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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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November 15, 2011

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR AS-NEEDED HERBICIDE APPLICATION USING SMALL AND LARGE SPRAY RIGS (2011-AN029) FOR THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

AREA 1 – EAST AREA 2 – WEST AREA 3 – SOUTH

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Public Works requests proposals for the contracts for As-Needed Herbicide Application Using Small and Large Spray Rigs (2011-AN029). The total annual contract amount of this service is estimated to be \$200,000 for each The Request for Proposals (RFP) with contract specifications, forms, and Area. instructions for preparing and submitting proposals may be accessed at http://dpw.lacounty.gov/asd/contracts or may be requested from Ms. Samantha Tsui at stsui@dpw.lacounty.gov, from Ms. Lorena at (626) 458-4050. or Calderon (626) 458-4169, lcalderon@dpw.lacounty.gov, Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

PLEASE CHECK THE WEBSITE FREQUENTLY FOR ANY CHANGES TO THIS SOLICITATION. ALL ADDENDA AND INFORMATIONAL UPDATES WILL BE POSTED AT <u>http://dpw.lacounty.gov/asd/contracts</u>.

Each area will be awarded and evaluated independently. Proposers may submit a proposal for one or more locations. The proposal must specify the area(s) for which it was submitted. The County will award up to two contracts for each area - East, West, and South Areas, to proposers whose proposals are rated the highest based on the evaluation criteria in Part I, Section 4.E Evaluation Criteria. No Subcontractors will be allowed except for the Agricultural Pest Control Advisor work.

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Minimum Requirement(s): Proposers must meet all minimum requirements set forth in the RFP document including, but not limited to:

- 1. Proposer or its managing employee must have a minimum of three years of experience providing the type of service solicited in this RFP.
- 2. Proposing entity must possess a valid and active Pest Control Business License issued by the State of California Department of Pesticide Regulation (SCDPR).
- At least one of Proposer's applicators must possess a valid and active Qualified Applicator License in Right-of-Way Chemical Weed Control issued by the SCDPR.
- 4. At least one of Proposer's employees and/or Subcontractors must possess a valid and active Agricultural Pest Control Advisor License in Weed Control issued by the SCDPR. **Subcontractors may be used to satisfy this requirement.**

A Proposers' Conference will be held on <u>Tuesday, November 29, 2011, at 9 a.m.</u> at Public Works Headquarters, 900 South Fremont Avenue, Alhambra, California 91803, in Conference Room A. <u>ATTENDANCE BY THE PROPOSER OR AN AUTHORIZED</u> <u>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, Proposers must submit questions in writing and request information for this solicitation within three business days from the date of the conference. After the third business day, it may be impossible to respond to further requests for information.

The deadline to submit proposals is <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>December 14, 2011</u>, at 5:30 p.m. Please direct your questions to Ms. Tsui or Ms. Calderon at the numbers listed on the previous page. November 15, 2011 Page 3

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

Very truly yours,

GAIL FARBER Director of Public Works

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

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AS-NEEDED HERBICIDE APPLICATION USING SMALL AND LARGE SPRAY RIGS (2011-AN029)



Approved Nov 16, 2011

Gail Farber Director of Public Works

By:

Deputy Director

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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. For example, questions may address concerns, if any, that the application of minimum mandatory requirements, evaluation criteria, and/or business requirements would unfairly disadvantage Proposers or, due to unclear instructions, may result in the County not receiving the best possible responses from Proposers. Upon conclusion of the Proposers' Conference, Public Works will only provide further clarifications and/or answers concerning this solicitation through an addendum(s) to all who attended the Conference.

B. <u>Minimum Mandatory Requirements</u>

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 of experience providing the type of service solicited in this RFP.
- 2. Proposing entity must possess a valid and active Pest Control Business License issued by the State of California Department of Pesticide Regulation (SCDPR).
- 3. At least one of Proposer's applicators must possess a valid and active Qualified Applicator License in Right-of-Way Chemical Weed Control issued by the SCDPR.
- 4. At least one of the Proposer's employees must possess a valid and active Agricultural Pest Control Advisor License in Weed Control issued by the SCDPR. Subcontractors may be used to satisfy this requirement.

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C. <u>Contract Analyst</u>

Proposers are instructed not to contact any County personnel other than the Contract Analysts listed below regarding this solicitation. All contact regarding this RFP or any matter relating thereto must be in writing and may be mailed, e-mailed, or sent via facsimile to:

County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works Administrative Services Division – 9th Floor Attention Ms. Samantha Tsui or Ms. Lorena Calderon P.O. Box 1460 Alhambra, California 91802-1460

E-mail: <u>stsui@dpw.lacounty.gov</u> or <u>lcalderon@dpw.lacounty.gov</u> Telephone: (626) 458-4050 or (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 Analysts 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. <u>County Rights and Responsibilities</u>

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.

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F. Defaulted Property Tax and Reduction Program

- The resultant contract from this RFP will be subject to the requirements of 1. Program the County's Defaulted Property Tax Reduction ("Defaulted Tax Program") (Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.206). Contractors The successful should carefully read the Defaulted Tax Program Ordinance, Exhibit E. Proposers should carefully read the pertinent Defaulted Tax Program provisions in Part II, Exhibit B, Requirements, Service Contract General Section 11. Compliance with County's Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program. The Defaulted Tax Program applies to both Contractors and their Subcontractors, if any.
- 2. Proposers shall be required to certify that they are in full compliance with the provisions of the Defaulted Tax Program and shall maintain compliance during the term of any contract that may be awarded pursuant to this solicitation or shall certify that they are exempt from the Defaulted Tax Program by completing Certification of Compliance with The County's Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program (Form PW-17). Failure to maintain compliance, or to timely cure defects, may be cause for termination of a contract or initiation of debarment proceedings against the noncompliant Contractor (Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.202). Proposals that fail to comply with the certification requirements of the Defaulted Tax Program will be considered nonresponsive and excluded from further consideration.

G. 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.

H. 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

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associated amounts specified throughout the entire term of the proposed contract, without interruption or break in coverage.

I. 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.

J. 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.

K. Jury Service Program

- 1. The resultant contract from this RFP will be subject to the requirements of Employee Service Ordinance Countv's Contractor Jury the (Jury Service Program, Los Angeles County Code Chapter 2.203). Proposers should carefully read the pertinent jury service provisions in the 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, if any. 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, if any, 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.

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- There are two ways in which a Contractor might not be subject to the 3. 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 subcontracts. two exceptions to the Jury Service Program. The first exception concerns small businesses and applies to Contractors that have: 1) ten or fewer employees; and 2) annual gross revenues in the preceding 12 months, which if added to the annual amount of this proposed contract is less than \$500,000; and 3) is not an "affiliate or subsidiary of a business dominant in its field of operation." The second exception applies to Contractors that possess a collective bargaining agreement that expressly supersedes the provisions of the Jury Service Program. The Contractor is subject to any provision of the Jury Service Program not expressly superseded by the collective bargaining agreement.
- 4. If a Contractor does not fall within the Jury Service Program's definition of "Contractor" or if it meets any of the exceptions to the Jury Service Program, then the Contractor must so indicate in the Contractor Employee Jury Service Program Application for Exception and Certification Form (Form PW-3) and include with its submission all necessary documentation to support the claim, such as tax returns or a collective bargaining agreement, if applicable. Upon reviewing the contractor's application, the County will determine, in its sole discretion, whether the Contractor falls within the definition of "Contractor" or meets any of the exceptions to the Jury Service Program. The County's decision will be final.

L. Local Small Business Enterprise Preference Program

- 1. To the extent permitted by State and Federal law and when the price category is scored, the County will give Local Small Business Enterprise (Local SBE) preference during the solicitation process to businesses that meet the definition of a 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 Los Angeles County Office of Small Business 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 Los Angeles County Office of Small Business' website at:

http://www.laosb.org/default.asp?id=44

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- 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 <u>http://www.pd.dgs.ca.gov/smbus/default</u>.

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

The Proposer shall notify the County of any pending acquisitions/mergers of their company. This information shall be provided by the Proposer on Form PW-1, Verification of Proposal. The proposed contract will only be awarded to the entity that submitted the Proposal. Any acquisitions and merger will be handled pursuant to Exhibit B, Section 2.B, Assignment and Delegation and evaluated in accordance with the Board's policy regarding Contractors engaged in mergers and acquisitions. Failure of the Proposer to provide this information may eliminate its Proposal/bid from any further consideration.

N. Prompt Payment Program

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

O. <u>Proposer's Charitable Contributions Compliance</u>

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 in 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. <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.

Q. <u>Contractor's Employee Criminal Background Investigation</u>

Security and background investigations of Contractor's staff may be required at the discretion of the County as a condition of beginning and continuing work under any resulting contract. The cost of background checks is the responsibility of the Contractor.

R. Transitional Job Opportunities Preference Program

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

S. <u>Prevailing Wage</u>

The Director of the California Department of Industrial Relations has established the general prevailing rate of per diem wages for each craft, classification, type of worker, or mechanic needed to execute public works and improvements. The current general prevailing wage rate determinations are available at <u>www.dir.ca.gov/dlsr/pwd/index.htm</u>. The Contractor is required to pay its agents and employees the applicable prevailing wage rate and is responsible for selecting the classification of workers required to perform this service.

T. 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.

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SECTION 2

PROPOSAL PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION

A. <u>Proposal Format and Content Requirements</u>

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

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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 endorsed "Statement of Information", 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 endorsed "Statement of Information", 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, if any.
- 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.

Proposers may submit a Proposal for one or more locations. The Proposal must specify the area(s) for which it was submitted. If submitting for more than one area, the Work Plan must be customized for each area.

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

- Methods of communication between Public Works and Proposer, its onsite supervisor and its field staff, including Proposer's emergency contact information.
- Proposer's ability to respond and provide back-up staff and equipment in emergencies.

The staffing plan must designate a qualified quality control inspector (see Quality Assurance, Section 7 below).

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 demonstrate how those results will be achieved. The Program must comprehensively address the Proposer's organizational process for consistently delivering those requirements.

The Proposer's staffing plan must include a qualified inspector to monitor compliance with the Program and deal with customer complaints and inquiries.

At a minimum, the Program outlined in your Proposal shall address in detail:

- a. Policies and Procedures Quality control procedures for the Proposer, Subcontractors, if any, and suppliers must be described. 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. Equipment

Proposer must list all equipment on Form PW-19, Statement of Equipment, <u>and</u> must also include a detailed written description of all equipment required to perform the work outlined in Exhibit A, Scope of Work.

9. Subcontractors

No Subcontractors will be allowed except for the Agricultural Pest Control Advisor work. If Subcontractors are to be used, submit a description of their proposed assignments, qualifications, experience, staffing, and schedules.

10. Licenses and Certifications

Submit copies of licenses for below individual(s):

- Proposing entity must possess a valid and active Pest Control Business License issued by the State of California Department of Pesticide Regulation (SCDPR).
- At least one of Proposer's applicators must possess a valid and active Qualified Applicator License in Right-of-Way Chemical Weed Control issued by the SCDPR.
- At least one of Proposer's employees and/or Subcontractor must possess a valid and active Agricultural Pest Control Advisor License in Weed Control issued by the SCDPR. **Subcontractor may be used to satisfy this requirement.**
- 11. Insurance

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

12. Forms List

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

- PW-1 Verification of Proposal;
- 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 but no later than ten business days of issuance of this RFP to the listed Contract Analysts);
- PW-12 Charitable Contributions Certifications;
- PW-13 Transitional Job Opportunities Preference Application;
- PW-14 Statement of Terminated Contracts;
- PW-15 Proposer's Pending Litigations and Judgments; and
- PW-16 Proposer's Insurance Compliance Affirmation;
- PW-17 Certification of Compliance with the County's Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program;
- PW-18 Minimum Requirements Affirmation; and
- PW-19 Statement of Equipment Form.

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

13. Subcontractors' Forms List

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

- PW-3 County of Los Angeles Contractor Employee Jury Service Program Application for Exception and Certification Form;
- PW-4 Contractor's Industrial Safety Record;
- PW-5 Conflict of Interest Certification;
- PW-7 Proposer's Equal Employment Opportunity Certification;
- PW-9 Request for Local Small Business Enterprise (SBE) Preference Program Consideration and CBE Firm/Organization Information Form (Part II of form only);
- PW-10 GAIN and GROW Employment Commitment Form;
- PW-12 Charitable Contributions Certifications; and
- PW-19 Statement of Equipment Form.
- 14. 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 **six** complete sets of the Proposal and any related information.
 - One original and three copies
 - Two electronic copies on a CD in PDF format as follows:
 - One original electronic copy
 - One redacted electronic copy Proposer shall redact any trade secret, confidential, proprietary, or other personal information from the Proposal such as Social Security numbers.

Proposals received after the closing date and time specified in the Notice of Request for Proposals will be rejected by Public Works as nonresponsive.

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

SECTION 3

GENERAL CONDITIONS OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

A. <u>Acceptance or Rejection of Proposals</u>

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. The County further reserves the right to cancel this request for Proposals at any time at its sole discretion. In the event of any such rejection of Proposals or cancellation of this solicitation, 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. <u>County Responsibility</u>

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

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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 any 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. <u>Gratuities</u>

- 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. <u>Notice to Proposers Regarding the County Lobbyist Ordinance</u>

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.

I. Opening of Proposals

Proposals will not be publicly opened.

