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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR AS-NEEDED LEAK DETECTION PROGRAM (2009-AN017)

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Public Works requests proposals for the contract for As-Needed Leak Detection Program (2009-AN017). The total annual contract amount of this service is estimated to be \$60,000. The Request for Proposals (RFP) with contract specifications, forms, and instructions for preparing and submitting proposals may be accessed at http://dpw.lacounty.gov/asd/contracts or may be requested from Ms. Lorena Calderon at (626) 458-4169, lcalderon@dpw.lacounty.gov, Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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 must have a minimum of three years' experience performing the type of service solicited. Additionally, Proposers must submit copies of the Proposer's California Business License, the Proposer's and/or subcontractor's, latest calibration certifications by the National Bureau of Standards or its equivalent, and any other appropriate State licenses and certifications required to perform the work, if any.

A Proposers' Conference will be held on <u>Tuesday, May 19, 2009, at 2 p.m.</u> at Public Works Headquarters, 900 South Fremont Avenue, Alhambra, California 91803, in the Traffic and Lighting Conference Room located on the first floor of the Annex building. <u>ATTENDANCE BY THE PROPOSER OR AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE AT THE CONFERENCE IS MANDATORY</u>. 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 <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>June 2</u>, <u>2009</u>, <u>at 5:30 p.m.</u> Please direct your questions to Ms. Calderon at the number above.



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

FRED M. RUBIN **Deputy Director**

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

FOR

AS-NEEDED LEAK DETECTION PROGRAM (2009-AN017)



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Gail Farber
Director of Public Works

By: Penuty Director

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

FOR

AS-NEEDED LEAK DETECTION PROGRAM (2009-AN017)

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PART I

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

SECTION 1

INTRODUCTION

A. <u>Proposers' Conference</u>

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 ALL INTERESTED PROPOSERS OR THEIR Request for Proposals. 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. 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 Public Works 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, provided they meet the following requirement(s) at the time of proposal submission:

- 1. Proposer or its managing employee must have a minimum of three years' experience performing the type of service solicited.
- 2. Proposer must submit copies of the Proposer's California Business License.
- 3. Proposer and/or subcontractor must submit copies of the latest calibration certifications by the National Bureau of Standards or its equivalent.

C. Contract Analyst

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. Lorena Calderon P.O. Box 1460 Alhambra, California 91802-1460 E-mail: lcalderon@dpw.lacounty.gov

Telephone: (626) 458-4169 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 Contractors 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 The second is if the Contractor meets one of the two subcontracts. 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. Local Small Business Enterprise Preference Program

1. To the extent permitted by State and federal law, 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.
- L. <u>Notification to County of Pending Acquisitions/Mergers by Proposing/Bidding</u>
 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.

M. 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.

N. <u>Proposal Requirements and Contract Specifications</u>

- 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.

O. 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).

P. Transitional Job Opportunities Preference Program

To the extent permitted by State and federal law in evaluating proposals, 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 Transitional Job Opportunities vendors must request the Public Works. 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.

Q. 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 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); and
- 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, equipment, uniforms, identification badges, safety, communications, and quality control.

7. Quality Assurance Program

Proposer shall describe its Quality Assurance Program (Program) that will be utilized by the Proposer as a self-monitoring tool to ensure that these services are performed in accordance with the County's contract requirements and recommendations. The Program must ensure service deliveries outlined in Exhibit A, Scope of Work, are completed in a timely manner, the services will be free of defects, and how those results will be achieved. The Program must comprehensively address the Proposer's

organizational process for consistently delivering those requirements. At a minimum, the Program outlined in your proposal shall address in detail:

- a. Policies and Procedures Quality control procedures for the Proposer, subcontractors, and suppliers must be described. The Proposer's staffing plan must include a qualified inspector to monitor compliance with the Program and deal with customer complaints and inquiries. If a subcontractor is to perform work, the Program must detail how that subcontractor will interface with the Proposer and how the Proposer will ensure that the subcontractor complies with the Program.
- b. Inspection Fundamentals The Proposer shall provide samples of forms that outline required operations and quality levels. The Proposal must indicate the Proposer's inspection schedules, a methodology to correct deficiencies, level of supervision, and how the inspections are to be performed. The Proposal shall document the name, authority, relevant experience, and qualifications of the person with overall responsibility for the inspection system.
- c. Quality Control Documentation, Review, and Reporting The Program shall describe and list the records to be maintained. The Program shall detail how the Proposer will maintain inspection records and make them available to the County.

8. Subcontractors

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

9. Licenses and Certifications

Submit copies of the Proposer's California Business License, the Proposer's and/or subcontractor's, if applicable, latest calibration certifications by the National Bureau of Standards and any other appropriate State licenses and certifications required to perform the work, if any.

10. Insurance

Submit proof of current, valid insurance coverage that meets the requirements of the RFP or a statement acknowledging that the required insurance coverage will be provided prior to commencing work under the proposed contract.

11. Forms List

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

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- PW-2 Schedule of Prices:
- 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 before the proposal submission to the listed Contract Analyst);
- PW-12 Charitable Contributions Certifications;
- PW-13 Transitional Job Opportunities Preference Application;
- PW-14 Statement of Terminated Contracts; and
- PW-15 Proposer's Pending Litigations and Judgments.

(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.)

12. 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; and
PW-12	Charitable Contributions Certifications

13. 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. <u>Proposal Submission</u>

- 1. Proposals shall be submitted with four complete sets (one original and three copies) 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.
- 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. <u>Altering Solicitation Document</u>

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. <u>Determination of Proposer Responsibility</u>

- 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. <u>Disqualification of Proposers</u>

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

All proposals in response to the solicitation document will become the exclusive property of the County. At such time as County recommends the award of the contract to the Board and that letter appears on the Board's agenda, all proposals will become a matter of public record and will be regarded as public records, except those parts of each proposal which are defined by the Proposer as business or trade secrets, plainly marked as

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"trade secret," "confidential," or "proprietary." The County will not in any way be liable or responsible for the disclosure of any such records, 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 Proposer must specifically label only those provisions of the proposal, which are "trade secrets," "confidential," or "proprietary" in nature.

2. 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 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.

- 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. <u>Safely Surrendered Baby Law</u>

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 360 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 or Proposers based on the evaluation criteria in Part I, Section 4.E, Evaluation Criteria, whose Proposal(s) provide(s) 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. <u>Evaluation of Proposals</u>

- 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.
- 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.

D. <u>Initial Review</u>

Proposals will first be reviewed on a Pass/Fail basis. Proposals not meeting all of these requirements may be rejected as nonresponsive:

- 1. Proposer shows an ability to meet insurance requirements, outlined in Exhibit B, Section 5, Indemnification and Insurance Requirements.
- 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 a California Business License, copies of the Proposer's and/or subcontractor's, latest calibration certifications by the National Bureau of Standards or its equivalent, and any other appropriate State license(s) and certification(s) required to perform the service.

Proposers who do not possess and/or have listed subcontractors who do not possess the required licenses/certifications/permits at the proposal deadline date will be disqualified as nonresponsive.

- 8. Proposer is signed in as attending the Proposers' Conference.
- 9. 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.

E. Evaluation Criteria

An evaluation committee selected by Public Works will evaluate proposals passing the Initial Review. 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 three 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 10/3 points for each responding reference up to a total of three 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, If references fail to substantiate Statement of Terminated Contracts. 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 (25 points)

Proposer or its managing employee must have a minimum of three years' experience performing the type of 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 points for the higher quality and quantity of experience of the Proposer, its key personnel, 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. Work Plan/Quality Assurance Program (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 meet or 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, equipment, 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.

The evaluation committee may also make this determination from all relevant information presented in the Proposer's written Quality Assurance Program (Program), which may include, but is not limited to, policies and procedures, inspection fundamentals as well as a description of quality control documentation, review, and reporting. Failure of the Proposer to designate a qualified inspector that will be provided by Proposer to monitor compliance of the Program and deal with customer complaints and inquiries will result in a reduced score in this category. If a subcontractor is to perform Quality Assurance, the Program must detail how that subcontractor will interface with the Proposer and comply with the Program.

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.

5. Optional Interview

The County may, at its option, invite one or more proposers to make a presentation and/or participate in an interview before a final selection is made. Evaluation criteria for presentations and interviews are the same as those 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.

6. Additional Criteria

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

F. <u>Negotiation</u>

The County reserves the right to negotiate the terms, conditions, and price of the Proposal(s), 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 in accordance with the evaluation criteria set forth in this Part I, Section 4.E, Evaluation Criteria. The negotiation with the Proposers 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.

SECTION 5

PROTEST POLICY

A. Protest Process

- 1. Any actual or prospective Proposer may file a protest in connection with the solicitation or award of a Board-approved service contract. The Proposer challenging the decision of Public Works bears the burden of proof in its claim that Public Works committed a sufficiently material error in the solicitation process to justify invalidation of a proposed award.
- 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 to do so.

B. Grounds for Review

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

- Review of Solicitation Requirements;
- Review of a Disqualified Proposal; and
- Review of Public Works' Proposed Contractor Selection.

C. Solicitation Requirements Review

A person or entity may seek a Solicitation Requirements Review by submitting Form PW-11, Transmittal Form to Request an RFP Solicitation Requirements Review, along with supporting documentation. A Solicitation Requirements Review shall only be granted under the following circumstances:

- 1. The request for a Solicitation Requirements Review is received by Public Works not more than 10 business days after issuance of the RFP;
- 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:
 - Application of the minimum requirements, evaluation criteria, and/or business requirements unfairly disadvantage the Proposer; or
 - Due to unclear instructions, the process may result in the County not receiving the best possible responses from the Proposers.
- 5. The Solicitation Requirements Review will be completed and Public Works' determination will be provided to the Proposer, in writing, within a reasonable time prior to the proposal due date.

D. Place to Submit Requests for Review

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

E. Disqualification Review

- 1. A proposal may be disqualified from consideration because Public Works determined it was a nonresponsive proposal at any time during the evaluation process. If Public Works determines that a proposal is disqualified due to nonresponsiveness, Public Works will 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 by the date specified. Requests for a Disqualification Review not timely submitted will be denied.
- 3. A Disqualification Review shall only be granted under the following circumstances:
 - a. The firm/person requesting a Disqualification Review is a Proposer;
 - b. The request for a Disqualification Review is submitted timely; and
 - c. The request for a Disqualification Review asserts that the determination of disqualification due to 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 Proposer, in writing, prior to the conclusion of the evaluation process.

