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REFER TO FILE: **BRC-1**

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR ON-CALL SMART GARDENING PROGRAM (BRC0000317)

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Public Works requests proposals for the On-Call Smart Gardening Program (BRC0000317) contract. This contract has been designed to have a potential maximum contract term of 4 years, consisting of an initial 2-year term and potential additional two 1-year option renewals. The 2-year base term contract amount of this service is estimated to be \$1,950,000. The Request for Proposals (RFP) with contract specifications, forms, and instructions for preparing and submitting proposals may be accessed at <http://pw.lacounty.gov/brcd/servicecontracts/> or may be requested from Mr. Dwayne Case at (626) 458-2575 or dcase@pw.lacounty.gov, or Mr. Jairo Flores at (626) 458- 4069 or jflores@pw.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 <http://pw.lacounty.gov/brcd/servicecontracts>.

"Do Business with Public Works" Website Registration

All interested proposers for this RFP are strongly encouraged to register at <http://pw.lacounty.gov/general/contracts/opportunities/>. Only those firms registered for this RFP through the website will receive automatic notification when any update to this RFP is made. **The County does not have an obligation to notify any proposers other than through the Public Works website's automatic notification system.**

Doing Business with Local Small Business Enterprise, Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise, and Social Enterprise

The County strongly encourages participation from firms, primes, and subcontractors, which are certified in the County's Local Small Business Enterprise (LSBE), Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (DVBE), and Social Enterprise (SE) Preference Programs. The County's LSBE, DVBE, and SE Preference Programs require firms to complete a certification process to receive certain benefits allowed only for LSBE, DVBE, and SE, such as a 15 percent price preference, not to exceed \$150,000, when

applicable, and LSBE Prompt Payment Program. The following link provides additional information on being County certified LSBE, DVBE, and SE: <http://dcba.lacounty.gov>.

Minimum Mandatory Requirements: At the time of proposal submission, proposers must meet all minimum requirements set forth in the RFP documents including, but not limited to:

1. Proposing entity or its managing employee(s) and/or subcontractor(s), if any, must have a minimum of three years of experience in any of the following fields with emphasis on waste reduction: solid waste recycling, solid waste management, or solid waste education.
2. Proposing entity must identify a minimum of two qualified instructors in their proposal who will be assigned to this contract, if awarded. Subcontractors may be used to meet this minimum requirement. Instructors must meet at least one of the following qualifications:
 - a. Hold a Master Gardener Certification from the University of California Master Gardener Program or other Master Gardener programs recognized by the American Horticultural Society; or
 - b. Have 2 years of experience in instructing for smart gardening programs; or
 - c. Have completed a minimum of 25 units of college courses in the following fields: biology, plant sciences, landscape architecture, environmental engineering, and environmental science, or other fields related to practices promoted by the Smart Gardening Program, such as drought-tolerant landscaping, xeriscaping, integrated pest management, or soil biology. Proposer shall provide a copy of transcript to verify completed courses and required units.
3. Proposing entity or its managing employee(s) and/or subcontractor(s), if any, must have knowledge of online applications and software, including
 - a. Have a minimum of 1-year experience in conducting online webinars.
 - b. Experience in creating shareable files through cloud applications for viewing and editing by the County and contractor.
4. Proposing entity or its employee(s) and/or subcontractor(s), if any, must hold a valid and active California issued Contractor Classification C-27 Landscaping license.

5. The contracted work in this RFP constitutes "public works" as defined in the California Labor Code Section 1720, requiring payment of prevailing wages pursuant to Section 13, Prevailing Wages, of the RFP. Please note that the services requested in this Contract may include both prevailing wage and nonprevailing wage work. Proposers are required to pay prevailing wages as applicable to the contract work. Proposer **and its subcontractors performing prevailing wage work** must submit proof of a valid and active State of California Department of Industrial Relations Public Works Contractor Registration pursuant to Labor Code 1725.5. Pending registrations will not be accepted.

Important Notice Regarding Prevailing Wage:

The services requested in this RFP include both prevailing wage and nonprevailing wage work. For example, activities, such as maintenance, which include graffiti removal, landscaping work, mowing minor strips of lawns, pruning trees/hedges, watering and fertilizing plants, replacing dead trees and plants, adjusting sprinkler systems, and providing minor repair and upkeep to structures, such as painting, tightening of bolts, replacement of wood planks, and require payment of prevailing wages; however, other activities needed to perform this work may not be subject to prevailing wage.

A mandatory proposers' conference will be held on **Thursday, August 11, 2022, at 10 a.m.** via Microsoft Teams Meeting Online Events. To participate, the proposers will need to sign in using the electronic sign-in sheet through the website listed below. **ATTENDANCE BY THE PROPOSER OR AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE AT THE CONFERENCE IS MANDATORY.** **Public Works will reject proposals from those whose attendance at the conference cannot be verified.** Attendees should be prepared to ask questions at that time about the specifications, proposal requirements, and contract terms. It is the proposers' sole responsibility to do their due diligence to visit and familiarize themselves with the work locations and their requirements before submitting their proposal. 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.

A link to sign-in and join the meeting can be found at the following website: <https://pw.lacounty.gov/contracts/Opportunities.aspx>.

The deadline to submit written questions for a response is **Thursday, August 18, 2022, by or before 5:30 p.m.** **The deadline to submit proposals is Monday, August 29, 2022, at 5:30 p.m.** Please direct your questions to Messrs. Case or Flores.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Submission of proposals **will only be accepted electronically using BidExpress or electronic proposals via Universal Serial Bus drive or Compact Disk to the Cashier's Office in Public Works Headquarters** located on the Mezzanine Floor, 900 South Fremont Avenue, Alhambra, California 91803. **Submission of hard copy proposals will not be accepted.**

PROPOSALS MUST BE SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY USING THE FOLLOWING METHOD:

Electronic Submission of Proposals

In lieu of submitting electronic proposals to the cashier's office, you may submit proposals electronically on www.bidexpress.com, a secure online bidding service website.

To submit your proposals electronically, register with BidExpress, by the due date above. A new registration page must be signed, notarized, and received by BidExpress Customer Support for processing before the due date. There is a nominal service fee to use BidExpress.

Please note, each upload of file in BidExpress is limited to 10 MB per file up to 50 files for a total of 500 MB. Proposers shall plan ahead and allow sufficient time to account for the file size limitation before the proposal submission deadline to complete the uploading of proposal files. If proposer submits a proposal through BidExpress, proposer should not send hard copies, CDs, or any other materials to the County via mail.

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

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Individuals requiring reasonable accessibility accommodations may request written materials in alternate formats, physical accessibility accommodations, sign language interpreters, or other reasonable accommodations by contacting our departmental Americans with Disabilities Act coordinator at (626) 458-7337, from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday (excluding holidays). Persons who are hearing impaired may make contact by first dialing the California Relay Service at 7-1-1. Requests should be made at least 1 week in advance to ensure availability. When making a reasonable accommodation request, please reference BRC-1.