- J. <u>Proposer Debarment</u>
 - The Proposer is hereby notified that, in accordance with Chapter 2.202 of 1. the Los Angeles County Code, the County may debar the Proposer from bidding or proposing on, or being awarded, and/or performing work on other County contracts for a specified period of time, which generally will not exceed five years but may exceed five years or be permanent if warranted by the circumstance, and the County may terminate any or all of the Proposer's existing contracts with the County, if the Board finds, in its discretion, that the Proposer has done any of the following (1) violated a term of a contract with the County or a nonprofit corporation created by the County (2) committed an act or omission, which negatively reflects on the Proposer's quality, fitness, or capacity to perform a contract with the County or any other public entity, or a nonprofit corporation created by the County or engaged in a pattern or practice, which negatively reflects on same (3) committed an act or offense, which indicates a lack of business integrity or business honesty or (4) made or submitted a false claim against the County or any other public entity.
 - 2. If there is evidence that the highest-rated Proposer may be subject to debarment, Public Works will notify the Proposer in writing of the evidence, which is the basis for the proposed debarment, and will advise the Proposer of the scheduled date for a debarment hearing before the contractor Hearing Board.

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

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9. Attachment 2 is a listing of Contractors currently debarred.

K. <u>Proposal Prices and Agreement of Figures</u>

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.

L. <u>Proposer's Safety Record</u>

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, 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.

M. <u>Qualification of Proposer</u>

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.

N. <u>Qualifications of Subcontractors</u>

Proposers shall list all Subcontractors, if any, 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.

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

The Proposer shall notify and provide to its employees, and shall require each Subcontractor, if any, 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 <u>www.babysafela.org</u> for printing purposes.

P. <u>Term of Proposals</u>

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

Q. <u>Truth and Accuracy of Representations</u>

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.

R. <u>Wages, Materials, and Other Costs</u>

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.

S. <u>Withdrawal of Proposals</u>

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. <u>Award of Contract</u>

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 County will award up to two contracts for each area - East Area, West Area, and South Area, to proposers whose Proposals are rated the highest based on the evaluation criteria in Part I, Section 4.E, Evaluation Criteria. Each awardee shall sign and return the agreement within 14 calendar days of its mailing to the awardee for signature by Public Works. Each 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 contract/agreement, and to determine, which Proposal best serves the interests of the County. <u>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, or to award a contract to a Proposer other than the highest-rated Proposer.</u>

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.

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

D. <u>Pass/Fail Review</u>

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

- 1. Proposer will comply with the insurance requirements, outlined in Exhibit B, Section 5, Indemnification and Insurance Requirements, as evidenced by submitting a completed and signed Form PW-16.
- 2. Proposer and any Subcontractors, if any, have met the GAIN and GROW Programs requirements (Form PW-10).
- 3. Proposer and any Subcontractors, if any, have completed and submitted the Charitable Contributions Certification (Form PW-12).
- 4. Proposer and any Subcontractors, if any, 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. Proposing entity has submitted a valid and active Pest Control Business License issued by the State of California Department of Pesticide Regulation (SCDPR). Proposer has submitted at least one of Proposers' applicators' valid and active Qualified Applicator License in Right-of-Way Chemical

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Weed Control issued by the SCDPR. Proposer has submitted at least one of Proposers' employees' and/or Subcontractor's valid and active Agricultural Pest Control Advisor License in Weed Control issued by the SCDPR.

Proposers who do not possess and/or have listed Subcontractors for Agricultural Pest Control Advisor only, 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. <u>Evaluation Criteria</u>

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 (65 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.
- <u>Local Small Business Enterprise (SBE) Preference</u>. 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: Eight 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 (5 points)

Public Works will check at least three of the Proposer's references for overall satisfaction with Proposer's services with priority will be given to services provided in the following order: County of Los Angeles departments, other county departments, cities, governmental entities, nonprofit entities, private companies, etc. Proposer may receive up to a maximum of 5/3 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 and Contractor Alert Reporting Database (CARD), if applicable, reflecting past performance history on County or other contracts. Additionally, a review of terminated contract(s) reported on Form PW-14, Statement of Terminated Contracts, will be conducted, which may result in point deductions. If references fail to substantiate Proposer's description of services provided; references fail to support that Proposer has a continuing pattern of providing capable, productive, and skilled personnel and services; or a significant unacceptable weakness in references may result in a low or zero score. Additionally, a Proposer's unacceptable performance on another County contract(s), as documented by either the County's Contract Database or CARD by an unfavorable reference, may result in point deductions up to 100 percent of the total points awarded in this evaluation category. A score of zero in this evaluation category may result in rejection of the Proposal as nonresponsive.

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

3. Experience (10 points)

Proposer or its managing employee must have a minimum of three years of 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, if any, 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 (15 points)

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

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

The evaluators may give reduced scores to work plans that omit any of the following:

- Methods of communication between Public Works and Proposer, its on-site supervisor and its field staff, including Proposer's emergency contact information.
- Proposer's ability to respond and provide back-up staff and equipment in emergencies.

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

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

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. Equipment (5 points)

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

A review of the Proposer's equipment to be used to perform the work, as listed on the Statement of Equipment Form (Form PW-19), will be made. List vehicles separate from other equipment. Public Works reserves the right to conduct on-site inspections of equipment listed on this form.

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

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

6. Optional Interview/Clarification

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

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

SECTION 5

PROTEST POLICY

A. <u>Protest Policy Review Process</u>

- 1. Under Board Policy No. 5.055 (Services Contract Solicitation Protest), any prospective Proposer may request a review of the requirements under a solicitation for a Board-approved services contract, as described in Paragraph C, Solicitation Requirements Review, below. Any Proposer may request a review of a disqualification or of a proposed contract award under such a solicitation, as described respectively in Sections below. Additionally, any Proposer may obtain copies of Proposals and Public Works evaluation documents as provided in Part I, Section 3, Paragraph H. Under any such review, it is the responsibility of the Proposer challenging the decision of Public Works to demonstrate that Public Works committed a sufficiently material error in the solicitation process to justify invalidation of a solicitation or a proposed contract award as the case may be.
- 2. Throughout the review process, the County has no obligation to delay or otherwise postpone an award of contract based on a Proposer protest. In all cases, the County reserves the right to make an award when it is determined to be in the best interest of the County of Los Angeles to do so.
- B. <u>Grounds for Review</u>

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

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

C. <u>Solicitation Requirements Review</u>

Any person or entity may seek a Solicitation Requirements Review by submitting a written request for review to Public Works conducting the solicitation as described in this paragraph. A Request for a Solicitation Requirements Review may be denied, in Public Works' sole discretion, if the request does not satisfy all of the following criteria:

1. The request for a Solicitation Requirements Review is made within ten business days of the issuance of the solicitation document;

- 2. The request for a Solicitation Requirements Review includes documentation, which demonstrates the underlying ability of the person or entity to submit a Proposal;
- 3. The request for a Solicitation Requirements Review itemizes in appropriate detail, each matter contested and factual reasons for the requested review; and
- 4. The request for a Solicitation Requirements Review asserts either that:
 - a. Application of the minimum requirements, evaluation criteria and/or business requirements unfairly disadvantages the person or entity; or,
 - b. Due to unclear instructions, the process may result in the County not receiving the best possible responses from prospective Proposers.
- 5. The Solicitation Requirements Review will be completed and Public Works' determination will be provided to the requesting person or entity, in writing, within a reasonable time prior to the bid/Proposal due date.

D. Place to Submit Requests for Review

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

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

- c. The request for a Disqualification Review asserts that the determination of disqualification due to bid/Proposal nonresponsiveness was erroneous (e.g., factual errors, etc.) and provides factual support on each ground asserted as well as copies of all documents and other material that support the assertions.
- 4. The Disqualification Review shall be completed and the determination shall be provided to the requesting Proposer, in writing, prior to the conclusion of the evaluation process.

F. <u>Debriefing Process</u>

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

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

G. <u>Proposed Contractor Selection Review</u>

Any Proposer that has timely submitted a notice of its intent to request a Proposed Contractor Selection Review as described in Paragraph F, above, may submit a written request for a Proposed Contractor Selection Review in the manner and timeframe as specified by Public Works. For low-bid solicitations, where applicable, upon selection of the lowest-cost, responsive, and responsible bidder, Public Works will notify the remaining bidders in writing that Public Works is entering negotiations with another bidder. Public Works will instruct the remaining bidders of the manner and timeframe in which each remaining bidder must notify Public Works of its intent to request a Proposed Contractor Selection Review, should such remaining bidder desire to have such a review performed. A request for a Proposed Contractor Selection Review may, in Public Works' sole discretion, be denied if the request does not satisfy all of the following criteria:

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

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

H. County Review Panel

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

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VERIFICATION OF PROPOSAL

DATE: , 20 ⁻	11	TI	HE UNDE	RSIGNE	D HEREBY DEC	LARE	S AS FO	LLOWS:
1. THIS DECLARATION IS GIV	EN IN SUPPORT	of a propo	OSAL FOR A C	CONTRACT	WITH THE COUNTY O	F LOS A	NGELES.	
2. NAME OF SERVICE:								
			DECLARA	NT INFORM	ATION			
3. NAME OF DECLARANT:								
4. I AM DULY VESTED WITH T	HE AUTHORITY	TO MAKE AN	ID SIGN INST	RUMENTS F	OR AND ON BEHALF	OF THE	PROPOSER((S).
5. MY TITLE, CAPACITY, OR R	ELATIONSHIP TO) THE PROP	OSER(S) IS:					
			PROPOSE	R INFORM	ATION			
6. Proposer's full legal name:					-	Telephor	ne No.:	
Address:						Fax No.:		
e-mail:	County WebVe	n No.:		IRS No.:		Busines	s License No).:
7. Proposer's fictitious business	s name(s) or dba(s) (if any):						
County(s) of Registration:				State:	,	Year(s)	became DBA	A:
8. The Proposer's form of busir	ness entity is (CHI	ECK ONLY O	NE):					
□ Sole proprietor	Name of Propr	rietor:						
\Box A corporation:	Corporation's p	rincipal place	e of business:					
	State of incorpo	oration:					Year incorpo	orated:
Non-profit corporation				President/0	CEO:			
with the CA Attorney	General's Registry	of Charitable	e Trusts	Secretary:				
A general partnershi	p:		Names of pa	artners:				
A limited partnership	:		Name of ger	neral partner	:			
□ A joint venture of:			Names of jo	int venturers	:			
A limited liability com	ipany:		Name of ma	inaging mem	ber:			
9. The only persons or firms inte	rested in this prop	osal as princi	oals are the fol	lowing:				
Name(s)		Title			Phone			Fax
Street		City			State			Zip
Name(s)		Title			Phone			Fax
Street		City			State			Zip
10. Is your firm wholly or majorit If yes, name of parent firm: State of incorporation/registratio								
11. Has your firm done business Name(s): Name(s):					 Yes If yes, Year of name Year of name 	e change): <u> </u>	ame(s):
12. Is your firm involved in any p If yes, indicate the associated c	pending acquisitior ompany's name:	n or merger?	No 🗆	Yes				
13. Proposer acknowledges that may be rejected. The evaluation								
14. CHECK ONE: OR					n contained in this prop ntained in this proposal			nowledge; and belief that they are true.
I declare under penalty of perjur	y under the laws o	f California th	at the above in	formation is t	rue and correct.			
Signature of Proposer or Author	ized Agent:						Date:	
Type name and title:								

SCHEDULE OF PRICES

FOR

AS-NEEDED HERBICIDE APPLICATION USING SMALL AND LARGE SPRAY RIGS (2011-AN029) EAST AREA

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, overtime, supervision, materials, transportation, fuel, taxes, equipment, and supplies unless stated otherwise in the RFP. 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 # OF HOURS	HOURLY RATE (UNIT PRICE)	PROPOSED ANNUAL PRICE (ESTIMATED # OF HOURS X HOURLY RATE)
1.	Hourly rate for a large spray rig during a normal working day (6 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.). Hourly rate is to include all labor (operator and helper), equipment, and other related expenses to provide services (Public Works will supply all herbicides and dyes).			
	Normal Working Day Hourly Rate	144	\$	
2.	Hourly rate for a small spray rig during a normal working day (6 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.). Hourly rate is to include all labor (operator and helper), equipment, and other related expenses to provide services (Public Works will supply all herbicides and dyes).			
	Normal Working Day Hourly Rate	3,456	\$	
	TOTAL PROPOSED ANNUAL PRICE			\$

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

LEGAL NAME OF PROPOSER		
SIGNATURE OF PERSON AUTHORIZED TO SUBMIT PROPOSAL		
TITLE OF AUTHORIZED PERSON		
DATE	STATE CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE NUMBER	LICENSE TYPE
PROPOSER'S ADDRESS:		
PHONE	FACSIMILE	E-Mail

SCHEDULE OF PRICES

FOR

AS-NEEDED HERBICIDE APPLICATION USING SMALL AND LARGE SPRAY RIGS (2011-AN029) WEST AREA

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, overtime, supervision, materials, transportation, fuel, taxes, equipment, Global Positioning System (GPS) and supplies unless stated otherwise in the RFP. 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 # OF HOURS	HOURLY RATE (UNIT PRICE)	PROPOSED ANNUAL PRICE (ESTIMATED # OF HOURS X HOURLY RATE)
1.	Hourly rate for a large spray rig during a normal working day (6:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.). Hourly rate is to include all labor (operator and helper), equipment, GPS and other related expenses to provide services (Public Works will supply all herbicides and dyes).			
	Normal Working Day Hourly Rate	2,080	\$	
2.	Hourly rate for a small spray rig during a normal working day (6:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.). Hourly rate is to include all labor (operator and helper), equipment, GPS and other related expenses to provide services (Public Works will supply all herbicides and dyes).			
	Normal Working Day Hourly Rate	520	\$	
	TOTAL PROPOSED ANNUAL PRICE			\$

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

LEGAL NAME OF PROPOSER		
SIGNATURE OF PERSON AUTHORIZED TO SUBMIT PROPOSAL		
TITLE OF AUTHORIZED PERSON		
DATE	STATE CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE NUMBER	LICENSE TYPE
PROPOSER'S ADDRESS:		
PHONE	FACSIMILE	E-MAIL