F. Proposed Contractor Selection Review

1. Debriefing Process

- a. Upon completion of the evaluation, and prior to entering negotiations with the selected Proposer, Public Works will notify the remaining Proposers in writing that Public Works is entering negotiations with another Proposer. Upon receipt of the letter, the Proposer may request a debriefing within the time specified in the letter. A debriefing will not be provided unless the request is made within the timeframe specified.
- b. The purpose of the debriefing is to compare the Proposer's response to the solicitation document with the evaluation document. The Proposer shall be debriefed only on its response. Because the contract process has not been completed, responses from other Proposers shall not be discussed.
- c. If the Proposer is not satisfied with the results of the debriefing, it may, within five business days of the debriefing, request a review on the grounds and in the manner set forth below for review of Public Works' recommendation for contract award.

2. Proposed Contractor Selection Review

- a. The Proposer may submit a written request for a Proposed Contractor Selection Review if it asserts that its Proposal should have been determined to be the highest-scored Proposal but was not because of one of the following reasons:
 - i. Public Works materially failed to follow procedures specified in the RFP. This includes:
 - (1) Failure to correctly apply the standards for reviewing the Proposal format requirements.
 - (2) Failure to correctly apply the standards and/or follow the prescribed methods for evaluating the Proposals specified in the RFP.
 - (3) Use of evaluation criteria that were different from the evaluation criteria disclosed in the RFP.
 - ii. Public Works made identifiable mathematical or other errors in evaluating Proposals, resulting in the Proposer receiving an incorrect score and not being selected as the recommended Contractor.
 - iii. A member of the evaluation committee demonstrated bias in the conduct of the evaluation.

- iv. Another basis for review as provided by State or Federal law.
- b. Upon completing the Proposed Contractor Selection Review, Public Works will 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. If the Proposer is not satisfied with the results of the Proposed Contractor Selection Review, it may request a review on the grounds and in the manner set forth below for a County Review Panel.

G. County Review Panel Process

- 1. If the Proposer is not in agreement with the results of Public Works' Proposed Contractor Selection Review, the Proposer may submit a written request for a review by a County Review Panel.
- 2. Upon completion of the Panel's Review, the Panel will forward its report to Public Works, which will provide a copy to the Proposer.

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- 2. DEBARRED VENDORS REPORT
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VERIFICATION OF PROPOSAL

DATE: , 2			RSIGNED HEREBY		
1. THIS DECLARATION IS G	GIVEN IN SUPPORT OF A PROPO	SAL FOR A CO	ONTRACT WITH THE COU	NTY OF LOS A	NGELES.
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6. Proposer's full legal nam	e:			Telepho	
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7. Proposer's fictitious busin	ness name(s) or dba(s) (if any):			1	
County(s) of Registration:			State:	Year(s)	became DBA:
8. The Proposer's form of b	usiness entity is (CHECK ONLY O	NE):			
□ Sole proprietor	Name of Proprietor:				
☐ A corporation:	Corporation's principal place	of business:			Year incorporated:
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☐ A limited liability			anaging member:		
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Name(s)	Title		Phone		Zip
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	any pending acquisition or merger?		Yes		
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13. Proposer acknowledges may be rejected. The evaluation	uation and determination in this area	a shall be at the	e Director's sole judgment ar	ia tile Directors	on with this proposal are made, the proposal judgment shall be final.
14. CHECK ONE:	☐ (a) I am making these represer OR ☐ (b) I am making these represer				n my personal knowledge, I on information and belief that they are true.
I declare under penalty of p	perjury under the laws of California t				
Signature of Proposer or A					Date:
Type name and title:		-			

SCHEDULE OF PRICES

FOR

AS-NEEDED LEAK DETECTION PROGRAM (2009-AN017)

The undersigned Proposer offers to perform the work described in the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the following price(s). The Proposer rate(s) (hourly, monthly, etc.) shall include all administrative costs, labor, supervision, materials, transportation, taxes, equipment, supplies, surveys, and reports unless stated otherwise in the RFP for Tasks A, B, and C. It is understood and agreed that where quantities, if any, are set forth in the Schedule of Prices, they are only estimates, and the unit prices quoted, if any, will apply to the actual quantities, whatever they may be.

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	ESTIMATED NO. OF UNITS	X		OSED PI ER UNIT	17.28.00.00	=	TOTAL ANNUAL PRICE (No. of Units X Proposed Price Per Unit)
1	Metallic Pipes 2 to 14 inches in Diameter	264,000 feet	Х	\$	foot	per	=	\$
2	Nonmetallic Pipes 2 to 14 inches in Diameter	52, 800 feet	х	\$	foot	per	=	\$
3	Metallic Pipes 16 inches and larger in Diameter	10 miles	х	\$	mile	per	=	\$
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LEGAL NAME OF PROPOSER		
SIGNATURE OF PERSON AUTHORIZED TO SUBMIT PROPOSAL		
TITLE OF AUTHORIZED PERSON		
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DATE	STATE CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE NUMBER	LICENSE TYPE
Proposer's Address:		
PHONE	FACSIMILE	E-Mail

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 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 ar 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 annua 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, or by partners, officers, directors, majorit stockholders, or their equivalent, of a business dominant in that field of operation. My business has and adheres to a written policy that provides, on an annual basis, no le	Compa	any Name:				
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CONTRACTOR'S INDUSTRIAL SAFETY RECORD

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 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 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).					.1		
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.

 Signature)
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Date

CONFLICT OF INTEREST CERTIFICATION

I,			
	sole o	wner	
		al partner	
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	Presid	dent, Secretary, or other proper title)	
of			
		Name of proposer	
		in support of a proposal for a contract with the County of Los Angeles for services within the County Code Section 2.180.010, which provides as follows:	
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	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.	
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I certify und	der penalty	of perjury under the laws of California that the foregoing is true and correct.	
Signed		Date	

PROPOSER'S REFERENCE LIST

PROPOSED CONTRACT FOR: As-Needed Leak Detection Program (2009-AN017)

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.

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PROPOSER'S EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY CERTIFICATION

Propose	er's Name			
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Address				
Internal	Revenue Service Employer Identification Number			
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that treat sex	ecordance with Los Angeles County Code Section 4.32.010, the Propose all persons employed by it, its affiliates, subsidiaries, or holding comped equally by the firm without regard to or because of race, religion, ance and in compliance with all anti-discrimination laws of the United States of alifornia.	estry, na	are ar ational	origin, or
	The proposer has a written policy statement prohibiting any discrimination in			YES
1.	all phases of employment.			NO
2.	The proposer periodically conducts a self- analysis or utilization analys	sis of		YES
۷.	its work force.			NO
3.	The proposer has a system for determining if its employment practices	s are		YES
3.	discriminatory against protected groups.			NO
	Where problem areas are identified in employment practices, the prophas a system for taking reasonable corrective action to inc	oser clude		YES
4.	has a system for taking reasonable corrective action to interest establishment of goals and timetables.			NO
L				
Author	ized representative			
0:		Date		

Signature

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.						
Name Under Which Subcontractor Is Licensed	License Number/ Calibration Number	Address	Specific Description of Subcontract Service			
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County of Los Angeles Request for Local Small Business Enterprise (SBE) Preference Program Consideration and CBE Firm/Organization Information Form

FIRM NAME:											
My County (WebVen) Vendor Number:											
LOCAL SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PREFERENCE PROGRAM:											
As Loo	cal SBE certified b	y the Cou	unty of Los	s Angele this pro	s Office	of A	Affirmative considere	Actior d for t	n Comp he Loca	liance as c al SBE Pre	f the date of ference.
Attached	is a copy of Local SBE	E certification	on issued by	y the Cour	ıty.						
II. FIRM/ORGANIZATION INFORMATION: The information requested below is for statistical purposes only. On final analysis and constructor/vendor will be selected without regard to race/ethnicity, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, sexual orientation								d consideration ation or disabili			
Business Str	ucture: Sole F	Proprietorsh	nip 🔲 Pa	artnership		_	Corporation	☐ No	onprofit	Franchi	se
Other (PI	ease Specify):										
	r of Employees (inclu	ıding owne	rs):					-			
Race/Ethnic	Composition of Firm	. Please di	stribute the	above tota	al number	of in	ndividuals into	the fol	lowing ca	ategories:	
Race/Ethni	c Composition			rs/Partn ate Part			Manag	gers			Staff
			Male	Fe	male		Male	Fei	male	Male	Female
Black/Africa	n American										
Hispanic/La	tino										
Asian or Pa	cific Islander										
American Ir	ndian										
Filipino											
White		- 184					m				
PERCENTAGE	PERCENTAGE OF OWNERSHIP IN FIRM: Please indicate by percentage (%) how ownership of the firm is distributed.										
2 	Black/African American	Hispani	c/ Latino		or Pacific ander	;	American I	ndian	Fi	lipino	White
Men	%		%			%		%		%	
Women	%		%		(%		%		%	
currently certifi	on AS MINORITY, Wed as a minority, wo ttach a copy of your pr	men, disad	dvantaged of	or disable	d veteran	owr	ned business	BUSI enterp	NESS E orise by	NTERPRISE a public age	ncy, complete
	Agency Name			Minority	Wome	n	Disadvanta	aged	Disable	ed Veteran	Expiration Da
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GAIN and GROW EMPLOYMENT COMMITMENT