Very truly yours,

MARK PESTRELLA, PE
Director of Public Works

William Winter

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Deputy Director

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PUBLIC WORKS
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
FOR
ON-CALL SMART GARDENING PROGRAM
(BRC0000317)



Approved _____ July 28, 2022
MARK PESTRELLA, PE
Director of Public Works

By: William Winter
for Deputy Director

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PART I

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

SECTION 1

INTRODUCTION

A. Proposers' Conference

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

B. Minimum Mandatory Requirements

Interested and qualified Proposers who can demonstrate their ability to successfully provide the required services outlined in Exhibit A, Scope of Work, of this RFP are invited to submit a Proposal, provided they meet the following requirements at the time of Proposal submission:

1. Proposing entity or its managing employee(s) and/or subcontractor(s), if any, must have a minimum of three years of experience in any of the following fields with emphasis on waste reduction: solid waste recycling, solid waste management, or solid waste education.
2. Proposing entity must identify a minimum of two qualified instructors in their proposal who will be assigned to this contract, if awarded. Subcontractors may be used to meet this minimum requirement. Instructors must meet at least one of the following qualifications:
 - a. Hold a Master Gardener Certification from the University of California Master Gardener Program or other Master Gardener programs recognized by the American Horticultural Society; or

- b. Have 2 years of experience in instructing for smart gardening programs; or
 - c. Have completed a minimum of 25 units of college courses in the following fields: biology, plant sciences, landscape architecture, environmental engineering and environmental science, or other fields related to practices promoted by the Smart Gardening Program, such as drought-tolerant landscaping, xeriscaping, integrated pest management, or soil biology. Proposer shall provide a copy of transcript to verify completed courses and required units.
- 3. Proposing entity or its managing employee(s) and/or subcontractor(s), if any, must have knowledge of on-line applications and software, including
 - a. Have a minimum of 1-year experience in conducting on-line webinars.
 - b. Experience in creating shareable files through cloud applications for viewing and editing by the County and contractor.
- 4. Proposing entity or its employee(s) and/or subcontractor(s), if any, must hold a valid and active California issued Contractor Classification C-27 Landscaping license.
- 5. The contracted work in this RFP constitutes "public works" as defined in the California Labor Code Section 1720, requiring payment of prevailing wages pursuant to Section 13, Prevailing Wages, of the RFP. Please note that the services requested in this Contract may include both prevailing wage and nonprevailing wage work. Proposers are required to pay prevailing wages as applicable to the contract work. Proposer **and its subcontractors performing prevailing wage work** must submit proof of a valid and active State of California Department of Industrial Relations Public Works Contractor Registration pursuant to Labor Code 1725.5. Pending registrations will not be accepted.

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C. Contract Analyst

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

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

Los Angeles County Public Works
Business Relations and Contracts Division - 8th Floor
P.O. Box 1460
Alhambra, CA 91802-1460

Attention Mr. Dwayne Case
E-Mail: dcase@pw.lacounty.gov
Telephone: (626) 458-2575

Or

Attention Mr. Jairo Flores
E-Mail: jflores@pw.lacounty.gov
Telephone: (626) 458-4069

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 RFP and above, regarding this solicitation, the County, in its sole determination, may disqualify their Proposal from further consideration.

D. Child Support Compliance Program

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

E. County Rights and Responsibilities

The County has the right to amend this RFP by written addendum prior to the Proposal submission deadline. The County is responsible only for that which is expressly stated in this solicitation document and any authorized written addenda. Addendums shall be made available to each person or organization that attended the Proposers' Conference. Should an addendum(s) require additional information not previously requested, failure to address the requirements of such addendum may result in the Proposal not being considered, as determined in the sole discretion of the County. The County is not responsible for and shall not be bound by any representations otherwise made by any individual acting or purporting to act on its behalf.

F. Defaulted Property Tax and Reduction Program

1. The resultant Contract from this RFP will be subject to the requirements of the County's Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program (Defaulted Tax Program) (County Code, Chapter 2.206). The successful Proposer 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, Service Contract General Requirements, 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-16). 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 (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 Avenues for Independence (GAIN) or General Relief Opportunity for Work (GROW) Programs or shall attest to a willingness to consider GAIN/GROW participants for any future employment openings if they meet the minimum qualifications for that opening. Proposers shall attest to a willingness to provide employed GAIN/GROW participants access to the Proposers' 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 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 the County's Contractor Employee Jury Service Ordinance (Jury Service Program, 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 5 days of regular pay for actual jury service. The policy may provide that employees deposit any fees received for such jury service with the Contractor or that the Contractor deduct from the employee's regular pay the fees received for jury service. For purposes of the Jury Service Program, "employee" means any California resident who is a full-time employee of a Contractor, and "full-time" means 40 hours or more worked per week or a lesser number of hours if: 1) the lesser number is a recognized industry standard as determined by the County; or 2) the Proposer has a long-standing practice that defines the lesser number of hours as full-time. Therefore, the Jury Service Program applies to all of a Contractor's full-time California employees, even those not working specifically on the County project. Full-time employees providing short-term, temporary services of 90 days or less within a 12-month period are not considered full-time for purposes of the Jury Service Program.
3. There are two ways in which a Contractor might not be subject to the Jury Service Program. The first is if the Contractor does not fall within the Jury Service Program's definition of "Contractor." The Jury Service Program defines "Contractor" to mean a person, partnership, corporation,

or other entity which has a Contract with the County or a Subcontract with a County Contractor and has received or will receive an aggregate sum of \$50,000 or more in any 12-month period under one or more County Contracts or Subcontracts. The second is if the Contractor meets one of the two exceptions to the Jury Service Program. The first exception concerns small businesses and applies to Contractors that have: 1) ten or fewer employees; and 2) annual gross revenues in the preceding 12 months which, if added to the annual amount of this proposed Contract is less than \$500,000; and 3) is not an "affiliate or subsidiary of a business dominant in its field of operation." The second exception applies to Contractors that possess a collective bargaining agreement that expressly supersedes the provisions of the Jury Service Program. The Contractor is subject to any provision of the Jury Service Program not expressly superseded by the collective bargaining agreement.

4. If a Contractor does not fall within the Jury Service Program's definition of "Contractor" or if it meets any of the exceptions to the Jury Service Program, then the Contractor must so indicate in the Contractor Employee Jury Service Program Application for Exception and Certification Form (Form PW-3) and include with its submission all necessary documentation to support the claim, such as tax returns or a collective bargaining agreement, if applicable. Upon reviewing the Contractor's application, the County will determine, in its sole discretion, whether the Contractor falls within the definition of "Contractor" or meets any of the exceptions to the Jury Service Program. The County's decision will be final.

L. County's Preference Programs

The County of Los Angeles has three preference programs. The Local Small Business Enterprise (LSBE), Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (DVBE), and Social Enterprise (SE). The Board of Supervisors encourages business participation in the County's contracting process by continually streamlining and simplifying our selection process and expanding opportunities for these businesses to compete for County opportunities. The Preference Programs (LSBE, DVBE, and SE) requires that a business must complete certification prior to requesting a preference in a solicitation. In no case shall the Preference Programs (LSBE, DVBE, and SE) price or scoring preference be combined with any other county preference programs to exceed 15 percent or \$150,000 in response to any County solicitation. 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 LSBE, DVBE, or SE when not qualified.

1. Local Small Business Enterprise Preference Program
 - a. To the extent permitted by State and Federal law and when the price category is scored, the County will give Local SBE preference during the solicitation process to businesses that meet the definition of an LSBE, consistent with Chapter 2.204.030C.1 of the Los Angeles

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

- b. To apply for certification as an LSBE, businesses should contact the DCBA at <http://dcba.lacounty.gov>.
- c. Certified LSBEs may only request the preference if the certification process has been completed and certification is affirmed. Businesses must complete and submit Form PW-9, Request for County's Preference Program Consideration and CBE Firm/Organization Information Form and submit a letter of certification from the DCBA with their Proposal.
- d. Information about the State's small business enterprise certification regulations is in the California Code of Regulations, Title 2, Subchapter 8, Section 1896 et seq., and is also available on the California Department of General Services Office of Small Business Certification and Resources website at <http://www.pd.dgs.ca.gov/smbus/default>.