SCHEDULE OF PRICES

FOR

AS-NEEDED HERBICIDE APPLICATION USING SMALL AND LARGE SPRAY RIGS (2011-AN029) SOUTH AREA

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, overtime, supervision, materials, transportation, fuel, taxes, equipment, and supplies unless stated otherwise in the RFP. 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 # OF HOURS	HOURLY RATE (UNIT PRICE)	PROPOSED ANNUAL PRICE (ESTIMATED # OF HOURS X HOURLY RATE)
1.	Hourly rate for a large spray rig during a normal working day (6 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.). Hourly rate is to include all labor (operator and helper), equipment, and other related expenses to provide services (Public Works will supply all herbicides and dyes).	100		
	Normal Working Day Hourly Rate		\$	
2.	Hourly rate for a small spray rig during a normal working day (6 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.). Hourly rate is to include all labor (operator and helper), equipment, and other related expenses to provide services (Public Works will supply all herbicides and dyes).	2,400		
	Normal Working Day Hourly Rate		\$	
	TOTAL PROPOSED ANNUAL PRICE			\$

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

LEGAL NAME OF PROPOSER		
SIGNATURE OF PERSON AUTHORIZED TO SUBMIT PROPOSAL		
TITLE OF AUTHORIZED PERSON		
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 Name:		
Company Address:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Telephone Number:		
(Type of Goods or Services):		

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

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

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

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

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

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

My business is subject to a Collective Bargaining Agreement that expressly provides that it supersedes all provisions of the Program. **ATTACH THE AGREEMENT.**

Part II: Certification of Compliance

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

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

Print Name:	Title:
Signature:	Date:

CONTRACTOR'S INDUSTRIAL SAFETY RECORD

PROPOSED CONTRACT FOR:	
SERVICE BY PROPOSER	
PROPOSAL DATE:	

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

5 CALENDAR YEARS PRIOR TO CURRENT YEAR

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	Total	Current Year to Date
1. Number of contracts.							
2. Total dollar amount of Contracts (in thousands of dollars).							
3. Number of fatalities.							
4. Number of lost workday cases.							
5. Number of lost workday cases involving permanent transfer to another job or termination of employment.							
6. Number of lost workdays.							

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

CONFLICT OF INTEREST CERTIFICATION

General partner	
managing member	

Name of proposer

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

Contracts Prohibited. A. Notwithstanding any other section of this code, the county shall not contract with, and shall reject any bid or proposal submitted by, the persons or entities specified below, unless the board of supervisors finds that special circumstances exist which justify the approval of such contract.

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

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

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

Signed _____

Ι,

of

Date _____

PROPOSER NAME: _____

PROPOSED CONTRACT FOR:

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

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AGENCIES Α.

All contracts with the County during the previous three years must be listed.

SERVICE:	SERVICE DATES:		SERVICE:	SERVICE DATES:	
DEPT/ DISTRICT:			DEPT/DISTRICT:		
CONTACT:			CONTACT:		
TELEPHONE:			TELEPHONE:		
FAX:			FAX:		
E-MAIL:			E-MAIL:		
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SERVICE:	SERVICE DATES:		SERVICE:	SERVICE DATES:	
DEPT/ DISTRICT:			DEPT/DISTRICT:		
CONTACT:			CONTACT:		
TELEPHONE:			TELEPHONE:		
FAX:			FAX:		
E-MAIL:			E-MAIL:		
B. OTHER GOVER	NMENTAL AGENCIE	S AN	D PRIVATE COMP	ANIES	
SERVICE:	SERVICE DATES:		SERVICE:	SERVICE DATES:	
AGENCY/ FIRM:			AGENCY/ FIRM:		
ADDRESS:			ADDRESS:		
CONTACT:			CONTACT:		
TELEPHONE:			TELEPHONE:		
FAX:			FAX:		
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SERVICE:	SERVICE DATES:		SERVICE:	SERVICE DATES:	
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AGENCY/ FIRM:			AGENCY/ FIRM:		
ADDRESS:			ADDRESS:		
CONTACT:			CONTACT:		
TELEPHONE:			TELEPHONE:		
FAX:			FAX:		
E-MAIL:			E-MAIL:		

PROPOSER'S EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY CERTIFICATION

Proposer's Name	
Address	
nternal Revenue Service Employer Identification Number	

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

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

Authorized representative	
Signature	Date

LIST OF SUBCONTRACTORS

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

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

Name Under Which Subcontractor Is Licensed	License Number	Address	Specific Description of Subcontract Service

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

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

FIRM NAME:								
My County (WebVen) Vendor Number:								
LOCAL SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PREFERENCE PROGRAM:								
As Local SBE certified by the County of Los Angeles Office of Affirmative Action Compliance as of the date of this proposal/bid's submission, I request this proposal/bid be considered for the Local SBE Preference.								
Attached is a copy of Local SBE certification	on issued by the	e County.						
FIRM/ORGANIZATION INFORMATION: The ini award, contractor/vendor will be selected withou								
Business Structure: Sole Proprietors	nip 🗖 Partne	ership	Corporation	Nonprofit	Franchise			
Other (Please Specify):								
Total Number of Employees (including owne	ers):							
Race/Ethnic Composition of Firm. Please di	istribute the abc	ove total numbe	er of individuals int	o the following c	ategories:			
Race/Ethnic Composition	Owners/F Associate		Mana	gers	St	aff		
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female		
Black/African American								
Hispanic/Latino								
Asian or Pacific Islander								
American Indian								
Filipino								
White								

III. <u>PERCENTAGE OF OWNERSHIP IN FIRM</u>: Please indicate by percentage (%) how <u>ownership</u> of the firm is distributed.

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

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

Agency Name	Minority	Women	Disadvantaged	Disabled Veteran	Expiration Date

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

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

The undersigned:

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

OR

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

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

Signature	Title
Firm Name	Date

TRANSMITTAL FORM TO REQUEST AN <u>RFP</u> SOLICITATION REQUIREMENTS REVIEW

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

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

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

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

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

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

Poquest submitted by:		
Request submitted by:		
(Name)	(Title)	
For Cour	nty use only	
Date Transmittal Received by County:	Date Solicitation Released:	
Reviewed by:		
Results of Review - Comments:		
Date Response sent to Proposer:		

CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS CERTIFICATION

Company Name

Address

Internal Revenue Service Employer Identification Number

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

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

CERTIFICATION	YES	NO
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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

Name and Title (please type or print)

TRANSITIONAL JOB OPPORTUNITIES PREFERENCE APPLICATION

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

□ I am <u>not</u> requesting consideration under the County's Transitional Job Opportunities Preference Program.

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

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

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

PRINT NAME:	TITLE:
SIGNATURE:	DATE:

REVIEWED BY COUNTY:

SIGNATURE OF REVIEWER	APPROVED	DISAPPROVED	DATE

PROPOSER'S LIST OF TERMINATED CONTRACTS

PROPOSER'S NAME: ______

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

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

SERVICE:	TERMINATING DATE:		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:		
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CONTACT PERSON:			CONTACT PERSON:		
TELEPHONE:			TELEPHONE:		
FAX:			FAX:		
E-MAIL:			E-MAIL:		

SIGNATURE ______ DATE: _____

PROPOSER'S PENDING LITIGATIONS AND JUDGMENTS

Proposer's Name: _____

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

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

A. Pending Litigation	Threatened Litigation	Judgment (check one)
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- 1.
- Name of Litigation/Judgment: _____ 2.
- Case Number: _____ 3.
- Court of Jurisdiction: _____ 4.
- Please provide a statement describing the size and scope of the pending/threatened 5. litigation or judgment (use additional page if necessary):

B.	□ Threatened Litigation	□ Judgment (check one)	

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

Signature of Proposer: _____ Date: _____

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PROPOSER'S INSURANCE COMPLIANCE AFFIRMATION

Proposer's Name

Address

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

Signature of Proposer: _____ Date: _____

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

The Proposer certifies that:

□ It is familiar with the terms of the County of Los Angeles Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program, Los Angeles County Code Chapter 2.206; **AND**

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

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

-OR-

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

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

Print Name:	Title:
Signature:	Date:

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MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS AFFIRMATION

PROPOSER MUST CHECK A BOX IN EVERY SECTION

At the time of proposal submission, Proposer must meet the following minimum requirements:

PLEASE NOTE: No Subcontractors will be allowed except for the Agricultural Pest Control Advisor work.

A. EXPERIENCE:

Proposer or its managing employee must have a minimum of three years experience providing the type of service solicited in this RFP.



Yes. Proposer or managing employee does meet the experience requirement stated above. (In addition to responding on this form, as specified in Part I, Section 2.A.5, Experience, please provide a detailed narrative in your proposal to support this minimum mandatory requirement).

Proposer experience

No. of Years	Description of Service

or, managing employee

Name	No. of Years	Description

□ No. Proposer or its managing employees does not meet the experience requirement stated above. If you check this box, your proposal will be immediately disqualified as non-responsive.

B. LICENSE/CERTIFICATION:

- 1. Proposing entity must possess a valid and active Pest Control Business License issued by the State of California Department of Pesticide Regulation (SCDPR).
 - Yes. Proposing entity does possess a valid and active Pest Control Business License issued by the State of California Department of Pesticide Regulation (SCDPR). (In addition to responding on this form, as specified in Part I, Section 2.A.8, Licenses and Certifications, please provide copies of the license(s) in your proposal to support this minimum mandatory requirement).

Name	License #	Active Date	Expiration Date

- □ No. Proposing entity does not possess a valid and active Pest Control Business License issued by the State of California Department of Pesticide Regulation (SCDPR). <u>If you check this box, your proposal will be immediately</u> <u>disqualified as non-responsive.</u>
- 2. At least one of Proposer's applicators must possess a valid and active Qualified Applicator License in Right-of-Way Chemical Weed Control issued by the SCDPR.
 - Yes. At least one of Proposer's applicators possesses a valid and active Qualified Applicator License in Right-of-Way Chemical Weed Control issued by the SCDPR for at least one of the Proposer's applicators. (In addition to responding on this form, as specified in Part I, Section 2.A.8, Licenses and Certifications, please provide copies of the license(s) in your proposal to support this minimum mandatory requirement).

Name	License #	Active Date	Expiration Date

□ No. At least one of Proposer's applicators does not possess a valid and active Qualified Applicator License in Right-of-Way Chemical Weed Control issued by the SCDPR for at least one of the Proposer's applicators. <u>If you check this box</u>, your proposal will be immediately disgualified as non-responsive.

- 3. At least one of Proposer's employees and/or Subcontractor must possess a valid and active Agricultural Pest Control Advisor License in Weed Control issued by the SCDPR. Subcontractors may be used to satisfy this requirement.
 - Yes. At least one of Proposer's employees and/or Subcontractor possesses a valid and active Agricultural Pest Control Advisor License in Weed Control issued by the SCDPR for at least one of the Proposer's employees. (In addition to responding on this form, as specified in Part I, Section 2.A.8, Licenses and Certifications, please provide copies of the license(s) in your proposal to support this minimum mandatory requirement).

Name	License #	Active Date	Expiration Date

□ No. At least one of Proposer's employees and/or Subcontractor does not possess a valid and active Agricultural Pest Control Advisor License in Weed Control issued by the SCDPR for at least one of the Proposer's employees. <u>If you check this</u> <u>box, your proposal will be immediately disgualified as non-responsive.</u>

I declare under penalty of perjury that the above information is true and accurate.

Signature	Title
Firm Name	Date

STATEMENT OF EQUIPMENT FORM FOR AS-NEEDED HERBICIDE APPLICATION USING SMALL AND LARGE SPRAY RIGS (2011-AN029) EAST AREA

PROPOSSER'S NAME: ______ADDRESS: ________

STATE BELOW THE INFORMATION FOR ALL EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE

PLEASE NOTE: At a minimum, Contractor shall furnish at least two large and two small spray rigs with all necessary booms and hand spray equipment as described in Exhibit A, Scope of Work, Section N.1 through N.10.

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

TYPE OF EQUIPMENT	MAKE OF EQUIPMENT	MODEL	YEAR	SERIAL NUMBER	CONDITION OF EQUIPMENT	OPERATIONAL/ NON-OPERATIONAL

STATEMENT OF EQUIPMENT FORM FOR AS-NEEDED HERBICIDE APPLICATION USING SMALL AND LARGE SPRAY RIGS (2011-AN029) WEST AREA

STATE BELOW THE INFORMATION FOR ALL EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE

PLEASE NOTE: At a minimum, Contractor shall furnish at least one large and one small spray rigs with all necessary booms and hand spray equipment as described in Exhibit A, Scope of Work, Section N.1 through N.10.

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

TYPE OF EQUIPMENT	MAKE OF EQUIPMENT	MODEL	YEAR	SERIAL NUMBER	CONDITION OF EQUIPMENT	OPERATIONAL/ NON-OPERATIONAL

STATEMENT OF EQUIPMENT FORM FOR AS-NEEDED HERBICIDE APPLICATION USING SMALL AND LARGE SPRAY RIGS (2011-AN029) SOUTH AREA

PROPOSSER'S NAME: ______ADDRESS: _______

STATE BELOW THE INFORMATION FOR ALL EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE

PLEASE NOTE: At a minimum, Contractor shall furnish at least one large and one small spray rigs with all necessary booms and hand spray equipment as described in Exhibit A, Scope of Work, Section N.1 through N.10.

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

TYPE OF EQUIPMENT	MAKE OF EQUIPMENT	MODEL	YEAR	SERIAL NUMBER	CONDITION OF EQUIPMENT	OPERATIONAL/ NON-OPERATIONAL



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</u> <u>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.
- Providing new jobs.
- o Creating new local tax revenues.
- Offering new entrepreneurial opportunity to those historically under-represented in business.

