.

- d. Provide fertilizers in an inorganic and granular form with an approximate ratio of 4-1-2.
- e. Fertilize areas utilizing ratios and mixtures recommended by the Contract Manager at the rate of application per the manufacturer's recommendation.

G. Maintenance Function Report

The Contractor shall maintain and keep current a report that records when all periodic, seasonal, additional work; and maintenance functions performed by the Contractor's personnel were completed. The report shall be in a form and content acceptable and available to the Contract Manager. It shall be submitted to the Contract Manager upon request within three working days.

H. Additional Work

- 1. The Contract Manager may authorize the Contractor to perform additional work, including, but not limited to, repairs and replacements when the need for such work arises out of extraordinary incidents such as vandalism, acts of God, and third-party negligence; or improvements in order to add new, modify existing, or to refurbish existing landscaping and irrigation systems. If the Contract Manager determines such additional work can be obtained in whole or in part by temporarily modifying the Contractor's tasks and work schedules, he or she may direct such modification. Authorized additional work that results in unanticipated labor expenses shall be paid by Public Works.
- 2. Prior to performing any additional work, the Contractor shall prepare and submit a written description of the work with an estimate of labor and materials. No additional work shall commence without written authorization from the Contract Manager. However, when a condition threatens imminent injury to the public or damage to property, the Contract Manager may orally authorize the work to be performed upon receiving an oral estimate from the Contractor. Within 24 hours after receiving an oral authorization, the Contractor shall submit a written estimate to the Contract Manager for approval.
- 3. All additional work provided herein shall commence on the specified date established. The Contractor shall proceed diligently to complete said work within the time allotted.

I. Damage Caused by Contractor's Operations

1. All damage caused to Public Works/County property by the Contractor's operations shall be repaired, replaced, or remedied at the Contractor's expense as follows:
 - a. Irrigation system damage shall be repaired or replaced within one watering cycle.
 - b. All damage to shrubs, trees, turf, or groundcover shall be repaired or replaced within five working days.
 - c. Any plant material other than trees that dies due to Contractor's improper maintenance shall be replaced by the Contractor up to a maximum 15-gallon size at no cost to County. Damages to trees and other plant material due to circumstances beyond the Contractor's control will be remedied by the County.
 - d. Trees
 - 1) Damage to bark from the impact of mowing or edging equipment or damage caused by excessive pruning shall be inspected by a certified arborist for recommendations for treatment or replacement.
 - 2) If damage results in loss of a tree, the damaged tree shall be removed and replaced in accordance with the instructions of Contract Manager.
 - 3) If replacement with an equivalent size and type of tree is not practical, the Contractor shall be responsible for the value of the destroyed tree less the value of the replacement plant material.
 - b. Shrubs
 - 1) Minor damage may be corrected by appropriate pruning as required in the "Shrub Pruning and Hedge Trimming Operation" (see this Exhibit's paragraph E.7).
 - 2) Major damage shall be corrected by removal of the damaged shrub and replacement to comply with the provisions in "Plant Materials Operation" of the Seasonal Specialty Task Specifications (see this Exhibit's paragraph F.5).
 - c. All damages resulting from chemical operation, including spray-drift and lateral leaching, shall be corrected in accordance with best practices, and the soil conditioned or replaced as recommended by

an agronomical soil test and report to ensure its safety and ability to support plant life.

J. Office of Inquiries and Complaints

The Contractor shall:

1. Maintain an office at some fixed place located in the Los Angeles Metropolitan Area and shall maintain a telephone there, listed in the telephone directory in the Contractor's own name or in the firm name by which it is most commonly known, and as found on doors of maintenance vehicles. During the daily hours of maintenance operation, the Contractor shall have some responsible person(s) employed by the Contractor authorized to take the necessary action regarding all inquiries and complaints that may be received from the Contract Manager, County personnel, or patrons using the facilities. An answering service shall be considered an acceptable substitute to full-time coverage, provided the Contractor is advised of any complaint within one hour of such complaint by the answering service. Both the Contractor and an answering service shall have the ability to answer the inquiries and/or complaints in both English and Spanish.

During normal working hours, the Contractor's supervisor or manager of maintenance services shall be available for notification through electronic communications.

2. Maintain a written log of all complaints, date, time, and the action taken or reason for inaction. The log of complaints shall be available for inspection by the Contract Manager at all reasonable times.
3. Abate all complaints to the satisfaction of the Contract Manager as soon as possible after notification, but in all cases within 24 hours. If any complaint is not abated within 24 hours, the Contract Manager shall be notified immediately of the reason for not abating the complaint, followed by a written report to the Contract Manager within five days. If a complaint is not abated within the time specified or to the satisfaction of the Contract Manager, the Contract Manager may correct the specific complaint and the total cost incurred by the County may be deducted from the payments owing to the Contractor from the County.

K. Safety Requirements

1. The Contractor agrees to perform all work outlined in this Contract in such a manner as to meet all accepted standards for safe practices during the maintenance operation and to safely maintain equipment, and materials or other hazards consequential or related to the work; and agrees

additionally to accept the sole responsibility for complying with all local, County, State, or other legal requirements, including, but not limited to, full compliance with the terms of the applicable OSHA and Cal/OSHA Safety Orders at all times so as to protect all persons, including the Contractor's employees, agents of the County, vendors, members of the public or others from foreseeable injury or damage to their property. The Contractor shall inspect all potential hazards at said facilities and keep a log indicating date inspected and action taken.

2. Hard hats will be worn at all times. Suitable clothing, gloves, and shoes that meet Cal/OSHA requirements are required.
3. It shall be the Contractor's responsibility to inspect and identify, any condition(s) that renders any portion of the premises unsafe as well as any unsafe practices occurring thereon. The Contract Manager shall be notified immediately of any unsafe condition that requires major correction. The Contractor shall be responsible for making minor corrections including, but not limited to, filling holes in turf areas, using barricades or traffic cones to alert patrons of the existence of hazards, replacing valve box covers, and to protect members of the public or others from injury. During normal hours the Contractor shall obtain emergency medical care for any member of the public who is in need thereof, because of illness or injury occurring on the premises. The Contractor shall cooperate fully with Public Works in the investigation of any accidental injury or death occurring on the premises, including a complete written report to the Contract Manager within five days following the occurrence.

L. Hours and Days of Maintenance Services

1. The basic daily hours of maintenance service, Monday through Friday, shall be as follows:
 - a. For the months of November through April, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
 - b. For the months of May through October, 6 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.Work hours may be altered, when necessary, with the approval of the Director.
2. The Contractor shall provide adequate staffing to perform the required maintenance services during the prescribed hours five days per week. Any changes in the days and hours of operation heretofore prescribed shall be subject to approval by the Contract Manager.

M. Maintenance Schedules

The Contractor shall:

1. Within ten days after the effective date of this Contract, submit a work schedule to the Contract Manager for review and approval. The work schedule shall be set on an annual calendar identifying and delineating the time frames for the required functions by the day of the week, morning, and afternoon.
2. Submit revised schedules when actual performance differs substantially from planned performance. Said revisions shall be submitted to the Contract Manager for approval within five working days prior to scheduled time for the work.
3. Not construe the above provisions to eliminate the Contractor's responsibility in complying with the requirements to notify the Contract Manager for "Specialty Type" maintenance operation as set forth immediately below.
4. Notwithstanding the foregoing, notify the Contract Manager, in writing, at least two weeks prior to the date and time of all "Specialty Type" maintenance operations. "Specialty Type" maintenance operations are defined as:
 - a. Fertilization;
 - b. Turf renovation/reseeding;
 - c. Micronutrients/soil amendments;
 - d. Spraying of trees, shrubs, or turf;
 - e. Aesthetic tree pruning; and
 - f. Other items so designated by the Contract Manager.

N. Contractor's Staff

The Contractor shall:

1. Provide sufficient personnel and supervision to perform all work in accordance with the Specifications set forth herein. The Contractor's employees, whether assigned to any one facility or as part of a crew serving any number of facilities, shall include at least one individual who speaks and comprehends the English language.
2. Establish an identification system for personnel assigned to each jobsite/facility. The identification system shall indicate to the public the name of the Contractor responsible for the landscape and grounds maintenance services. The identification system shall be furnished at the Contractor's expense and shall include appropriate uniform attire and/or

name badges as approved by the Contract Manager.

3. Ensure each of its employees adhere to a basic standard of working attire. This standard is basically: uniforms, proper shoes and other gear required by State safety regulations, and proper wearing of the clothing. Shirts shall be worn and buttoned at all times.

O. Signs/Improvements

The Contractor shall not post signs or advertising matter on Public Works/County property unless prior approval is obtained from the Contract Manager.

P. Utilities

Public Works will pay for all utilities with the exception of the telephone. However, water usage shall not exceed the amount required to comply with irrigation schedules established by the Contract Manager. The Contractor shall pay for all excessive utility usage due to the Contractor's failure to monitor irrigation system malfunctions or unauthorized increases in the frequency of irrigation. The excess cost will be determined by comparing current usage with historical usage for the same time period. The excess costs to be deducted from payments to the Contractor by County will be presented to the Contractor by the Contract Manager prior to actual deduction to allow for explanations.

Q. Storage Facilities

The County will not provide storage facilities for the Contractor.

R. Non-Interference

The Contractor shall not interfere with the public use of the premises and shall conduct its operations as to offer the least possible obstruction and inconvenience to the public or disruption to the peace and quiet of the area within which the services are performed. Should it be necessary to close a public area during the Contractor's operations, the Contractor shall commence the operation and close the area only at the direction of the Contract Manager.

S. Use of Chemicals

1. All Contractor work involving the use of chemicals shall be in compliance with all Federal, State, and local laws and shall be accomplished by a California Certified Applicator under the direction of a licensed Pest Control Advisor. In compliance with the California Food and Agricultural Code, the Contractor shall provide the Contract Manager with a copy of the valid Pest Control Applicator's and Pest Control Advisor's licenses or a copy of these licenses from the subcontractor prior to using any and all applicable chemicals within the area(s) to be maintained.

2. A listing of proposed chemicals to be used, including commercial name, application rates, and type of usage shall be submitted to the Contract Manager for approval at the commencement of this Contract. No work shall begin until written approval of use is obtained from the Contract Manager.
3. Chemicals shall only be applied by those persons possessing a valid California Certified Applicator's license. Application shall be in strict accordance with all governing regulations.
4. Records of all operations stating dates, times, methods of application, chemical formulations, applicators names, and weather conditions shall be made and retained in an active file for a minimum of three years. The Contractor shall provide a chemical use report (site specific) with monthly billing. A copy of the Pest Control Advisor's recommendation for each application (site specific) shall be provided to the Contract Manager and applicator prior to each application. This shall be in addition to the copy of the usage summary that is provided to the Agricultural Commissioner.
5. All chemicals requiring a special permit for use shall be registered with the County Agricultural Commissioner's Office and a permit obtained with a copy to the Contract Manager.
6. All regulations and safety precautions listed in the "Pesticide Information and Safety Manual" published by the University of California shall be adhered to by the Contractor.
7. Chemicals shall be applied when air currents are still, so as to prevent drifting onto adjacent property and toxic exposure to persons whether or not they are in or near the area of application.
8. Contractor must register annually with each County Agricultural Commissioner in those areas they plan to do work.
9. Contractor must provide annual handler training.
10. Contractor must store the pesticides properly.

T. Specific Requirements

1. Locks and Keys

- a. Public Works may develop an initial chain and lock system with a specific number of replacement locks for controllers and valve/pump cover boxes during the term of this Contract. The Contractor shall be responsible for purchasing similar locks upon loss of any Public Works-owned locks initially provided to the

Contractor. On a one for one exchange, Public Works will provide the Contractor with replacement locks for those that have been vandalized or are inoperable.

- b. Contractor may provide chain and lock system, at Contractor's expense.
- c. The Contractor shall:
 - 1) Be responsible for the series of keys provided by Public Works and shall in turn assign these keys to their personnel for use in maintaining these facilities outlined in these Specifications.
 - 2) Be held responsible for the proper use and safe keeping of all keys issued by the Public Works to the Contractor.
 - 3) Report all lost or stolen keys to the Contract Manager within 24 hours of discovery of the loss. The Contractor shall reimburse Public Works for the cost, as determined by the Contract Manager of re-keying the location or duplicating additional keys.
 - 4) Upon termination, cancellation, or expiration of this Contract, return all keys received from Public Works to the Contract Manager.
 - 5) Not duplicate any keys provided by Public Works. California law stipulates that it is unlawful for a person to duplicate any keys without the permission of the owner. The penalty for violation of this law is either six months imprisonment or a \$500 fine or both.

U. AB 939 County Diversion Requirements

The California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (AB 939) requires that all cities and counties in the State of California divert materials going to landfill by 50 percent by the year 2000. To assist in achieving this mandate, all contractors handling landscape materials for Public Works shall be required to divert all landscape materials from any landfills and cogeneration facilities. Landscape material utilized for alternate daily landfill cover is currently acceptable for diversion credit. Contractor shall be required to seek "recycling" alternatives for these organic, biodegradable landscape materials. Acceptable "recycling" alternatives would include the utilization of these materials as feedstock for composting, cocomposting, mulching, soil amendment, and wood chip products.

The Contractor shall be required to arrange for the chipping and transport of all landscape materials to their selected processor with all cost to be borne by the Contractor. In addition, the Contractor shall provide proof of delivery of the material and weight tickets (from an approved public or private scale) or a signed statement of verification that all above AB 939 requirements have been met.

V. National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System

The Contractor shall not allow any debris from its operations under this Contract to be deposited into the storm drains and/or gutters in violation of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES).

W. Performance Requirements and Liquidated Damages

1. Public Works will evaluate the Contractor's performance of this Contract's tasks and may assess liquidated damages if the tasks are not performed adequately.
2. The methods and standards by which Contractor's performance will be evaluated include, but are not limited to, review, sampling, and complaints.
3. Failure to perform contract work in accordance with these Specifications is considered unacceptable. Public Works may cite the Contractor for a discrepancy for any incident of failure to comply with these Specifications or other unacceptable performance. In the case of continuing discrepancies, Public Works may cite the Contractor for a separate discrepancy each day the discrepancy continues.
4. The Contractor shall immediately correct unacceptable performance, and shall explain in writing, within seven work days of the date of the discrepancy that caused the unacceptable performance, how and when the performance will be returned to acceptable levels and how the unacceptable performance will be prevented in the future. After considering the incident, the Contractor's statement and any history of unacceptable performance, the Contract Manager may excuse the incident or elect any remedy provided by this Contract.
5. In any case of the Contractor's failure to meet any one of these Specifications, Public Works may, in lieu of other remedies provided by law or this Contract, assess liquidated damages and deduct them from the next regularly scheduled payment to the Contractor. However, neither the provision of a sum of liquidated damages for nonperformance or inadequate performance nor Public Works' acceptance of liquidated damages shall be construed to waive Public Works' right to reimbursement for damage to its property or indemnity against third-party claims.

6. The amounts of liquidated damages have been set in recognition of the following circumstances existing at the time of the formation of this Contract:
 - a. All the time limits and acts required to be done by both parties are of the essence of this Contract;
 - b. The parties are both experienced in performance of this Contract work;
 - c. This Contract contains a reasonable statement of the work to be performed in order that the expectations of the parties to this Contract are realized. The expectation of the County is that the work will be performed with due care in a workmanlike, competent, timely, and cost-efficient manner while the expectation of the Contractor is a realization of a profit through the ability to perform this Contract work in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Contract at the Contractor's stated price;
 - d. The parties are not under any compulsion to contract;
 - e. The Contractor's acceptance of the assessment of liquidated damages against it for unsatisfactory and late performance is by agreement and willingness to be bound as part of the consideration being offered to the County for the award of this Contract;
 - f. It would be difficult for the County to prove the loss resulting from nonperformance or untimely, negligent, or inadequate performance of the work; and
 - g. The liquidated sums specified represent a fair approximation of the damages incurred by the County resulting from the Contractor's failure to meet the performance standard as to each item for which an amount of liquidated damages is specified.
7. The Contractor shall pay Public Works, or Public Works may withhold from monies due to the Contractor, liquidated damages of one and one-half times the amount shown under "Cost per Unit" in Form PW-2, Schedule of Prices, for work not performed in accordance with the contract's specifications.

X. Prevailing Wage

The Director of the Department of Industrial Relations, State of California, has ascertained the prevailing rate of per diem wages in dollars, based on a working day of eight hours, for each craft or type of worker or mechanic needed to execute any construction or maintenance contract which may be awarded by

Public Works. The current prevailing wage rates as adopted by the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations are incorporated herein by reference and may be accessed at <http://www.dir.ca.gov/>.