2. Social Enterprise Preference Program

- a. The County will give preference during the solicitation process to businesses that meet the definition of an SE, consistent with Chapter 2.205 of the Los Angeles County Code. An SE is defined as:
 - i. A business that qualifies as an SE and has been in operation for at least 1 year providing transitional or permanent employment to a Transitional Workforce or providing social, environmental and/or human justice services; and
 - ii. A business certified by the DCBA as an SE.
- b. Certified SE may only request the preference if the certification has been completed and certification is affirmed. Businesses must complete and submit Form PW-9, Request for County's Preference Program Consideration and CBE Firm/Organization Information Form and submit a letter of certification from the DCBA with their Proposal.

- c. Further information on SE also available on the DCBA's website at: <http://dcba.lacounty.gov>
- 3. Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise Preference Program
 - a. The County will give preference during the solicitation process to businesses that meet the definition of a DVBE, consistent with Chapter 2.211 of the Los Angeles County Code. A DVBE vendor is defined as:
 - i. A business which is certified by the State of California as a DVBE; or
 - ii. A business which is verified as a Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business (SDVOSB) by the Veterans Administration.
 - iii. A business certified as DVBE with other certifying agencies pursuant to the DCBA inclusion policy that meets the criteria set forth by the agencies in i. and ii. above.
 - b. The DCBA shall certify that a DVBE is currently certified by the State of California, by the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs, or is determined by the DCBA inclusion policy that meets the criteria set forth by the agencies above.
 - c. Certified DVBE may only request the preference if the certification process has been completed and certification is affirmed. Businesses must complete and submit Form PW-9, Request for County's Preference Program Consideration and CBE Firm/Organization Information Form and submit a letter of certification from the DCBA with their Proposal.
 - d. Information about the State's DVBE certification regulations is found in the California Code of Regulations, Title 2, Subchapter 8, Section 1896 et seq., and is also available on the California Department of General Services Office of Disabled Veteran Business Certification and Resources Website at <http://www.dgs.ca.gov/pd/Home.aspx>.
 - e. Information on the Department of Veteran Affairs SDVOSB certification regulations is found in the Code of Federal Regulations, 38CFR 74 and is also available on the Department of Veterans Affairs website at: <http://www.vetbiz.gov>.

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

The Proposer shall notify the County of any pending acquisitions/mergers of their company unless otherwise legally prohibited from doing so. If the Proposer/Bidder is restricted from legally notifying the County of pending acquisitions/mergers, then it should notify the County of the actual acquisitions/mergers as soon as the law allows and provide to the County the legal framework that restricted it from notifying the County prior to the actual acquisitions/mergers. This information shall be provided by the 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. Proposer shall have a continuing obligation to notify the County and update any changes to its response on Form PW-1, Verification of Proposal during the solicitation.

N. Prompt Payment Program

It is the intent of the County that Certified Local SBE 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. Proposer's Charitable Contributions Compliance

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

All prospective Contractors must determine if they receive or raise charitable contributions, which subject them to the Charitable Purposes Act and complete the certification form attached as Form PW-12. A completed Form PW-12 is a required part of any agreement with the County.

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

1. They have determined now that they do not receive or raise charitable contributions regulated under the California Charitable Purposes Act
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(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. Proposal Requirements and Contract Specifications

1. Persons who wish to Contract with the County may respond to this RFP by submitting a Proposal in the form described in the following Sections and Attachments. Proposers are instructed to carefully read these Terms, Requirements, Specifications, Conditions, Attachments, and Exhibits.
2. Requirements for Proposals are explained in Part I of this RFP.
3. The proposed Contract's specifications and requirements are fully described in Part II, Sample Agreement; any Exhibits; and Attachments. Proposers are also requested to review Attachment 1, Policy on Doing Business with Small Business; Attachment 2, Listing of Contractors Debarred in Los Angeles County; 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. Security and Background Investigations

Background and security 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. Vendor Registration

Proposers must register online 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 <https://camisvr.co.la.ca.us/webven/default.asp> and click on "New Registration". Being registered will assist the Proposer in receiving notifications of the release of County solicitations that may be of interest to the Proposer.

S. Time Off for Voting

The Contractor shall notify its employees, and shall require each Subcontractor to notify and provide to its employees, information regarding the time off for voting law (Elections Code, Section 14000). Not less than 10 days before every Statewide election, every Contractor and Subcontractors shall keep posted conspicuously at the place of work, if practicable, or elsewhere where it can be seen as employees come or go to their place of work, a notice setting forth the provisions of Section 14000.

T. Local Small Business Enterprise/Social Enterprise/Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise Utilization

When requested by the County, the Contractor shall provide a copy of their invoice, which includes expenditure information for subcontractors utilized for Contract work which provides information requested by the County, including but not limited to: subcontractor name, business address, telephone number, email address, each subcontractor's Local Small Business Enterprise (SBE) status, Social Enterprise (SE) status, and/or Disabled Veterans Business Enterprise (DVBE) status, as applicable, and the actual monetary amount of the Contract work the subcontractor has performed.

This information shall be transmitted to the County via methods specified by the County, which may include electronic submission by one of the following methods: utilizing electronic live (or dynamic) data, utilizing a County-designated third party software system, utilizing a County approved website, or utilizing other means approved by the County. The County may request subcontractor confirmation of receipt of payment.

The parties agree that it will be impracticable or extremely difficult to fix the extent of actual damages resulting from the failure to the Contractor to comply with this Section. The parties agree that under the current circumstances a reasonable estimate of such damages is specified in Exhibit F, Performance Requirements Summary, and that the Contractor shall be liable to the County for said amount.

If in the judgment of the Director of Public Works, or his designee, the Contractor is deemed to be in noncompliance with these terms and obligations, the Director or his designee, at his option, in addition to, or in lieu of, other remedies provided in the Contract, may deduct and withhold liquidated damages from County's payment to the Contractor.

U. Proposer's Acknowledgement of County's Commitment to Zero Tolerance Human Trafficking

On October 4, 2016, the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors approved a motion taking significant steps to protect victims of human trafficking by establishing a zero tolerance human trafficking policy. The policy prohibits

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contractors engaged in human trafficking from receiving Contract awards or performing services under a County Contract.

Contractors are required to complete Form PW-17, Zero Tolerance Human Trafficking Policy Certification, certifying that they are in full compliance with the County's Zero Tolerance Human Trafficking provision as defined in Exhibit B, Section 2.OO, Compliance with County's Zero Tolerance Human Trafficking Policy. Further, contractors are required to comply with the requirements under said provision for the term of any Contract awarded pursuant to this solicitation.

V. Method of Payment and Required Information

The County may, at its sole discretion, determine the most appropriate, efficient, secure, and timely form of payment for any amounts due for goods and/or services provided under a Contract with the County. Proposers/Contractors further agree that the default form of payment shall be Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) or direct deposit, unless an alternative method of payment is deemed appropriate by the Auditor-Controller (A-C).

Upon Contract award and at the request of the A-C and/or Public Works, the Contractor shall provide the A-C with electronic banking and related information for the Contractor and/or any other payee that the Contractor designates to receive payment pursuant to this Contract. Such electronic banking and related information includes, but is not limited to: bank account number and routing number, legal business name, valid taxpayer identification number, a working e-mail address capable of receiving remittance advices and other payment related correspondence, and any other information that the A-C determines is reasonably necessary to process the payment and comply with all accounting, record keeping, and tax reporting requirements.

Any provision of law, grant, or funding agreement requiring a specific form or method of payment other than EFT or direct deposit shall supersede this requirement with respect to those payments. Upon Contract award or at any time during the duration of the Contract, Contractor may submit a written request for an exemption to this requirement. Such request must be based on specific legal, business or operational needs and explain why the payment method designated by the A-C is not feasible and an alternative is necessary. The A-C, in consultation with Public Works, shall decide whether to approve exemption requests.