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

- o As a multi-billion dollar purchaser of goods and services.
- As a broker of intergovernmental cooperation among numerous local jurisdictions.
- By greater outreach in providing information and training.
- By simplifying the bid/proposal process.
- o 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: Alias:	G COAST CONSTRUCTION INC.			
Debarment Start Date:	9/11/2007 Debarment End Date: 9/10/2012			
Principal Owners and/or Affiliates:	Ezra Levi			
Vendor Name:	INSPECTION ENGINEERING CONSTR			
Alias:	Inspection Engineering Construction			
Debarment Start Date:	6/13/2006 Debarment End Date: 6/12/2016			
Principal Owners and/or Affiliates:	Jamal Deaifi			
Vendor Name: Alias:	ARROWHEAD EMANCIPATION PROGRAM, INC.,			
Debarment Start Date:	7/08/2008 Debarment End Date: PERMANENT DEBARMENT			
Principal Owners and/or Affiliates:	Irma F. Reed and Charlene Williams			

Revised 7/10/08

County of Los Angeles Lobbyist Ordinance



IT'S THE LAW

It may affect you!

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

YOU MAY BE CONSIDERED A COUNTY LOBBYIST

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

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

REGISTERING IS IMPORTANT

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

HERE'S HOW TO COMPLY WITH THE LAW

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

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

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

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

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

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

Thank you for your cooperation and attention.





BY AND BETWEEN

THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

AND

[NAME OF CONTRACTOR]

FOR

AS-NEEDED HERBICIDE APPLICATION USING SMALL AND LARGE SPRAY RIGS (2011-AN029)

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SAMPLE AGREEMENT FOR

AS-NEEDED HERBICIDE APPLICATION USING SMALL AND LARGE SPRAY RIGS PROGRAM (2011-AN029) FOR EAST, WEST, SOUTH AREA

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into this _____ day of ______, 2011, 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 ______, 2011, hereby agrees to provide services as described in this Contract for As-Needed Herbicide Application Using Small and Large Spray Rigs (2011-AN029).

<u>SECOND</u>: 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, Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program; Exhibit F, Sample of Spraying Service Contract Form (Form No. 56-0009); Exhibit G, Flood Maintenance Boundaries Map; Exhibit H, Area Map; Exhibit I, Sample Work Order; 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. In no event will the COUNTY pay any and all CONTRACTORS providing service under this Program an aggregate annual amount of \$ such greater amount as the Board or may approve (Maximum Contract Sum).

<u>FOURTH</u>: As part of the evaluation process relative to this Contract solicitation, the COUNTY determined that work shall be offered first to the highest-rated Contractor. If the highest-rated Contractor is not able to perform all or a portion of the required work within Public Works' time frame, Public Works may choose to offer that work to the next highest-rated CONTRACTOR. The County reserves the right to utilize available two Contractors, as determined by the Contract Manager. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the parties understand and agree that this Contract is nonexclusive, the COUNTY may enter into other Contracts for the performance of the same or similar services, and the CONTRACTOR is not entitled to or guaranteed the assignment of any work hereunder.

<u>FIFTH</u>: This Contract's initial term shall be for a period of one year commencing on or Board approval whichever occurs last. At the sole discretion of the COUNTY, this Contract may be extended in increments of one year, for a maximum potential Contract of five years. The COUNTY, acting through the Director, may give a written notice of intent to extend this Contract at least ten days prior to the end of each term. At the sole discretion of the COUNTY, in lieu of extending the Contract for the full one year, this Contract may be extended on a month-to-month basis, upon written notice to the CONTRACTOR at least ten days prior to the end of a term. The Director will provide a written notice of nonrenewal at least ten days before the last day of any term, in which case this Contract shall expire as of midnight on the last day of that term. Where all option years have been exercised, the Director will not provide a written notice of nonrenewal. In addition, upon notice of at least ten days, the Director may extend the final Contract term on a month-to-month basis, not to exceed a total of six months, for the convenience of the COUNTY

<u>SIXTH</u>: The CONTRACTOR shall bill, in arrears, for the work performed during the preceding month. Work performed shall be billed at the hourly rates quoted in Form PW-2, Schedule of Prices.

<u>SEVENTH</u>: Public Works will make payment to the CONTRACTOR within 30 days of receipt and approval of a properly completed and undisputed 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>EIGHTH</u>: In no event shall the aggregate total amount of compensation paid to any and all CONTRACTORS under this Program exceed the amount of compensation authorized by the Board. Such aggregate total amount is the Maximum Contract Sum.

<u>NINTH</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.

<u>TENTH</u>: 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. The 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.

<u>ELEVENTH</u>: 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 (CPI) for the Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County Area 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>TWELFTH</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 I, inclusive, the COUNTY'S provisions shall control and be binding.

<u>THIRTEENTH</u>: The CONTRACTOR agrees in strict accordance with the Contract specifications and conditions to meet the COUNTY'S requirements.

<u>FOURTEENTH</u>: 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:

ANDREA SHERIDAN ORDIN County Counsel

By_____ Deputy

[NAME OF CONTRACTOR]

Ву __

Its President

Type or Print Name

Ву _____

Its Secretary

Type or Print Name

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SCOPE OF WORK

AS-NEEDED HERBICIDE APPLICATION USING

SMALL AND LARGE SPRAY RIGS

A. <u>Public Works' Contract Manager</u>

Public Works' Contract Manager will be Ms. Wicky Yueng of Flood Maintenance Division, who may be contacted at (626) 458-4152, Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. From time to time Public Works may change the Contract Manager. The Contractor shall be notified in writing when there is a change in Contract Manager.

B. <u>Public Works' Representative</u>

East Area:

The Public Works' Representatives (PWR) for the Flood Maintenance Division East Area are Mr. Lonnie Munson and Mr. Fernando Villarruel, who may both be contacted at (626) 445-7630. The PWR are the only persons authorized by Public Works to request work of the Contractor. From time to time Public Works may change the PWR. The Contractor shall be notified in writing when there is a change in the PWR.

West Area:

The Public Works' Representatives (PWR) for the Flood Maintenance Division West Area are Mr. Victor Vanderwielen and Mr. Benny Miranda, who may be contacted at (818) 896-0594. The PWR are the only persons authorized by Public Works to request work of the Contractor. From time to time Public Works may change the PWR. The Contractor shall be notified in writing when there is a change in the PWR.

South Area:

The Public Works' Representatives (PWR) for the Flood Maintenance Division South Area are Mr. Lowell Johanknecht Jr. and Mr. Kenneth Ross, who may both be contacted at (562) 861-0316. The PWR are the only persons authorized by Public Works to request work of the Contractor. From time to time Public Works may change the PWR. The Contractor shall be notified in writing when there is a change in the PWR.

C. <u>Work Location</u>

Contractor shall perform work at various flood control and water conservation facilities including, but not limited to: channel and street right-of-way, debris basins, spreading grounds, dams, and sediment placement sites located throughout the East, West, or South Areas of Los Angeles County depicted on Exhibit G (Flood Maintenance Boundaries Map), Exhibit H.1 (East Area Map), Exhibit H.2 (West Area Map), and Exhibit H.3 (South Area Map).

D. <u>Work Description</u>

The Contractor shall provide both pre- and post-emergent herbicide applications using large and small spray rigs on an as-needed basis. The Contractor shall apply herbicides as directed by the PWR, subject to all applicable laws and regulations. No Subcontractors will be allowed except for the Agricultural **Pest Control Advisor work.**

The Contractor shall furnish the following for the areas:

East Area:

• At least two large and two small spray rigs with all necessary booms and hand spray equipment as described in Section N.1 through N.10, Equipment to be Furnished by the Contractor.

South and West Areas:

• At least one large and one small spray rigs with all necessary booms and hand spray equipment as described in Section N.1 through N.10, Equipment to be Furnished by the Contractor.

The actual type of herbicide spraying or quantity of work cannot be accurately determined at this time.

E. <u>Herbicides</u>

All herbicides, including herbicide information labels and Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS), will be provided by Public Works. Public Works reserves the right and ability to inspect the Contractor's equipment setting and calibration and also to take grab samples for concentration analysis through Public Works' Pest Control Advisor (PCA) or its agent. Herbicides shall be applied at the rates prescribed by Public Works' PCA or its agent.

F. Hours and Days of Service

East and South Areas:

The Contractor shall begin spraying activities during those times of day when wind velocities are lowest and activities are consistent with any local ordinances governing normal construction working hours. Contractor shall be limited to a 9/80 work schedule (Monday through Thursday with alternate Fridays off) and only during the daylight hours (6 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.), unless otherwise directed by Public Works.

Public Works will notify the Contractor in person or by telephone, at least 24 hours prior to the time the Contractor's services are required. <u>No overtime</u> will be paid under this Contract.

West Area:

The Contractor shall begin spraying activities during those times of day when wind velocities are lowest and activities are consistent with any local ordinances governing normal construction working hours. Contractor shall be limited to the normal five-day work week (Monday through Friday) and only during daylight hours (6:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.), unless otherwise directed by Public Works.

Public Works will notify the Contractor in person or by telephone, at least 24 hours prior to the time the Contractor's services are required. <u>No overtime</u> will be paid under this Contract.

G. <u>Communications</u>

Minimally the Contractor shall provide telephone answering service, fax, and e-mail address within the County, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on legal holidays, to receive instructions, information, complaints, and other communication from Public Works. Additionally at least one of the Contractor's employees per spray rig shall have access to a cell phone to communicate with the PWR.

H. <u>Utilities</u>

The County will not provide utilities.

I. <u>Storage Facilities</u>

Public Works can provide limited storage facilities for the Contractor's equipment and tools, subject to the following restrictions:

- 1. Contractor shall store at designated Public Works' facilities only equipment/tools required to fulfill its responsibilities under this Contract. No chemicals or herbicide containers (full or empty) shall be stored at the jobsites unless otherwise approved by the PWR.
- 2. Contractor shall not be allowed to store equipment/tools, if the Contractor does not have assigned work under this Contract for a period greater than two working days.
- 3. Contractor shall not hold Public Works liable or responsible for any damage to Contractor's equipment/tools, by whatever means, or for the theft of tools and/or equipment from Public Works' facilities or jobsites.
- 4. Public Works will determine facility storage space availability when work is requested.
- 5. At the Contractor's expense, Contractor shall completely clean up any spillage or leakage on Public Works' property from Contractor's equipment and/or supplies to the satisfaction of the PWR.

J. <u>Removal of Debris</u>

All debris derived from these services shall be removed from Public Works property and become the property of the Contractor. The Contractor shall dispose of all debris from these services in a legally established area appropriate for type of debris being disposed. Disposal shall be at the Contractor's expense. The Contractor shall not allow any debris from its operations under this Contract to be deposited in the storm drains and/or gutters in violation of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System.

The Contractor is advised that due to the nature of this Contract, discarded hazardous waste may be encountered during the performance of this contract. In the event an unknown substance or hazardous material is discovered, the Contractor shall immediately notify the Contract Manager. The Contractor shall NOT attempt to perform any type of hazardous waste remediation not included under the Scope of Work of this Contract, including identifying, containing, cleaning, moving, disposing, etc. The Contractor shall exercise extreme caution in the event unknown waste is encountered.

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

Contractor and all its employees shall adhere to all applicable Federal, State, and local laws, regulations and herbicide information requirements, as well as Public Works' safety requirements while at Public Works' jobsites. Hard hats shall be worn when working outside of the rig at all times. Air respirators shall be mandatory when required by the Material Safety Data Sheet and/or herbicide label.

L. <u>Special Requirements</u>

At all times while performing work under this Contract: 1) the Contractor must possess a valid and active Pest Control Business License issued by the State of California Department of Pesticide Regulation (SCDPR); 2) at least one of the Contractor's applicators must possess a valid and active Qualified Applicator's License in Right-of-Way Chemical Weed Control issued by the SCDPR; and 3) at least one of the Contractor's employees and/or Subcontractor must possess a valid and active Agricultural Pest Control Advisor License in Weed Control issued by the SCDPR.

The Contractor shall immediately notify Public Works if these licensing requirements cannot be met or become suspended. Failure to do so may result in the suspension and/or termination of this Contract.

M. <u>Responsibilities of the Contractor</u>

Contractor shall:

- 1. Report to specific work locations within 24 hours after being notified by the PWR, or PWR designee by telephone.
- 2. Be responsible for ensuring each Public Works supplied herbicide information label and MSDS sheet is taken to each jobsite.
- 3. Provide the following at its own expense:
 - a. All labor, equipment, tools, and supervision required to perform all work described.
 - b. All necessary City, County, and State permits and/or licenses for equipment and personnel.
 - c. Repair of any damages to Public Works' facilities resulting from the work, including, but not limited to access road paving, fences, gates, etc., to the satisfaction of the Public Works' Contract Manager or the PWR.
 - d. Private transportation for Contractor's personnel and equipment to and from the jobsite and for travel around the jobsite, if required.
 - e. Security for all Contractors' equipment used at jobsite or stored at a Public Works' facility during both working and nonworking hours.
 - f. Protective clothing and equipment as required on the <u>Material</u> <u>Safety Data Sheet and herbicide label</u>. The County's Agricultural

Commissioner along with Public Works may enforce special safety requirements as specified in Section L, Special Safety Requirements. The Agricultural Commissioner will issue all violations.