The Contractor is required to pay the prevailing wage rate referred to above and is responsible for selecting the classification of workers which will be required to perform this service in accordance with the Contractor's method of performing the work. Pursuant to Section 1775, Labor Code (State of California), Contractor shall forfeit \$50 for each calendar day, or portion thereof, for each worker paid less than the stipulated prevailing wage rates for any public work done under this Contract or by any subcontractor.

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SERVICE CONTRACT GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

SECTION 1

INTERPRETATION OF CONTRACT

A. Ambiguities or Discrepancies

Both parties have either consulted or had the opportunity to consult with counsel regarding the terms of this Contract and are fully cognizant of all terms and conditions. Should there be any uncertainty, ambiguity, or discrepancy in the terms or provisions hereof, or should any misunderstanding arise as to the interpretation to be placed upon any position hereof or the applicability of the provisions hereunder, neither party shall be deemed as the drafter of this Contract and the uncertainty, ambiguity, or discrepancy shall not be construed against either party.

B. Definitions

Whenever in the Request for Proposals, Contract, Scope of Work, Specifications, Terms, Requirements, and/or Conditions the following terms are used, the intent and meaning shall be interpreted as follows:

Agreement. The written, signed accord covering the performance of the requested service.

Board. The Board of Supervisors of County of Los Angeles and Ex-Officio Board of Supervisors of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District.

Contract. The written agreement covering the performance of the service and the furnishing of labor, materials, supervision, and equipment in the performance of the service. The contract includes the Agreement, Exhibit A - Scope of Work (Specifications), Exhibit B - Service Contract General Requirements, Exhibit C - Internal Revenue Service Notice 1015, Exhibit D - Safely Surrendered Baby Law Posters, and other appropriate exhibits and amendments. Included are all supplemental agreements amending or extending the service to be performed, which may be required to supply acceptable services specified herein.

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

Contract Work or Work. The entire contemplated work of maintenance and repair to be performed, and services rendered as prescribed in this Contract.

County. Includes County of Los Angeles, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, Los Angeles County Road Department, and/or Los Angeles County Engineer.

Day. Calendar day(s) unless otherwise specified.

Direct Employee. Worker employed by Contractor under Contractor's state and federal taxpayer identification.

Director. The Director of Public Works, County of Los Angeles, as used herein, includes the Road Commissioner, County of Los Angeles; County Engineer, County of Los Angeles; Chief Engineer, Los Angeles County Flood Control District; and/or authorized representative(s).

District. Los Angeles County Flood Control District, or Los Angeles County Waterworks Districts, or Los Angeles County Consolidated Sewer Maintenance District.

Employee Leasing. Any agreement to employ any worker, at any tier, that is neither a subcontract nor a direct employee relationship.

Fiscal Year. The 12 month period beginning July 1st and ending the following June 30th.

Maximum Contract Sum. The Maximum Contract Sum is the aggregate total amount of compensation authorized by the Board.

Proposal. The written materials that a Proposer submits in response to a solicitation document (Request for Proposals).

Proposer. Any individual, person or persons, sole proprietor, firm, partnership, joint venture, corporation, or other legal entity submitting a Proposal for the work, acting directly or through a duly authorized representative.

Public Works. County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works.

Solicitation. Request for Proposals, Invitation for Bids, Request for Statement of Qualifications, or Request for Quotation.

Specifications. The directions, provisions, and requirements contained herein, as supplemented by such special provisions as may be necessary pertaining to method, manner, and place of performing the work under this Contract.

Subcontract. An agreement by the Contractor to employ a Subcontractor at any tier; to employ or agree to employ a Subcontractor, at any tier.

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

C. Headings

The headings herein contained are for convenience and reference only and are not intended to define or limit the scope of any provision thereof.

SECTION 2

STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS PERTAINING TO CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION

A. Amendments

1. For any change which affects the scope of work, contract sum, payments, or any term or condition included in this Contract, an amendment shall be prepared and executed by Contractor and the Board or if delegated by the Board, the Director and Contractor.
2. The Board or County's Chief Executive Officer or designee may require the addition and/or change of certain terms and conditions in this Contract during the term of this Contract. County reserves the right to add and/or change such provisions as required by the Board or the Chief Executive Officer. To implement such changes, an amendment or a change order to this Contract shall be prepared by Public Works for execution by Contractor and the Director.
3. County may, at its sole discretion, authorize extensions of time to this Contract's term. Contractor agrees that such extensions of time shall not change any other term or condition of this Contract during the period of such extensions. To implement an extension of time, an amendment to this Contract shall be prepared and executed by Contractor and the Board or if delegated by the Board, the Director and Contractor. To the extent that extensions of time for Contractor performance do not impact either scope or amount of this Contract, Public Works may, at its sole discretion, grant Contractor extensions of time, provided the aggregate of all such extensions during the life of this Contract shall not exceed 120 days.
4. For any change which does not materially affect the scope of work or any other term or condition included under this Contract, a *Change Order* shall be prepared and signed by the County and the Contractor.

B. Assignment and Delegation

1. Contractor shall not assign its rights or delegate its duties under this Contract, or both, whether in whole or in part, without the prior written consent of County, in its discretion, and any attempted assignment or delegation without such consent shall be null and void. For purposes of this paragraph, County consent shall require a written amendment to this Contract, which is formally approved and executed by Contractor and the Board or if delegated by the Board, the Director and Contractor. Any payments by County to any approved delegate or assignee on any claim under this Contract shall be deductible, at County's sole discretion, against the claims which Contractor may have against County.

2. 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 this Contract, such disposition is an assignment requiring the prior written consent of County in accordance with applicable provisions of this Contract.
3. Any assumption, assignment, delegation, or takeover of any of Contractor's duties, responsibilities, obligations, or performance of same by any entity other than Contractor, whether through assignment, subcontract, delegation, merger, buyout, or any other mechanism, with or without consideration for any reason whatsoever without County's express prior written approval, shall be a material breach of this Contract, which may result in the suspension or termination of this Contract. In the event of such a termination, County shall be entitled to pursue the same remedies against Contractor as it could pursue in the event of default of Contractor.

C. Authorization Warranty

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

D. Budget Reduction

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

E. Complaints

Contractor shall develop, maintain, and operate procedures for receiving, investigating, and responding to any complaints by any individual.

1. Within 12 business days after this Contract's effective date, Contractor shall provide County with Contractor's policy for receiving, investigating, and responding to any complaints by any individual.
2. County will review Contractor's policy and provide Contractor with approval of said plan or with requested changes.
3. If County requests changes in Contractor's policy, Contractor shall make such changes and resubmit the plan within five business days for County approval.
4. If, at any time, Contractor wishes to change Contractor's policy, Contractor shall submit proposed changes to County for approval before implementation.
5. Contractor shall preliminarily investigate all complaints and notify the Contract Manager of the status of the investigation within five business days of receiving the complaint.
6. 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.
7. Copies of all written responses shall be sent to the Contract Manager within three business days of mailing to the complainant.

F. Compliance with Applicable Laws

1. Contractor shall comply with all applicable Federal, State, and local laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, or directives, and all provisions required thereby to be included in this Contract are hereby incorporated by reference.
2. Contractor shall defend, indemnify, and hold County harmless from and against any and all liability, damages, costs, and expenses, including, but not limited to, defense costs and attorneys' fees arising from or related to any violation on the part of Contractor or its employees, agents, or Subcontractors of any such laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, or directives.

G. Compliance with Civil Rights Laws

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

program, or activity supported by this Contract. Contractor shall comply with its EEO Certification (Form PW-7).

H. Confidentiality

1. Contractor shall maintain the confidentiality of all records obtained from County under this Contract in accordance with all applicable Federal, State, and local laws, ordinances, regulations, and directives relating to confidentiality.
2. Contractor shall inform all of its officers, employees, agents, and Subcontractors providing services hereunder of the confidentiality provisions of this Contract.

I. Conflict of Interest

1. No County employee whose position with County enables such employee to influence the award of this Contract or any competing contract, and no spouse or economic dependent of such employee shall be employed in any capacity by Contractor or have any other direct or indirect financial interest in this Contract. No officer or employee of Contractor who may financially benefit from the performance of the work hereunder shall in any way participate in County's approval, or ongoing evaluation, of such work, or in any way attempt to unlawfully influence County's approval or ongoing evaluation of such work.
2. Contractor represents and warrants that it is aware of, and its authorized officers have read, the provisions of Los Angeles County Code, Section 2.180.010, "Certain Contracts Prohibited," and that execution of this Agreement will not violate those provisions. 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 Contract. Contractor warrants that it is not now aware of any facts that create a conflict of interest. If Contractor hereafter becomes aware of any facts that might reasonably be expected to create a conflict of interest, it shall immediately make full written disclosure of such facts to County. Full written disclosure shall include, but is not limited to, identification of all persons implicated and a complete description of all relevant circumstances. Failure to comply with the provisions of this paragraph shall be a material breach of this Contract subjecting Contractor to either contract termination for default or debarment proceedings or both. Contractor must sign and adhere to the "Conflict of Interest Certification" (Form PW-5).

J. Consideration of Hiring County Employees Targeted for Layoffs or Former County Employee on Reemployment List

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

K. Consideration of Hiring GAIN and GROW Participants

1. Should Contractor require additional or replacement personnel after the effective date of this Contract, Contractor shall give consideration for any such employment openings to participants in County's Department of Public Social Services' Greater Avenues for Independence (GAIN) Program and General Relief Opportunity for Work (GROW) Program who meet Contractor's minimum qualifications for the open position. For this purpose, consideration shall mean that Contractor will interview qualified candidates. County will refer GAIN and GROW participants by category to Contractor.
2. In the event that both laid-off County employees and GAIN and GROW participants are available for hiring, County employees shall be given first priority.

L. Contractor's Acknowledgment of County's Commitment to Child Support Enforcement

Contractor acknowledges that County places a high priority on the enforcement of child support laws and the apprehension of child support evaders. Contractor understands that it is County's policy to encourage all County Contractors to voluntarily post County's L.A.'s Most Wanted: Delinquent Parents poster in a prominent position at Contractor's place of business. County's Child Support Services Department will supply Contractor with the poster to be used.

M. Contractor's Charitable Activities Compliance

The Supervision of Trustees and Fundraisers for Charitable Purposes Act regulates entities receiving or raising charitable contributions. The "Nonprofit Integrity Act of 2004" (SB 1262, Chapter 919) increased Charitable Purposes Act requirements. By requiring Contractors to complete the Charitable Contributions Certification (Form PW-12), County seeks to ensure that all County Contractors which receive or raise charitable contributions comply with California law in order to protect County and its taxpayers. A Contractor which receives or raises charitable contributions without complying with its obligations under California law commits a material breach subjecting it to either contract

termination for default or debarment proceedings or both. (Los Angeles County Code Chapter 2.202)

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

1. Contractor acknowledges that County has established a goal of ensuring that all individuals who benefit financially from County through contracts are in compliance with their court-ordered child, family, and spousal support obligations in order to mitigate the economic burden otherwise imposed upon County and its taxpayers.
2. As required by County's Child Support Compliance Program (Los Angeles County Code Chapter 2.200), and without limiting Contractor's duty under this Contract to comply with all applicable provisions of law, Contractor warrants that it is now in compliance and shall during the term of this Contract maintain compliance with the 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).

O. County's Quality Assurance Plan

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

P. Damage to County Facilities, Buildings, or Grounds

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.
2. Such repairs shall be made immediately after Contractor has become aware of such damage, but in no event later than 30 days after the occurrence. If Contractor fails to make timely repairs, County may make

any necessary repairs. All costs incurred by County, as determined by County, for such repairs shall be repaid by Contractor by cash payment upon demand. County may deduct from any payment otherwise due Contractor for costs incurred by County to make such repairs.

Q. Employment Eligibility Verification

1. Contractor warrants that it fully complies with all Federal and State statutes and regulations regarding the employment of aliens and others and that all of its employees performing work under this Contract meet the citizenship or alien status requirements set forth in Federal and State statutes and regulations. Contractor shall obtain, from all covered employees performing services hereunder, all verification and other documentation of employment eligibility status required by Federal and State statutes and regulations including, but not limited to, the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 (P.L. 99-603), or as they currently exist and as they may be hereafter amended. Contractor shall retain all such documentation for all covered employees for the period prescribed by law.
2. Contractor shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless, the County of Los Angeles, its Special Districts, Elected Officials, Officers, Agents, Employees and Volunteers from employer sanctions and any other liability which may be assessed against Contractor or County or both in connection with any alleged violation of Federal or State statutes or regulations pertaining to the eligibility for employment of persons performing services under this Contract.

R. Facsimile Representations

At the discretion of County, County may agree to regard facsimile representations of original signatures of Contractor's authorized officers, when appearing in appropriate places on the change notices and amendments prepared pursuant to this Exhibit's Amendments, and received via communications facilities, as legally sufficient evidence that such original signatures have been affixed to change notices and amendments to this Contract, such that the Contractor need not follow up facsimile transmissions of such documents with subsequent (nonfacsimile) transmission of "original" versions of such documents.

S. Fair Labor Standards

Contractor shall comply with all applicable provisions of the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act and shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the County of Los Angeles, its Special Districts, Elected Officials, Officers, Agents, Employees and Volunteers from any and all liability, including, but not limited to, wages, overtime pay, liquidated damages, penalties, court costs, and attorneys' fees arising under any wage and hour law, including, but not limited to, the Federal Fair Labor

Standards Act, for work performed by Contractor's employees for which County may be found jointly or solely liable.

T. Force Majeure

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

U. Governing Laws, Jurisdiction, and Venue

This Contract shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of California. To the maximum extent permitted by applicable law, Contractor and County agree and consent to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of the State of California for all purposes concerning this Contract and further agree and consent that venue of any action brought in connection with or arising out of this Contract, shall be exclusively in the County of Los Angeles.

V. Most Favored Public Entity

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

W. Nondiscrimination and Affirmative Action

1. 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 antidiscrimination laws and regulations.
2. Contractor shall certify to, and comply with, the provisions of Contractor's EEO Certification (Form PW-7).
3. 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 antidiscrimination laws and regulations. Such action shall include, but not be limited to, employment, upgrading, demotion, transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff or termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation, and selection of training, including apprenticeship.
4. Contractor certifies and agrees that it will deal with its Subcontractors, bidders, or vendors without regard to or because of race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, sex, age, physical or mental disability, marital status, or political affiliation.
5. Contractor certifies and agrees that it, its affiliates, subsidiaries, or holding companies shall comply with all applicable Federal and State laws and regulations to the end that no person shall, on the grounds of race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, sex, age, physical or mental disability, marital status, or political affiliation, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under this Contract or under any project, program, or activity supported by this Contract.
6. Contractor shall allow County representatives access to Contractor's employment records during regular business hours to verify compliance with the provisions of this paragraph when so requested by County.
7. If County finds that any of the above provisions have been violated, such violation shall constitute a material breach of this Contract upon which County may terminate for default or suspend this Contract. While County reserves the right to determine independently that the antidiscrimination provisions of this Contract have been violated, in addition, a determination by the California Fair Employment Practices Commission or the Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission that Contractor has violated

Federal or State antidiscrimination laws or regulations shall constitute a finding by County that Contractor has violated the antidiscrimination provisions of this Contract.

8. The parties agree that in the event Contractor violates any of the antidiscrimination provisions of this Contract, County shall, at its sole option, be entitled to a sum of \$500 for each violation pursuant to California Civil Code Section 1671 as liquidated damages in lieu of terminating or suspending this Contract.

X. Nonexclusivity

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

Y. No Payment for Services Provided Following Expiration/Suspension/Termination of Contract

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

Z. Notice of Delays

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

AA. Notice of Disputes

Contractor shall bring to the attention of the Contract Manager any dispute between County and Contractor regarding the performance of services as stated in this Contract. If the Contract Manager is not able to resolve the dispute, the Director will resolve it.

BB. Notice to Employees Regarding the Federal Earned Income Credit

Contractor shall notify its employees, and shall require each Subcontractor to notify its employees, that they may be eligible for the Federal Earned Income Credit under the Federal income tax laws. Such notice shall be provided in accordance with the requirements set forth in Internal Revenue Service Notice 1015 (Exhibit C).