W. Proposer's Acknowledgement of County's Commitment to Fair Chance Employment Hiring Practices

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

Contractors are required to certify that they, and their subcontractors are in full compliance with Section 12952, as indicated in Section 2.RR, Compliance with Fair Chance Employment Practices, of Exhibit B. Further, contractors are required to comply with the requirements under Section 12952 for the term of any contract awarded pursuant to this solicitation.

X. Community Business Enterprise Participation

The County has adopted a CBE Program, which includes business enterprises owned by disabled veterans, disadvantaged business enterprises, minority, women, and lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and questioning-owned business enterprises. The County has established an aspirational goal that 25 percent of all County contract dollars shall go to certified CBEs. All Proposers shall document good faith efforts it has taken to assure that CBEs are utilized when possible to provide supplies, equipment, technical services, and other services under this Contract. The County will evaluate the Proposer's good faith efforts to meet the CBE participation goal by reviewing the Proposer's documentation. Suggested criteria include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Proposer attended any preproposal meetings scheduled by the County relating to the CBE program requirements.
2. Proposer identified and selected specific items of the Contract work for which a subcontract could be awarded to be performed by CBEs to provide an opportunity for participation by those enterprises.
3. Proposer advertised, not less than ten calendar days before the date the proposals are due, in one or more daily or weekly newspapers, trade association publications, minority or trade oriented publications, trade journals, or other media specified by the County for CBEs that are interested in participating in the Contract work. This paragraph applies only if the County gave public notice of the project not less than 15 calendar days prior to the date the proposals are due.
4. Proposer provided written notice of his or her interest in proposing on the project to certified CBEs not less than ten calendar days prior to the submittal of proposals.
5. Proposer followed up initial solicitations of interest by contacting the CBEs to determine with certainty whether the CBEs were interested in performing specific items of the project.
6. Proposer provided interested CBEs with information about the project and requirements for selected subconsultants.
7. Proposer requested assistance from minority and women community organizations; minority and women Contractor groups; local, state, or federal minority and women business assistance offices; or other

organizations that provide assistance in the recruitment and placement of minority or women business enterprises, if any are available. Proposer used the services and assistance of the Small Business Administration and Minority Business Development Agency of the Department of Commerce, the County of Los Angeles Department of Consumer and Business Affairs (dcba.lacounty.gov or (323) 881-3964), and other outreach agencies.

To obtain a list of firms that are certified by the County in the CBE Program, send an e-mail request to the County of Los Angeles Department of Consumer and Business Affairs: CBESBE@dcba.lacounty.gov. For additional information, contact the County of Los Angeles Department of Consumer and Business Affairs (Small Business Services). The website is: dcba.lacounty.gov.

8. Proposer negotiated in good faith with the CBEs, and did not unjustifiably reject as unsatisfactory proposals prepared by any CBE.
9. Where applicable, the Proposer advised and made efforts to assist interested CBEs in obtaining bonds, lines of credit, or insurance required by this Contract.
10. Proposer's efforts to obtain CBE participation could reasonably be expected by the County to produce a level of participation sufficient to meet the goals and requirements of the County.
11. Proposer commits to continue its good faith efforts to include in considering CBE participation throughout the term of the Contract. County shall be notified of any future additions in CBE participation.
12. Proposer is a certified CBE.
13. The Proposer's CBE participation shall be reflected in the CBE Form.

Public Works will answer questions from Proposers regarding CBE participation.

The County strongly encourages participation by CBEs; however, the final selection will be made without regard to race, color, creed, or gender. The final selection will be based on the Proposer's ability to provide the best service and value to the County.

Y. Prevailing Wage

The Contractor and Subcontractors, if any, shall not be qualified to bid on, be listed in a bid Proposal, subject to the requirements of Section 4104 of the Public Contract Code or engage in the performance of any Contract for public work, as defined in the Labor Code, unless currently registered and qualified to perform public work pursuant to Section 1725.5. It is not a violation of this

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section for an unregistered Contractor to submit a bid that is authorized by Section 7029.1 of the Business and Professions Code or by Section 10164 or 20103.5 of the Public Contract Code, provided the Contractor is registered to perform public work pursuant to Section 1725.5 at the time the Contract is awarded.

The County shall not accept any Proposal nor award any Contract to perform work without proof of the Proposer and Subcontractor's current DIR registration. A copy of the confirmed registration from the DIR must be attached to the Proposal. Proposals submitted by an unregistered Contractor shall be a basis for considering the Proposal nonresponsive with limited exceptions from this requirement for bid purposes only under applicable Labor Law.

An inadvertent error in listing an unregistered Subcontractor pursuant to Labor Code Section 1725.5 in a bid Proposal shall be grounds for considering the bid nonresponsive, unless:

1. The Subcontractor is registered prior to the bid opening.
2. Within 24 hours after the bid opening, the Subcontractor is registered and has paid the penalty registration fee specified in subparagraph (E) of paragraph (2) of subdivision (a) of Section 1725.5.

The Director of the California DIR 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 www.dir.ca.gov/dlsr/pwd/index.htm. The Contractor is required to pay its agents and employees the applicable, current prevailing wage rate and is responsible for selecting the classification of workers required to perform this service.

SECTION 2

PROPOSAL PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION

A. Proposal Format and Content Requirements

Proposals shall be bound and presented in the sequence, with the content 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 materials 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, e-mail addresses, and telephone numbers.

4. Support Documents for Corporations and Limited Liability Companies

a. Corporations

Proposer must provide a copy of the corporation's "Certificate of Good Standing" with the State of California or state of incorporation and the most recent "Statement by Domestic (or Foreign) Stock Corporation" as filed with the California Secretary of State or state of incorporation. The "Statement of Information" must list the corporate officers. 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.

b. Limited Liability Companies

Proposer must provide a copy of the most recent "Statement of Information for Limited Liability Company" as filed with the California Secretary of State or state of registration. 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

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

5. Experience

FAILURE TO PREPARE AND INCLUDE AN EXPERIENCE SECTION MAY RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION OF THE PROPOSAL.

Proposer's capabilities and experience shall be described comprehensively in order to provide for a meaningful evaluation 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 showing the roles of all personnel involved with this Contract, if awarded, identifying each by name/position)
- Identify the roles of and submit resumes for the firm, principals, managing employees, on-site supervisors, other key staff, presenters, Subcontractors, and any other staff involved with this Contract, if awarded
- Provide additional information for staff involved with this Contract, if awarded, with specific information regarding length and quality of experience providing similar services as described in Exhibit A, Scope of Work
- Demonstrate how the Proposer complies with requirements outlined in Part I, Section 1.B, Minimum Mandatory Requirements

6. Work Plan

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

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

The County may award higher points to the Proposers that successfully demonstrated the following in their Proposal:

- a. Attainment Plan – Proposer's plan to increase the awareness of the program to the County of Los Angeles, thereby increasing attendance at workshops.
- b. Outreach Plan – Proposer's outreach plan to promote Smart Gardening practices and the Program itself.
- c. On-line webinars – Proposer's plan and capabilities to conduct on-line webinars through reputable applications.
- d. Creating shareable files – Proposer's plan and capabilities to create shareable files through cloud applications for viewing and editing by the County and Contractor.

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

7. Quality Assurance Program

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

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. Subcontractors

If Subcontractors are to be used, submit a valid and active California issued Contractor Classification C-27 Landscaping license, a description of their proposed assignments, qualifications, experience, staffing, and schedules.

9. Insurance

Submit completed and signed Form PW-15, 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-15, 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.