- g. The Contractor shall not include the cost of any downtime on invoices to Public Works. An example of downtime includes, but is not limited to, fueling and servicing of equipment.
- h. Replacement of equipment to be provided by the following work day in the event of equipment failure due to unforeseen circumstances.
- i. A Spraying Service Contract Form, Form No. 56-0009 (Exhibit F) supplied by Public Works, to indicate the Contractor's total net hours worked and all downtime. The form shall be filled out by the Contractor's operator at the jobsite and countersigned by the PWR at the end of each day. The form will be used by Public Works to verify Contractor's invoices. Invoices with an incomplete form will be returned to the Contractor with no payment.
- 4. Document on the Public Works' issued work order (Exhibit I) for each location: the amount of each individual chemical used and gallons sprayed each day the Contractor is on location. Once the work order has been completed Contractor must turn in the work order to his PWR.

N. Equipment to be furnished by the Contractor

The Contractor's spray rig equipment must meet the following minimum specifications:

- 1. Large spray rigs shall have the ability to apply pesticides up to a 24-foot width calibrated to the rate required by Public Works' PCA or its agent.
- 2. Large spray rigs shall have a minimum 1,000-gallon capacity spray tank with mechanical or jet agitator (200-gallon capacity for small rigs).
- 3. Large spray rigs shall have gas or diesel-driven motor, calibrated to travel at a speed of 2.5 to 10.0 miles per hour, and calibrated to apply chemicals at a rate of 120 gallons per acre down to approximately 50 gallons per acre.
- 4. All spray rigs shall be calibrated at a working pressure between 25 and 40 pounds per square inch, unless otherwise specified by

Public Works' PCA or its agent. Once the working pressure is established, it shall be maintained.

- 5. All spray rigs shall have two or more pressure gauges used for monitoring spraying operations, one for spot spraying and another for broadcast spraying.
- 6. All spray rigs shall have nozzles that are equipped with flat spray tips in accordance with calibration requirements (sizes 8010, 8015, and 8020) unless otherwise specified by Public Works' PCA or its agent.
- 7. All spray rigs shall be required to have proper calibration during spray operations.
- 8. All spray rigs shall be equipped with a flashing light bar when spraying along roadway.
- 9. At least one small spray rig must be equipped with a four-wheel drive system.
- 10. All spray rigs shall have a lockable storage unit to store herbicides. At no time should herbicides be left unattended in the rigs.
- 11. Orchard guns or their equivalent shall <u>**not**</u> be used for applying soil residual herbicides.

The Contractor shall have at least two large and two small spray rigs available on demand by Public Works for the East area; and at least one large and one small spray available on demand by Public Works for both the South and West areas. All spray rigs shall have all necessary booms and hand spray equipment. However, on some occasions, Public Works may need more than four spray rigs for a particular area.

At any time, Public Works' PCA or its agent may inspect the spray equipment for the purpose of verifying that it meets the above general specifications and is properly calibrated for the application of soil residual herbicides. However, correct calibration is solely the responsibility of the Contractor.

O. <u>Global Positioning System, vehicle tracking system (WEST AREA ONLY)</u>

- 1. Primary and backup spray rigs shall be equipped with a Global Positioning System (GPS) vehicle tracking system capable of reporting real time data.
- 2. The GPS shall be Internet based (direct internet connection) or require additional software to access the GPS provider's data. If Internet based, Contractor shall provide Public Works with five accounts to access the

GPS provider's Internet site. If additional software is required, Contractor shall provide software for installation on two Public Works computers.

- 3. The accounts shall be set up so that only Public Works and Contractor can view the GPS data.
- 4. All costs associated with the GPS including, but not limited to, hardware, software, activation fees, technical support, and monthly service charge fees will be provided at no charge to the County.
- 5. The GPS shall be capable of gathering the following real time data: speed, direction, and location.
- 6. The GPS shall be capable of tracking a spray rigs' route with lines or dots superimposed on a map.
- 7. The GPS shall generate an e-mail alert when the following event occurs:
 - One hour or more of nonmovement during weekdays, 6 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- 8. The GPS shall be capable of generating daily reports of spray rig activity that includes the following information: date, time, speed, direction, and location.
- 9. Authorized Public Works employees can generate and print reports at any time.
- 10. All reports shall have the capability to be downloaded in other formats such as Microsoft Excel or Word.
- 11. Data shall be available for immediate downloading for a minimum of three months. After three months, data shall be backed up and made available upon Public Works' request.

P. <u>Responsibilities of Public Works</u>

Public Works will:

- 1. Determine the need for and provide jobsite inspection. Public Works' PCA or its agent will provide the Contractor with specific instructions for applying herbicides at each jobsite.
- 2. Supply a Spraying Service Contract Form (Exhibit F) to be used by the Contractor to indicate the total net hours worked and all downtime. The form shall be filled out by the operator at the jobsite and countersigned by the PWR at the end of each day. The completed form will be used by Public Works to verify Contractor's invoices.

3. Select the locations where the herbicide application is required and notify Contractor of need for service.

Q. <u>Materials to be Furnished by Public Works</u>

All herbicides (pre- and post-emergent) and commercial dyes will be furnished by Public Works.

R. <u>Work Area Controls - Utility Safety and Protection</u>

The Contractor shall not spray beyond designated work areas, since many of the locations are adjacent to residential areas and recreational trails.

The Contractor is advised that many jobsites have nearby power supply and telephone lines. The Contractor shall, therefore, exercise care while working in these locations.

S. <u>Project Safety Official</u>

The Contractor shall designate in writing a Project Safety Official who shall be thoroughly familiar with the Contractor's Injury and Illness Prevention Program (IIPP) and Code of Safe Practices (CSP). 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.

T. <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;
- d. The parties are not under any compulsion to contract;
- e. The Contractor's acceptance of the assessment of liquidated damages against it for unsatisfactory and late performance is by agreement and willingness to be bound as part of the consideration being offered to the County for the award of 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.

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 report to a specified work location to continue work already in progress by the Contractor.

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SERVICE CONTRACT GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

SECTION 1

INTERPRETATION OF CONTRACT

A. <u>Ambiguities or Discrepancies</u>

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. <u>Definitions</u>

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

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

<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.

<u>Contract</u>. 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, Exhibit E – Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program, 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 the County to perform or execute the work covered by this Contract.

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

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<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.

Day. 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.

Fiscal Year. 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.

SECTION 2

STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS PERTAINING TO CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION

A. <u>Amendments</u>

- 1. For any change, which affects the scope of work, contract sum, payments, or any term or condition included in this Contract, an amendment shall be prepared and executed by Contractor and the Board or if delegated by the Board, the Director and Contractor.
- 2. The Board or County's Chief Executive Officer or designee may require the addition and/or change of certain terms and conditions in this Contract during the term of this Contract. County reserves the right to add and/or change such provisions as required by the Board or the Chief Executive Officer. To implement such changes, an amendment or a change order to this Contract shall be prepared by Public Works and signed by the Contractor.
- 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 by Public Works and signed by the Contractor. If the change order is prepared by the Contractor, it shall be approved by Public Works and signed by the Contractor and the County.

B. Assignment and Delegation

1. Contractor shall not assign its rights or delegate its duties under this Contract, or both, whether in whole or in part, without the prior written consent of County, in its discretion, and any attempted assignment or delegation without such consent shall be null and void. For purposes of this paragraph, County consent shall require a written amendment to this Contract, which is formally approved and executed by Contractor and the Board or if delegated by the Board, the Director and Contractor.

Any payments by the County to any approved delegate or assignee on any claim under this Contract shall be deductible, at the County's sole discretion, against the claims, which Contractor may have against the 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 the 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, the County shall be entitled to pursue the same remedies against Contractor as it could pursue in the event of default of Contractor.

C. <u>Authorization Warranty</u>

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. <u>Budget Reduction</u>

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. <u>Complaints</u>

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 the County with Contractor's policy for receiving, investigating, and responding to any complaints by any individual.
- 2. The County will review Contractor's policy and provide Contractor with approval of said plan or with requested changes.
- 3. If the 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 the County for approval before implementation.
- 5. Contractor shall preliminarily investigate all complaints and notify the Contract Manager of the status of the investigation within five business days of receiving the complaint.
- 6. When complaints cannot be resolved informally, a system of follow-through shall be instituted, which adheres to formal plans for specific actions and strict time deadlines.
- 7. Copies of all written responses shall be sent to the Contract Manager within three business days of mailing to the complainant.

F. <u>Compliance with Applicable Laws</u>

- 1. Contractor shall comply with all applicable Federal, State, and local laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, or directives, and all provisions required thereby to be included in this Contract are hereby incorporated by reference.
- 2. Contractor shall defend, indemnify, and hold the County of Los Angeles, its Special Districts, Elected Officials, Officers, Agents, Employees and Volunteers 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. <u>Compliance with Civil Rights Laws</u>

Contractor hereby assures that it will comply with Subchapter VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 USC Sections 2000 (e)(1) through 2000 (e)(17), to the end that no person shall, on the grounds of race, creed, color, sex, religion, ancestry, age, condition of physical disability, marital status, political affiliation, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under this Contract or under any project, program, or activity supported by this Contract. Contractor shall comply with its EEO Certification (Form PW-7).

H. <u>Confidentiality</u>

- 1. Contractor shall maintain the confidentiality of all records obtained from County under this Contract in accordance with all applicable Federal, State, and local laws, ordinances, regulations, and directives relating to confidentiality.
- 2. Contractor shall inform all of its officers, employees, agents, and Subcontractors providing services hereunder of the confidentiality provisions of this Contract.
- I. <u>Conflict of Interest</u>
 - 1. No County employee whose position with County enables such employee to influence the award of this Contract or any competing contract, and no spouse or economic dependent of such employee shall be employed in any capacity by Contractor or have any other direct or indirect financial interest in this Contract. No officer or employee of Contractor who may financially benefit from the performance of the work hereunder shall in any way participate in County's approval, or ongoing evaluation, of such work, or in any way attempt to unlawfully influence the County's approval or ongoing evaluation of such work.
 - 2. Contractor represents and warrants that it is aware of, and its authorized officers have read, the provisions of Los Angeles County Code, Section 2.180.010, "Certain Contracts Prohibited," and that execution of this Agreement will not violate those provisions. Contractor shall comply with all conflict of interest laws, ordinances, and regulations now in effect or hereafter to be enacted during the term of this Contract. Contractor warrants that it is not now aware of any facts that create a conflict of interest. If Contractor hereafter becomes aware of any facts that might reasonably be expected to create a conflict of interest, it shall immediately make full written disclosure of such facts to County. Full written disclosure shall include, but is not limited to, identification of all persons implicated and a complete description of all relevant circumstances. Failure to comply with the provisions of this paragraph shall be a material breach of this Contract subjecting Contractor to either contract termination for default or debarment

proceedings or both. Contractor must sign and adhere to the "Conflict of Interest Certification" (Form PW-5).

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

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

K. Consideration of Hiring GAIN and GROW Participants

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

L. <u>Contractor's Acknowledgment of County's Commitment to Child Support</u> <u>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. <u>Contractor's Charitable Activities Compliance</u>

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 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</u> <u>Program</u>

- 1. Contractor acknowledges that County has established a goal of ensuring that all individuals who benefit financially from County through contracts are in compliance with their court-ordered child, family, and spousal support obligations in order to mitigate the economic burden otherwise imposed upon County and its taxpayers.
- 2. As required by County's Child Support Compliance Program (Los Angeles County Code Chapter 2.200), and without limiting Contractor's duty under this Contract to comply with all applicable provisions of law, Contractor warrants that it is now in compliance and shall during the term of this Contract maintain compliance with the employment and wage reporting requirements as required by the Federal Social Security Act (42 USC Section 653a) and California Unemployment Insurance Code Section 1088.5, and shall implement all lawfully served Wage and Earnings Withholding Orders or Child Support Services Department Notices of Wage and Earnings Assignment for Child, Family, or Spousal Support, pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure Section 706.031 and Family Code Section 5246(b).

O. <u>County's Quality Assurance Plan</u>

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

P. Damage to County Facilities, Buildings, or Grounds

- 1. Contractor shall repair, or cause to be repaired, at its own cost, any and all damage to County facilities, buildings, or grounds caused by Contractor or employees or agents of Contractor.
- 2. Such repairs shall be made immediately after Contractor has become aware of such damage, but in no event later than 30 days after the occurrence. If Contractor fails to make timely repairs, the 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. The County may deduct from any payment otherwise due Contractor for costs incurred by the 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, defend, and hold harmless, the County of Los Angeles, its Special Districts, Elected Officials, Officers, Agents, Employees and Volunteers, from employer sanctions and any other liability, which may be assessed against Contractor or County or both in connection with any alleged violation of Federal or State statutes or regulations pertaining to the eligibility for employment of persons performing services under this Contract.

R. <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. Fair Labor Standards

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

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

U. <u>Governing Laws, Jurisdiction, and Venue</u>

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

V. Most Favored Public Entity

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

W. Nondiscrimination and Affirmative Action

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

finding by County that Contractor has violated the antidiscrimination provisions of this Contract.

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

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

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

Z. <u>Notice of Delays</u>

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

AA. <u>Notice of Disputes</u>

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

BB. Notice to Employees Regarding the Federal Earned Income Credit

Contractor shall notify its employees, and shall require each Subcontractor to notify its employees, that they may be eligible for the Federal Earned Income

Credit under the Federal income tax laws. Such notice shall be provided in accordance with the requirements set forth in Internal Revenue Service Notice 1015 (Exhibit C).

CC. Notices

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

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

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

DD. <u>Publicity</u>

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

- 1. Contractor shall develop all publicity material in a professional manner.
- 2. During the term of this Contract, Contractor shall not, and shall not authorize another to, publish or disseminate commercial advertisements, press releases, feature articles, or other materials using the name of County without the prior written consent of the Contract Manager. County shall not unreasonably withhold such written consent.
- 3. Contractor may, without prior written consent of County, indicate in its proposals and sales materials that it has been awarded this Contract with County, provided that the requirements of this paragraph shall apply.