CC. Notices

Notices desired or required to be given under these Specifications, Conditions, or Terms herein or any law now or hereafter in effect may, at the option of the party giving the same, be given by enclosing the same in a sealed envelope addressed to the party for whom intended and by depositing such envelope with postage prepaid with the United States Post Office and any such notice and the envelope containing the same shall be addressed to Contractor at its place of business, or such other place as may be hereinafter designated in writing by Contractor. The notices and envelopes containing the same to County shall be addressed to:

Chief, Administrative Services Division
County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
P.O. Box 1460
Alhambra, CA 91802-1460

In the event of suspension or termination of this Contract, notices may also be given upon personal delivery to any person whose actual knowledge of such suspension or termination would be sufficient notice to Contractor. Actual knowledge of such suspension or termination by an individual Contractor or by a copartner, if Contractor is a partnership; or by the president, vice president, secretary, or general manager, if Contractor is a corporation; or by the managing agent regularly in charge of the work on behalf of said Contractor shall in any case be sufficient notice.

DD. Publicity

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

1. Contractor shall develop all publicity material in a professional manner.
2. During the term of this Contract, Contractor shall not, and shall not authorize another to, publish or disseminate commercial advertisements, press releases, feature articles, or other materials using the name of

County without the prior written consent of the Contract Manager. County shall not unreasonably withhold such written consent.

3. Contractor may, without prior written consent of County, indicate in its proposals and sales materials that it has been awarded this Contract with County, provided that the requirements of this paragraph shall apply.

EE. Public Records Act

- a. Any documents submitted by Contractor; all information obtained in connection with County's right to audit and inspect Contractor's documents, books, and accounting records pursuant to this Exhibit's Record Retention and Inspection/Audit Settlement, of this Contract; as well as those documents which were required to be submitted in response to the RFP used in the solicitation process for this Contract, become the exclusive property of County. All such documents become a matter of public record and shall be regarded as public records, except those documents that are marked "trade secret," "confidential," or "proprietary" and are deemed excluded from disclosure under Government Code 6250 et seq. (Public Records Act). County shall not in any way be liable or responsible for the disclosure of any such records including, with limitation, those so marked, if disclosure is required by law, or by an order issued by a court of competent jurisdiction.
- b. In the event County is required to defend an action on a Public Records Act request for any of the aforementioned documents, information, books, records, and/or contents of a proposal marked "trade secret," "confidential," or "proprietary," Contractor agrees to defend and indemnify County from all costs and expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees, in connection with any requested action or liability arising under the Public Records Act.

FF. Record Retention and Inspection/Audit Settlement

Contractor shall maintain accurate and complete financial records of its activities and operations relating to this Contract in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Contractor shall also maintain accurate and complete employment and other records relating to its performance of this Contract. Contractor agrees that 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 Contract. All such material, including, but not limited to, all financial records, bank statements, cancelled checks, or other proof of payment, timecards, sign-in/sign-out sheets, and other time and employment records, and proprietary data and information, shall be kept and maintained by Contractor and shall be made available to County during the term of this Contract and for a period of five years thereafter unless County's written permission is given to dispose of any such material prior to such time. All such

material shall be maintained by Contractor at a location in County, provided that if any such material is located outside County, then, at County's option, Contractor shall pay County for travel, per diem, and other costs incurred by County to examine, audit, excerpt, copy, or transcribe such material at such other location.

- a. In the event that an audit of Contractor is conducted specifically regarding this Contract by any Federal or State auditor, or by any auditor or accountant employed by Contractor or otherwise, then Contractor shall file a copy of such audit report with County's Auditor-Controller within 30 days of Contractor's receipt thereof, unless otherwise provided by applicable Federal or State law or under this Contract. Subject to applicable law, County shall make a reasonable effort to maintain the confidentiality of such audit report(s).
- b. Failure on the part of Contractor to comply with any of the provisions of this paragraph shall constitute a material breach of this Contract upon which County may suspend or terminate for default or suspend this Contract.
- c. If, at any time during the term of this Contract or within five years after the expiration or termination of this Contract, representatives of County conduct an audit of Contractor regarding the work performed under this Contract, and if such audit finds that County's dollar liability for any such work is less than payments made by County to Contractor, then the difference shall be either: a) repaid by Contractor to County by cash payment upon demand or b) at the sole option of County's Auditor-Controller, deducted from any amounts due to Contractor from County, whether under this Contract or otherwise. If such audit finds that County's dollar liability for such work is more than the payments made by County to Contractor, then the difference shall be paid to Contractor by County by cash payment, provided that in no event shall County's maximum obligation for this Contract exceed the funds appropriated by County for the purpose of this Contract.

GG. Recycled-Content Paper Products

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

HH. Subcontracting

The requirements of this Contract may not be subcontracted by Contractor without the advance written approval of County. Any attempt by Contractor to subcontract without the prior written consent of County may be deemed a material breach of this Contract and the County may suspend or terminate for this Contract default.

1. If Contractor desires to subcontract, Contractor shall provide the following information promptly at County's request:

- a. A description of the work to be performed by the Subcontractor;
 - b. A draft copy of the proposed subcontract; and
 - c. Other pertinent information and/or certifications requested by County.
2. Contractor shall indemnify and hold County harmless with respect to the activities of each and every Subcontractor in the same manner and to the same degree as if such Subcontractor(s) were Contractor employees.
3. Contractor shall remain fully responsible for all performances required of it under this Contract, including those that the Contractor has determined to subcontract, notwithstanding County's approval of Contractor's proposed subcontract.
4. County's consent to subcontract shall not waive County's right to prior and continuing approval of any and all personnel, including Subcontractor employees, providing services under this Contract. Contractor is responsible to notify its Subcontractors of this County right.
5. County's Contract Manager is authorized to act for and on behalf of County with respect to approval of any subcontract and Subcontractor employees.
6. Contractor shall be solely liable and responsible for all payments or other compensation to all Subcontractors and their officers, employees, agents, and successors in interest arising through services performed hereunder, notwithstanding County's consent to subcontract.
7. Contractor shall obtain certificates of insurance, which establish that the Subcontractor maintains all the programs of insurance required by County from each approved Subcontractor. Contractor shall ensure delivery of all such documents to Administrative Services Division, P.O. Box 1460, Alhambra, California 91802-1460, before any Subcontractor employee may perform any work hereunder.
8. Employee Leasing is prohibited.

II. Validity

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

JJ. Waiver

No waiver by County of any breach of any provision of this Contract shall constitute a waiver of any other breach of said provision or of any other provision

of this Contract. Failure of County to enforce at anytime, or from time to time, any provision of this Contract shall not be construed as a waiver thereof.

KK. Warranty Against Contingent Fees

- a. Contractor warrants that no person or selling agency has been employed or retained to solicit or secure this Contract upon an 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 Contractor for the purpose of securing business.
- b. For breach of this warranty, County shall have the right, in its sole discretion, to suspend or terminate this Contract for default, deduct from amounts owing to the Contractor, or otherwise recover, the full amount of such commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee.

SECTION 3

TERMINATIONS/SUSPENSIONS

A. Termination/Suspension for Breach of Warranty to Maintain Compliance with County's Child Support Compliance Program

Failure of Contractor to maintain compliance with the requirements set forth in this Exhibit's Contractor's Warranty of Adherence to County's Child Support Compliance Program shall constitute a default under this Contract. Without limiting the rights and remedies available to County under any other provision of this Contract, failure of Contractor to cure such default within 90 calendar days of written notice shall be grounds upon which the County may suspend or terminate this Contract pursuant to this Exhibit's Termination/Suspension for Default, and pursue debarment of Contractor pursuant to Los Angeles County Code Chapter 2.202.

B. Termination/Suspension for Convenience

1. This Contract may be suspended or terminated, in whole or in part, from time to time, when such action is deemed by County, in its sole discretion, to be in its best interest. Suspension or termination of work hereunder shall be effected by notice of suspension or termination to Contractor specifying the extent to which performance of work is suspended or terminated and the date upon which such suspension or termination becomes effective. The date upon which such suspension or termination becomes effective shall be no less than 10 days after the notice is sent.
2. After receipt of a notice of suspension or termination and except as otherwise directed by County, Contractor shall:
 - a. Stop work under this Contract on the date and to the extent specified in such notice; and
 - b. Complete performance of such part of the work as shall not have been suspended or terminated by such notice.
3. All material including books, records, documents, or other evidence bearing on the costs and expenses of Contractor under this Contract shall be maintained by Contractor in accordance with this Exhibit's Record Retention and Inspection/Audit Settlement.
4. If this Contract is suspended or terminated, Contractor shall complete within the Director's suspension or termination date contain within the notice of suspension or termination, those items of work which are in various stages of completion, which the Director has advised the Contractor are necessary to bring the work to a timely, logical, and orderly

end. Reports, samples, and other materials prepared by Contractor under this Contract shall be delivered to County upon request and shall become the property of County.

C. Termination/Suspension for Default

1. County may, by written notice to Contractor, suspend or terminate the whole or any part of this Contract, if, in the judgment of the County:
 - a. Contractor has materially breached this Contract; or
 - b. Contractor fails to timely provide and/or satisfactorily perform any task, deliverable, service, or other work required under this Contract; or
 - c. Contractor fails to demonstrate a high probability of timely fulfillment of performance requirements under this Contract, or of any obligations of this Contract and in either case, fails to demonstrate convincing progress toward a cure within five working days (or such longer period as County may authorize in writing) after receipt of written notice from County specifying such failure.
2. In the event County suspends or terminates this Contract in whole or in part pursuant to this paragraph, County may procure, upon such terms and in such manner, as County may deem appropriate, goods and services similar to those so suspended or terminated. Contractor shall be liable to County for any and all excess costs incurred by County, as determined by County, for such similar goods and services. Contractor shall continue the performance of this Contract to the extent not suspended or terminated under the provisions of this paragraph.
3. Except with respect to defaults of any Subcontractor, Contractor shall not be liable for any excess costs of the type identified in subparagraph "2" above, if its failure to perform this Contract arises out of causes beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of Contractor. Such causes may include, but are not limited to, acts of God or of the public enemy, acts of County in either its sovereign or contractual capacity, acts of the Federal or State government in its sovereign capacity, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, strikes, freight embargoes, and unusually severe weather; but in every case, the failure to perform must be beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of Contractor. If the failure to perform is caused by the default of a Subcontractor, and if such default arises out of causes beyond the control of both Contractor and Subcontractor, and without the fault or negligence of either of them, Contractor shall not be liable for any such excess costs for failure to perform, unless the goods or services to be furnished by the

Subcontractor were obtainable from other sources in sufficient time to permit Contractor to meet the required delivery schedule.

4. If, after County has given notice of termination or suspension under the provisions of this paragraph, it is determined by County that Contractor was not in default under the provisions of this paragraph or that the default was excusable under the provisions of this paragraph, the rights and obligations of the parties shall be the same as if the notice of termination or suspension had been issued pursuant to this Exhibit's Termination/Suspension for Convenience.
5. The rights and remedies of County provided in this paragraph shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this Contract.
6. As used herein, the terms "Subcontractor" and "Subcontractors" mean subcontractor at any tier.

D. Termination/Suspension for Improper Consideration

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

E. Termination/Suspension for Insolvency

1. County may suspend or terminate this Contract forthwith in the event of the occurrence of any of the following:

- a. Insolvency of Contractor. Contractor shall be deemed to be insolvent if it has ceased to pay its debts for at least 60 days in the ordinary course of business or cannot pay its debts as they become due, whether or not a petition has been filed under the Federal Bankruptcy Code, and whether or not Contractor is insolvent within the meaning of the Federal Bankruptcy Code;
 - b. The filing of a voluntary or involuntary bankruptcy petition relative to Contractor under the Federal Bankruptcy Code;
 - c. The appointment of a bankruptcy Receiver or Trustee for Contractor; or
 - d. The execution by Contractor of a general assignment for the benefits of creditors.
2. The rights and remedies of County provided in this paragraph shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this Contract.

F. Termination/Suspension for Nonadherence to County Lobbyists Ordinance

Contractor, and each County lobbyist or County lobbying firm as defined in Los Angeles County Code Section 2.160.010, retained by Contractor, shall fully comply with County's Lobbyist Ordinance, Los Angeles County Code Chapter 2.160. Failure on the part of Contractor or any County Lobbyists or County Lobbying firm retained by Contractor to fully comply with County's Lobbyist Ordinance shall constitute a material breach of this Contract, upon which County may in its sole discretion, immediately suspend or terminate for default of this Contract.

G. Termination/Suspension for Nonappropriation of Funds

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Contract, County shall not be obligated for Contractor's performance hereunder or by any provision of this Contract during any of County's future fiscal years unless and until the Board appropriates funds for this Contract in County's budget for each such future fiscal year. In the event that funds are not appropriated for this Contract, then this Contract may be suspended or terminated as of June 30 of the last fiscal year for which funds were appropriated. County will notify Contractor in writing of any such nonallocation of funds at the earliest possible date.

SECTION 4

GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT WORK

A. Authority of Public Works and Inspection

The Director will have the final authority in all matters affecting the work covered by this Contract's Terms, Requirement, Conditions, and Specifications. On all questions relating to work acceptability or interpretations of these Terms, Requirements, Conditions, and Specifications, the decision of the Director will be final.

B. Cooperation

Contractor shall cooperate with Public Works' forces engaged in any other activities at the jobsite. Contractor shall carry out all work in a diligent manner and according to instructions of the Director.

C. Cooperation and Collateral Work

Contractor shall perform work as directed by the Director. The Director will be supported by other Public Works personnel in assuring satisfactory performance of the work under these Specifications and that satisfactory contract controls and conditions are maintained.

D. Equipment, Labor, Supervision, and Materials

All equipment, labor, supervision, and materials required to accomplish this Contract, except as might be specifically outlined in other sections, shall be provided by Contractor.

E. Gratuitous Work

Contractor agrees that should work be performed outside the Scope of Work indicated and without Public Works' prior written approval in accordance with this Exhibit's Amendments, such work shall be deemed to be a gratuitous effort by Contractor, and Contractor shall have no claim, therefor, against County.

F. Jobsite Safety

Contractor shall be solely responsible for ensuring that all work performed under this Contract is performed in strict compliance with all applicable Federal, State, and local occupational safety regulations. Contractor shall provide at its expense all safeguards, safety devices, and protective equipment and shall take any and all actions appropriate to providing a safe jobsite.

G. Labor

No person shall be employed on any work under this Contract who is found to be intemperate, troublesome, disorderly, or is otherwise objectionable to Public Works. Any such person shall be reassigned immediately and not again employed on Public Works' projects or providing services.

H. Labor Law Compliance

Contractor, its agents, and employees shall be bound by and shall comply with all applicable provisions of the Labor Code of the State of California as well as all other applicable Federal, State, and local laws related to labor. Contractor shall comply with Labor Code Section 1777.5 with respect to the employment of apprentices.

I. Overtime

Eight hours labor constitutes a legal day's work. Work in excess thereof, or greater than 40 hours during any one week, shall be permitted only as authorized by and in accordance with Labor Code Section 1815 et seq.

J. Permits/Licenses

Contractor shall be fully responsible for possessing or obtaining all permits/licenses, except as might be specifically outlined in other sections, from the appropriate Federal, State, or local authorities relating to work to be performed under this Contract.

K. Prohibition Against Use of Child Labor

1. Contractor shall:

- a. Not knowingly sell or supply to County any products, goods, supply, or other personal property manufactured in violation of child labor standards set by the International Labor Organization through its 1973 Convention Concerning Minimum Age for Employment;
- b. Upon request by County, identify the country/countries of origin of any products, goods, supplies, or other personal property Contractor sells or supplies to County;
- c. Upon request by County, provide to County the manufacturer's certification of compliance with all international child labor conventions; and
- d. Should County discover that any products, goods, supplies, or other personal property sold or supplied by Contractor to County are produced in violation of any international child labor

conventions, Contractor shall immediately provide an alternative, compliant source of supply.

2. Failure by Contractor to comply with provisions of this paragraph will constitute a material breach of this Contract and will be grounds for immediate suspension or termination of this Contract for default.

L. Public Convenience

Contractor shall conduct operations to cause the least possible obstruction and inconvenience to public traffic or disruption to the peace and quiet of the area within which the work is being performed.

M. Public Safety

It shall be Contractor's responsibility to maintain security against public hazards at all times while performing work at Public Works' jobsites.

N. Quality of Work

Contractor shall provide the County high and consistent quality work under this Contract and which is at least equivalent to that which Contractor provides to all other clients it serves. All work shall be executed by experienced and well-trained workers. All work shall be under supervision of a well-qualified supervisor. Contractor also agrees that work shall be furnished in a professional manner and according to these Specifications.