10. 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 County's Preference Program Consideration and Community Business Enterprise Firm/Organization Information Form
PW-10	GAIN and GROW Employment Commitment

- PW-11 Transmittal Form to Request a 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 Analyst.)
- PW-12 Charitable Contributions Certification
- PW-13 Proposer's List of Terminated Contracts
- PW-14 Proposer's Pending Litigations and Judgments
- PW-15 Proposer's Insurance Compliance Affirmation
- PW-16 Certification of Compliance with the County's Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program
- PW-17 Zero Tolerance Human Trafficking Policy Certification
- PW-18 Compliance with Fair Chance Employment Hiring Practices Certification
- PW-19 COVID-19 Vaccinations of County Contractor Personnel
- PW-20 Compliance with the Minimum Requirements

(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.)

11. 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 County's Preference Program Consideration and Community Business Enterprise Firm/Organization Information Form
PW-10	GAIN and GROW Employment Commitment
PW-12	Charitable Contributions Certification
PW-18	Compliance with Fair Chance Employment Hiring Practices Certification

12. Additional Information

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

B. Proposal Submission

1. Unless the proposals are submitted electronically through www.bidexpress.com, proposals shall be submitted with **two** complete sets of the Proposal that includes all related information in the following formats:

- Electronic: Two electronic copies on a CD or USB Drive 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.

Please note: Hard copies of proposals will not be accepted.

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2. Submit Proposals to the Los Angeles County Public Works Cashier's Office, 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 only accepted when received 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

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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.
5. In lieu of submitting electronic proposals to the Cashiers Office, you may submit proposals electronically on www.bidexpress.com, a secure online bidding service website. To submit your proposals electronically, register with BidExpress, by the due date. A new registration page must be signed, notarized, and received by BidExpress Customer Support for processing before the due date. There is a nominal service fee to use BidExpress.

Please note, each upload of file in BidExpress is limited to 10 MB per file up to 50 files for a total of 500 MB. Proposers shall plan ahead and allow sufficient time to account for the file size limitation before the proposal submission deadline to complete the uploading of proposal files. If proposer submits a proposal through BidExpress, proposer should not send hard copies, CDs, or any other materials to the County.

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

SECTION 3

GENERAL CONDITIONS OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

A. Acceptance or Rejection of Proposals

The right is reserved to reject any or all Proposals that, in the judgment of the Board or Director, are not in the best interests of the County/Public Works/Special Districts. 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. Altering Solicitation Document

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

C. County Responsibility

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

D. Determination of Proposer Responsibility

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

compensation and benefits and evidence of false claims made by the Proposer against public entities. Labor law violations which are the fault of Subcontractors and of which the Proposer had no knowledge shall not be the basis of a determination that the Proposer is not responsible.

3. The County may declare a Proposer to be nonresponsible for purposes of the proposed Contract if the Board, in its discretion, finds that the Proposer has done any of the following: (1) violated a term of a Contract with the County or a nonprofit corporation created by the County; (2) committed an act or omission which negatively reflects on the Proposer's quality, fitness, or capacity to perform a Contract with the County, any other public entity, or a nonprofit corporation created by the County, or engaged in a pattern or practice which negatively reflects on same; (3) committed an act or omission which indicates a lack of business integrity or business honesty; or (4) made or submitted a false claim against the County or any other public entity.
4. If there is evidence that the highest-rated Proposer may not be responsible, Public Works will notify the Proposer in writing of the evidence relating to the Proposer's responsibility and its intention to recommend to the Board that the Proposer be found not responsible. Public Works will provide the Proposer and/or the Proposer's representative with an opportunity to present evidence as to why the Proposer should be found to be responsible and to rebut evidence, which is the basis for Public Works' recommendation.
5. If the Proposer presents evidence in rebuttal to Public Works, Public Works will evaluate the merits of such evidence, and based on that evaluation, make a recommendation to the Board. The final decision concerning the responsibility of the Proposer will reside with the Board.
6. These terms shall also apply to any proposed Subcontractors of Proposer on County Contracts.

E. Disqualification of Proposers

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

F. Gratuities

1. It is improper for any County officer, employee, or agent to solicit consideration, in any form, from a Proposer with the implication, suggestion, or statement that the Proposer's provision of the consideration may secure more favorable treatment for the Proposer in the award of the proposed Contract or that the Proposer's failure to provide such consideration may negatively affect the County's consideration of the Proposer's submission. A Proposer shall not offer or give, either directly or through an intermediary, consideration, in any form, to a County officer, employee, or agent for the purpose of securing favorable treatment with respect to the award of the proposed Contract.
2. A Proposer shall immediately report any attempt by a County officer, employee, or agent to solicit such improper consideration. The report shall be made either to the County manager charged with the supervision of the employee or to the County Auditor-Controller's Employee Fraud Hotline at (800) 544-6861. Failure to report such a solicitation may result in the Proposer's submission being rejected on the basis of nonresponsibility and/or nonresponsiveness.
3. Among other items, such improper consideration may take the form of cash; discounts; services; and the provision of travel, entertainment, or tangible gifts.

G. Knowledge of Work to be Done

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

H. Notice to Proposers Regarding the Public Records Act

1. Responses to this solicitation shall become the exclusive property of the County. Absent extraordinary circumstances, the recommended Proposer's Proposal will become a matter of public record when (1) Contract negotiations are complete; (2) Department receives a letter from the recommended Proposer's authorized officer that the negotiated Contract is the firm offer of the recommended Proposer; and (3) Department releases a copy of the recommended Proposer's Proposal in response to a Notice of Intent to Request a Proposed Contractor Selection Review under Board Policy No. 5.055. Notwithstanding the above, absent extraordinary circumstances, all Proposals will become a matter of public record when the Department's Proposer recommendation appears on the Board agenda. Exceptions to disclosure are those parts or portions of all Proposals that are justifiably defined as business or trade secrets, and plainly marked by the Proposer as "Trade Secret," "Confidential," or "Proprietary."
2. The County shall not, in any way, be liable or responsible for the disclosure of any such record or any parts thereof, if disclosure is required or permitted under the California Public Records Act or otherwise by law. A blanket statement of confidentiality or the marking of each page of the Proposal as confidential shall not be deemed sufficient notice of exception. The Proposers must specifically label only those provisions of their respective Proposal which are "Trade Secret," "Confidential," or "Proprietary" in nature. Only those provisions labeled as "Trade Secret," "Confidential," or "Proprietary" in nature at the time of Proposal submission will be accepted. The Proposers will not be granted opportunity to make any change or label any portion of their respective Proposal as "Trade Secret," "Confidential," or "Proprietary" after the submission deadline of the Proposals.
3. In the event County is required to defend an action on a Public Records Act request for any of the aforementioned documents, information, books, records, and/or contents of a Proposal marked "Trade Secret," "Confidential," or "Proprietary," Proposer agrees to defend and indemnify County from all costs and expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees, in connection with any requested action or liability arising under the Public Records Act.

I. Notice to Proposers Regarding the County Lobbyist Ordinance

The Board has enacted an ordinance regulating the activities of persons who lobby County officials. This ordinance, referred to as the "Lobbyist Ordinance," defines a County Lobbyist and imposes certain registration requirements upon individuals meeting the definition. The complete text of the ordinance can be found in Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.160. In effect, each person, corporation, or other entity that seeks a County permit, license, franchise, or Contract must certify compliance with the ordinance. As part of this solicitation process, it will be

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

J. Opening of Proposals

Proposals will not be publicly opened.