The undersigned:								
	has hired participants from the County's Avenue for Independence (GAIN) and (GROW) employment programs.	Department of Social Services' Greater General Relief Opportunity for Work						
	OR							
	declares a willingness to consider GAIN employment opening if participant(s) no opening, and	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						
gropg	ares a willingness to provide employed Goser's employee mentoring program(s), if ining permanent employment and/or promo	available, to assist those individuals in						
Signature	Т	itle						
Firm Nam	ne C	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 requirements disadvantaged for the following reason(s): (continue of the following reason): (continue of the following of the following reason): (continue of the following of t	uested because the Proposer asserts that they are being check all that apply)							
☐ Application of Minimum Requirements								
□ Application of Evaluation Criteria								
□ Application of Business Requirements								
 Due to unclear instructions, the process makes best possible responses 	ay result in the County not receiving the							
I understand that this request must be received by the solicitation document.	he County within 10 business days of issuance of the							
For each area contested, Proposer must explain in a (Attach additional pages and supporting documental)	detail the factual reasons for the requested review. tion as necessary.)							
Request submitted by:								
(Name)	(Title)							
For County us	se 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					
Company Name					
Address					
Internal Revenue Service Employer Identification Number					
			<u></u>		
California Registry of Charitable Trusts "CT" number (if applicable)					
The Nonprofit Integrity Act (SB 1262, Chapter 919) added requirement Trustees and Fundraisers for Charitable Purposes Act which regulat charitable contributions.	s to	Cal hose	ifornia e rece	a's S eivin	Supervision of g and raising
CERTIFICATION	Y	ES		NC	
Proposer or Contractor has examined its activities and determined that it does not now receive or raise charitable contributions regulated under California's Supervision or 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		<u>-</u>			
Name and Title (please type or print)					

TRANSITIONAL JOB OPPORTUNITIES PREFERENCE APPLICATION

CON	MPANY NAME:									
CON	MPANY ADDRESS:									
CITY	Y:	ZIP CODE:	:							
L	I am <u>not</u> requesting consideration under the County's Transitional Job Opportunities Preference Program.									
l her	reby certify that I meet all the require	ements for this pro	gram:							
	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 rece	ent annual tax return	is with my appl	lication;						
	I have been in operation for at supportive services to program parti	least one year pro cipants; and	oviding transiti	ional job and relate						
	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 perjur information herein is true and cor	y under the laws rect.	of the State of	of California that t						
Р	PRINT NAME:			TITLE:						
SI	SIGNATURE: DATE:									
REV	VIEWED BY COUNTY:									
S	IGNATURE OF REVIEWER	APPROVED	DISAPPROV	VED DATE						

PROPOSER'S LIST OF TERMINATED CONTRACTS

PROPOSER'S NAME:			_			
☐ Proposer has not h	ad any contracts terminate	d in the past three years.				
Proposer must list all cont are those contracts termin	racts that have been termin ated by an agency or firm b	ated within the past three yea vefore the contract's expiration	rs. Terminated contracts n date.			
SERVICE:	TERMINATING DATE:	SERVICE:	TERMINATING DATE:			
NAME OF TERMINATING F	IRM	NAME OF TERMINATING	FIRM			
ADDRESS OF FIRM		ADDRESS OF FIRM				
CONTACT PERSON:		CONTACT PERSON:				
TELEPHONE:		TELEPHONE:				
FAX: E-MAIL:		FAX: E-MAIL:				
T W NE.						
SERVICE:	TERMINATING DATE:	SERVICE:	TERMINATING DATE:			
NAME OF TERMINATING F	IRM	NAME OF TERMINATING FIRM				
ADDRESS OF FIRM		ADDRESS OF FIRM				
CONTACT PERSON:		CONTACT PERSON:				
TELEPHONE:		TELEPHONE:				
FAX:		FAX:				
E-MAIL:		E-MAIL:				
SIGNATURE		DATE:				

PROPOSER'S PENDING LITIGATIONS AND JUDGMENTS

Propo	ser's N	lame:								
	Proposer and/or principals are not currently involved in any pending litigation; are not award of any threatened litigation were they would be a party; and have not had any judgment placed against them within the last five years as of the date of proposal submission.									
pendi	ng litig		litigation, and/or any judgm	w (use additional pages if necessary) all ents placed against them within the last						
A.	□ Pe	nding Litigation	☐ Threaten Litigation	☐ Judgment (check one)						
	1. 2. 3. 4. 5.	Name of Litigatio Case Number: Court of Jurisdict Please provide a		size and scope of the pending/threaten						
-		****								
В.	□ Pe	nding Litigation	☐ Threaten Litigation	☐ Judgment (check one)						
	1.	Against □ Pro	oposer; □ Principal; □ Botl	h (check as appropriate)						
	2.	_	•							
	3.									
	4.	Court of Juris	diction:							
	5.		e a statement describing th dgment (use additional page	e size and scope of the pending/threaten e if necessary):						
Signa	iture o	f Proposer:		Date:						



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 <u>Los Angeles Times</u> 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:

- o In fueling local economic growth.
- o Providing new jobs.
- Creating new local tax revenues.
- o 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.
- o As a broker of intergovernmental cooperation among numerous local jurisdictions.
- o By greater outreach in providing information and training.
- $\circ\quad$ 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:

Debarment End Date: 9/10/2012 9/11/2007

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



TSTHELAW

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.

REGISTERME IS MEORTANT

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

AS-NEEDED LEAK DETECTION PROGRAM (2009-AN017)

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AGREEMENT FOR

AS-NEEDED LEAK DETECTION PROGRAM

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

<u>FIRST</u>: 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 the attached specifications for As-Needed Leak Detection Program, including, but not limited to, Exhibit A, Scope of Work.

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, Los Angeles County Waterworks District Map Locations; Exhibit F, Sample Leak Detection report; 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 (Maximum Contract Sum), or such greater amount as the Board may approve.

FOURTH: This Contract's initial term shall be for a period of one year commencing on Board approval. 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 30 days prior to the end of each term.

<u>FIFTH</u>: The CONTRACTOR shall bill upon completion, 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.

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

<u>SEVENTH</u>: 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.

<u>EIGTH</u>: 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: The Director may adjust the rate of compensation set forth in Form PW-2 (Schedule of Prices) annually based on the increase or decrease in the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics', All Urban Consumers Price Index for the Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County Area (CPI) for the 12-month period preceding the contract anniversary date, which shall be the effective date for any such cost-of-living adjustment. The percentage change in the rate of compensation shall equal 12 times the average monthly change in the CPI over the first nine months of the contract term preceding the effective date. However, any percentage increase shall not exceed the general salary movement granted to COUNTY employees as determined by the COUNTY'S Chief Executive Office as of July 1 for the prior 12-month period. Furthermore, should fiscal circumstances ultimately prevent the Board from approving any increase in COUNTY employee salaries, no cost-of-living adjustment will be granted.

<u>ELEVENTH</u>: 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 F, inclusive, the COUNTY'S provisions shall control and be binding.

<u>TWELFTH</u>: 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 Director of Public Works, 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 Director of Public Works
APPROVED AS TO FORM:	
ROBERT E. KALUNIAN Acting County Counsel	
By Deputy	[NAME OF CONTRACTOR]
	By Its President
	its i resident
	Type or Print Name
	By Its Secretary
	its decicially
	Type or Print Name

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SCOPE OF WORK

AS-NEEDED LEAK DETECTION PROGRAM (2009-AN017)

A. Public Works Contract Manager

Public Works Contract Manager will be Ms. Melinda Barrett of Waterworks Division, who may be contacted at (626) 300-3362, e-mail address: mbarrett@dpw.lacounty.gov, Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. 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 the Contract Manager. The Contractor will be notified in writing when there is a change in Contract Manager.

B. Work Location

The Los Angeles County Waterworks Districts administer five Waterworks Districts in addition to the Marina Del Rey Water System, providing water for domestic use and fire suppression for over 200,000 customers. The Waterworks Districts are a typical water supplier to residents in the Cities of Lancaster, Palmdale, and Malibu and areas of unincorporated County of Los Angeles.

The work location for this service will be on an as-needed basis and will be inclusive of Los Angeles County Waterworks Districts and the Marina Del Rey Water System facilities see Exhibit E.

C. Work Description

The work consists of the Contractor furnishing all supervision, labor, materials, equipment, and transportation necessary to implement the leak detection program outlined in this Exhibit A. The tasks outlined below include, but are not limited to, conducting surveys and pinpointing water leaks using the latest procedures, methods, and leak detection technology in accordance with the requirements as set forth below.

1. Task A - Review of System Distribution Maps

Contractor shall review the County's water system distribution maps to become familiar with the pipe network and available pipe appurtenances (valves, services, hydrants, etc.) to be used for contact points.

2. Task B - Conduct a Comprehensive Leak Detection Survey

Upon request by the Contract Manager, the Contractor shall conduct a comprehensive survey by making physical contact with all specified mainlines, valves, hydrants, and service line connections as described hereafter. The Contractor shall use a sonic leak detection sound

amplification instrument designed for this purpose with a transducer rated at a minimum sensitivity of 1.5 VG (volts per G) or greater. All transducers to be used shall be calibrated at least annually to military inspection standard MIL-STD-45622A.

- a. Contractor shall make contact with pipe appurtenances at intervals no greater than 350 feet where contact points are available and accessible.
- b. When normal contact points are not available or cannot be created within a distance of 350 feet, Contractor shall use a sonic ground listening device to make physical ground contact at intervals no greater than 6 feet directly over the pipe. If excessive ambient noise precludes the effectiveness of ground listening devices in an area during daytime hours, Contractor shall schedule this portion of the survey for nighttime hours. Sonic ground listening devices are to be used only when groundcover is pavement, cement, or a similar hard surface.
- c. When groundcover is not a hard surface, probe rods shall be used at 10-foot intervals when normal contact points are not available. A sound amplification instrument with 1.5 VG or greater transducer minimum output shall be used on probe rods. Probe rods shall be driven into the ground a minimum of 6 inches below grade directly over the pipe when ground conditions allow.
- d. A detailed report of decibel levels at suspected leak sound locations and observations shall be compiled during this survey for reinvestigation during the pinpointing phase. This reinvestigation shall be performed to increase the speed of the survey and should decrease the possibility of correlating false leak sounds.
- e. All indications of leaks found during the survey phase shall be verified a second time, after which the leak shall be pinpointed with a computer-based leak sound correlator, when possible. Pinpointing leak locations through the interpretation of sound intensity either by ear, decibel metering, or other similar methods shall not be used when contact points are available for use with the computer-based correlation equipment.
- f. Subsequent to the completion of repair of leaks, Contractor shall resurvey the initial leak location of the system to detect any smaller leaks that were missed due to the overpowering original leak noise. There is no additional payment for this service as this is included in the original cost of the ordered work.