O. Quantities of Work

Contractor shall be allowed no claims for anticipated profits or for any damages of any sort because of any difference between the work estimated by Contractor in responding to County's solicitation and actual quantities of work done under this Contract or for work decreased or eliminated by County.

P. Safety Requirements

Contractor shall be responsible for the safety of equipment, material, and personnel under Contractor's jurisdiction during the work.

Q. Storage of Material and Equipment

Contractor shall not store material or equipment at the jobsite, except as might be specifically authorized by this Contract. County will not be liable or responsible for any damage, by whatever means, or for the theft of Contractor's material or equipment from any jobsite.

R. Transportation

County will not provide transportation to and from the jobsite and will not provide travel around the limits of the jobsite.

S. Work Area Controls

1. Contractor shall comply with all applicable laws and regulations. Contractor shall maintain work area in a neat, orderly, clean, and safe manner. Contractor shall avoid spreading out equipment excessively. Location and layout of all equipment and materials at each jobsite will be subject to the Contract Manager's approval.
2. Contractor shall be responsible for the security of any and all of Public Works/County facilities in its care. Contractor shall provide protection against vandalism and accidental and malicious damage, both during working and nonworking hours.

SECTION 5

INDEMNIFICATION AND INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

A. Independent Contractor Status

1. This Contract is by and between County and 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 County and 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.
2. Contractor shall be solely liable and responsible for providing to, or on behalf of, all persons performing work pursuant to this Contract all compensation and benefits. 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 Contractor.
3. Contractor understands and agrees that all persons performing work pursuant to this Contract are, for purposes of Workers' Compensation liability, solely employees of Contractor and not employees of County. 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 Contractor pursuant to this Contract.

B. Indemnification

Contractor shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the County of Los Angeles, its Special Districts, Elected Officials, Officers, Agents, Employees and Volunteers from and against any and all liability, including, but not limited to, demands, claims, actions, fees, costs, and expenses of any nature whatsoever (including attorney and expert witness fees), arising from or connected with Contractor's acts and/or omissions arising from and/or relating to this Contract. This indemnification also shall include any and all intellectual property liability, including copyright infringement and similar claims.

C. Workplace Safety Indemnification

In addition to and without limiting the indemnification required by this Exhibit's Section 5.B (above), and to the extent allowed by law, Contractor agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the County of Los Angeles, its Special Districts, Elected Officials, Officers, Agents, Employees and Volunteers from and against any and all investigations, complaints, citations, liability, expense (including defense costs and legal fees), claims, and/or causes of action for damages of any nature

whatsoever, including, but not limited to, injury or death to employees of Contractor, its Subcontractors or County, attributable to any alleged act or omission of Contractor and/or its Subcontractors which is in violation of any Cal/OSHA regulation. The obligation to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless County includes all investigations and proceedings associated with purported violations of Section 336.10 of Title 8 of the California Code of Regulations pertaining to multiemployer worksites. Contractor shall not be obligated to indemnify for liability and expenses arising from the active negligence of County. County may deduct from any payment otherwise due Contractor any costs incurred or anticipated to be incurred by County, including legal fees and staff costs, associated with any investigation or enforcement proceeding brought by Cal/OSHA arising out of the work being performed by Contractor under this Contract.

D. General Insurance Requirements

1. Without limiting Contractor's indemnification of County, and in the performance of this Contract and until all of its obligations pursuant to this Contract have been met, Contractor shall provide and maintain at its own expense insurance coverage satisfying the requirements specified in this Paragraph and Paragraph E of this Section. These minimum insurance coverage terms, types and limits (the "Required Insurance") also are in addition to and separate from any other contractual obligation imposed upon Contractor pursuant to this Contract. The County in no way warrants that the Required Insurance is sufficient to protect the Contractor for liabilities which may arise from or relate to this Contract.
2. Evidence of Coverage and Notice to County - A certificate(s) of insurance coverage (Certificate) satisfactory to County, and a copy of an Additional Insured endorsement confirming the County of Los Angeles, its Special Districts, Elected Officials, Officers, Agents, Employees and Volunteers 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 Contract.
 - a. Renewal Certificates shall be provided to County not less than 10 days prior to Contractor's policy expiration dates. The County reserves the right to obtain complete, certified copies of any required Contractor and/or Subcontractor insurance policies at any time.
 - b. Certificates shall identify all Required Insurance coverage types and limits specified herein, reference this Contract by name or number, and be signed by an authorized representative of the insurer(s). The Insured party named on the Certificate shall match the name of the Contractor identified as the contracting party in this Contract. Certificates shall provide the full name of each insurer providing coverage, its NAIC (National Association of Insurance

Commissioners) identification number, its financial rating, the amounts of any policy deductibles or self-insured retentions exceeding fifty thousand (\$50,000.00) dollars, and list any County required endorsement forms.

- c. 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.

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

County of Los Angeles
Department of Public Works, Administrative Services Division
P.O. Box 1460
Alhambra, California 91802-1460
Attention of: Ms. Barbara Baiz, Contract Manager

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

- 3. Additional Insured Status and Scope of Coverage - The County of Los Angeles, its Special Districts, Elected Officials, Officers, Agents, Employees and Volunteers 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 of Los Angeles, its Special Districts, Elected Officials, Officers, Agents, Employees and Volunteers 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 of Los Angeles, its Special Districts, Elected Officials, Officers, Agents, Employees and Volunteers 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.

4. Cancellation of Insurance: Except in the case of cancellation for non-payment of premium, Contractor's insurance policies shall provide, and Certificates shall specify, that County shall receive not less than thirty (30) days advance written notice by mail of any cancellation of the Required Insurance. Ten (10) days prior notice may be given to County in event of cancellation for non-payment of premium.
5. 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 Contract, upon which County immediately may withhold payments due to Contractor, and/or suspend or terminate this Contract. County, at its sole discretion, may obtain damages from Contractor resulting from said breach.
6. 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 County.
7. Contractor's Insurance Shall Be Primary: Contractor's insurance policies, with respect to any claims related to this Contract, 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. Waivers of Subrogation: To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Contractor hereby waives its rights and its insurer(s)' rights of recovery against County under all the Required Insurance for any loss arising from or relating to this Contract. The Contractor shall require its insurers to execute any waiver of subrogation endorsements which may be necessary to effect such waiver.
9. Subcontractor Insurance Coverage Requirements: Contractor shall include all Subcontractors as insureds under Contractor's own policies, or shall provide County with each Subcontractor's separate evidence of insurance coverage. Contractor shall be responsible for verifying each Subcontractor complies with the Required Insurance provisions herein, and shall require that each Subcontractor name the County and Contractor as additional insureds on the Subcontractor's General Liability policy. Contractor shall obtain County's prior review and approval of any Subcontractor request for modification of the Required Insurance.
10. Deductibles and Self-Insured Retentions (SIRs): 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.

11. 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 Contract. Contractor understands and agrees it shall maintain such coverage for a period of not less than three (3) years following Contract expiration, termination or cancellation.
12. Application of Excess Liability Coverage: Contractors may use a combination of primary, and excess insurance policies which provide coverage as broad as ("follow form" over) the underlying primary policies, to satisfy the Required Insurance provisions.
13. 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.
14. Alternative Risk Financing Programs: The County reserves the right to review, and then approve, Contractor use of self-insurance, risk retention groups, risk purchasing groups, pooling arrangements and captive insurance to satisfy the Required Insurance provisions. The County of Los Angeles, its Special Districts, Elected Officials, Officers, Agents, Employees and Volunteers shall be designated as an Additional Covered Party under any approved program.
15. County Review and Approval of Insurance Requirements: The County reserves the right to review and adjust the Required Insurance provisions, conditioned upon County's determination of changes in risk exposures.

E. Compensation for County Costs

In the event that the Contractor fails to comply with any of the indemnification or insurance requirements of this Contract, and such failure to comply results in any costs to the County, the Contractor shall pay full compensation for all costs incurred by the County.

F. Insurance Coverage Requirements

1. Commercial General Liability insurance (providing scope of coverage equivalent to ISO policy form CG 00 01), naming The County of Los Angeles, its Special Districts, Elected Officials, Officers, Agents,

Employees and Volunteers 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

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 Contract, including owned, leased, hired, and/or non-owned autos, as each may be applicable.
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 is a temporary staffing firm or a professional employer organization (PEO), coverage also shall include an Alternate Employer Endorsement (providing scope of coverage equivalent to ISO policy form WC 00 03 01 A) naming the County as the Alternate Employer, and the endorsement form shall be modified to provide that County will receive not less than thirty (30) days advance written notice of cancellation of this coverage provision. If applicable to 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.

SECTION 6

CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITY AND DEBARMENT

A. Responsible Contractor

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

B. Chapter 2.202 of County Code

Contractor is hereby notified that, in accordance with Chapter 2.202 of County Code, if County acquires information concerning the performance of Contractor on this or other contracts which indicates that Contractor is not responsible, County may, in addition to other remedies provided in this Contract, debar Contractor from bidding or proposing on, 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 suspend or terminate any or all existing contracts Contractor may have with County.

C. Nonresponsible Contractor

County may debar a Contractor if the Board finds, in its discretion, that Contractor has done any of the following: (1) violated any term of a contract with County or a nonprofit corporation created by County; (2) committed an act or omission which negatively reflects on Contractor's quality, fitness, or capacity to perform a contract with County, any other public entity, or a nonprofit corporation created by 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 County or any other public entity.

D. Contractor Hearing Board

1. If there is evidence that Contractor may be subject to debarment, Public Works will notify Contractor in writing of the evidence which is the basis for the proposed debarment and will advise Contractor of the scheduled date for a debarment hearing before Contractor Hearing Board.
2. Contractor Hearing Board will conduct a hearing where evidence on the proposed debarment is presented. Contractor and/or Contractor's representative shall be given an opportunity to submit evidence at that hearing. After the hearing, Contractor Hearing Board will prepare a tentative proposed decision, which shall contain a recommendation

regarding whether Contractor should be debarred, and, if so, the appropriate length of time of the debarment. Contractor and Public Works 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 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 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. County may, in its discretion, reduce the period of debarment or terminate the debarment if it finds that Contractor has adequately demonstrated one or more of the following: (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 County.
5. Contractor Hearing Board will consider a request for review of a debarment determination only where (1) 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, Contractor Hearing Board will provide notice of the hearing on the request. At the hearing, 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 Contractor Hearing Board pursuant to the same procedure as for a debarment hearing.
6. Contractor Hearing Board's proposed decision shall contain a recommendation on the request to reduce the period of debarment or terminate the debarment. 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 Contractor Hearing Board.

E. Subcontractors of Contractor

These terms shall also apply to Subcontractors of County Contractors.

SECTION 7

COMPLIANCE WITH COUNTY'S JURY SERVICE PROGRAM

A. Jury Service Program

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

B. Written Employee Jury Service Policy

1. Unless Contractor has demonstrated to County's satisfaction either that Contractor is not a "Contractor" as defined under the Jury Service Program (Section 2.203.020 of County Code) or that Contractor qualifies for an exception to the Jury Service Program (Section 2.203.070 of County Code), Contractor shall have and adhere to a written policy that provides that its Employees shall receive from Contractor, on an annual basis, no less than five days of regular pay for actual jury service. The policy may provide that Employee deposit any fees received for such jury service with Contractor or that Contractor deduct from the Employee's regular pay the fees received for jury service.
2. For purposes of this Section, "Contractor" means a person, partnership, corporation, or other entity which has a contract with 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 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 days or less within a 12-month period are not considered full-time for purposes of the Jury Service Program. If Contractor uses any Subcontractor to perform services for County under this Contract, the Subcontractor shall also be subject to the provisions of this Section. The provisions of this Section shall be inserted into any such subcontract agreement and a copy of the Jury Service Program shall be attached to the agreement.
3. If Contractor is not required to comply with the Jury Service Program when this Contract 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 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. County may also require, at any time during this Contract and at its sole discretion, that Contractor demonstrate to 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 Jury Service Program.

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

SECTION 8

SAFELY SURRENDERED BABY LAW PROGRAM

A. Contractor's Acknowledgment of County's Commitment to the Safely Surrendered Baby Law

Contractor acknowledges that County places a high priority on the implementation of the Safely Surrendered Baby Law. Contractor understands that it is County's policy to encourage all County Contractors to voluntarily post County's "Safely Surrendered Baby Law" poster in a prominent position at Contractor's place of business. Contractor will also encourage its Subcontractors, if any, to post this poster in a prominent position in the Subcontractor's place of business. County's Department of Children and Family Services will supply Contractor with the poster to be used. Information on how to receive the poster can be found on the Internet at www.babysafela.org.

B. Notice to Employees Regarding the Safely Surrendered Baby Law

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

SECTION 9

COMPLIANCE WITH COUNTY'S LIVING WAGE PROGRAM

A. Living Wage Program

This Contract is subject to the provisions of County's ordinance entitled Living Wage Program as codified in Sections 2.201.010 through 2.201.100 of the Los Angeles County Code, a copy of which is attached hereto as Form LW-1 and incorporated by reference into and made a part of this Contract.

B. Payment of Living Wage Rates

1. Unless Contractor has demonstrated to County's satisfaction either that Contractor is not an "Employer" as defined under the Living Wage Program (Section 2.201.020 of County Code) or that Contractor qualifies for an exception to the Living Wage Program (Section 2.201.090 of County Code), Contractor shall pay its Employees no less than the applicable hourly living wage rate, as set forth immediately below, for the Employees' services provided to County, including, without limitation, "Travel Time" as defined below in subsection 5 of this Section 9.B under this Contract:
 - a. Not less than \$11.84 per hour if, in addition to the per-hour wage, Contractor contributes less than \$2.20 per hour towards the provision of bona fide health care benefits for its Employees and any dependents; or
 - b. Not less than \$9.64 per hour if, in addition to the per-hour wage, Contractor contributes at least \$2.20 per hour towards the provision of bona fide health care benefits for its Employees and any dependents. Contractor will be deemed to have contributed \$2.20 per hour towards the provision of bona fide health care benefits if the benefits are provided through County Department of Health Services Community Health Plan. If, at any time during this Contract, Contractor contributes less than \$2.20 per hour towards the provision of bona fide health care benefits, Contractor shall be required to pay its Employees the higher hourly living wage rate.
2. For purposes of this Section, "Contractor" includes any Subcontractor engaged by Contractor to perform services for County under this Contract. If Contractor uses any Subcontractor to perform services for County under this Contract, the Subcontractor shall be subject to the provisions of this Section. The provisions of this Section shall be inserted into any such subcontract and a copy of the Living Wage Program shall be attached to the subcontract. "Employee" means any individual who is an employee of Contractor under the laws of California, and who is providing full-time services to Contractor, some or all of which are provided to County under this Contract. "Full-time"

means a minimum of 40 hours worked per week, or a lesser number of hours, if the lesser number is a recognized industry standard and is approved as such by County; however, fewer than 35 hours worked per week will not, in any event, be considered full-time.

3. If Contractor is required to pay a living wage when this Contract commences, Contractor shall continue to pay a living wage for the entire term of this Contract, including any option period.
4. If Contractor is not required to pay a living wage when this Contract commences, Contractor shall have a continuing obligation to review the applicability of its "exemption status" from the living wage requirement. Contractor shall immediately notify County if Contractor at any time either comes within the Living Wage Program's definition of "Employer" or if Contractor no longer qualifies for an exception to the Living Wage Program. In either event, Contractor shall immediately be required to commence paying the living wage and shall be obligated to pay the living wage for the remaining term of this Contract, including any option period. County may also require, at any time during this Contract and at its sole discretion, that Contractor demonstrate to County's satisfaction that Contractor either continues to remain outside of the Living Wage Program's definition of "Employer" and/or that Contractor continues to qualify for an exception to the Living Wage Program. Unless Contractor satisfies this requirement within the time frame permitted by County, Contractor shall immediately be required to pay the living wage for the remaining term of this Contract, including any option period.
5. For purposes of Contractor's obligation to pay its Employees the applicable hourly living wage rate under this Contract, "Travel Time" shall have the following two meanings, as applicable: 1) With respect to travel by an Employee that is undertaken in connection with this Contract, Travel Time shall mean any period during which an Employee physically travels to or from a County facility if Contractor pays the Employee any amount for that time or if California law requires Contractor to pay the Employee any amount for that time; and 2) With respect to travel by an Employee between County facilities that are subject to two different contracts between Contractor and County (of which both contracts are subject to the Living Wage Program), Travel Time shall mean any period during which an Employee physically travels to or from, or between such County facilities if Contractor pays the Employee any amount for that time or if California law requires Contractor to pay the Employee any amount for that time.