K. Proposer Debarment

1. The Proposer is hereby notified that, in accordance with Chapter 2.202 of the Los Angeles County Code, the County may debar the Proposer from bidding or proposing on, or being awarded, and/or performing work on other County Contracts for a specified period of time, which generally will not exceed 5 years but may exceed 5 years or be permanent if warranted by the circumstance, and the County may terminate any or all of the Proposer's existing Contracts with County, if the Board finds, in its discretion, that the Proposer has done any of the following: (1) violated a term of a Contract with the County or a nonprofit corporation created by the County; (2) committed an act or omission which negatively reflects on the Proposer's quality, fitness, or capacity to perform a Contract with the County or any other public entity, or a nonprofit corporation created by the County or engaged in a pattern or practice which negatively reflects on same; (3) committed an act or offense which indicates a lack of business integrity or business honesty; or (4) made or submitted a false claim against the County or any other public entity.
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 5 years, that Proposer may, after the debarment has been in effect for at least 5 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 5 years; (2) the debarment has been in effect for at least 5 years; and (3) the request is in writing, states one or more of the grounds for reduction of the debarment period or termination of the debarment and includes supporting documentation. Upon receiving an appropriate request, the Contractor Hearing Board will provide notice of the hearing on the request. At the hearing, the Contractor Hearing Board shall conduct a hearing where evidence on the proposed reduction of debarment period or termination of debarment is presented. This hearing shall be conducted and the request for review decided by the Contractor Hearing Board pursuant to the same procedure as for a debarment hearing.
7. The Contractor Hearing Board's proposed decision will contain a recommendation on the request to reduce the period of debarment or terminate the debarment. The Contractor Hearing Board shall present its proposed decision and recommendation to the Board. The Board will have the right to modify, deny, or adopt the proposed decision and recommendation of the Contractor Hearing Board.
8. These terms shall also apply to proposed Subcontractors of Proposer on County Contracts.
9. Attachment 2 is the link to a Listing of Contractors Debarred in Los Angeles County.

L. Proposal Prices and Agreement of Figures

If the total amount arrived at by multiplying the unit price times the quantity does not agree with the total amount entered for the item or if the total amount is not entered, the unit price and the corrected total amount will be considered as representing the Proposer's intentions. If the total amount is entered for

the item, but not the unit price, the unit price will be that which is derived by dividing the total amount proposed for the item by the number of units in the item as representing the Proposer's intentions. If the items are incorrectly calculated, the corrected total will be considered as representing the Proposer's intentions.

M. Proposer's Safety Record

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

N. Qualifications of Proposer

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

O. Qualifications of Subcontractors

Proposers shall list all Subcontractors, 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.

P. Term of Proposals

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

Q. Truth and Accuracy of Representations

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

R. Wages, Materials, and Other Costs

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

S. Contractor Independence

A Proposer or its subsidiary or Subcontractor (Proposer), is prohibited from submitting a bid or proposal in a County solicitation if the Proposer has provided advice or consultation for the solicitation. A Proposer is also prohibited from submitting a bid or proposal in a County solicitation if the Proposer has developed or prepared any of the solicitation materials on behalf of the County. A violation of this provision shall result in the disqualification of the Proposer from participation in the County solicitation or the termination or cancellation of any resultant County contract. This provision shall survive the expiration, or other termination of this Agreement.

T. Conflict of Interest

Proposer shall comply with the provisions under County Ordinance 2.180. Failure to comply with this Paragraph may be considered a breach of contract.

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

4. Profit-making firms or businesses in which the former employees, described in subparagraph 3 above, serve as officers, principals, partners or major shareholders.

U. Acceptance of Terms and Conditions

Each Proposer understands and agrees that submission of Proposals in response to this RFP constitutes acknowledgment and acceptance of, and willingness to comply with, all terms and conditions of this RFP, including all addenda to the RFP.

V. Contractors with Unresolved Disallowed Costs

If Proposer's/Bidder's compliance with a County contract has been reviewed by the A-C within the last 10 years, Proposer/Bidder must not have unresolved questioned costs identified by the A-C in an amount over \$100,000.00 that are confirmed to be disallowed costs by the contracting County department and remain unpaid for a period of six months or more from the date of disallowance, unless such disallowed costs are the subject of current good faith negotiations to resolve the disallowed costs, in the opinion of the contracting County department.

W. COVID-19 Vaccinations of County Contractor Personnel

Proposers are advised that it must comply with Chapter 2.212 (COVID-19 Vaccinations of County Contactor Personnel) of County Code Title 2 - Administration, Division 4 as a condition of performing work under any awarded contract resulting from this solicitation. Proposers are advised to review the requirements of Chapter 2.212 (COVID-19 Vaccinations of County Contactor Personnel) and the sample contract requirements prior to submitting a proposal to this solicitation.

SECTION 4

EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS, AWARD, AND EXECUTION OF CONTRACT

A. Award of Contract

Subject to the right of the Board to make the ultimate decisions concerning the award of Contracts, the County intends to award a Contract to the highest-rated Proposer or Proposers based on the evaluation criteria in Part I, Section 4.E, Evaluation Criteria, whose Proposal provides the most beneficial program and price with all other factors considered. The County retains the right to select a Proposal other than the Proposal receiving the highest number of points, if County determines, in its sole discretion, another Proposal is the most overall qualified, cost-effective, responsive, responsible, and in the best interest of the County. The recommended awardee shall sign and return the Agreement within 14 calendar days of its mailing to the recommended awardee for signature by Public Works. The recommended 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, 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. 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.

C. Evaluation of Proposals

1. All responses to this RFP become the property of the County. Upon receipt of the Proposal as specified and evaluation of Proposals in accordance with the evaluation criteria set forth below, Public Works may recommend the award of a Contract to one or more of those submitting Proposals. The proposed Contract may be submitted to the Board for consideration and possible approval.
2. The County may require whatever evidence it deems necessary to determine the Proposer's overall and specific abilities to meet the requirements of proposed Contract over the entire Contract term. This determination will be based on, but not limited to, 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.

D. Pass/Fail Review

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

1. Proposer is signed in as attending the Proposers' Conference.
2. Proposal was time stamped by the Cashier or BidExpress prior to the deadline for submission of the Proposal. Any Proposal without a Public Works or BidExpress time stamp verifying that the deadline for submission has been met will be rejected.
3. Proposer and Subcontractors, if any, has demonstrated that it complies with all minimum requirements as outlined in Part I, Section 1.B, Minimum Mandatory Requirements, and has submitted a completed and signed Form PW-20.
4. Proposer submitted information regarding Experience and Work Plan as outlined in Part I, Section 2.A
5. Proposer and Subcontractors, if any, have completed and signed all appropriate forms.
6. The County will not allow any Proposer's exceptions, additions, conditions, limitations, modifications or provisions to the RFP and Contract.
7. If Proposer's compliance with a County contract has been reviewed by the Department of the Auditor-Controller within the last 10 years, Proposer must not have unresolved questioned costs identified by the Auditor-Controller, in an amount over \$100,000.00, that are confirmed to be disallowed costs by the contracting County department, and remain unpaid for six months or more from the date of disallowance, unless such disallowed costs are the subject of current good faith negotiations to resolve the disallowed costs, in the opinion of the County.

E. Evaluation Criteria

All Proposals will receive a composite score (rating) and be ranked in numerical sequence from high to low based on the following criteria:

1. Proposed Price (50 points)

The proposed price should accurately reflect the Proposer's cost of providing the required products and services and any profit expected during the Contract term. Prior to scoring, the proposed prices must be adjusted in accordance with the LSBE, DVBE, or SE Preference Programs, as applicable.