EE. <u>Public Records Act</u>

- 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.

FF. <u>Record Retention and Inspection/Audit Settlement</u>

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).

- 2. 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.

GG. <u>Recycled-Content Paper Products</u>

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

HH. Contractor's Employee Criminal Background Investigation

Security and background investigations of Contractor's staff may be required at the discretion of the County as a condition of beginning and continuing work under any resulting contract. The cost of background checks is the responsibility of the Contractor.

II. <u>Subcontracting</u>

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

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

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

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.

KK. <u>Waiver</u>

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.

LL. Warranty Against Contingent Fees

- 1. 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.
- 2. For breach of this warranty, County shall have the right, in its sole discretion, to suspend or terminate this Contract for default, deduct from amounts owing to the Contractor, or otherwise recover, the full amount of such commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee.

SECTION 3

TERMINATIONS/SUSPENSIONS

A. <u>Termination/Suspension for Breach of Warranty to Maintain Compliance with</u> <u>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/Suspension 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.
- 2. After receipt of a notice of suspension or termination and except as otherwise directed by County, Contractor shall:
 - a. Stop work under this Contract on the date and to the extent specified in such notice; and
 - b. Complete performance of such part of the work as shall not have been suspended or terminated by such notice.
- 3. All material including books, records, documents, or other evidence bearing on the costs and expenses of Contractor under this Contract shall be maintained by Contractor in accordance with this Exhibit's Record Retention and Inspection/Audit Settlement.
- 4. If this Contract is suspended or terminated, Contractor shall complete within the Director's suspension or termination date contain within the notice of suspension or termination, those items of work, which are in various stages of completion, which the Director has advised the Contractor are necessary to bring the work to a timely, logical, and orderly end. Reports, samples, and other materials prepared by Contractor under

this Contract shall be delivered to County upon request and shall become the property of County.

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

- 4. If, after County has given notice of termination or suspension under the provisions of this paragraph, it is determined by County that Contractor was not in default under the provisions of this paragraph or that the default was excusable under the provisions of this paragraph, the rights and obligations of the parties shall be the same as if the notice of termination or suspension had been issued pursuant to this Exhibit's Termination/Suspension for Convenience.
- 5. The rights and remedies of County provided in this paragraph shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this Contract.
- 6. As used herein, the terms "Subcontractor" and "Subcontractors" mean Subcontractor at any tier.
- D. <u>Termination/Suspension 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 or suspension, County shall be entitled to pursue those same remedies against Contractor as it could pursue in the event of default by Contractor.
 - 2. Contractor shall immediately report any attempt by a County officer or employee to solicit such improper consideration. The report shall be made either to County manager charged with the supervision of the employee or to County Auditor-Controller's Employee Fraud Hotline at (800) 544-6861.
 - 3. Among other items, such improper consideration may take the form of cash; discounts; services; the provision of travel, entertainment, or tangible gifts.
- E. <u>Termination/Suspension for Insolvency</u>
 - 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. <u>Termination/Suspension for Nonadherence to County Lobbyists Ordinance</u>

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

G. <u>Termination/Suspension for Nonappropriation of Funds</u>

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. <u>Authority of Public Works and Inspection</u>

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. <u>Cooperation</u>

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. <u>Cooperation and Collateral Work</u>

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. <u>Gratuitous Work</u>

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 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. <u>Labor</u>

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, including compliance with prevailing wage laws. The Contractor 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 and when applicable, is required to pay current prevailing wage rate s adopted by the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations and will indemnify the County for any claims resulting from their failure to so comply. Contractor shall comply with Labor Code Section 1777.5 with respect to the employment of apprentices.

I. <u>Overtime</u>

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. <u>Permits/Licenses</u>

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. <u>Prohibition Against Use of Child Labor</u>

- 1. Contractor shall:
 - Not knowingly sell or supply to County any products, goods, supply, or other personal property manufactured in violation of child labor standards set by the International Labor Organization through its 1973 Convention Concerning Minimum Age for Employment;
 - b. Upon request by County, identify the country/countries of origin of any products, goods, supplies, or other personal property Contractor sells or supplies to County;

- c. Upon request by County, provide to County the manufacturer's certification of compliance with all international child labor conventions; and
- d. Should County discover that any products, goods, supplies, or other personal property sold or supplied by Contractor to County are produced in violation of any international child labor conventions, Contractor shall immediately provide an alternative, compliant source of supply.
- 2. Failure by Contractor to comply with provisions of this paragraph will constitute a material breach of this Contract and will be grounds for immediate suspension or termination of this Contract for default.

L. <u>Public Convenience</u>

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 contracted work locations. In the event Contractor determines a public hazard exists at a work location, Contractor shall immediately mark the location to prevent public access to the hazard and immediately notify the Contract Manager.

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. <u>Quantities of Work</u>

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. <u>Storage of Material and Equipment</u>

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

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

T. <u>County Contract Database/CARD</u>

The County maintains databases that track/monitor Contractors performance history. Information entered into such databases may be used for a variety of purposes, including determining whether the County will exercise a contract term extension option.

INDEMNIFICATION AND INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

A. Independent Contractor Status

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

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

C. <u>Workplace Safety Indemnification</u>

In addition to and without limiting the indemnification required by this Exhibit's Section 5.B (above), and to the extent allowed by law, Contractor agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the County of Los Angeles, its Special Districts, Elected Officials, Officers, Agents, Employees and Volunteers from and against any and all investigations, complaints, citations, liability, expense (including defense costs and legal fees), claims, and/or causes of action for damages of any nature whatsoever, including, but not limited to, injury or death to employees of Contractor,

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

D. <u>General Insurance Requirements</u>

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

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

- c. Neither the County's failure to obtain, nor the County's receipt of, or failure to object to a noncomplying insurance certificate or endorsement, or any other insurance documentation or information provided by the Contractor, its insurance broker(s) and/or insurer(s), shall be construed as a waiver of any of the Required Insurance provisions.
- d. Certificates and copies of any required endorsements shall be sent to:

County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, Administrative Services Division P.O. Box 1460 Alhambra, California 91802-1460 Attention of: Contract Analyst (noted in the RFP Notice)

- e. Contractor also shall promptly report to County any injury or property damage accident or incident, including any injury to a Contractor employee occurring on County property, and any loss, disappearance, destruction, misuse, or theft of County property, monies or securities entrusted to Contractor. Contractor also shall promptly notify County of any third party claim or suit filed against Contractor or any of its Subcontractors, which arises from or relates to this Contract, and could result in the filing of a claim or lawsuit against Contractor and/or County.
- 3. Additional Insured Status and Scope of Coverage - The County of Los Angeles, its Special Districts, Elected Officials, Officers, Agents, Employees and Volunteers shall be provided additional insured status under Contractor's General Liability policy with respect to liability arising out of Contractor's ongoing and completed operations performed on behalf of the County. The County of Los Angeles, its Special Districts, Elected Officials, Officers, Agents, Employees and Volunteers additional insured status shall apply with respect to liability and defense of suits arising out of the Contractor's acts or omissions, whether such liability is attributable to the Contractor or to the County. The full policy limits and scope of protection also shall apply to the County of Los Angeles, its Special Districts, Elected Officials, Officers, Agents, Employees and Volunteers as an additional insured, even if they exceed the County's minimum Required Insurance specifications herein. Use of an automatic additional insured endorsement form is acceptable providing it satisfies the Required Insurance provisions herein.

- 4. <u>Cancellation of or Changes in Insurance</u>: Contractor shall provide County with, or Contractor's insurance policies shall contain a provision that County shall receive, written notice of cancellation or any change in Required Insurance, including insurer, limits of coverage, term of coverage or policy period. The written notice shall be provided to County at least ten (10) days in advance of cancellation for non-payment of premium and thirty (30) days in advance of any other cancellation or policy change. Failure to provide written notice of cancellation or any change in Required Insurance may constitute a material breach of the Contract, in the sole discretion of County, upon which County may suspend or terminate this Contract.
- 5. <u>Failure to Maintain Insurance:</u> Contractor's failure to maintain or to provide acceptable evidence that it maintains the Required Insurance shall constitute a material breach of the Contract, upon which County immediately may withhold payments due to Contractor, and/or suspend or terminate this Contract. County, at its sole discretion, may obtain damages from Contractor resulting from said breach.
- 6. <u>Insurer Financial Ratings:</u> Coverage shall be placed with insurers acceptable to the County with A.M. Best ratings of not less than A:VII unless otherwise approved by County.
- 7. <u>Contractor's Insurance Shall Be Primary:</u> Contractor's insurance policies, with respect to any claims related to this Contract, shall be primary with respect to all other sources of coverage available to Contractor. Any County maintained insurance or self-insurance coverage shall be in excess of and not contribute to any Contractor coverage.
- 8. <u>Waivers of Subrogation</u>: To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Contractor hereby waives its rights and its insurer(s)' rights of recovery against County under all the Required Insurance for any loss arising from or relating to this Contract. The Contractor shall require its insurers to execute any waiver of subrogation endorsements, which may be necessary to effect such waiver.
- 9. <u>Subcontractor Insurance Coverage Requirements:</u> Contractor shall include all Subcontractors as insureds under Contractor's own policies, or shall provide County with each Subcontractor's separate evidence of insurance coverage. Contractor shall be responsible for verifying each Subcontractor complies with the Required Insurance provisions herein, and shall require that each Subcontractor name the County of Los Angeles, its Special Districts, Elected Officials, Officers, Agents, Employees and Volunteers and Contractor as additional insureds on the Subcontractor's General Liability policy. Contractor shall obtain County's prior review and approval of any Subcontractor request for modification of the Required Insurance.

- 10. <u>Deductibles and Self-Insured Retentions (SIRs)</u>: Contractor's policies shall not obligate the County to pay any portion of any Contractor deductible or SIR. The County retains the right to require Contractor to reduce or eliminate policy deductibles and SIRs as respects the County, or to provide a bond guaranteeing Contractor's payment of all deductibles and SIRs, including all related claims investigation, administration and defense expenses. Such bond shall be executed by a corporate surety licensed to transact business in the State of California.
- 11. <u>Claims Made Coverage:</u> If any part of the Required Insurance is written on a claims made basis, any policy retroactive date shall precede the effective date of this Contract. Contractor understands and agrees it shall maintain such coverage for a period of not less than three (3) years following contract expiration, termination or cancellation.
- 12. <u>Application of Excess Liability Coverage:</u> Contractors may use a combination of primary, and excess insurance policies which provide coverage as broad as ("follow form" over) the underlying primary policies, to satisfy the Required Insurance provisions.
- 13. <u>Separation of Insureds:</u> All liability policies shall provide cross-liability coverage as would be afforded by the standard ISO (Insurance Services Office, Inc.) separation of insureds provision with no insured versus insured exclusions or limitations.
- 14. <u>Alternative Risk Financing Programs:</u> The County reserves the right to review, and then approve, Contractor use of self-insurance, risk retention groups, risk purchasing groups, pooling arrangements and captive insurance to satisfy the Required Insurance provisions. The County of Los Angeles, its Special Districts, Elected Officials, Officers, Agents, Employees and Volunteers shall be designated as an Additional Covered Party under any approved program.
- 15. <u>County Review and Approval of Insurance Requirements:</u> The County reserves the right to review and adjust the Required Insurance provisions, conditioned upon County's determination of changes in risk exposures.

E. <u>Compensation for County Costs</u>

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

F. Insurance Coverage Requirements

 <u>Commercial General Liability</u> insurance (providing scope of coverage equivalent to ISO policy form CG 00 01), naming The County of Los Angeles, its Special Districts, Elected Officials, Officers, Agents, Employees and Volunteers as an additional insured, with limits of not less than:

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

- 2. <u>Automobile Liability</u> insurance (providing scope of coverage equivalent to ISO policy form CA 00 01) with limits of not less than \$1 million for bodily injury and property damage, in combined or equivalent split limits, for each single accident. Insurance shall cover liability arising out of Contractor's use of autos pursuant to this Contract, including owned, leased, hired, and/or nonowned autos, as each may be applicable.
- 3. Workers Compensation and Employers' Liability insurance or qualified satisfying statutory requirements, which self-insurance includes Employers' Liability coverage with limits of not less than \$1 million per accident. If Contractor is a temporary staffing firm or a professional employer organization (PEO), coverage also shall include an Alternate Employer Endorsement (providing scope of coverage equivalent to ISO policy form WC 00 03 01 Å) naming the County as the Alternate Employer, and the endorsement form shall be modified to provide that County will receive not less than thirty (30) days advance written notice of cancellation of this coverage provision. If applicable to Contractor's operations, coverage also shall be arranged to satisfy the requirements of any federal workers or workmen's compensation law or any federal occupational disease law.
- 4. <u>Pollution Liability Insurance</u>: Such insurance shall cover liability arising from the release, discharge, escape, dispersal or emission of pollutants, whether gradual or sudden, and include coverage for the costs and expenses associated with voluntary clean-up, testing, monitoring and treatment of pollutants in compliance with governmental mandate or requests. Motor vehicle pollution liability will be required under the Automobile Liability Insurance indicated above for removal of pollutants from work site. Contractor shall maintain limits of not less than \$2 million per occurrence and \$4 million aggregate.

CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITY AND DEBARMENT

A. <u>Responsible Contractor</u>

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. <u>Chapter 2.202 of County Code</u>

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. <u>Nonresponsible Contractor</u>

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. <u>Contractor Hearing Board</u>

- 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. <u>Subcontractors of Contractor</u>

These terms shall also apply to Subcontractors of County Contractors.