C. Contractor's Submittal of Certified Monitoring Reports

Contractor shall submit to County certified monitoring reports at a frequency instructed by County. The certified monitoring reports shall list all of Contractor's Employees during the reporting period. The certified monitoring reports shall also

verify the number of hours worked, the hourly wage rate paid, and the amount paid by Contractor for health benefits, if any, for each of its Employees. The certified monitoring reports shall also state the name and identification number of Contractor's current health care benefits plan, and Contractor's portion of the premiums paid as well as the portion paid by each Employee. All certified monitoring reports shall be submitted on forms provided by County, or any other form approved by County which contains the above information. County reserves the right to request any additional information it may deem necessary. If County requests additional information, Contractor shall promptly provide such information. Contractor, through one of its officers, shall certify under penalty of perjury that the information contained in each certified monitoring report is true and accurate.

D. Contractor's Ongoing Obligation to Report Labor Law/Payroll Violations and Claims

During the term of this Contract, if Contractor becomes aware of any labor law/payroll violations or any complaint, investigation, or proceeding ("claim") concerning any alleged labor law/payroll violation (including, but not limited to, any violation or claim pertaining to wages, hours, and working conditions, such as minimum wage, prevailing wage, living wage, the Fair Labor Standards Act, employment of minors, or unlawful employment discrimination), Contractor shall immediately inform County of any pertinent facts known by Contractor regarding the same. This disclosure obligation is not limited to any labor law/payroll violation or claim arising out of Contractor's contract with County, but instead applies to any labor law/payroll violation or claim arising out of any of Contractor's operation in California.

E. County Auditing of Contractor Records

Upon a minimum of 24 hours' written notice, County may audit, at Contractor's place of business, any of Contractor's records pertaining to this Contract, including all documents and information relating to the certified monitoring reports. Contractor is required to maintain all such records in California until the expiration of five years from the date of final payment under this Contract. Authorized agents of County shall have access to all such records during normal business hours for the entire period that records are to be maintained.

F. Notifications to Employees

Contractor shall place County-provided living wage posters at each of Contractor's place of business and locations where Contractor's Employees are working. Contractor shall also distribute County-provided notices to each of its Employees at least once per year. Contractor shall translate posters and handouts into Spanish and any other language spoken by a significant number of Employees.

G. Enforcement and Remedies

If Contractor fails to comply with the requirements of this Section, County shall have the rights and remedies described in this Section in addition to any rights and remedies provided by law or equity.

1. Remedies for Submission of Late or Incomplete Certified Monitoring Reports: If Contractor submits a certified monitoring report to County after the date it is due or if the report submitted does not contain all of the required information or is inaccurate or is not properly certified, any such deficiency shall constitute a breach of this Contract. In the event of any such breach, County may, in its sole discretion, exercise any or all of the following rights/remedies:
 - a. Withholding of Payment: If Contractor fails to submit accurate, complete, timely, and properly certified monitoring reports, County may withhold from payment to Contractor up to the full amount of any invoice that would otherwise be due, until Contractor has satisfied the concerns of County, which may include required submittal of revised certified monitoring reports or additional supporting documentation.
 - b. Liquidated Damages: It is mutually understood and agreed that Contractor's failure to submit an accurate, complete, timely, and properly certified monitoring report will result in damages being sustained by County. It is also understood and agreed that the nature and amount of the damages will be extremely difficult and impractical to fix; that the liquidated damages set forth herein are the nearest and most exact measure of damages for such breach that can be fixed at this time; and that the liquidated damages are not intended as a penalty or forfeiture for Contractor's breach. Therefore, in the event that a certified monitoring report is deficient, including, but not limited to, being late, inaccurate, incomplete, or uncertified, it is agreed that County may, in its sole discretion, assess against Contractor liquidated damages in the amount of \$100 per monitoring report for each day until County has been provided with a properly prepared, complete, and certified monitoring report. County may deduct any assessed liquidated damages from any payments otherwise due to Contractor.
 - c. Termination/Suspension: Contractor's failure to submit an accurate, complete, timely, and properly certified monitoring report may constitute a material breach of this Contract. In the event of such material breach, County may, in its sole discretion, suspend or terminate this Contract.
2. Remedies for Payment of Less Than the Required Living Wage: If Contractor fails to pay any Employee at least the applicable hourly living

wage rate, such deficiency shall constitute a breach of this Contract. In the event of any such breach, County may, in its sole discretion, exercise any or all of the following rights/remedies:

- a. **Withholding Payment:** If Contractor fails to pay one or more of its Employees at least the applicable hourly living wage rate, County may withhold from any payment otherwise due to Contractor the aggregate difference between the living wage amounts Contractor was required to pay its Employees for a given pay period and the amount actually paid to the Employees for that pay period. County may withhold said amount until Contractor has satisfied County that any underpayment has been cured, which may include required submittal of revised certified monitoring reports or additional supporting documentation.
 - b. **Liquidated Damages:** It is mutually understood and agreed that Contractor's failure to pay any of its Employees at least the applicable hourly living wage rate will result in damages being sustained by County. It is also understood and agreed that the nature and amount of the damages will be extremely difficult and impractical to fix; that the liquidated damages set forth herein are the nearest and most exact measure of damages for such breach that can be fixed at this time; and that the liquidated damages are not intended as a penalty or forfeiture for Contractor's breach. Therefore, it is agreed that County may, in its sole discretion, assess against Contractor liquidated damages of \$50 per Employee per day for each and every instance of an underpayment to an Employee. County may deduct any assessed liquidated damages from any payments otherwise due to Contractor.
 - c. **Termination/Suspension:** Contractor's failure to pay any of its Employees the applicable hourly living wage rate may constitute a material breach of this Contract. In the event of such material breach, County may, in its sole discretion, suspend or terminate this Contract.
3. **Debarment:** In the event Contractor breaches a requirement of this Section, County may, in its sole discretion, bar Contractor from the award of future County contracts for a period of time consistent with the seriousness of the breach, in accordance with Los Angeles County Code Section 2.202, Determinations of Contractor Nonresponsibility and Contractor Debarment.

H. Use of Full-Time Employees

Contractor shall assign and use full-time Employees of Contractor to provide services under this Contract unless Contractor can demonstrate to the satisfaction of County that it is necessary to use non-full-time Employees based on staffing

efficiency or County requirements for the work to be performed under this Contract. It is understood and agreed that Contractor shall not, under any circumstance, use non-full-time Employees for services provided under this Contract unless and until County has provided written authorization for the use of same. Contractor submitted with its proposal a full-time-Employee staffing plan. If Contractor changes its full-time-Employee staffing plan, Contractor shall immediately provide a copy of the new staffing plan to County.

I. Contractor Retaliation Prohibited

Contractor and/or its Employees shall not take any adverse action which would result in the loss of any benefit of employment, any contract benefit, or any statutory benefit for any Employee, person, or entity who has reported a violation of the Living Wage Program to County or to any other public or private agency, entity, or person. A violation of the provisions of this paragraph may constitute a material breach of this Contract. In the event of such material breach, County may, in its sole discretion, suspend or terminate this Contract.

J. Contractor Standards

During the term of this Contract, Contractor shall maintain business stability, integrity in employee relations, and the financial ability to pay a living wage to its employees. If requested to do so by County, Contractor shall demonstrate to the satisfaction of County that Contractor is complying with this requirement.

K. Neutrality in Labor Relations

Contractor shall not use any consideration received under this Contract to hinder, or to further, organization of, or collective bargaining activities by or on behalf of Contractor's employees, except that this restriction shall not apply to any expenditure made in the course of good faith collective bargaining, or to any expenditure pursuant to obligations incurred under a bona fide collective bargaining agreement, or which would otherwise be permitted under the provisions of the National Labor Relations Act.

SECTION 10

TRANSITIONAL JOB OPPORTUNITIES PREFERENCE PROGRAM

This Contract is subject to the provisions of the County's ordinance entitled Transitional Job Opportunities Preference Program, as codified in Chapter 2.205 of the Los Angeles County Code.

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 Transitional Job Opportunity vendor.

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 Transitional Job Opportunities vendor.

If Contractor has obtained County certification as a Transitional Job Opportunities vendor by reason of having furnished incorrect supporting information or by reason of having withheld information, and which knew, or should have known, the information furnished was incorrect or the information withheld was relevant to its request for certification, and which by reason of such certification has been awarded this Contract to which it would not otherwise have been entitled, shall:

1. Pay to the County any difference between the contract amount and what the County's costs would have been if the contract had been properly awarded;
2. In addition to the amount described in subdivision (1), be assessed a penalty in the amount of not more than ten percent of the amount of this Contract; and
3. Be subject to the provisions of Chapter 2.202 of the Los Angeles County Code (Determinations of Contractor Nonresponsibility 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 Public Works of this information prior to responding to a solicitation or accepting a contract award.

SECTION 11

LOCAL SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (SBE) PREFERENCE PROGRAM

- A. This Contract is subject to the provisions of County's ordinance entitled Local Small Business Enterprise Preference Program, as codified in Chapter 2.204 of the Los Angeles County Code.
- B. 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 Local Small Business Enterprise.
- C. 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 Local Small Business Enterprise.
- D. If Contractor has obtained County certification as a Local Small Business Enterprise by reason of having furnished incorrect supporting information or by reason of having withheld information, and which knew, or should have known, the information furnished was incorrect or the information withheld was relevant to its request for certification, and which by reason of such certification has been awarded this Contract to which it would not otherwise have been entitled, shall:
 - 1. Pay to County any difference between this Contract amount and what County's costs would have been if this Contract had been properly awarded;
 - 2. In addition to the amount described in subdivision (1), be assessed a penalty in an amount of not more than 10 percent of the amount of this Contract; and
 - 3. Be subject to the provisions of Chapter 2.202 of the Los Angeles County Code (Determinations of Contractor Nonresponsibility and Contractor Debarment).
- E. The above penalties shall also apply if Contractor is no longer eligible for certification as a result of a change of its status and Contractor failed to notify the State and County's Office of Affirmative Action Compliance of this information.

SECTION 12

PROPRIETARY CONSIDERATIONS

A. Ownership of County Materials

Contractor and County agree that all materials, including, but not limited to, designs, specifications, techniques, plans, reports, deliverables, data photographs, diagrams, maps, images, graphics, text, videos, advertising, software, source codes, website plans and designs, interactive media, drafts, working papers, outlines, sketches, summaries, edited and/or unedited versions of deliverables, and any other materials or information developed under this Contract and any and all Intellectual Property rights to these materials, including any copyrights, trademarks, service marks, trade secrets, trade names, unpatented inventions, patent applications, patents, design rights, domain rights, know-how, and any other proprietary rights and derivatives thereof, is and shall be the sole property of County (hereafter collectively, "County Materials"). Contractor hereby assigns and transfers to County all Contractor's rights, titles, and interest in and to all such County Materials developed under this Contract.

Notwithstanding such County ownership in the County Materials, Contractor may retain possession of working papers and materials prepared by Contractor under this Contract. During and for a minimum of five years subsequent to the term of this Contract, County shall have the right to inspect any and all such working papers and materials, make copies thereof and use the working papers and materials and the information contained therein.

B. Transfer to County

Contractor shall execute all documents requested by County and shall perform all other acts requested by County to assign and transfer to, and vest in County, all Contractor's rights, titles, and interest in and to the County Materials, including, but not limited to, any and all copyrights, trademarks, service marks, trade names, unpatented inventions, patent applications, patents, design rights, domain name rights, know-how, and any other proprietary rights and derivatives thereof resulting from this Contract. County shall have the right to register all applicable copyrights, trademarks and patents in the name of the County of Los Angeles. Further, County shall have the right to assign, license, or otherwise transfer any and all County's rights, titles, and interest, including, but not limited to, copyrights, trademarks, and patents, in and to the County Materials.

C. Indemnity

Contractor represents and warrants that the County Materials prepared herein under this Contract, is the original work of Contractor and does not infringe upon any Intellectual Property or proprietary rights of third parties. For those portions of the County Materials that are not the original work of Contractor, Contractor

represents and warrants that it has secured all appropriate licenses, rights, and/or permission from appropriate third parties to include such materials in the County Materials.

Contractor shall defend, indemnify and hold County harmless against any claims by third parties based on infringement of copyright, patent, trade secret, trademark, or any other claimed Intellectual Property or proprietary right, arising from County's use of County Materials created and/or prepared by Contractor. Contractor will also indemnify and defend at its sole expense, any action brought against County based on a claim that County Materials furnished hereunder by Contractor and used within the scope of this Contract infringe any copyright, patent, trade secret, trademark, or any other claimed intellectual property or proprietary right of third parties, and Contractor shall pay any costs, damages and attorney's fees incurred by County. County will notify Contractor promptly and in writing of any such action or claim and will permit Contractor to fully participate in the defense thereof.

D. Copyright Notices

Contractor shall affix the following notice to all County Materials: "@ Copyright 2007 (or such other appropriate date of first publication), County of Los Angeles. All Rights Reserved." Contractor shall affix such notice on the title page of all images, photographs, documents and writings; and otherwise as County may direct.

E. Acknowledgement/Attribution

County shall also have the sole right to control the preparation, modification and revisions to, all acknowledgment and/or attribution language for all County Materials resulting from this Contract. County will however, exercise reasonable efforts to honor requests by Contractor seeking removal of all acknowledgment and/or attribution language relating to the Contractor, should Contractor no longer wish to receive attribution for its work on the County Materials.

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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

EXHIBIT C

Notice 1015

(Rev. December 2008)

**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 whom 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 2008 are less than \$41,646 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 are required to give Form W-2 and do so 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 a substitute Form W-2 is given on time but 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 9, 2009.

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 get copies of the notice from the IRS website at www.irs.gov or by calling 1-800-829-3676.

**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 the 2008 instructions for Form 1040, 1040A, 1040EZ, or Pub. 596, Earned Income Credit (EIC).

How Do My Employees Claim the EIC?

Eligible employees claim the EIC on their 2008 tax return. Even employees who have no tax withheld from their pay or owe no tax can claim the EIC and get a refund, but they must file a tax return to do so. For example, if an employee has no tax withheld in 2008 and owes no tax but is eligible for a credit of \$825, he or she must file a 2008 tax return to get the \$825 refund.

**How Do My Employees Get Advance EIC
Payments?**

Eligible employees who expect to have a qualifying child for 2009 can get part of the credit with their pay during the year by giving you a completed Form W-5, Earned Income Credit Advance Payment Certificate. You must include advance EIC payments with wages paid to these employees, but the payments are not wages and are not subject to payroll taxes. Generally, the payments are made from withheld income, social security, and Medicare taxes. For details, see Pub. 15 (Circular E), Employer's Tax Guide.

No shame. No blame. No names.

**Newborns can be safely given up
at any Los Angeles County
hospital emergency room or fire station.**



**In Los Angeles County:
1-877-BABY SAFE
1-877-222-9723
www.babysafela.org**



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Health and Human Services Agency
Grantland Johnson, Secretary

Department of Social Services
Rita Saenz, Director



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This initiative is also supported by First 5 LA and INFO LINE of Los Angeles.

What is the Safely Surrendered Baby Law?

California's Safely Surrendered Baby Law allows parents to give up their baby confidentially. As long as the baby has not been abused or neglected, parents may give up their newborn without fear of arrest or prosecution.

How does it work?

A distressed parent who is unable or unwilling to care for a baby can legally, confidentially and safely give up a baby within three days of birth. The baby must be handed to an employee at a Los Angeles County emergency room or fire station. As long as the child shows no signs 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, workers 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.

What if a parent wants the baby back?

Parents who change their minds can begin the process of reclaiming their newborns 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?

In most cases, a parent will bring in the baby. The law allows other people to bring in the baby if they have legal custody.

Does the parent have to call before bringing in the baby?

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

Does a parent have to tell anything to the people taking the baby?

No. However, hospital personnel will ask the parent to fill out a questionnaire designed to gather important medical history information, which is very useful in caring for the child. Although encouraged, filling out the questionnaire is not required.

What happens to the baby?

The baby will be examined and given medical treatment, if needed. Then the baby will be placed in a pre-adoptive home.

What happens to the parent?

Once the parent(s) has safely turned over the baby, they are free to go.

Why is California doing this?