LSBE, DVBE, or SE Preference Programs: To the extent permitted by State and Federal law, should one or more of the bidders qualify for the County's Preference Programs stated in Part I of Form PW-9, Request for County's Preference Programs Consideration and CBE Firm/Organization Information Form, the price component points will be adjusted prior to scoring as follows: 15 percent of the lowest price proposed will be calculated, which shall not exceed \$150,000, and that amount will be deducted from the prices submitted by all LSBE, DVBE, or SE Bidders who requested and were granted the LSBE, DVBE, or SE Preference. The LSBE, DVBE, or SE 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 Adjusted 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 Adjusted Proposed Annual Price by each other Proposer's Total Adjusted Proposed Annual Price and multiply the result by the maximum possible points for this evaluation criterion. The Proposal with the lowest Total Adjusted Proposed Annual Price may not necessarily be awarded a Contract.

2. Performance History/References (5 points)

a. Potential Points

Public Works will attempt to obtain the required number of Proposer's references for overall satisfaction with Proposer's services, with priority given to services provided in the following order: County of Los Angeles departments, other counties, 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 3 responding references. On Form PW-6, Proposer's Reference List, Proposers must identify all Contracts with the County of Los Angeles during the previous 3 years and must identify County's Contacts for each Contract. Public Works reserves the right to utilize any reference of Proposer, County or other, listed or not

listed. Proposer shall receive zero points for each of the minimum required references not received.

b. Potential Deductions

In addition to the references provided, the review will include the Contractor Alert Reporting Database (CARD), if applicable, reflecting past performance history on County or other Contracts. If references fail to substantiate Proposer's description of services provided; references fail to support that Proposer has a continuing pattern of providing capable, productive, and skilled personnel and services; or a significant unacceptable weakness in references may result in a low or zero score. Additionally, a Proposer's unacceptable performance on another County Contract(s), as documented by Contractor Alert Reporting Database (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 (25 points)

Proposers will be evaluated on the Experience submitted as part of Section 2.A.5 (Experience). The evaluators may give reduced scores to any Proposer that omits or fails to sufficiently address any of the items specified in Section 2.A.5 of this RFP. 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, supervising employees, 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 and a review of terminated Contract(s) reported on Form PW-13, Proposer's List of Terminated Contracts. 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 (20 points)

Proposers will be evaluated on the Work Plan submitted as part of Section 2.A.6 (Work Plan). The evaluators may give reduced scores to any Work Plan that omits or fails to sufficiently address any of the items specified in Section 2.A.6 of this RFP. 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 work requirements.

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

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

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

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

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

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 one 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. Negotiation

The County reserves the right to negotiate the terms, conditions, and price of the Proposal, in the sole discretion of the County, to achieve the most beneficial program and price for the County. The County, in its sole discretion, may limit the negotiation, if any, to one or more responsive and responsible Proposers who receive the highest scores in a preliminary scoring of Proposals in accordance with the evaluation criteria set forth in this Part I, Section 4.E, Evaluation Criteria. The negotiation with the Proposer(s) will not result in a change in the rating of the Proposers. If a satisfactory Contract cannot be negotiated, the County may, at its sole discretion, begin Contract negotiations with the next highest-rated Proposer who submitted a Proposal, as determined by the County.

SECTION 5

PROTEST POLICY

A. Protest Policy Review Process

1. Under Board Policy No. 5.055 (Services Contract Solicitation Protest), any prospective Proposer may request a review of the requirements under a solicitation for a Board-approved services Contract, as described in paragraph C, Solicitation Requirements Review, below. 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. Department Level Reviews

Unless State or Federal statutes or regulations otherwise provide, the level of review as provided under the protest policy are as follows:

- Solicitation Requirements
- Disqualification Review
- Proposed Contractor Selection Review

C. Solicitation Requirements Review

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

1. The request is made within the time frame identified in the solicitation document (generally within ten business days of issuance of the solicitation document).

2. The request includes documentation (e.g., letterhead, business card, etc.), which identifies the underlying authority of the person or entity to submit a Proposal.
3. The request itemizes in appropriate detail, each matter contested, and factual reasons for the requested review.
4. The request 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. Requests for a Solicitation Requirements Review not satisfying all of these criteria may, in the department's sole discretion, be denied.
6. The Solicitation Requirements Review will be completed and Public Works' determination shall be provided to the requesting person or entity, in writing, within a reasonable time prior to the bid/Proposal due date.

D. Place to Submit Requests for Review

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

E. Disqualification Review

1. A bid/Proposal may be disqualified from consideration because Public Works determined it was nonresponsive at any time during the review/evaluation process. If Public Works determines that a bid/Proposal is disqualified due to nonresponsiveness, Public Works shall notify the Proposer in writing.
2. Upon receipt of the written determination of nonresponsiveness, the Proposer may submit a Transmittal Form to Request a Disqualification Review within the timeframe specified in the disqualification document.
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 request for a Disqualification Review is submitted within the timeframe specified in the disqualification review.
 - b. The request for a Disqualification Review asserts that the determination of disqualification due to bid/Proposal nonresponsiveness was erroneous (e.g., factual errors, etc.) and provides factual support on each ground asserted as well as copies of all documents and other material that support the assertions.

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

F. Debriefing Process

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

1. Upon completion of the evaluation, Public Works will notify the remaining Proposers in writing that Public Works is entering negotiations with another Proposer. Upon receipt of the letter, any nonselected Proposer may submit a written request for a Debriefing within the time frame 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 time frame.
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 time frame in which the requesting Proposer must notify Public Works of its intent to request a Proposed Contractor Selection Review, below, if the requesting Proposer is not satisfied with the results of the Debriefing.

G. Proposed Contractor Selection Review Process

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 time frame 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 time frame 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 request for a Proposed Contractor Selection Review is submitted timely (i.e., by the date and time specified by Public Works).

2. 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.
3. 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 time frame for requesting a review by a County Independent Review, paragraph H, below.

H. County Independent Review

1. Any Proposer that is not satisfied with the results of the Proposed Contractor Selection Review may submit a written request for a County Independent Review in the manner and time frame specified by Public Works in Public Works' written decision regarding the Proposed Contractor Selection Review.

2. A request for a County Independent Review may, in the County's sole discretion, be denied if the request does not satisfy all of the following criteria:
 - a. The request for a review by a County Independent Review is submitted timely (i.e., by the date and time specified by Public Works).
 - b. The person or entity requesting review by a County Independent Review has limited the request to items raised in the Proposed Contractor Selection Review as listed in paragraph G above.
3. Proposer that request a County Independent Review may not add new assertions or documentation to the assertions presented in their Proposed Contractor Selection Review. Proposers may remove assertions presented in their Proposed Contractor Selection Review if they feel that the department response has resolved their assertion.
4. Upon completion of the County Independent Review's, Internal Services Department will forward its report to Public Works, which will provide a copy to the Proposer.