- g. When detecting leaks on larger water mains (16-inch diameter and larger) with few or no appurtenances, aerial surveillance with aerial photography system operating in the 400 nanometer to 14 micron range shall be used to identify leak areas more efficiently.
- h. The equipment to be used must not normally require valves to be operated during surveying or pinpointing. In the event that this is not possible, services or valves may be operated (strictly by County staff) to eliminate service draw noises or to change velocity noises.
- i. The Contractor shall use computer-based correlation equipment, which has the capability of prompting the operator to input the variables when different pipe sizes and/or pipe materials are encountered in the same span being investigated. The computer-based correlator shall have the capability of correlating up to four various pipe sizes and types at one time in a given span. To ensure effective performance in all field environments encountered, the computer-based correlation equipment shall provide 12 multirange High and Low Pass filters, digitally controlled variable band pass filters between 72 Hz and 7.1 kHz, supplying up to 53 selectable filter ranges, with full operating frequency ranges (all pass) 10 Hz-20 kHz.

3. Task C - Analyze Data and Prepare Report

Contractor shall prepare and submit a comprehensive assessment report of Service area. The assessment shall consist of:

a. Executive Summary

Showing individually recorded time for correlating, surveying, and all other time spent on the Service. This summary shall also include footage/mileage covered, approximate amount of leak in gallons per day, types of leaks found, quantity of leaks found, and remarks recommending improvements.

b. Survey Review

Explaining the procedure and methods used during this study.

c. Area Survey Report

Indicating pipeline areas covered, amount and type of contact points used, leak sound locations with decibel levels, approximate time spent, and observations of water system irregularities. A

separate survey report shall be used for areas covered with only ground listening devices or a probe rod, indicating groundcover.

d. Leak Report

Showing detailed diagrams of each leak location that is pinpointed, the type of leak found, approximate time spent pinpointing, an estimate on the gallons per minute lost, a leak classification to organize the facilitation of repairs, and computer justification when applicable. The Leak Report shall be supplied to the County each time the service is performed whether or not leaks are pinpointed, see Exhibit F.

The County reserves the right to determine if any work is or will be needed under this Contract, at the County's sole and absolute discretion. The Contractor will not be entitled to any claims for compensation including but not limited to lost profits should the County fail to determine a need for services under this Contract.

D. Hours and Days of Service

Hours of services shall be primarily performed within the 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. time period, Monday through Friday, on an as-needed basis, except legal holidays or as outlined in Section C.2.b of this Exhibit A. Work hours may be altered, when necessary, with the approval of the Contract Manager.

E. <u>Utilities</u>

The County will not provide utilities.

F. Storage Facilities

The County will not provide storage facilities for the Contractor.

G. Removal of Debris

Not applicable to this Contract.

H. <u>Special Safety Requirements</u>

All Contractor operators shall be expected to observe all applicable State of California Occupational Safety and Health Administration (Cal/OSHA) and Public Works safety requirements while at Public Works jobsites.

Hard hats will be worn at all times. Suitable clothing, gloves, and shoes that meet Cal/OSHA requirements are required.

I. Maps

The County will furnish (at no cost) a set of maps and line data for the water distribution systems to be surveyed upon the award of the Contract.

J. Responsibilities of the Contractor

The Contractor shall:

- 1. Maintain a valid California Business License and calibration certifications by the National Bureau of Standards or its equivalent and any other appropriate state licenses and certifications required to perform the work, if any. If a subcontractor is used to provide testing, the subcontractor shall maintain valid calibration certifications by the National Bureau of Standards or its equivalent, and any other appropriate State licenses and certifications required to perform the work, if any.
- 2. Be solely responsible for ensuring that all services provided under this Contract are performed in strict compliance with all applicable Federal, State, and local occupational safety regulations. The Contractor shall provide, at its expense, all safeguards, safety devices, and protective equipment, traffic control, and shall take any and all actions appropriate to providing a safe jobsite for employees and the public.
- 3. Be responsible for the safety of equipment, material, and personnel under the Contractor's jurisdiction during the performance of all work. Public Works' inspection of the Contractor's work shall not be considered an approval of the Contractor's safety measures.
- 4. Perform additional leak detection work, if required by Public Works. Any leak detection work authorized by the Contract Manager or his/her designee and performed by Contractor, shall be paid by County as specified in Form PW-2, Schedule of Prices.
- Be responsible for obtaining all necessary city permits and complying with all safety and other regulatory requirements, at its expense.
- 6. Be responsible for the security for any and all of its equipment during the initial and secondary survey, installation, monitoring, and cleanout process. The Contractor shall provide protection against vandalism and/or accidental damage during both working and nonworking hours for these operations. Public Works has no responsibility for damage to any Contractor equipment.
- 7. Pay all fines, fees, and penalties resulting from traffic control and parking violations, such as, but not limited to, overloading, truck route, permits, equipment defects, and curb stopping or parking restrictions.

- 8. Be responsible for the safety of its personnel, including providing safety training and safety devices, such as traffic delineators and warning lights at the work sites.
- Have at the work site copies or suitable extracts of all applicable Construction Safety Orders, Tunnel Safety Orders, and General Industrial Safety Orders issued by the State Division of Industrial Safety.
- 10. Appropriately implement Best Management Practices to control, prevent, remove, or reduce pollution. The Contractor can refer to the California Storm Water Best Management Practice Handbooks, Volume 3 Construction BMP Handbook, and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works Best Management Practices Handbook for Construction Activities. These publications are available from:

County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works Cashier's Office 900 South Fremont Avenue Alhambra, CA 91803-1331 Telephone: (626) 458-6959

K. Responsibilities of Public Works

The County will:

- Determine the need for, and provide, jobsite inspection.
- 2. Furnish (at no cost) a set of maps and line data on the water distribution systems to be surveyed.
- Make the water system, valves, valve boxes, customer service stops, and boxes accessible to Contractor as necessary. Only Public Works staff will be permitted to operate valves.
- 4. Provide a representative to accompany the Contractor to the work locations.

L. Project Safety Official

The Contractor shall designate in writing a Project Safety Official who shall be thoroughly familiar with the Contractor's Injury and Illness Prevention Program and Code of Safe Practices. The Contractor's Project Safety Official shall be available at all times to abate any potential safety hazards and shall have the authority and responsibility to shut down an operation, if necessary. Failure by the Contractor to provide the required Project Safety Official shall be grounds for the County to direct the cessation of all work activities and operations at no cost to the County until such time as the Contractor is in compliance.

M. Prevailing Wage

The Director of the Department of Industrial Relations of the 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, of the 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.

N. <u>Liquidated Damages</u>

- 1. In any case of the Contractor's failure to meet certain specified performance requirements, the County may, in lieu of other remedies provided by law or the Contract, assess liquidated damages in specified sums and deduct them from any regularly scheduled payment to the Contractor. However, neither the provision of a sum of liquidated damages for nonperformance or untimely or inadequate performance nor the County's acceptance of liquidated damages shall be construed to waive the County's right to reimbursement for damage to its property or indemnification against third-party claims.
- 2. The amounts of liquidated damages have been set in recognition of the following circumstances existing at the time of the formation of the Contract:
 - a. All of the time limits and acts required to be done by both parties are of the essence of the Contract;
 - b. The parties are both experienced in the performance of the Contract work;
 - c. The Contract contains a reasonable statement of the work to be performed in order that the expectations of the parties to the 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

- the Contract work in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Contract at the Proposal price;
- 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 the 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.
- 3. The Contractor shall pay Public Works, or Public Works may withhold and deduct from monies due the Contractor, liquidated damages in the sum of \$500 for each consecutive calendar day that the Contractor fails to complete work within the time specified unless otherwise provided in this Contract.

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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:

<u>Agreement</u>. The written, signed accord covering the performance of the requested service.

<u>Board</u>. 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.

<u>Contractor</u>. 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.

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

<u>Day</u>. Calendar day(s) unless otherwise specified.

<u>Direct Employee</u>. Worker employed by Contractor under Contractor's state and federal taxpayer identification.

<u>Director</u>. 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).

<u>District</u>. Los Angeles County Flood Control District, or Los Angeles County Waterworks Districts, or Los Angeles County Consolidated Sewer Maintenance District.

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

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

<u>Maximum Contract Sum</u>. The Maximum Contract Sum is the aggregate total amount of compensation authorized by the Board.

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

<u>Proposer</u>. 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.

<u>Solicitation</u>. Request for Proposals, Invitation for Bids, Request for Statement of Qualifications, or Request for Quotation.

<u>Specifications</u>. 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.

<u>Subcontract</u>. An agreement by the Contractor to employ a subcontractor at any tier; to employ or agree to employ a subcontractor, at any tier.

<u>Subcontractor</u>. 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. <u>Headings</u>

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

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.
- 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. <u>Assignment and Delegation</u>

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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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, - B.6 -

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

H. Confidentiality

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

Conflict of Interest 1.

- No County employee whose position with County enables such employee to 1. 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.
- Contractor represents and warrants that it is aware of, and its authorized 2. 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 Failure to comply with the description of all relevant circumstances. 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).

Consideration of Hiring County Employees Targeted for Layoffs or Former County J. 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

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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. <u>Contractor's Acknowledgment of County's Commitment to Child Support Enforcement</u>

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. <u>Contractor's Warranty of Adherence to County's Child Support Compliance Program</u>

- 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. <u>Damage to County Facilities, Buildings, or Grounds</u>

- Contractor shall repair, or cause to be repaired, at its own cost, any and all damage to County facilities, buildings, or grounds caused by Contractor or employees or agents of Contractor.
- Such repairs shall be made immediately after Contractor has become aware of such damage, but in no event later than 30 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, County, its Board, agents, officers, and employees 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. <u>Facsimile Representations</u>

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. <u>Fair Labor Standards</u>

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

T. 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.

U. 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.

V. 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.

W. <u>No Payment for Services Provided Following Expiration/Suspension/Termination of Contract</u>

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.

X. 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.

Y. 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.

Z. 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).

AA. 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.

BB. 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.

CC. Public Records Act

- 1. 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.
- 2. 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.

DD. 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.

- 1. 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).
- 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.
- 3. 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.

EE. 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.

FF. 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.

- 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
 - Other pertinent information and/or certifications requested by County.
- 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.
- 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.

GG. 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.

HH. 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.

II. Warranty Against Contingent Fees

- 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.
- 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.