The purpose of the Safely Surrendered Baby Law is to protect babies from being abandoned by their parents and potentially being hurt or killed. You may have heard tragic stories of babies left in dumpsters or public bathrooms. The parents who committed these acts 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 nowhere to turn for help, they abandoned their infants. Abandoning a baby puts the child in extreme danger. It is also illegal. Too often, it results in the baby's death. Because of the Safely Surrendered Baby Law, this tragedy doesn't ever have to happen in California again.

A baby's story

At 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 25, 2002, a healthy newborn baby was brought to St. Bernardine Medical Center in San Bernardino under the provisions of the California Safely Surrendered Baby Law. As the law states, the baby's mother did not have to identify herself. When the baby was brought to the emergency room, he was examined by a pediatrician, who determined that the baby was healthy and doing fine. He was placed with a loving family while the adoption process was started.

Every baby deserves a chance for a healthy life. If someone you know is considering abandoning a newborn, let her know there are other options.

It is best that women seek help to receive proper medical care and counseling while they are pregnant. But at the same time, we want to assure parents who choose not to keep their baby that they will not go to jail if they deliver their babies to safe hands in any Los Angeles County hospital ER or fire station.

Sin pena. Sin culpa. Sin peligro.

**Los recién nacidos pueden ser entregados
en forma segura en la sala de emergencia de
cualquier hospital o en un cuartel de bomberos
del Condado de Los Angeles.**



En el Condado de Los Angeles:

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Esta Iniciativa tambien esta apollada por First 5 LA y INFO LINE de Los Angeles.

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

La Ley de Entrega de Bebés Sin Peligro de California permite a los padres entregar a su recién nacido confidencialmente. Siempre que el bebé no haya sufrido abuso ni negligencia, padres pueden entregar a su recién nacido sin temor a ser arrestados o procesados.

¿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 del nacimiento. El bebé debe ser entregado a un empleado de una sala de emergencias o de un 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 brazalete y el padre/madre recibirá un brazalete igual.

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

Los padres que cambien de opinión pueden empezar 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?

En la mayoría de los casos, los padres son los que llevan al bebé. La ley permite que otras personas lleven al bebé si tienen la custodia legal del menor.

¿Los padres deben llamar antes de llevar al bebé?

No. El padre/madre puede llevar a su bebé en cualquier momento, las 24 horas del día, los 7 días de la semana, mientras que entregue a su bebé a un empleado del hospital o de un cuartel de bomberos.

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

No. Sin embargo, el personal del hospital le pedirá que llene un cuestionario con la finalidad de recabar antecedentes médicos importantes, que resultan de gran utilidad para los cuidados que recibirá el bebé. Es recomendado llenar este cuestionario, pero no es obligatorio hacerlo.

¿Qué ocurrirá con el bebé?

El bebé será examinado y, de ser necesario, recibirá tratamiento médico. Luego el bebé se entregará a un hogar preadoptivo.

¿Qué pasará con el padre/madre?

Una vez que los padres hayan entregado a su bebé en forma segura, serán libres de irse.

¿Por qué California hace esto?

La finalidad de la Ley de Entrega de Bebés Sin Peligro es proteger a los bebés del abandono por parte de sus padres y de la posibilidad de que mueran o sufran daños. Usted probablemente haya escuchado historias trágicas sobre bebés abandonados en basureros o en baños públicos. Es posible que los padres que cometieron estos actos hayan estado atravesando dificultades emocionales graves. Las madres pueden haber ocultado su embarazo, por temor a lo que pasaría si sus familias se enteraran. Abandonaron a sus recién nacidos porque tenían miedo y no tenían adonde recurrir para obtener ayuda. El abandono de un recién nacido lo pone en una situación de peligro extremo. Además es ilegal. Muy a menudo el abandono provoca la muerte del bebé. Ahora, gracias a la Ley de Entrega de Bebés Sin Peligro, esta tragedia ya no debe suceder nunca más en California.

Historia de un bebé

A las 8:30 a.m. del jueves 25 de julio de 2002, se entregó un bebé recién nacido saludable en el St. Bernardine Medical Center en San Bernardino, en virtud de las disposiciones de la Ley de Entrega de Bebés Sin Peligro. Como lo establece la ley, la madre del bebé no se tuvo que identificar. Cuando el bebé llegó a la sala de emergencias, un pediatra lo revisó y determinó que el bebé estaba saludable y no tenía problemas. El bebé fue ubicado con una buena familia, mientras se iniciaban los trámites de adopción.

**Cada recién nacido merece una
oportunidad de tener una vida saludable.
Si alguien que usted conoce está pensando
en abandonar a un recién nacido, infórmele
qué otras opciones tiene.**

Es mejor que las mujeres busquen ayuda para recibir atención médica y asesoramiento adecuado durante el embarazo. Pero al mismo tiempo, queremos asegurarles a los padres que optan por no quedarse con su bebé que no irán a la cárcel si dejan a sus bebés en buenas manos en cualquier sala de emergencia de un hospital o en un cuartel de bomberos del Condado de Los Angeles.

Landscape Median Contracts

Project Name: MEDIANS DIST 1 AND 2 RD 141/241

Maintenance District 4

Location and Limits	Description and Approximate Area (SF)	Thomas Guide Reference
120th St. - Parmelee Avenue to Compton Avenue	Trees & Grass 11,256	704-F7
123 rd St. - Central Avenue to Elva Avenue	Trees & Grass 7,469	734-F1
123 rd St. - Slater Avenue to Compton Avenue	Trees & Flowers 11,962	734-F1
Alameda St. - Florence Avenue to Nadeau Street	Trees & Shurbs 31,008	674-H7, 704-H1
Atlantic Ave. - Compton Avenue to Rose Street	Trees & Grass 2,000	735-D6,D6
Castlegate Ave. - 200' North of San Vicente Street to San Luis St.	Trees & Grass 18,183	734-D4
Central Ave. - 121st Street to 127th Street Center Median	Trees & Grass 6,342	734-F1
Central Ave. - 121st Street to 127th Street East Side Median	Trees & Grass 15,527	734-F1
Compton Ave. - 121st Street to 123rd Street Both Side Medians	Trees & Grass 7,508	734-F1
Cookacre Ave.- 200' North of San Vicente Street to San Luis Street	Trees & Grass 18,272	734-D4
El Segundo Blvd. - Wilmington Avenue to Willowbrook Avenue	Trees & Grass 11,496	734-H1
Florence Ave. - Graham Avenue to Converse Avenue	Trees & Shurbs 2,295	674-G7
Frailey Ave. - 200' North of San Vicente Street to San Luis Street	Trees & Grass 21,698	735-D4
Graham Ave Urban Trail - Alley West of Fir Ave	Vines & Shrubs 510	704-G2
Hooper Ave. - 73rd Street to 74th Street	Trees & Holly Bushes 214	674-F7
Lime Ave. - 200' North of San Vicente Street to San Luis Street	Trees & Grass 22,534	735-D4
Nadeau St. - Maie Avenue to Beach St	Shrubs 1,608	704-G1
Santa Fe Ave. - Independence Ave. to 100' North of Independence Ave.	Shurbs & Gravel 5,411	704-J2

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Location and Limits	Description and Approximate Area (SF)	Thomas Guide Reference
Union Pacific Railroad - 76th St to Nadeau Av	Vines 1,348	704-G1
White Ave. - 200' North of San Vicente Street to San Luis Street	Trees & Grass 18,107	735-D4
Williams Ave. - 200' North of San Vicente Street to San Luis Street	Trees & Grass 22,325	735-D4
Wilmington Ave. - 118th Street to 126th Street	Trees & Grass 16,411	704-G7, 734-G1



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CONTRACT	MEDIANS DISTRICT 1 AND 2 RD 141/241	
LOCATION	120TH ST - PARMALEE AVE TO COMPTON AVE	T.G. 704-F7





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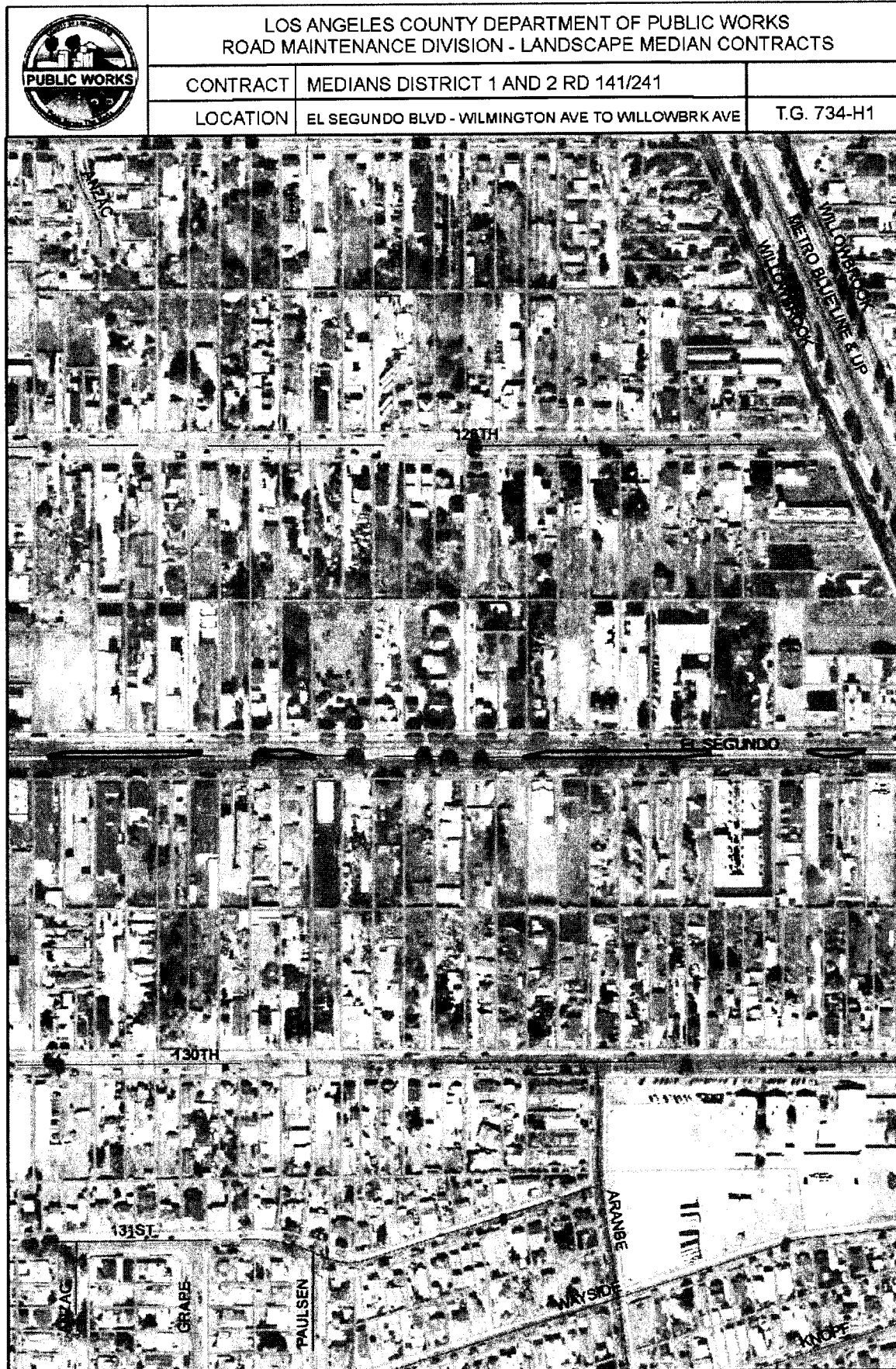