COMPLIANCE WITH COUNTY'S JURY SERVICE PROGRAM

A. Jury Service Program

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

B. <u>Written Employee Jury Service Policy</u>

- 1. Unless Contractor has demonstrated to County's satisfaction either that Contractor is not a "Contractor" as defined under the Jury Service Program (Section 2.203.020 of County Code) or that Contractor qualifies for an exception to the Jury Service Program (Section 2.203.070 of County Code), Contractor shall have and adhere to a written policy that provides that its Employees shall receive from Contractor, on an annual basis, no less than five days of regular pay for actual jury service. The policy may provide that Employee deposit any fees received for such jury service with Contractor or that Contractor deduct from the Employee's regular pay the fees received for jury service.
- 2. For purposes of this Section, "Contractor" means a person, partnership, corporation, or other entity, which has a contract with County or a subcontract with a County Contractor and has received or will receive an aggregate sum of \$50,000 or more in any 12-month period under one or more County contracts or subcontracts. "Employee" means any California resident who is a full-time employee of Contractor. "Full-time" means 40 hours or more worked per week, or a lesser number of hours if: 1) the lesser number is a recognized industry standard as determined by County, or 2) Contractor has a long-standing practice that defines the lesser number of hours as full-time. Full-time employees providing short-term, temporary services of 90 days or less within a 12-month period are not considered full-time for purposes of the Jury Service Program. lf 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. <u>Contractor's Acknowledgment of County's Commitment to the Safely Surrendered</u> <u>Baby Law</u>

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 <u>www.babysafela.org</u>.

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 <u>www.babysafela.org</u> 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:

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

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

LOCAL SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (SBE) PREFERENCE PROGRAM

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

COMPLIANCE WITH COUNTY'S DEFAULTED PROPERTY TAX REDUCTION PROGRAM

A. <u>Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program</u>

This Contract is subject to the provisions of County's ordinance entitled Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program ("Defaulted Tax Program") as codified in Sections 2.206 of the Los Angeles County Code (Exhibit E).

B. <u>Contractor's Warranty of Compliance with County's Defaulted Property Tax</u> <u>Reduction Program</u>

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

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

C. <u>Termination for Breach of Warranty of Compliance with County's Defaulted</u> <u>Property Tax Reduction Program</u>

Failure of Contractor to maintain compliance with the requirements set forth in Paragraph B, above, shall constitute default under this Contract. Without limiting the rights and remedies available to County under any other provision of this contract, failure of Contractor to cure such default within 10 days of notice shall be grounds upon which County may terminate this contract and/or pursue debarment of Contractor, pursuant to County Code Chapter 2.206.

COMPLIANCE WITH PREVAILING WAGE PROGRAM

A. Prevailing Wage

The Director of the California Department of Industrial Relations has established the general prevailing rate of per diem wages for each craft, classification, type of worker, or mechanic needed to execute public works and improvements. The current general prevailing wage rate determinations are available at <u>www.dir.ca.gov/dlsr/pwd/index.htm</u>. The Contractor is required to pay the its agents and employees the applicable prevailing wage rate and is responsible for selecting the classification of workers required to perform this service.

The Contractor agrees to comply with the provisions of Section 1775 of the California Labor Code relating to the payment of prevailing wages, including the assessment of penalties determined by the California Labor Commissioner. Pursuant to Section 1773.2 of the California Labor Code, copies of the prevailing rate of per diem wages are on file at the County Department of Public Works, Construction Division, and will be made available for inspection by request to the Contract Manager. Future effective wage rates will be on file with the Department of Industrial Relations. The new wage rates shall become effective on the day following the expiration date of the current determinations and apply to the contract.

B. Posting of Prevailing Wage Rates

The Contractor agrees to comply with the provisions of Section 1773.2 of the California Labor Code. The Contractor shall post a copy of the prevailing wage rates at the Work site.

C. Work Records

The Contractor shall comply with the requirements of Section 1812 of the Labor Code. The Contractor shall maintain an accurate written record of all employees working on the Project each calendar day. The record shall include each employee's name, Social Security number, job classification and the actual number of hours worked.

D. <u>Certified Payroll Records</u>

The Contractor shall comply with the requirements of Section 1776 of the Labor Code. The Contractor shall keep accurate payroll records showing the name, address, Social Security number, work classification, straight time, and overtime hours worked each day and week, and the actual per diem wages paid to each journeyman, apprentice, worker, or other employee the Contractor

employs in connection with the work. Whenever so requested by the Contract Manager, the Contractor shall provide a certified copy of each such employee's payroll record ("certified payrolls") at the end of each week for the period ending the previous week. Failure to submit such payroll records will result in the County and/or District withholding from any monies due the Contractor the amount of \$250 for each week in which certified payrolls have not been submitted.

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Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Notice 1015

(Rev. December 2010)

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

What Is the EIC?

The EIC is a refundable tax credit for certain workers.

Which Employees Must I Notify About the EIC?

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

Note. You are encouraged to notify each employee whose wages for 2010 are less than \$48,362 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 7, 2011. 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 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 Pub. 596, Earned Income Credit (EIC), or the instructions for Form 1040, 1040A, or 1040EZ.

How Do My Employees Claim the EIC?

Eligible employees claim the EIC on their 2010 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 2010 and owes no tax but is eligible for a credit of \$829, he or she must file a 2010 tax return to get the \$829 refund.

Can My Employees Get Advance EIC Payments?

After 2010, your employees can no longer get advance payments of the credit in their pay during the year as they could in 2010 and earlier years, because the law changed. However, if they are eligible, they will still be able to claim the credit on their 2011 return.

Form W-5, Earned Income Credit Advance Payment Certificate, is no longer in use.

Notice **1015** (Rev. 12-2010) Cat. No. 20599I

Safely Surrendered Baby Law

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

No shame. No blame. No names.

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



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

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

How does it work?

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

What if a parent wants the baby back?

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

Can only a parent bring in the baby?

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

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

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

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

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

What happens to the baby?

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

What happens to the parent or surrendering adult?

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

Why is California doing this?

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

A baby's story

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

Ley de Entrega de Bebés Sin Peligro

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

Sin pena. Sin culpa. Sin nombres.

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Ley de Entrega de Bebés Sin Peligro

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

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

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

Historia de un bebé

A la mañana temprano del día 9 de abril de 2005, se entregó un recién nacido saludable a las enfermeras del Harbor-UCLA Medical Center. La mujer que llevó el recién nacido al hospital se dio a conocer como la tía del bebé, y dijo que la madre le había pedido que llevara al bebé al hospital en su nombre. Le entregaron a la tía un brazalete con un número que coincidía con la pulsera del bebé; esto serviría como identificación en caso de que la madre cambiara de opinión con respecto a la entrega del bebé y decidiera recuperarlo dentro del período de 1/1 días que permite esta ley. También le dieron a la tía un cuestionario médico, y ella dijo que la madre lo llenaría y lo enviaría de vuelta dentro del sobre con franqueo pagado que le habían dado. El personal médico examinó al bebé y se determinó que estaba saludable y a término. El bebé fue ubicado con una buena familia que ya había sido aprobada para adoptarlo por el Departamento de Servicios para Niños y Familias.

¿Cómo funciona?

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

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

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

¿Sólo los padres podrán llevar al recién nacido?

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

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

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

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

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

¿Qué pasará con el bebé?

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

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

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

¿Por qué se está haciendo esto en California? ?

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

Chapter 2.206 DEFAULTED PROPERTY TAX REDUCTION PROGRAM

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2.206.010 Findings and declarations.

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

2.206.020 Definitions.

The following definitions shall be applicable to this chapter:

- A. "Contractor" shall mean any person, firm, corporation, partnership, or combination thereof, which submits a bid or proposal or enters into a contract or agreement with the County.
- B. "County" shall mean the County of Los Angeles or any public entities for which the Board of Supervisors is the governing body.
- C. "County Property Taxes" shall mean any property tax obligation on the County's secured or unsecured roll; except for tax obligations on the secured roll with respect to property held by a Contractor in a trust or fiduciary capacity or otherwise not beneficially owned by the Contractor.
- D. "Department" shall mean the County department, entity, or organization responsible for the solicitation and/or administration of the contract.
- E. "Default" shall mean any property tax obligation on the secured roll that has been deemed defaulted by operation of law pursuant to California Revenue and Taxation Code section 3436; or any property tax obligation on the unsecured roll that remains unpaid on the applicable delinquency date pursuant to California Revenue and Taxation Code section 2922; except for any property tax

obligation dispute pending before the Assessment Appeals Board.

- F. "Solicitation" shall mean the County's process to obtain bids or proposals for goods and services.
- G. "Treasurer-Tax Collector" shall mean the Treasurer and Tax Collector of the County of Los Angeles. (Ord. No. 2009-0026 § 1 (part), 2009.)

2.206.030 Applicability.

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

2.206.040 Required solicitation and contract language.

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

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

2.206.050 Administration and compliance certification.

- A. The Treasurer-Tax Collector shall be responsible for the administration of this chapter. The Treasurer-Tax Collector shall, with the assistance of the Chief Executive Officer, Director of Internal Services, and County Counsel issue written instructions on the implementation and ongoing administration of this chapter. Such instructions may provide for the delegation of functions to other departments.
- B. Contractor shall be required to certify, at the time of submitting any bid or proposal to the County, or entering into any new contract, or renewal, extension or amendment of an existing contract with the County, that it is in compliance

with this chapter is not in Default on any County Property Taxes or is current in payments due under any approved payment arrangement (Ord. No. 2009-0026 § 1 (part), 2009.)

2.206.060 Exclusions/Exemptions.

- A. This chapter shall not apply to the following contracts:
 - 1. Chief Executive Office delegated authority agreements under \$50,000;
 - 2. A contract where Federal or State law or a condition of a Federal or State program mandates the use of a particular contractor;
 - 3. A purchase made through a State or Federal contract;
 - 4. A contract where State or Federal monies are used to fund service-related programs including, but not limited to, voucher programs, foster care, or other social programs that provide immediate direct assistance;
 - 5. Purchase orders under a master agreement, where the Contractor was certified at the time the master agreement was entered into and at any subsequent renewal, extension and/or amendment to the master agreement;
 - 6. Purchase orders issued by Internal Services Department under \$100,000 that is not the result of a competitive bidding process;
 - 7. Program agreements that utilize Board of Supervisors' discretionary funds;
 - 8. National contracts established for the purchase of equipment and supplies for and by the National Association of Counties, U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance, or any similar related group purchasing organization;
 - 9. A monopoly purchase that is exclusive and proprietary to a specific manufacturer, distributor, reseller, and must match and intermember with existing supplies, equipment, or systems maintained by the County pursuant to the Los Angeles Purchasing Policy and Procedures Manual, Section P-3700 or a successor provision;
 - 10. A revolving fund (petty cash) purchase pursuant to the Los Angeles County Fiscal Manual, Section 4.6.0 or a successor provision;
 - 11. A purchase card purchase pursuant to the Los Angeles County Purchasing Policy and Procedures Manual, Section P-2810 or a successor provision;

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

2.206.070 Enforcement and remedies.

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

2.206.080 Severability.

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

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Spraying Service Contract As-Needed Spraying

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Company	Representative	***· ····				
Company Mailing Ad	, ddress					
City		State	Zip			
	H	lours/Day & D)ates			
Sun	Mon Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	
	Type of Equipment	Total Hours	Down Time	Net Hours		
	Spray-rig (LARGE)					
	Spray-rig (SMALL)					
PCA No	······	OCA No	User Code 1			
Job Locati	on					

By signing this document, the contractor and/or his representative confirm that they agree with the total hours worked for this day/week.

Name of Department Supervisor

Signature of Contractor's Representative

Signature of Department Supervisor

White Copy - Contractor

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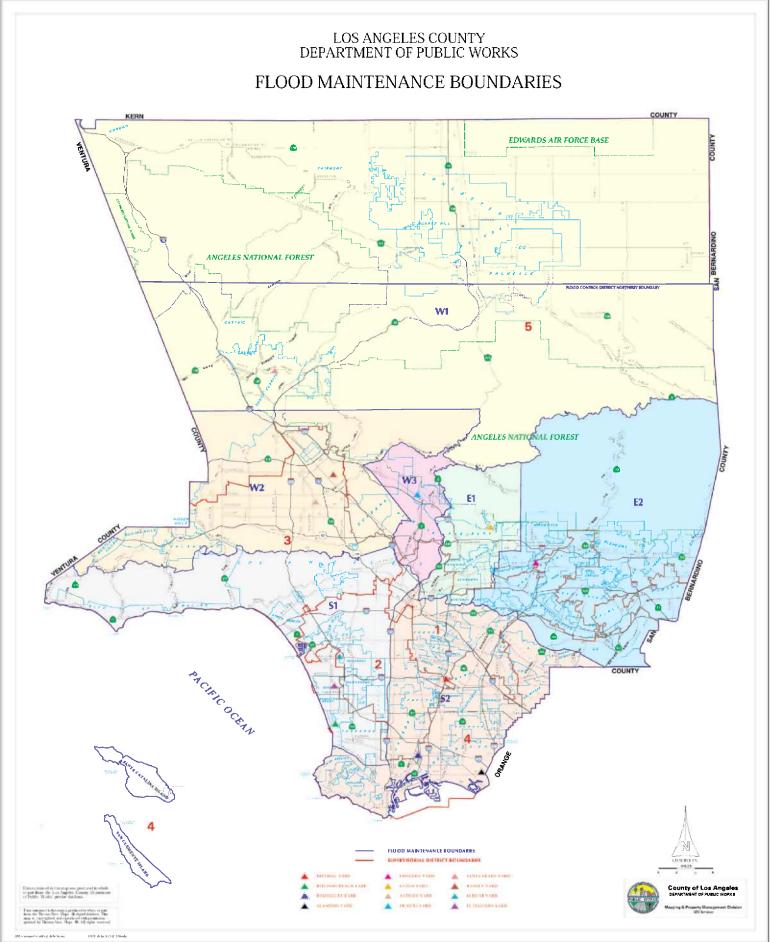