TERMINATIONS

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

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. <u>Termination for Convenience</u>

- 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.
- 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 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. <u>Termination/Suspension for Default</u>

- 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
 - 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.
- Except with respect to defaults of any subcontractor, Contractor shall not 3. 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 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 had been issued pursuant to this Exhibit's Termination 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. <u>Termination for Improper Consideration</u>

- 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, 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 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 or suspend 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.

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;
- 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;
- 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
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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. <u>Safety Requirements</u>

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. <u>Transportation</u>

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

- 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.

INDEMNIFICATION AND INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

A. Independent Contractor Status

- 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 County, its Special Districts, elected and appointed officers, employees, and agents from and against any and all liability, including, but not limited to, demands, claims, actions, fees, costs, 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.

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 County, its Board, Special Districts, officers, employees, and agents 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 during the term of this Contract, Contractor shall provide and maintain, and shall require all of its subcontractors to maintain, the following programs of insurance specified in this Contract. Such insurance shall be primary to and not contributing with any other insurance or self-insurance programs maintained by County. Such coverage shall be provided and maintained at Contractor's own expense.
- Evidence of Insurance Certificate(s) or other evidence of coverage satisfactory to County shall be delivered to Administrative Services Division, P.O. Box 1460, Alhambra, California 91802-1460, prior to commencing work under this Contract. Such certificates or other evidence shall:
 - a. Specifically identify this Contract;
 - b. Clearly evidence all coverage required in this Contract;
 - Contain the express condition that County is to be given written notice by mail at least 30 days in advance of cancellation for all policies evidenced on the certificate of insurance;
 - d. Include copies of the additional insured endorsement to the commercial general liability policies, adding County, its Special Districts, its officials, officers, and employees as insureds for all activities arising from this Contract; and
 - e. Identify any deductibles or self-insured retentions for County's approval. County retains the right to require Contractor to reduce or eliminate such deductibles or self-insurance retentions as they apply to County, or require Contractor to provide a bond guaranteeing payment of all such retained losses and related costs, including, but not limited to, expenses or fees, or both, related to investigations, claims administrations, and legal defense. Such bond shall be

executed by a corporate surety licensed to transact business in the State of California.

- 3. Insurer Financial Rating: Insurance is to be provided by an insurance company acceptable to County with an A. M. Best rating of not less than A:VII, unless otherwise approved by County.
- 4. Failure to Maintain Coverage: Failure by Contractor to maintain the required insurance, or to provide evidence of insurance coverage acceptable to County, shall constitute a material breach of this Contract upon which County may immediately terminate or suspend this Contract. County, at its sole option, may obtain damages from Contractor resulting from said breach. Alternatively, County may purchase such required insurance coverage, and without further notice to Contractor, County may deduct from sums due to Contractor any premium costs advanced by County for such insurance.
- 5. Notification of Incidents, Claims, or Suits: Contractor shall report to County's Contract Manager:
 - a. Any accident or incident relating to work performed under this Contract which involves injury or property damage which may result in the filing of a claim or lawsuit against Contractor and/or County. Such report shall be made in writing within 24 hours of occurrence.
 - Any third-party claim or lawsuit filed against Contractor arising from or related to services performed by Contractor under this Contract.
 - c. Any injury to a Contractor's employee which occurs on County property. This report shall be submitted on a County "Nonemployee Injury Report" to the Contract Manager.
 - d. Any loss, disappearance, destruction, misuse, or theft of any kind whatsoever of County property, monies, or securities entrusted to Contractor under the terms of this Contract.

E. Compensation for County Costs

In the event that 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 County, Contractor shall pay full compensation for all costs incurred by County.

F. Insurance Coverage Requirements for Subcontractors

Contractor shall ensure any and all subcontractors performing services under this Contract meet the insurance requirements of this Contract by either:

- 1. Contractor providing evidence of insurance covering the activities of subcontractor; or
- Contractor providing evidence submitted by subcontractors evidencing that subcontractors maintain the required insurance coverage. County retains the right to obtain copies of evidence of subcontractor insurance coverage at any time.

G. Insurance Coverage Requirements

1. <u>General Liability</u> insurance (written on ISO policy form CG 00 01 or its equivalent) with limits of not less than the following: (Can be met by a combination of primary and excess insurance coverage)

a. General Aggregate:

\$2 million

b. Products/Completed Operations Aggregate:

\$1 million

c. Personal and Advertising Injury:

\$1 million

d. Each Occurrence:

\$1 million

- 2. <u>Automobile Liability</u> insurance (written on ISO policy form CA 00 01 or its equivalent) with a limit of liability of not less than \$1 million for each accident. Such insurance shall include coverage for all "owned," "nonowned," and "hired" vehicles, or coverage for "any auto." (Can be met by a combination of primary and excess insurance coverage).
- 3. <u>Workers' Compensation and Employers' Liability</u> insurance providing workers' compensation benefits, as required by the Labor Code of the State of California or by any other state, and for which Contractor is responsible. If Contractor's employees will be engaged in maritime employment, coverage shall provide workers' compensation benefits as required by the U.S. Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act, Jones Act, or any other Federal law for which Contractor is responsible.

In all cases, the above insurance also shall include Employers' Liability coverage with limits of not less than the following:

a. Each Accident:

\$1 million

b. Disease - policy limit:

\$1 million

c. Disease - each employee:

\$1 million

As a condition precedent to its performance pursuant to this Contract, Contractor, by and through its execution of this Contract, certifies that it is aware of, and understands, the provisions of Section 3700 of the Labor

Code, which requires every employer to be insured against liability of Workers' Compensation or to undertake self-insurance in accordance with those provisions before commencing the performance of work under this Contract, and agrees to fully comply with said provisions.

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.

COMPLIANCE WITH COUNTY'S JURY SERVICE PROGRAM

A. <u>Jury Service Program</u>

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.
- For purposes of this Section, "Contractor" means a person, partnership, 2. 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. 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.

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.

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:

- 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.

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:
 - 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 11

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. <u>Transfer to County</u>

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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(Rev. December 2008)

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

What is the EIC?

Notice 1015

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.

Notice **1015** (Rev. 12-2008) Cat. No. 20599I

No shame. No blame. No hames.

Newborns can be safely given up wat 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



State of California Gray Davis, Governor

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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 Safety 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 unwitting to care for a baby can legally, confidentially and safety 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 pisced 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 itlegal. 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 Safety 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: 1-877-BABY SAFE 1-877-222-9723

www.babysafela.org



Estado de California Gray Davis, Gobernador

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Consejo de Supervisores del 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 entregado 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 cuarlel 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 pedirà 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?

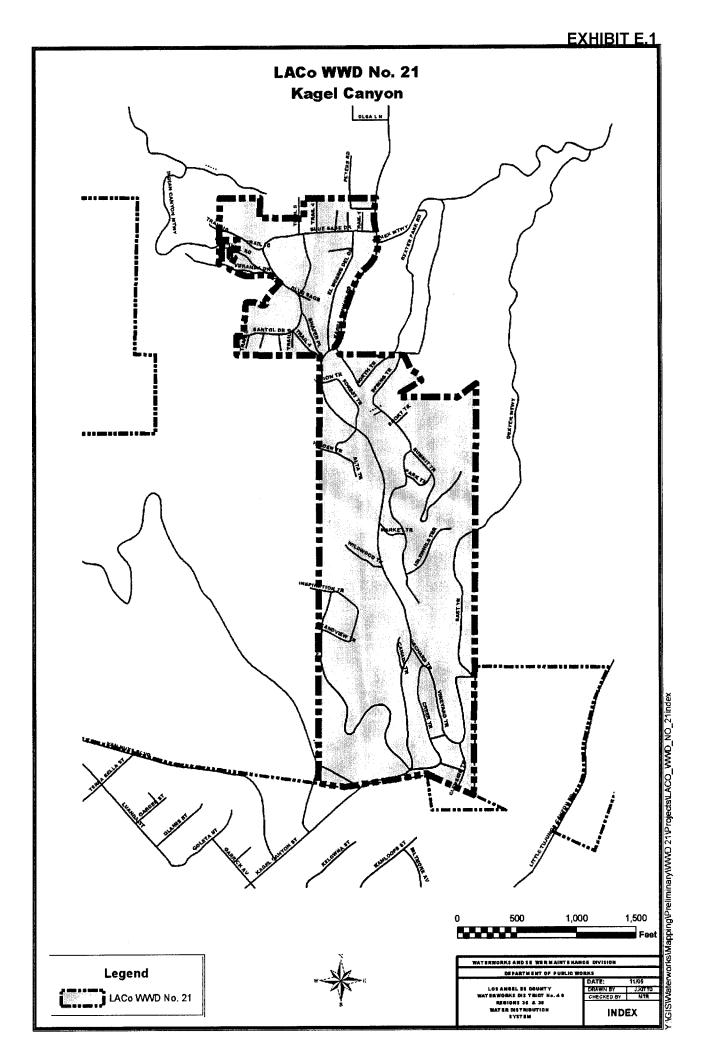
La finalidad de la Ley de Entrega de Bebés Sin Peligro es proteger a los bebés del abandono por parte de sus padres y de la posibilidad de que mueran o sufran daños. Usted probablemente haya escuchado historias trágicas sobre bebés abandonados en basureros o en baños públicos. Es posible que los padres 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 tenian miedo y no tenían adonde recumir 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.