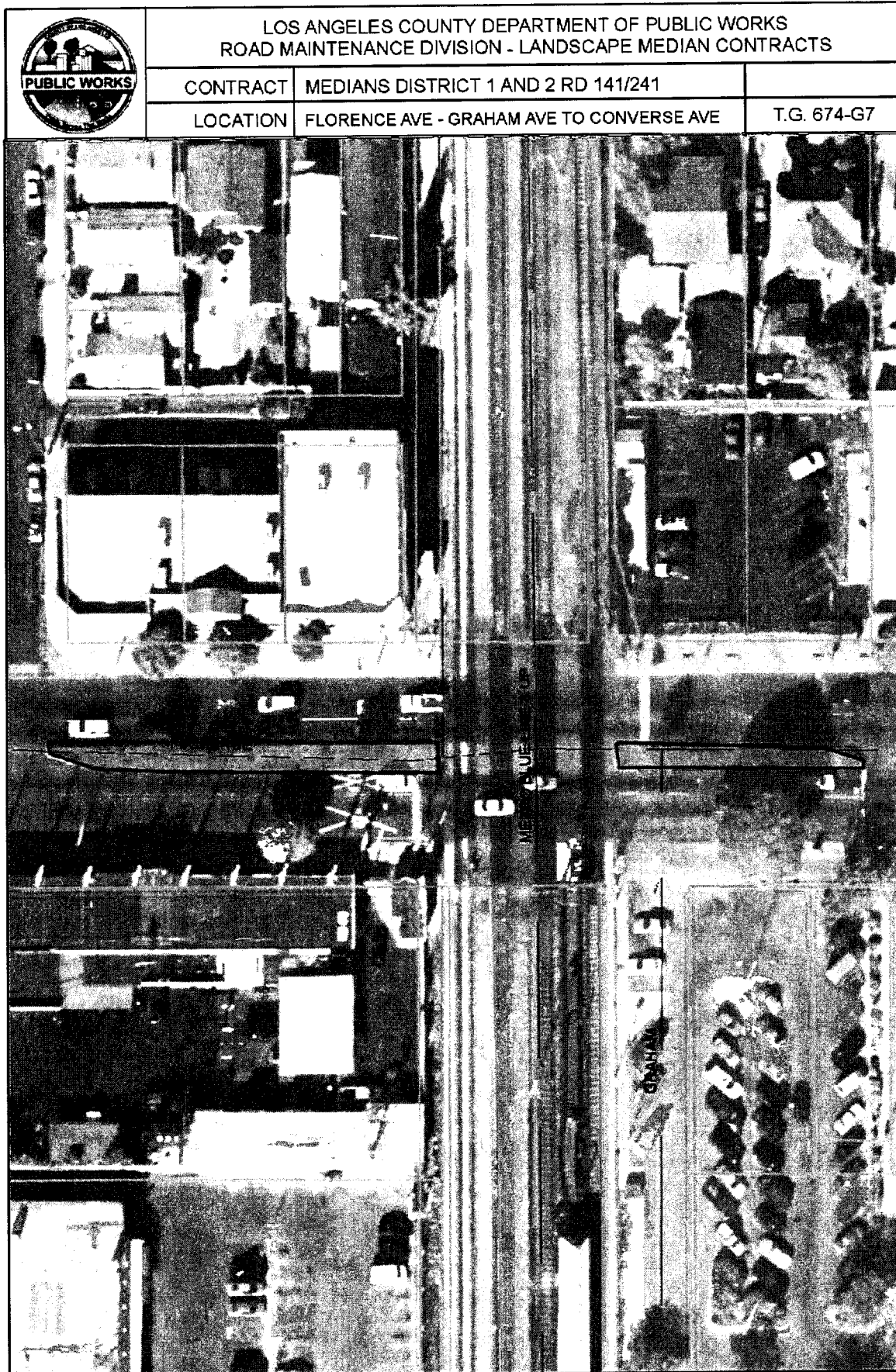




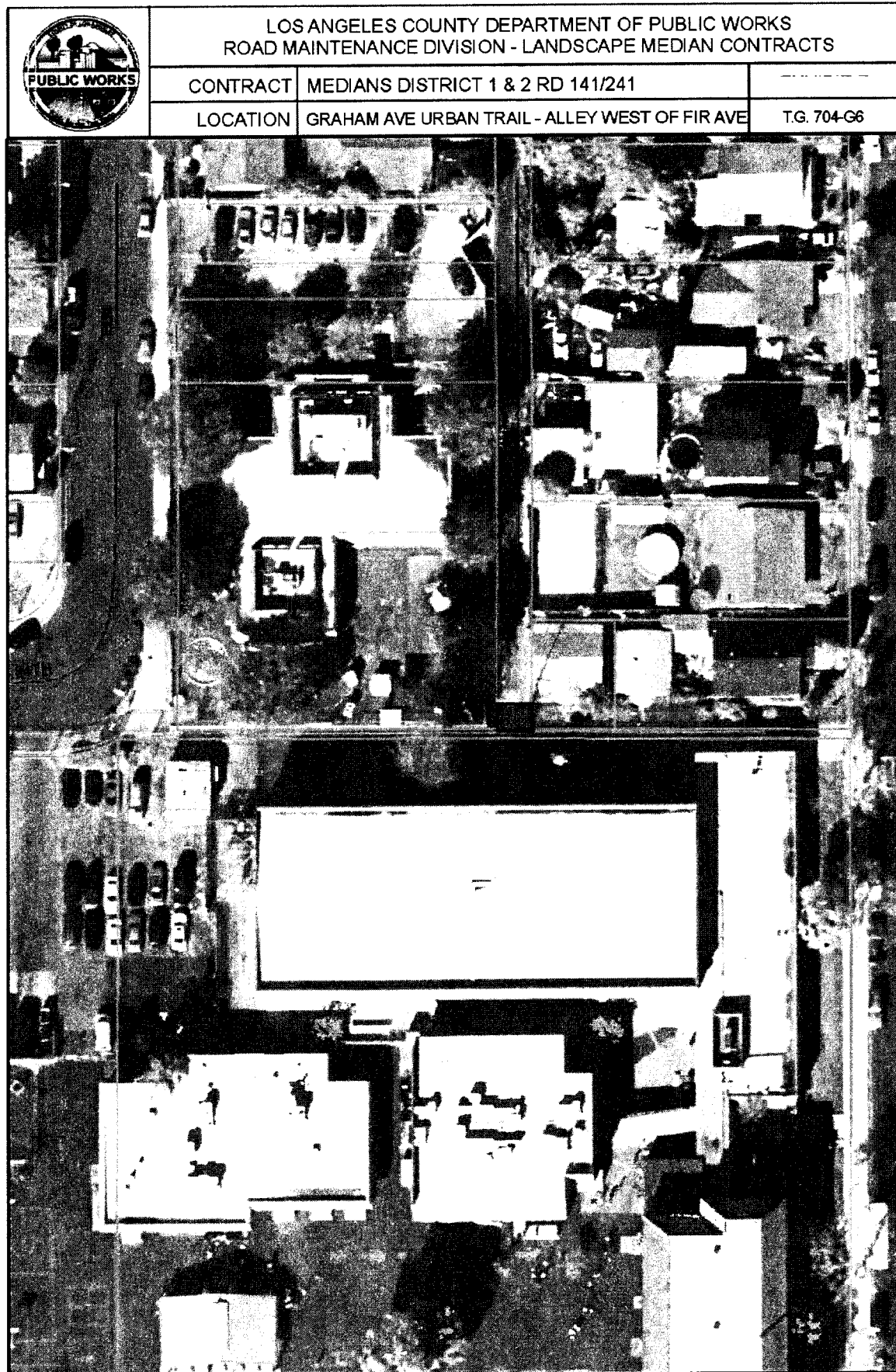






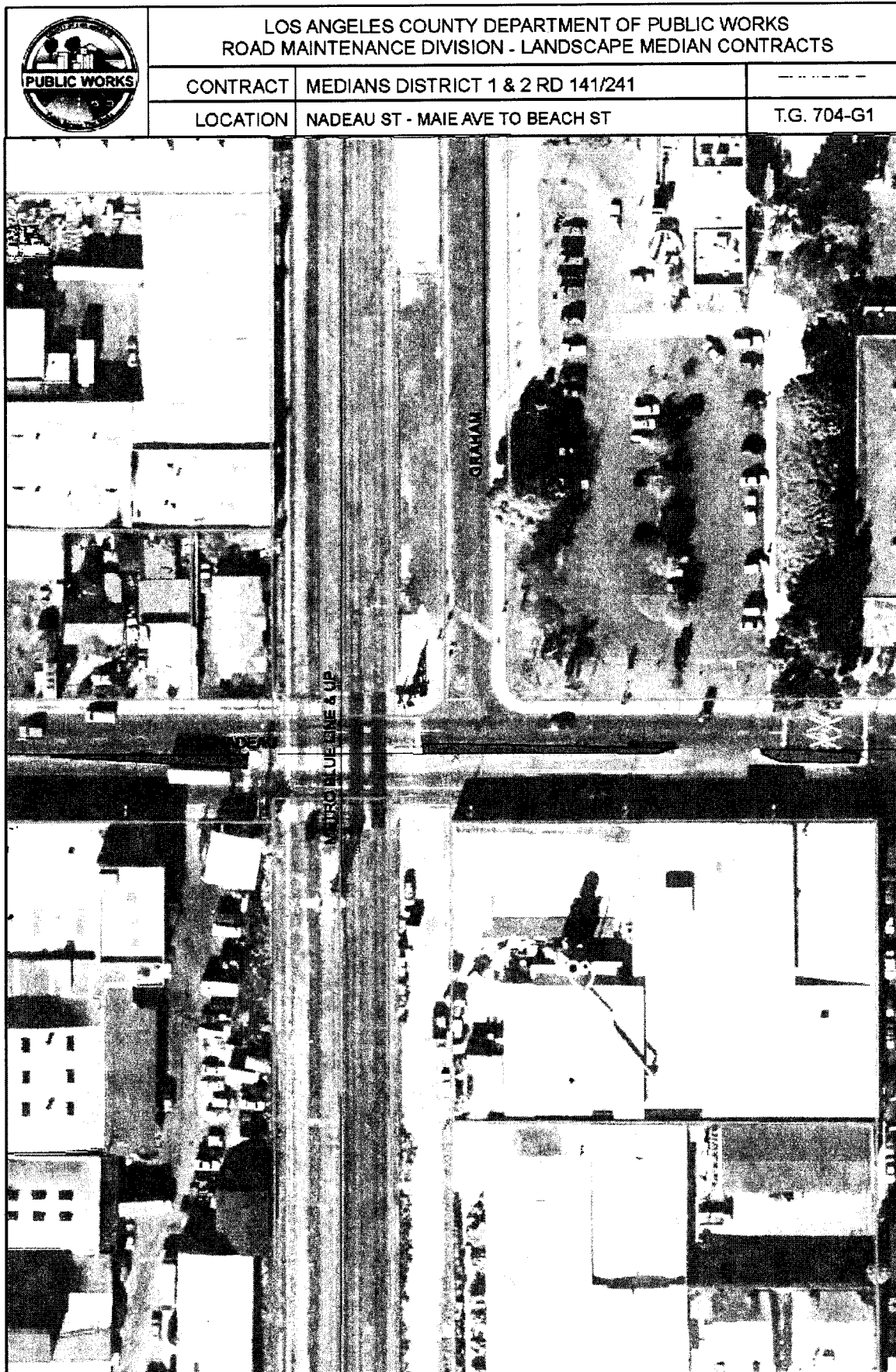


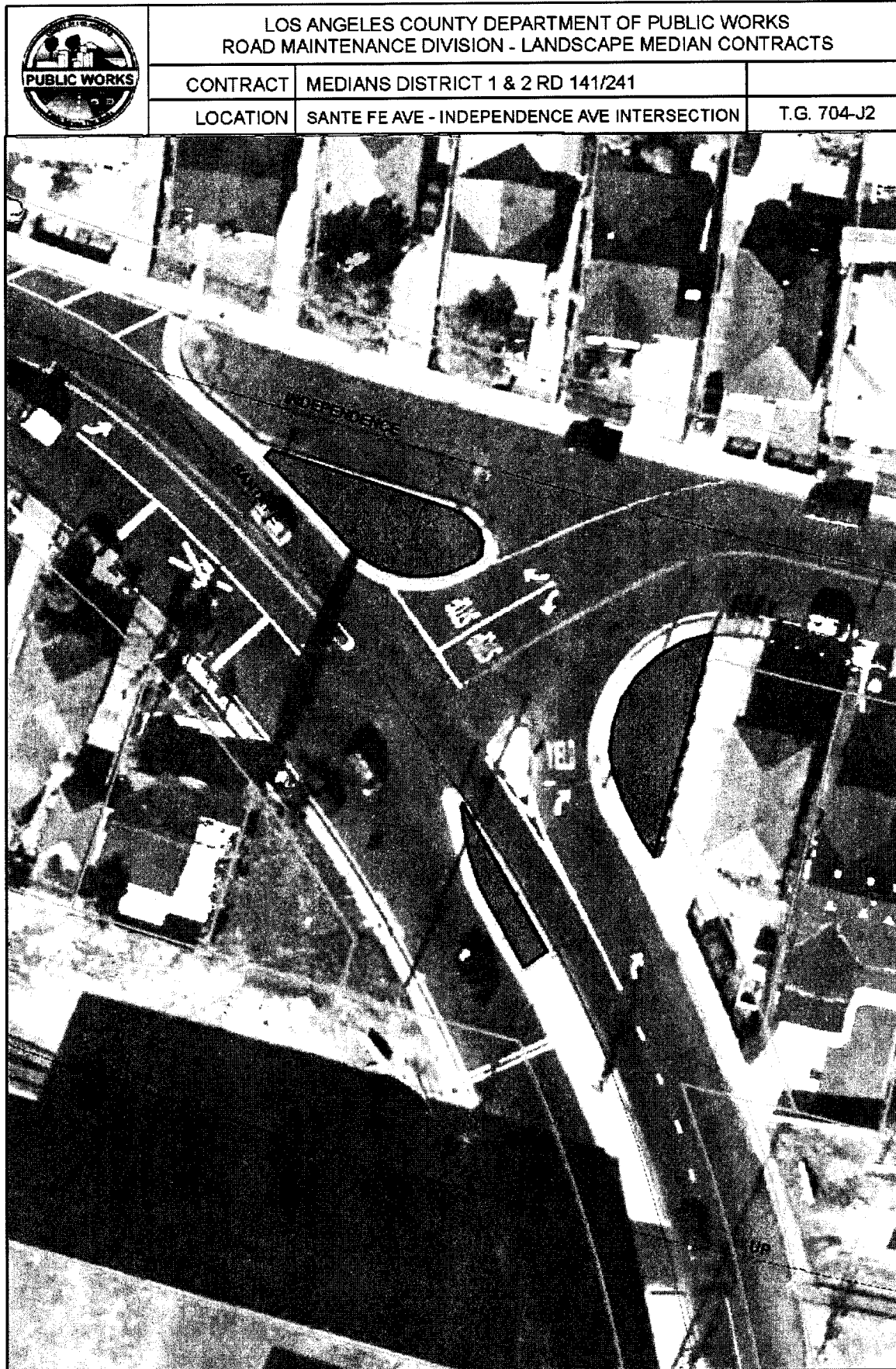


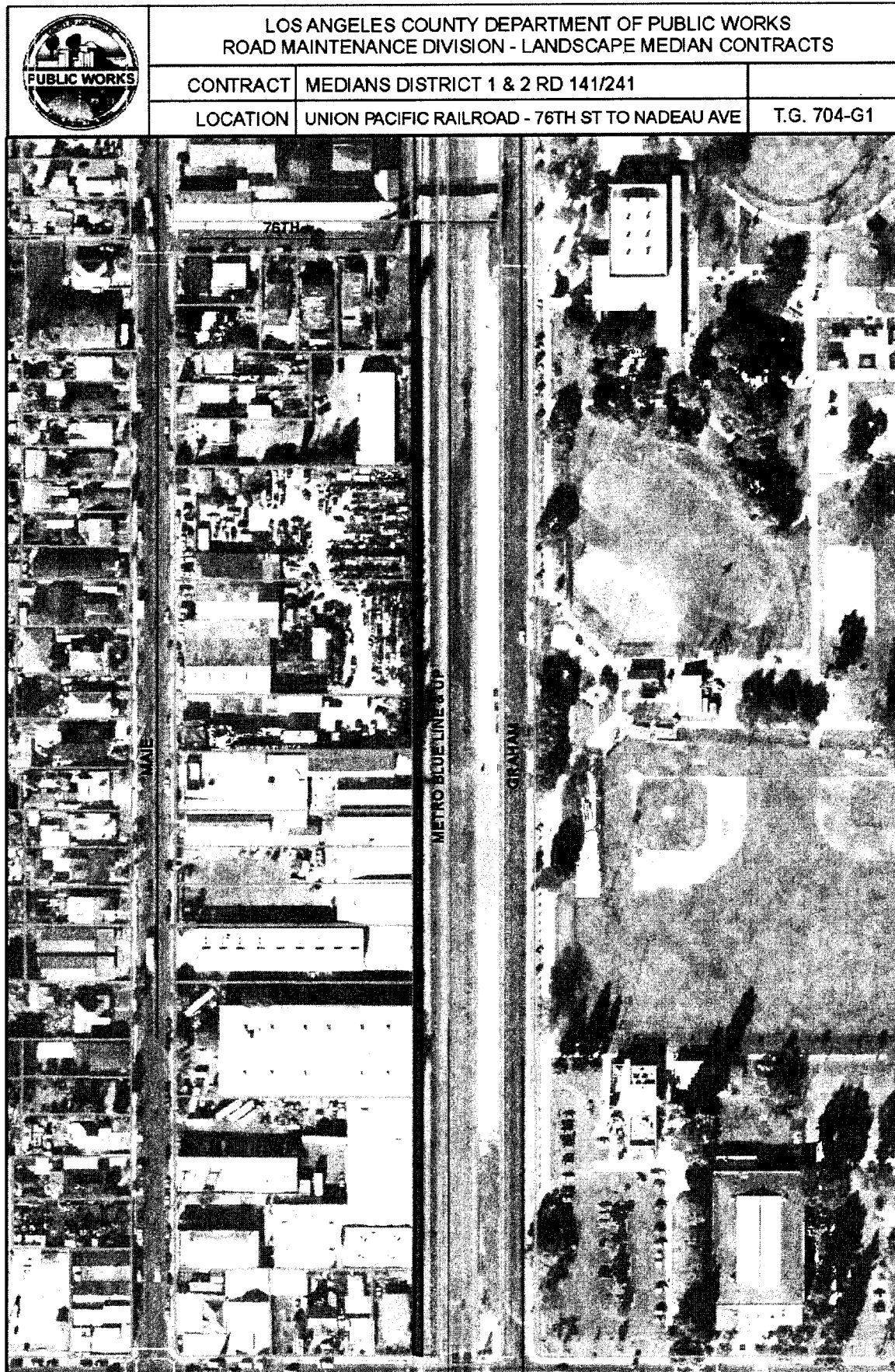






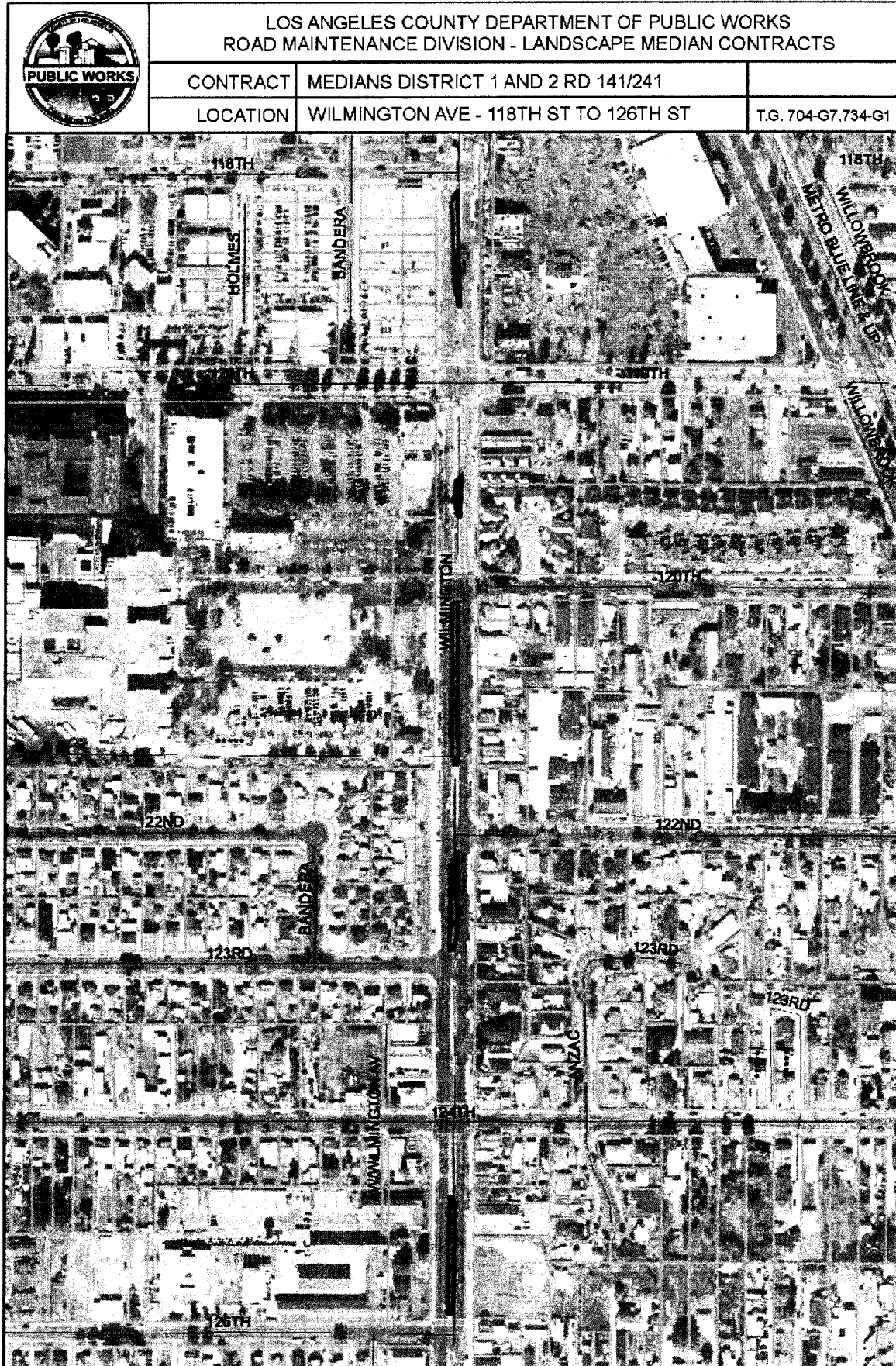












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Project Name: RD 146/446 MEDIANS