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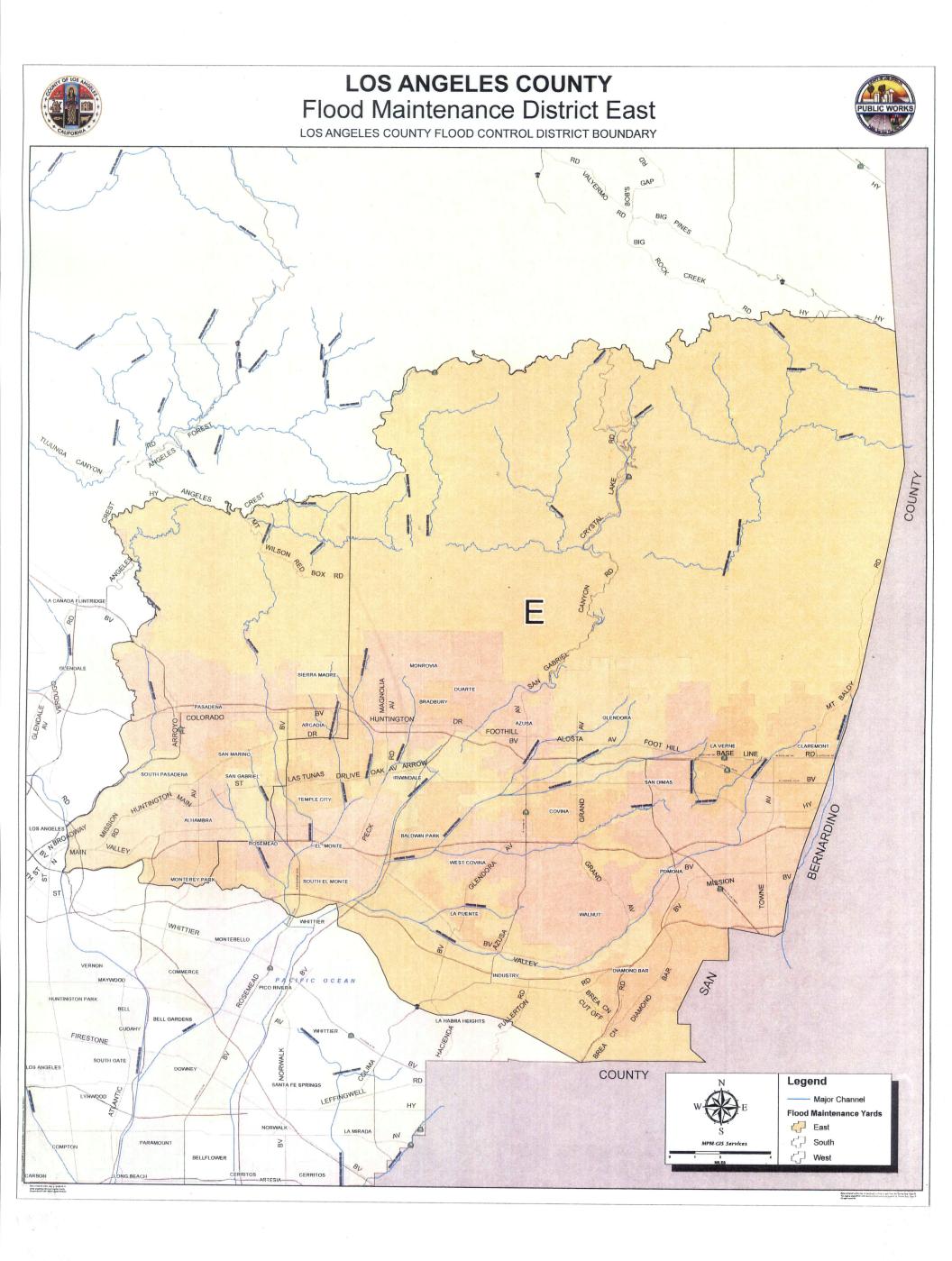


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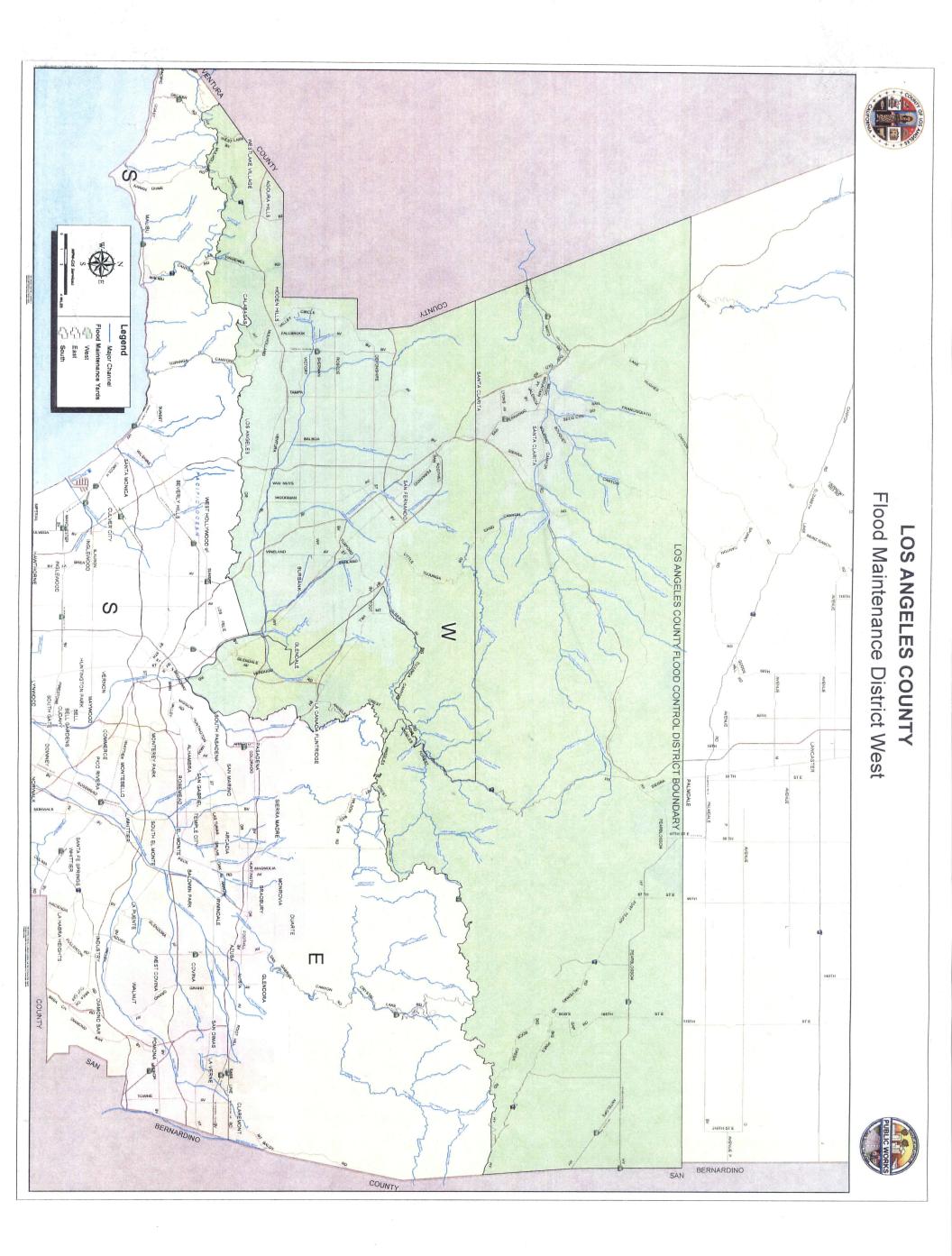
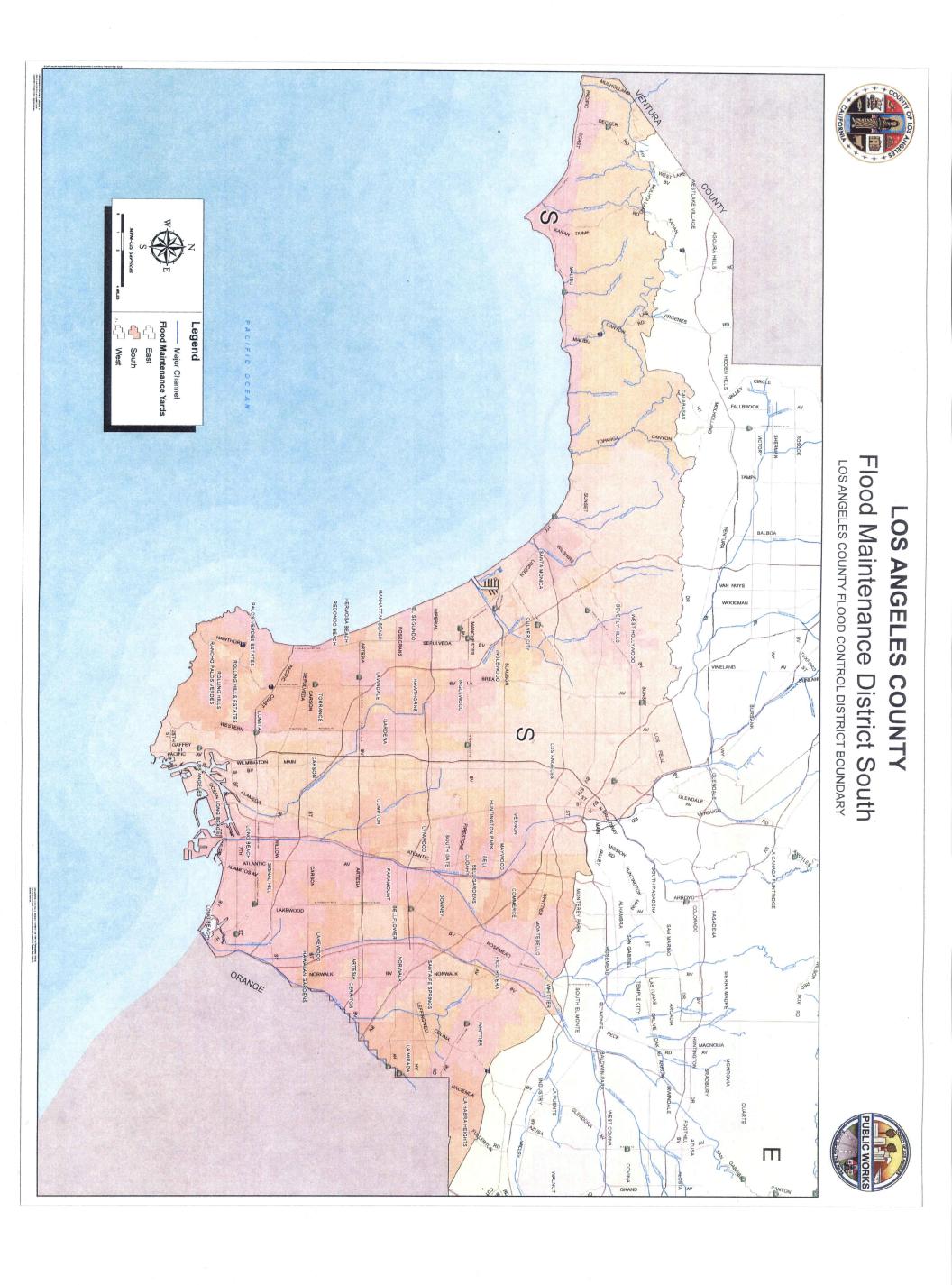


EXHIBIT H.3



Work Order

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	quipment: F17170727 LAGUNA REGULATING BASIN Alhambra			Report Date:	7/29/2011		
Location: 48	720	East Area			Start Date:		
Job Plan: F1	7V44790	POST EMERGEN	NT WEED CONTROL - Lag	guna Reg Basin	Finish Date:		
PCA: F4	004790F		Task: 488		Parent:		
Status: IN	PRG		TG: 635 F1		Sequence:		
Status Date 7/2	29/2011 10::	51:00 AM					
Comments:							
<u>Labor</u>				<u>Quantity</u>	Planned	Hours	Actual Ho
L5907-48722	FLOO	D CONTROL CONSTR	RUCTION SUPVR	1		1.0	
L5923-48722		C WORKS MAINTEN		1		3.0	
L5924-48722	PUBL	C WORKS CREW LE	ADER	1 <u>Planned</u> Quantity	<u>Planned</u> Hours/Miles	3.0 <u>Act</u> Quar	<u>tual Ac</u> <u>ntity Hrs/M</u>
<u>Tools</u>				duanny	<u></u>	duu	<u>inty</u> <u>into, in</u>
F008	CLASS	8-TRUCK, PICKUP 3	/4 TON	2	40.0		
F021	CLASS	21-TRUCK, MISC 2-3	3 TON	1	3.0		
<u>Materials</u>					Planned Q	uantity	Actual Quar
0893002	SOLUI IN	CION,ANTI FOAM (TO	REDUCE FOAMING			1.00	
0893028	PESTIC	CIDE,"RODEO",1440 C	GALLON IN 2-1/2			1.00	
0893026	PESTIC	CIDE,"ROUNDUP PRO	"3220 GALLONS IN			1.00	
0893048	PESTIC	CIDE,(PATTERN INDI	CATOR),BULLSEYE			1.00	
<u>Operation</u>			Measurement Point	Value	Date Obser	vations	
10 STAN	DARD PRO	OCEDURES 261, 266					
11 SPRA	Y ACRES (0.51)	PESTICII) <u> </u>			
Date Complete	d.		Completed By:		Supervisor		