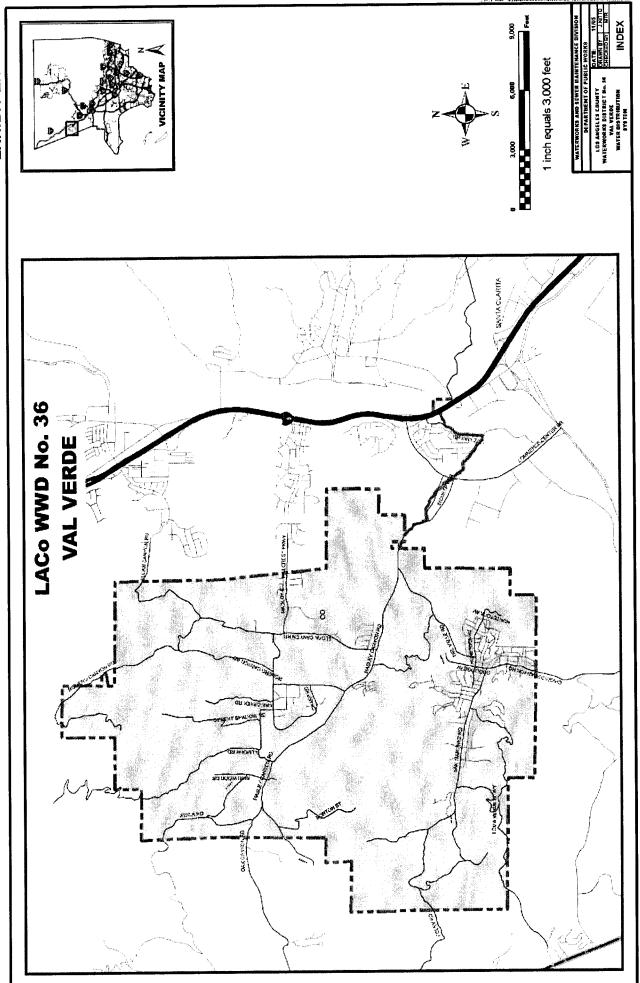
Historia de un bebé

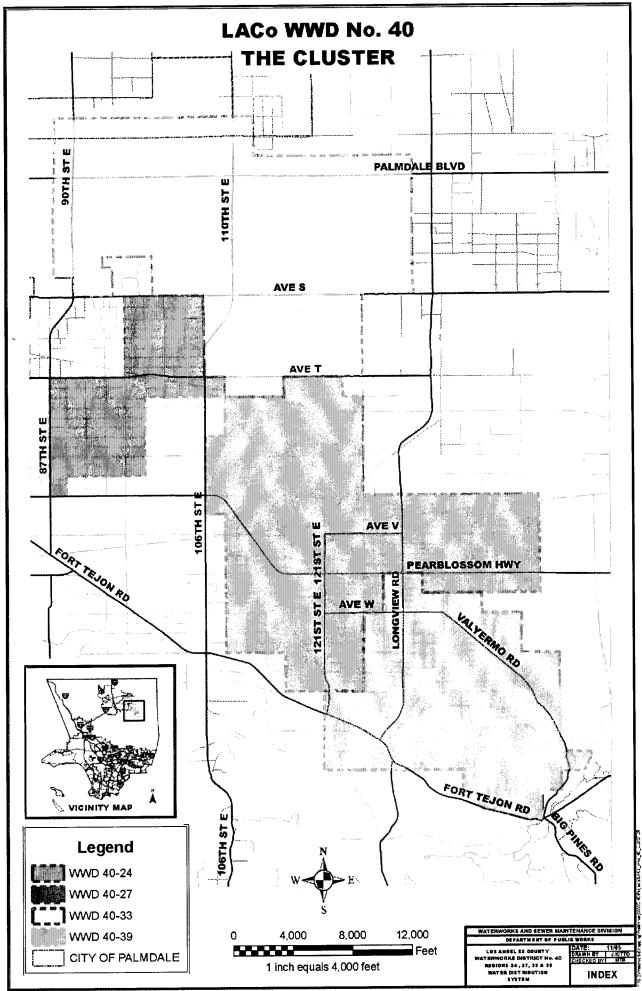
A las 8:30 a.m. del jueves 25 de julio de 2002, se entregó un bebé recién nacido saludable en el St. Bernardine Medical Center en San Bernardino, en virtud de las disposiciones de la Ley de Entrega de Bebés Sin Peligro. Como lo establece la ley, la madre del bebé no se tuvo que identificar. Cuando el 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.

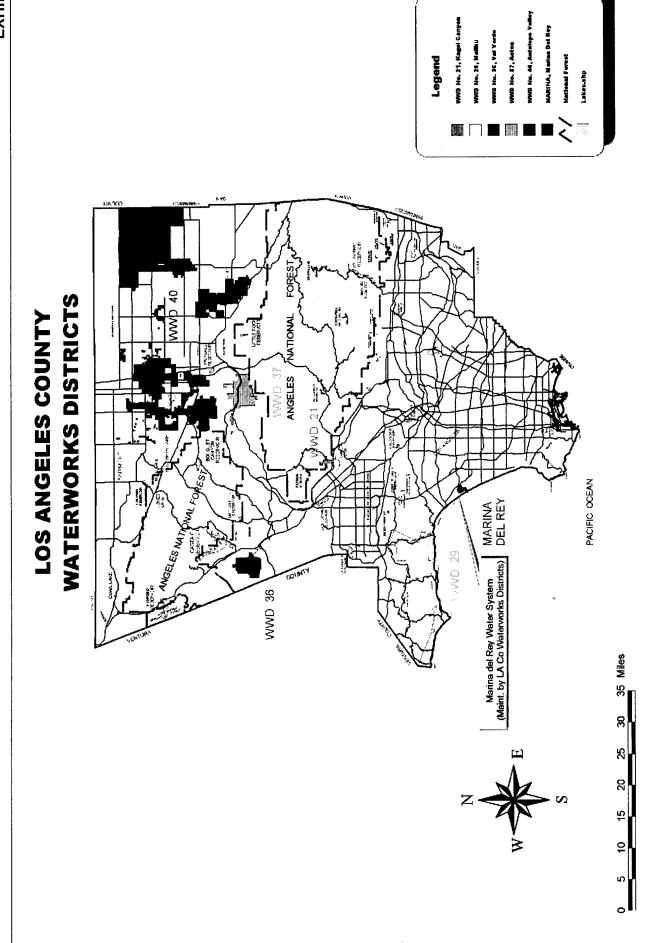
Cada recién nacido merece una oportunidad de tener una vida saludable. Si alguien que usted conoce está pensando en abandonar a un recién nacido, infórmele qué otras opciones tiene.

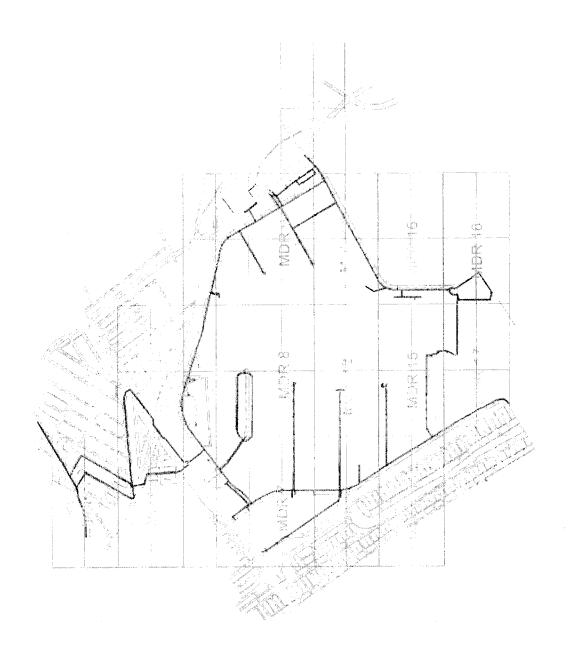
Es mejor que las mujeres busquen ayuda para recibir atención médica y asesoramiento adecuado durante el embarazo. Pero al mismo tiempo, queremos asegurarles a los padres que optan por no quedarse con su bebé que no irán a la cárcel si dejan a sus bebés en buenas manos en cualquier sala de emergencia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











Water Line Leak Location Project Final Report

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Lancaster, CA

Project Dates:

October 18, 2007 to October 19, 2007



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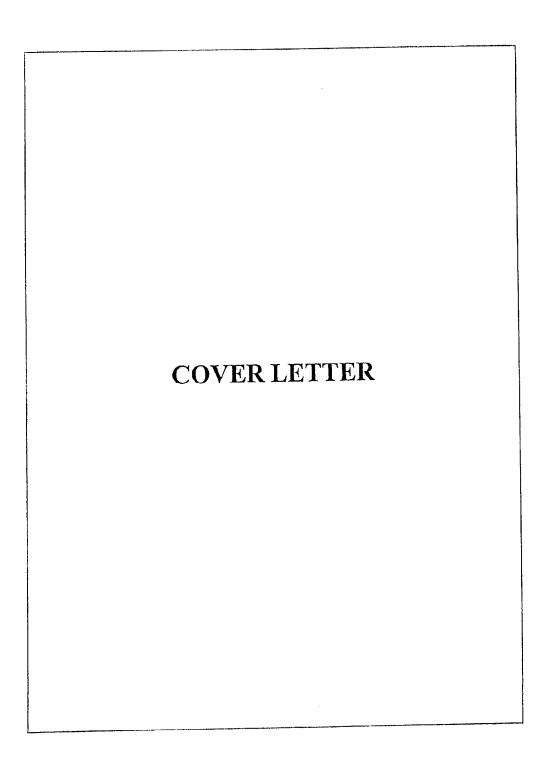
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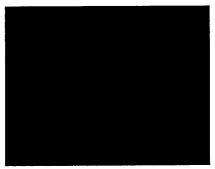
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December 6, 2007

Los Angeles County Waterworks Attn: Dan Jones 260 East Avenue, K-8 Lancaster, CA 93535

Re: District 40

Dear Mr. Jones:

detection services recently completed for **District 40**.

A total of approximately 27.25 miles (estimated by Field Technician) have been surveyed including all intersecting lines. Approximately 13.25 hours of fieldwork were spent during this project. A total of two (2) leaks were pinpointed. Additionally, two (2) consumer side leaks were noted, as detailed in this Final Report. The water loss due to leakage was estimated to be, excluding undefined and consumer side leaks, approximately 7,920 GPD. Details of this information are enclosed.

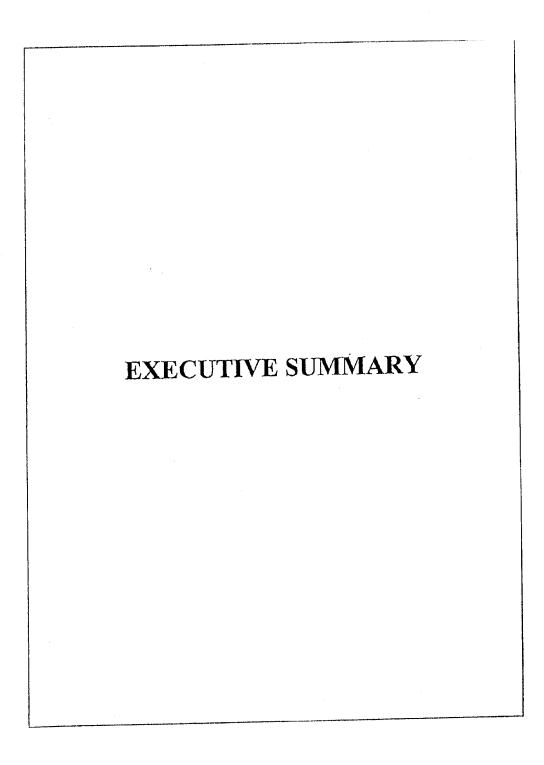
Please note that leakage that was detected and pinpointed may be larger or smaller than estimated. Estimates are based on several variables including type and size of pipe, pressure and interpretation of correlation filter results.