Maintenance District 4

Location and Limits	Description and Approximate Area (SF)	Thomas Guide Reference
1st Ave - Lambert Rd to Marlinton Dr	Landscaping 19,600	708-A6
Carmenita Road - Leffingwell Road to Sundance Avenue	Trees & Oleander Bushes 41,470	707-C5
Florence Ave. - Laurel Avenue to Telegraph Road	Trees, Grass & Bushes 5,928	707-B5
Hollydale Yard - Inside and around facility	Trees, Grass & Bushes 11,020	707-D6
Imperial Hwy. - Shoemaker Avenue to Carmenita Road	Landscaping 7,225	737-B1,C1
Lambert Road - Leffingwell Rd to Grayling Ave	Landscaping 55,400	708-A6
Leffingwell Rd. - Imperial Highway to Carmenita Road	Landscaping 4,750	737-B1,C1
Mills Ave. - SE Corner with Telegraph Road	Trees & Bushes 4,120	707-C5
Rivera Road - Cascade Drive to Vicki Drive	Bushes, Trees & Vines 14,872	706-G1,H1
Splendora Dr. - Painter Avenue to Laurel Avenue	Trees 8,400	737-B1
Telegraph Road - Mills Avenue to Leffingwell Road	Trees & Bushes 49,970	707-D6











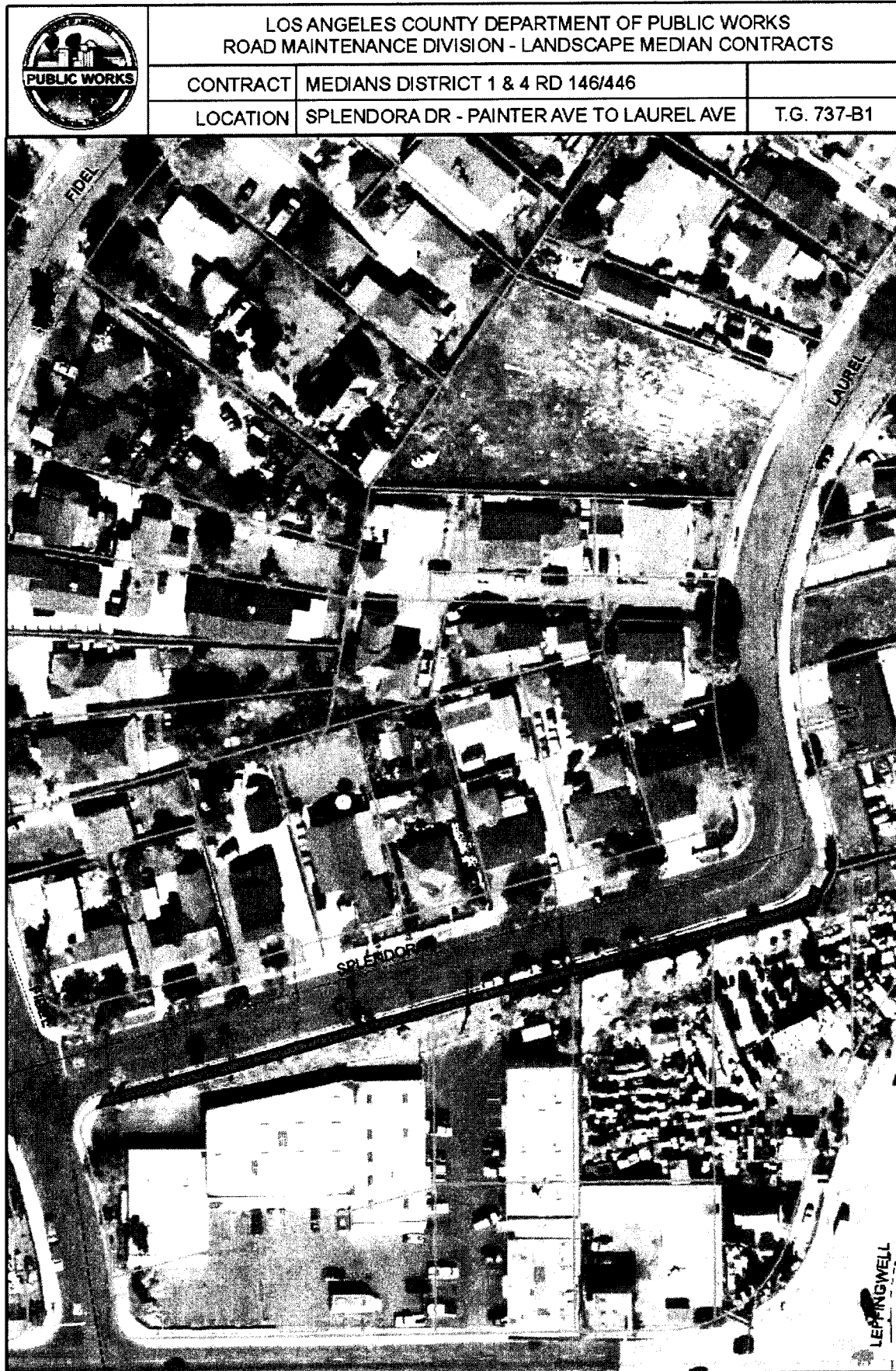






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Landscape Median Contracts**Project Name: MEDIANS DIST 5 MONTROSE/ALTADENA****Maintenance District 1**

Location and Limits	Description and Approximate Area (SF)	Thomas Guide Reference
Ganesha Av. - Island @ Mariposa St.	Trees & Bushes 16,000	536-B5
Mount Lowe Dr. - Mount Curve Ln. / Maiden Ln.	Trees & Grass 45,000	536-B4
Orangedale Av. @ Miravista Rd.	Trees & Grass 16,000	534-H3
Santa Rosa Av. - Calaveras St. / Alameda St.	Trees (no grass) 18,000	535-J6
Santa Rosa Av. - NE & NW Corners @ Woodbury Rd.	Trees, Shurbs, Ivey & Grass 30,000	535-J7



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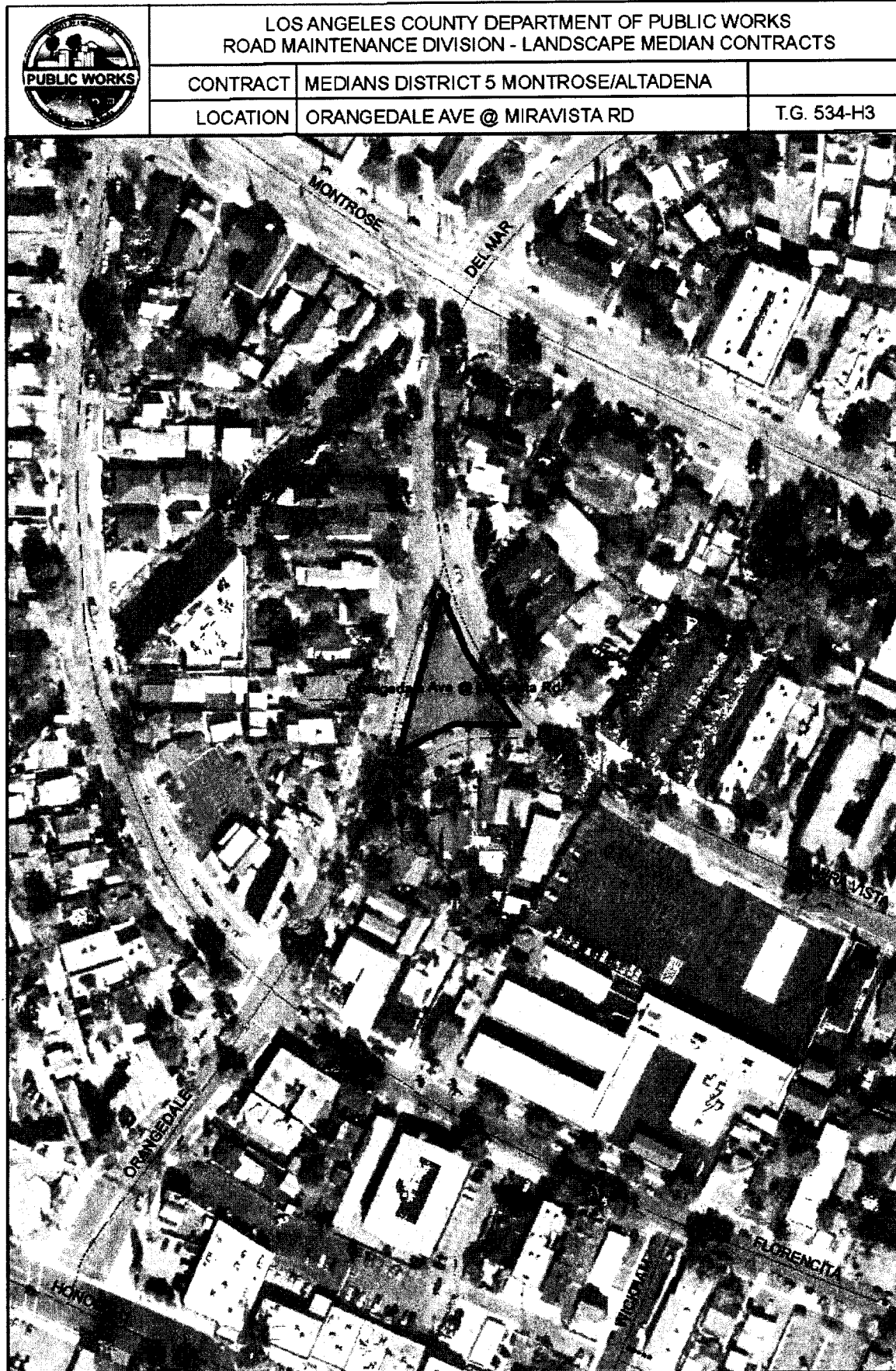




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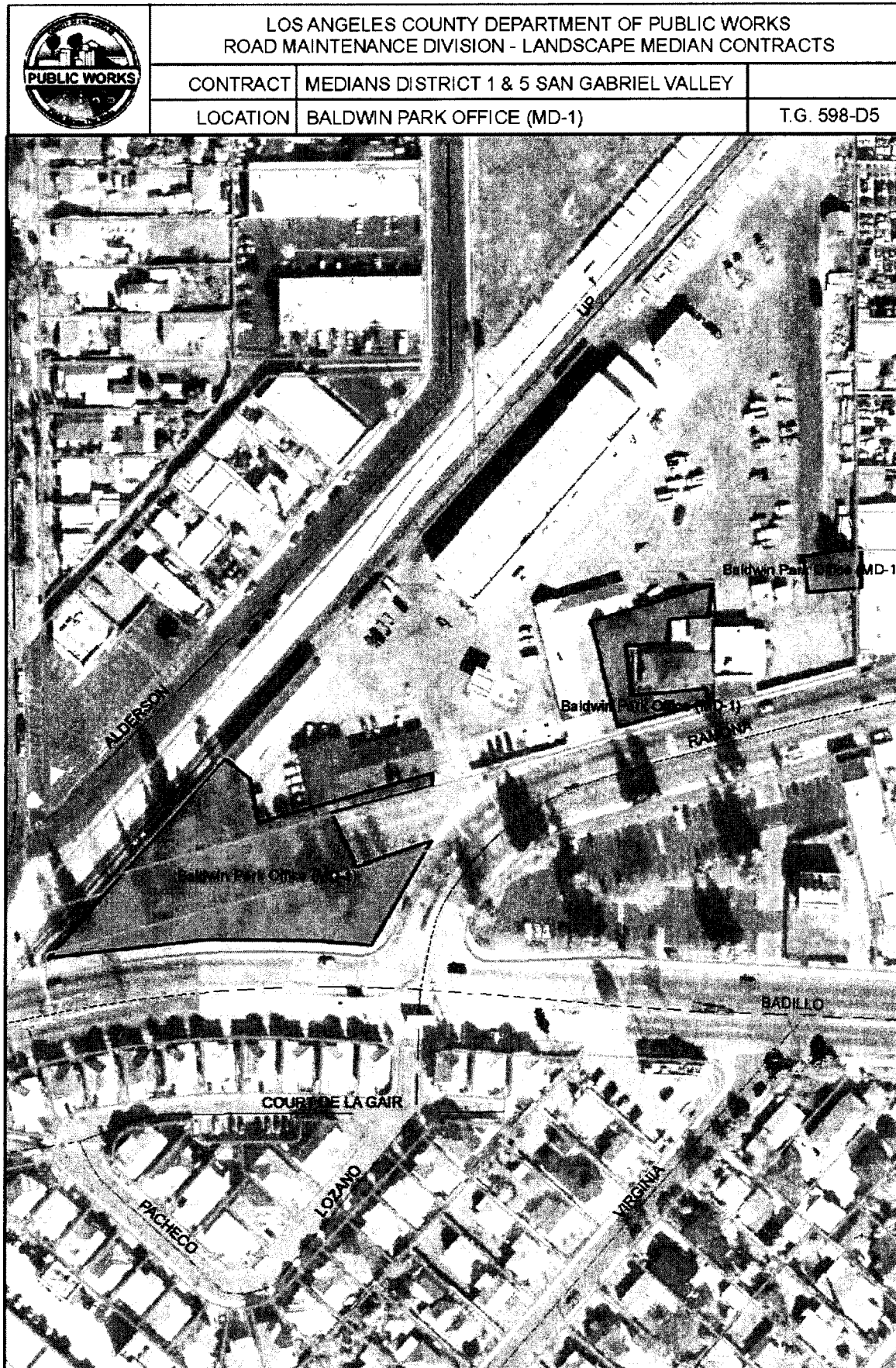
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Project Name: SAN GABRIEL VALLEY MEDIANS

Maintenance District 1

Location and Limits	Description and Approximate Area (SF)	Thomas Guide Reference
7th Ave - Palm Av/Los Robles Av	Trees & Plants	677-J1
Baldwin Park Office (MD-1)	Trees & Grass 28,000	598-D5
Huntington Dr. - San Gabriel Bl. / Michillinda Av. Gainsborough Dr. @ Sunny Slope Bl.	Trees & Grass, Bushes & Ground Cover 70,000	566-F6,F7,G7,H6
Live Oak Av. - 9th St. / Mayflower Av.	Plants & Trees 12,000	597-F2
Michillinda Medians - California St, Michigan Bl, Woodward Bl	Trees & Grass 65,000	566-H5,H6
Paramount Bl. - Arroyo Dr. / Hill Dr.	Plants & Trees 26,000	636-F4
Potrero Grande Dr. - San Gabriel Bl. / Arroyo Dr	Trees, Bushes & Ground Cover 29,000	636-E4,F3
Workman Mill Rd. - Rolling Greens Way / Don Julian Dr.	Plants, Shrubs & Trees 52,000	637-G5

















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CONTRACT	MEDIANS DISTRICT 1 & 5 SAN GABRIEL VALLEY	-----
LOCATION	WORKMAN MILL ROAD MEDIANS	T.G. 637-G5