As you review this Final Report, please pay close attention to the Field Technician's remarks and field observations in the Project Observation section of this report. These may assist you in determining the best course of action regarding specific leaks.

We strongly suggest you contact us prior to excavating any leak that we have labeled with "CAUTION" for further explanation.

The leak detection survey is productive since we pinpointed leakage that, when repaired, can reduce your water loss, saving the Los Angeles County Waterworks, District 40 dollars now and in the future. We appreciate your confidence in call us at

Sincerely,



Summary of Survey and Pinpointing Report

Client: Los Angeles County Dept. of Public Works, CA

Date: 10/18/2007

Period Covered: Oct. 18, 2007 to Oct. 19, 2007

(formula: leak GPM x min/hour x hours/day x days/year)

General Area Covered: District 40

2,890,800.0 GALLONS

TOTAL ANNUAL WATER LOSS

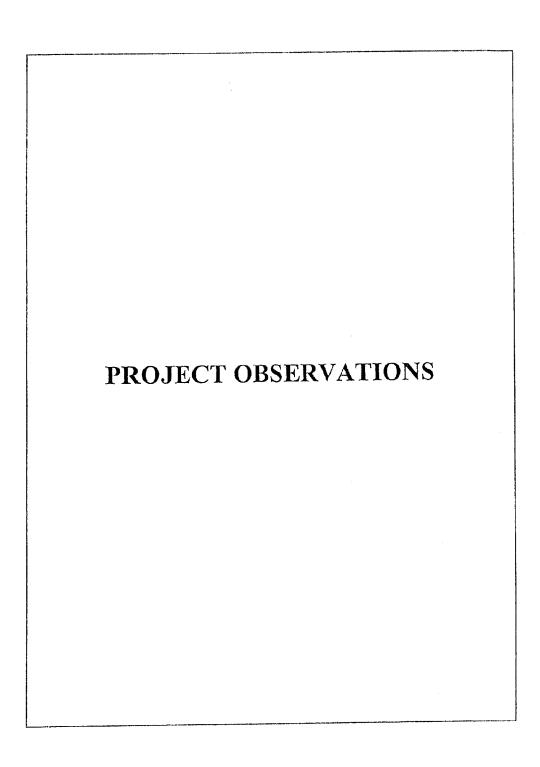
SURVEY DATA

Distance Surveyed	: 14390	00.000 feet, 27.250 miles
Time Spent Survey	ing: 12.50) hours
Points Sur	veyed	Access Points Requiring further investigation
Hydrants	99	(points that are returned to for pirpointing or elimination)
Valves	14	Leak sounds on: Valves
Services	35	Hydrants
Other	0	Services 2
Total	148	Other 0
		Total 4

PINPOINTING DATA

LEAK TYPE	NUMBER of LEAKS	TIME SPENT PINPOINT- ING (hours)	TOTAL GALLONS PER MIN	TOTAL GALLONS PER DAY	LARGEST, GALLONS PER MIN	LARGEST, GALLONS PER DAY	SMALLEST, GALLONS PER MIN	SMALLEST, GALLONS PER DAY	AVERAGE LEAK SIZE GPM
MAIN LINE		 							
VALVE	1	0.50	5.0	7200.0	5.0	7200.0	5.00	7200.00	5.00
HYDRANT	1	0.25	0.5	720.0	0.5	720.0	0.50	720.00	0.50
METER									
CURB STOP									
SERVICE LINE	·								
SERVICE CONN									
OTHER					· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·				
UNDEFINED									
TOTALS	2	0.75	5.50	7920	n.a.	n.a	n.a	n.a	2.75

Sites Investigated for Pinpointing	4
Other Time Spent on Project (includes pinpointing false leak sounds)	0.00 hrs.



PROJECT OBSERVATIONS

(Water Distribution Lines)

GENERAL

On October 19, 2007 completed a leak detection survey on various areas of the water distribution system in <u>District #40</u> for the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works. The notes below have been generated by our Field Technician and have been included as part of the Executive Summary.

SPECIFICS

The survey was broken down in two different phases:

- <u>Survey Phase</u> sounding of appurtenances and recording leak type noises that were detected.
- Pinpointing Phase pinpointing noises that were detected during the Survey Phase.

1. Survey Phase Information

Appurtenances were within 350 of each other in most cases and sound travel was good, which combined for a complete and thorough survey. All lines surveyed were comprised of metallic pipe material. All other areas not covered by Leak Reports were found to be in good condition. Please refer to the Project Observations section for specific anomalies.

2. Pinpointing Phase Information

We were able to locate and pinpoint two (2) leaks. In addition, two (2) suspected consumer side leaks were noted. Further information follows on specific leaks. For information on all leaks, please refer to the Leak Report Section of this Final Report:

Leak Report #1 - This leak was located at an ARV. It should be noted that the residence at 18704 East Ave. "H" set up a hose and funnel to catch the leaking water and use it for their irrigation.

Leak Report #2 - Remington Rd. and Winchester Rd. - This is a hydrant leak that will require further repair.

Consumer Side Leak Reports #A and B - These are both suspected leaks on the consumer side of the meter.

CONCLUSION

Overall, it appears the areas surveyed are in good condition with regards to leakage. Make note of any discrepancies in our estimated leak rates as they may have considerable bearing on non-revenue loss calculations.

EXHIBIT F

We look forward to working with the Los Angeles County on future projects.

Compiled from field notes respectfully submitted by:



LEAK REPORTS	
LEAK KEPUKIS	

Hughes Utility Services

Repair Date:	GPM's
Remarks	

Date

10/18/2007

Location 18704 East "H" Avenue

Remarks Leak at ARV (Air Release Valve). Leak visible and audible without the use of sound amplification equipment. 18704 homeowner set up funnel and hose to use leaking water for irrigation.

Leak Type

VALVE

Time spent pinpointing 30 minutes

Leak Site Marked No

Cover Type: Gravel

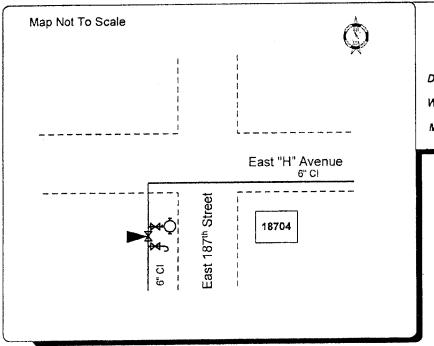
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Correlation Scan Time								ì				
Band Pass Filter Setting	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	a	0	0
Correlated Point Height	0	. 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Footage from "A"	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Leak #

Estimated GPM

5.00

Leak Classification



Water loss (this leak, in gallons)

DAILY

7,200

WEEKLY

50,400

MONTHLY

223,200



Location of Leak

Technician EK

Job#

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Hughes Utility Services

Repair Date:	GPM's
Remarks	
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Date 10/18/2007

Location 19708 East Avenue "G"

Remarks Leaking hydrant. Packing leak. Leak noise ceased after packing was tightened. Leak repaired.

Leak Type

HYDRANT

Time spent pinpointing 15 minutes

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Leak Site Marked No

Cover Type: Gravel

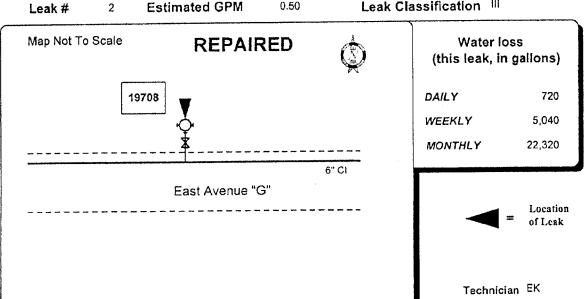
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Correlation Scan Time												
Band Pass Filter Setting	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Correlated Point Height	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	O.	0	0
Footage from "A"	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Leak#

Estimated GPM

0.50

Leak Classification III



CONSUMER S LEAK REPO	

Hughes Utility Services

Repair Date:	GPM's
Remarks _	

Date

10/18/2007

Location 15035 East Avenue "G"

Remarks Consumer side leak near meter at PRV. Leak visible and audible without the use of sound amplification equipment.

Leak Type

CONSUMER SIDE

Time spent pinpointing

0 minutes

Leak Site Marked No

Cover Type: Gravel

Computerized Correlator Results	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	#7	#8	#9	#10	#11	#12
Correlation Scan Time												
Band Pass Filter Setting	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Correlated Point Height	0	0	0	0	O	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Footage from "A"	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

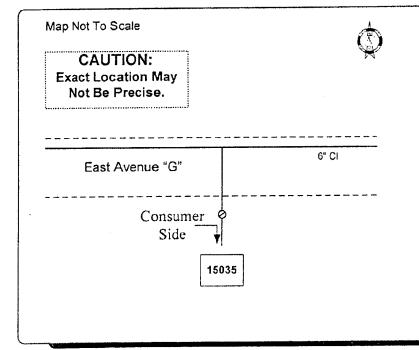
Leak#

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Estimated GPM

0.00

Leak Classification



Water loss (this leak, in gallons)

0

0

0

DAILY

WEEKLY

MONTHLY

Consumer _ Location of Leak Side

Technician EK

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Hughes Utility Services

Repair Date:_	GPM's
Remarks	
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Date 10/18/2007

Location 21651 East Avenue "J"

Remarks Consumer side leak. Possibel irrigation control valve leak.

Estimated GPM

Leak Type

CONSUMER SIDE

Time spent pinpointing 0 minutes

Leak Site Marked No

Cover Type: Gravel

Computerized Correlator Results	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	#7	#8	#9	#10	#11	#12
Correlation Scan Time												
Band Pass Filter Setting	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Correlated Point Height	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Foolage from "A"	0.0	0.0	0.0	. 0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Map Not To Scale

Leak#

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0.00

Water loss (this leak, in gallons)

DAILY

Leak Classification

0

WEEKLY

MONTHLY

CAUTION:

Exact Location May
Not Be Precise.

East Avenue "J"

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21651

Consumer Side

Consumer Side

Location of Leak

0

Technician EK

Job# 728283

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SURVEY REVIEW	

LEAK SURVEY REVIEW (Water Distribution Lines)

From October 18, 2007 to October 19, 2007, provided a leak survey for the Los Angeles County Waterworks, District 40. We utilized the latest in leak detection technology available. We employed extremely sensitive sound amplification instruments for the survey and a computer based correlator for leak pinpointing whenever possible. Our Field Technician, used and appreciated the information provided by Mark Parrish, Greg Nalbatian, Randy Range, Rene Ruiz, and Don Freel to expedite and provide an accurate survey.

The survey was accomplished in the following steps:

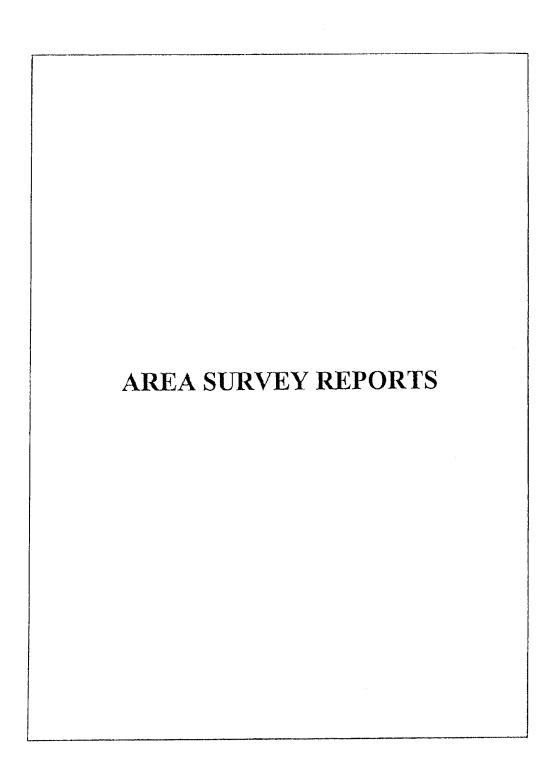
- 1. The first step in our survey was to review the distribution maps of the system for familiarization of the pipe network and available appurtenances (valves, hydrants, etc.) to be used for contact points.
- 2. As the leak survey progressed, we determined the distances that even quiet leak type sounds traveled in various pipe materials, pipe sizes and pressure zones in each area of the system. This was done by slightly turning on fire hydrants, hose bibs, etc., creating a simulated, quiet leak sound. Appurtenances in that area were then checked with a sound amplification instrument to see how far the simulated leak sounds traveled, thus determining how often we would make contact with appurtenances in a given section of the water distribution system. In most areas, contact was made with pipe appurtenances at intervals no greater than 350 feet where contact points were available and accessible. This allowed for even more quiet leaks to be located. Whenever we surveyed PVC lines, all available appurtenances were contacted.
- We then conducted a comprehensive survey by making physical contact with all available main line appurtenances (valves, hydrants, etc.) and necessary customer services. HD Waterworks used a sonic leak detection amplification instrument designed for this purpose.
- 4. When normal contact points were not available or could not be created within a reasonable distance, we made an attempt to use a sonic ground listening instrument to make physical ground contact at intervals no greater than 6 feet directly over the pipe. If conditions did not allow this procedure our Field Technician advised you at time of project and are included in the Project Observations. Ground listening devices are employed when ground cover is pavement, cement or similar hard surface.
- 5. When ground cover was not a hard surface and normal contact points were not available, we made an attempt to use probe rods or a specially designed sounding plate at 6-foot intervals. A sound amplification instrument with 3VG or greater transducer was employed in conjunction with this equipment, directly over the pipe. If conditions did not allow this procedure our Field Technician advised you at time of project and was detailed in the Project Observations section of this Final Report. Direct contact to the main line at intervals outlined in Preparation for Service resulted in the most thorough survey.
- 6. A detailed report of decibel levels at suspected leak sound locations and observations were compiled during the survey for reinvestigation and possible pinpointing at a later time. This reinvestigation increased the speed of the survey and eliminated correlating on most false leak sounds.
- 7. All indications of leaks found during the survey were verified a second time, after which, the leaks were pinpointed with a computer based sound correlator when possible. Pinpointing leak locations through interpretation of sound intensity, either by ear, decibel metering or other like methods was not used when contact points were available for use with the correlator. However, ground listening devises were used as a quick double check on pinpointed leaks.

- 8. The equipment used did not normally require valves to be operated during surveying and pinpointing. However, on occasion, services or valves were operated to eliminate service draw noises or to change velocity noise.
- 9. The correlator equipment used had the capability to prompt the operator to input the variables when different pipe sizes and/or pipe material were encountered in the same span to be investigated. This is necessary to insure accuracy of results based on the automatic computation of the correct leak sound velocity in leak pinpointing operations. Our correlators have the capability of correlating up to seven various pipe sizes and types at one time in a given space. To insure effective performance in all field environments encountered in the distribution system (i.e. traffic noise, draw, pump operation, industrial noise, etc.), the correlator equipment provides 12 multi-range High and Low Pass filters.
- 10. We provided a copy of leak reports, when pinpointed, which included leak locations and estimated GPM loss. These leak reports included a leak priority classification. These classifications are as follows:
 - Class I Any leak which is hazardous in terms of potential undermining, possibly resulting in surface collapse, encroachment and/or damage to nearby utilities, commercial or private properties or leaks severe enough to warrant immediate repair.
 - Class II All leaks that display water losses significant enough to be monitored on a regular repair schedule.
 - Class III Relatively small leaks that should be repaired as workload permits.
- 11. Whenever any of the leaks detected by were repaired prior to completion of the field work, we gave the Los Angeles County Waterworks, District 40 the option to have that section of the system re-surveyed to be sure no very quiet leaks were missed due to an over powering noisy leak sound.

furnished a trained Field Technician, leak detection instruments, equipment and tools to complete the survey and leak pinpointing as outlined in our proposal. After reviewing all records relating to this project we feel confident that we have performed at or above industry standards to pinpoint all existing leaks within the areas of the water system we surveyed. However, it is important to remember that not all leaks are easily detected, as such, we can't guarantee the location of all leaks.

We strongly recommend that the Los Angeles County Waterworks, District 40 maintain some type of ongoing leak detection program. Only through a continuing leak detection program can the Los Angeles County Waterworks, District 40 expect to keep the incidence of leakage under control. Such a program will definitely prevent future leak losses from becoming a major contributor to the system's unaccounted for water losses.

In our effort to provide the most comprehensive service possible, we requested in advance to have Los Angeles County Waterworks personnel prepare the areas to be surveyed by taking measures to ensure that the majority of main line valves were accessible. Efforts were made in this advance preparation. This was greatly appreciated.



AREA SURVEY REPORT Hughes Utility Supply

Remarks	
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Date 10/17/2007	G	ener	al areaDistr	rict 40				
Contact points	Hydrants	37	Valves	6	Services	, 17	7 Other	0
Survey Start Points			Survey	End Poi	nts		Ī	Distance (fee
Avenue "J" & 200th Street			Avenue "J" & 250th Stree					27125
250th & Avenue "J"			250th 8	& Avenue '	'G"			16540
				Int	ersecting L	ines su	urveyed	
				Total	miles	8.3	fee	t 43665
Start time 7:0	0a.m.		End time 3	:00p.m.		Total	minutes	480
I. 21651 East Avenu 2.	_ocation/Addr e "J"		AK SOUN	DS	Access f Service	Point	DB LvI	Valves Hydrants Services Other
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AREA SURVEY REPORT Hughes Utility Supply

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Remarks

General area District 40 Date 10/18/2007 Contact 18 Other 0 8 Services **Hydrants** 62 Valves points Distance (feet) **Survey End Points Survey Start Points** 65050 East Avenue "G" & 140th Street East Avenue "G" & 250th Street 35185 Intersecting Lines surveyed Total miles 19.0 100235 End time 11:30a.m 270 **Total minutes** Start time 7:00a.m. **LEAK SOUNDS** Valves Hydrants **Access Point** DB LvI Location/Address Services Hydrant 1. 19708 East Avenue "G" Other 0 Service 8 2. 15035 East Avenue "G" Total 10 Valve 3. 18704 East Avenue "H" 4. 5.

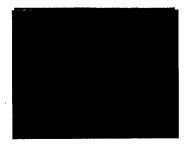
Observations

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CONCLUSION	



LEAK SURVEY CONCLUSION

Our thanks to Dan Jones and all persons involved with this project for their assistance in gathering all the necessary paperwork and personnel to create, with mutually beneficial leak detection project.

With this survey you have demonstrated concern for prudent water utilization and conservation.

Capitalizing on the most advanced leak detection technology available today, has successfully completed this Leak Detection Survey. The contents of this Final Report provide the Los Angeles County Waterworks, District 40 with a permanent record of the activities performed to complete a Leak Survey along with the results achieved.

An important characteristic of this Leak Report is that the facts contained herein can be used in formulating a database for decision making regarding: the need for possible future meter programs, rehabilitation and pipe line replacement and/or the investigation of new water sources, etc. These types of decisions, regarding your utilization of water, now can be predicated more on facts rather than supposition or conjecture.

Prompt repair of any leaks reported provide an immediate benefit to the Los Angeles County Waterworks, District 40, which includes recovery of most water revenue and water conservation, etc.

Having achieved these results, we recommend that you continue to set up the infrastructure necessary to continue investigating leakage in the water distribution system. Implementation of any on-going leak survey program will ensure that leak losses are kept to a minimum, and the added enhancement of saving costs due to emergency call outs.

is proud to have served the Los Angeles County Waterworks, District 40 in this way and we wish to thank you for your substantial assistance and cooperation in this project.

If you or your staff has any questions regarding this Final Report, please feel free to call us at (