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ATTACHMENTS

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VERIFICATION OF PROPOSAL

DATE: _____, 2022		THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY DECLARES AS FOLLOWS:	
1. This Declaration is given in support of a Proposal for a Contract with The County of Los Angeles. The Proposer further acknowledges that if any false, misleading, incomplete, or deceptively unresponsive statements in connection with this proposal are made, the Proposal may be rejected at the Director's sole judgment and his/her judgment shall be final.			
2. Name of Service: _____			
DECLARANT INFORMATION			
3. Name Of declarant: _____			
4. I Am duly vested with the authority to make and sign instruments for and on behalf of the Proposer(s).			
5. My Title, Capacity, Or Relationship to the Proposer(s) is: _____			
PROPOSER INFORMATION			
6. Proposer's full legal name: _____		Telephone No.: _____	
Physical Address (NO P.O. BOX): _____		Mobile No.: _____	
e-mail: _____		Fax No.: _____	
County WebVen No.: _____	IRS No.: _____	Business License No.: _____	
7. Proposer's fictitious business name(s) or dba(s) (if any): _____			
County(s) of Registration: _____		State: _____	Year(s) became DBA: _____
8. The Proposer's form of business entity is (CHECK ONLY ONE):			
<input type="checkbox"/> Sole proprietor	Name of Proprietor: _____		
<input type="checkbox"/> A corporation:	Corporation's principal place of business: _____		
	State of incorporation: _____		Year incorporated: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-profit corporation certified under IRS 501(c) 3 and registered with the CA Attorney General's Registry of Charitable Trusts	President/CEO: _____		
	Secretary: _____		
<input type="checkbox"/> A general partnership:	Names of partners: _____		
<input type="checkbox"/> A limited partnership:	Name of general partner: _____		
<input type="checkbox"/> A joint venture of:	Names of joint venturers: _____		
<input type="checkbox"/> A limited liability company:	Name of managing member: _____		
9. The only persons or firms interested in this proposal as principals are the following:			
Name(s)	Title	Phone	Fax
Street	City	State	Zip
Name(s)	Title	Phone	Fax
Street	City	State	Zip
10. Is your firm wholly or majority owned by, or a subsidiary of another firm? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes If yes, name of parent firm: _____ State of incorporation/registration of parent firm: _____			
11. Has your firm done business under any other name(s) within the last five years? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes If yes, please list the other name(s): Name(s): _____ Year of name change: _____ Name(s): _____ Year of name change: _____			
12. Is your firm involved in any pending acquisition or merger? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes If yes, indicate the associated company's name: _____			
13. Proposer does not have unresolved questioned cost, as identified by the Auditor-Controller, in an amount over \$100,000.00, that are confirmed to be disallowed costs by the County department, and remain unpaid for a period of six months or more from the date of disallowance, unless such disallowed costs are the subject of current good faith negotiations to resolve the disallowed costs, in the opinion of the County. <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes			
14. Proposer acknowledges that if any false, misleading, incomplete, or deceptively unresponsive statements in connection with this proposal are made, the proposal may be rejected. The evaluation and determination in this area shall be at the Director's sole judgment and the Director's judgment shall be final.			
I am making these representations and all representation contained in this proposal based on information that they are true and correct to the best of my information and belief. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of California that the above information is true and correct.			
Signature of Proposer or Authorized Agent: _____			Date: _____
Type name and title: _____			

SCHEDULE OF PRICES

SMART GARDENING PROGRAM (BRC0000317)

The undersigned Proposer offers to perform the work described in the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the following prices. The Proposer rates shall include all administrative costs, labor, supervision, materials, transportation, 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. It is understood and agreed that the County, at its sole discretion, may delete some tasks. Additionally, if there are surplus funds, Public Works may increase the quantity of the task items provided in the Schedule of Prices, Form PW-2.

Please note the maximum allowable price for Task No. 2a, 2b, 2c, and 7b:

Task	Description	Unit	Unit Price	Quantity	Amount per Year (Unit Price x Quantity)
1	Instruction Workshops				
a	Workshops	ea	\$ _____	50	\$ _____
b	Webinars	ea	\$ _____	60	\$ _____
c	Workshops-Bilingual	ea	\$ _____	10	\$ _____
d	Webinars-Spanish	ea	\$ _____	10	\$ _____
2	Community Outreach				
a	Sponsorship Plan (not to exceed \$20,000/yr) (Refer to SOW Pg. A.4 for Task Details)	Lump sum/ year	\$ _____	1	\$ _____
b	Outreach Plan (not to exceed \$50,000/yr) (Refer to SOW Pg. A.5 for Task Details)	Lump sum/ year	\$ _____	1	\$ _____
c	Certification Program (not to exceed \$25,000/yr) (Refer to SOW Pg. A.6 for Task Details)	Lump sum/ year	\$ _____	1	\$ _____
3	School and Community Events				
a	Instructor	hr.	\$ _____	200	\$ _____
b	Assistant	hr.	\$ _____	200	\$ _____
c	Haul Vehicle	Per day	\$ _____	10	\$ _____
4	Maintenance				
a	Maintenance – Garden Demonstration Sites	qtr.	\$ _____	4	\$ _____
5	Urban Greening				
a	Landscaper	hr.	\$ _____	500	\$ _____
b	Laborer	hr.	\$ _____	2,000	\$ _____
6	Program Supplies				
a.1	Compost Bin ("Redmon 8000 Green Culture")	ea	\$ _____	1,000	\$ _____
a.2	Worm Bin ("Wriggly Wranch")	ea	\$ _____	1,000	\$ _____
a.3	Worms, species = Eisenia fetida	lb	\$ _____	520	\$ _____
a.4	Bedding	ea	\$ _____	1,000	\$ _____
b.1	Hand Cultivator	ea	\$ _____	100	\$ _____
b.2	Hand Spade	ea	\$ _____	100	\$ _____
b.3	Watering Can	ea	\$ _____	250	\$ _____
b.4	Vegetables (variety)	flat	\$ _____	50	\$ _____
b.5	Herbs (variety)	flat	\$ _____	50	\$ _____
b.6	Seed Packets	ea	\$ _____	5,000	\$ _____
b.7	Raised Bed ("Naturalyards": 4' x 8' x 11")	ea	\$ _____	160	\$ _____
b.8	Planting Soil @ 1.5 cubic feet per bag	bag	\$ _____	1,600	\$ _____
c	Storage	qtr	\$ _____	4	\$ _____
d	Delivery	hr	\$ _____	1,000	\$ _____

7	Reports				
a	Monthly Meeting/Report	ea.	\$ _____	12	\$ _____
b	Final Report (Not to exceed \$12,000)	ea.	\$ _____	1	
A. TOTAL PROPOSED ANNUAL PRICE (Sum of Tasks 1a → 8b)					\$ _____
B. TOTAL TWO-YEAR BASE TERM PRICE					
Total Proposed Annual Price from Item A above. Price must match Item A above			For 2 Years	Contract's Initial Two-Year Base Term Price (Total Proposed Annual Price from Item A above x 2)	
\$ _____			x2	\$ _____	

LEGAL NAME OF PROPOSER		
SIGNATURE OF PERSON AUTHORIZED TO SUBMIT PROPOSAL		
TITLE OF AUTHORIZED PERSON		
DATE	STATE CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE NUMBER IF APPLICABLE	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

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Total	Current Year to Date
1. Number of contracts.							
2. Total dollar amount of Contracts (in thousands of dollars).							
3. Number of fatalities.							
4. Number of lost workday cases.							
5. Number of lost workday cases involving permanent transfer to another job or termination of employment.							
6. Number of lost workdays.							

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

Name of Proposer or Authorized Agent (print)_____
Signature_____
Date

CONFLICT OF INTEREST CERTIFICATION

I, _____

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

 of _____
 Name of proposer

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

Contracts Prohibited.

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

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

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

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

Signed _____

Date _____

PROPOSER'S REFERENCE LIST

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.

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

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

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

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

B. OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES AND PRIVATE COMPANIES

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

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

PROPOSER'S EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY CERTIFICATION

Proposer's Name
Address
Internal Revenue Service Employer Identification Number

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

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

Proposer	
Authorized representative	
Signature	Date

LIST OF SUBCONTRACTORS

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

☐

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

[illegible]

FORM PW-8

Certification as Minority, Women, Disadvantaged, Disabled Veteran, and Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, and Questioning Business Enterprises: If any of your Subcontractors are currently certified as Minority, Women, Disadvantaged, Disabled Veteran, and Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, and Questioning Business Enterprises by a public agency, complete the following and attach a copy of the proof of certification. All Subcontractors listed in the bid/proposal shall be listed below (make copy of this form, if necessary).

	Subcontractor Name	Local SBE	SBE	Minority	Women-Owned	Disadvantaged Business	Disabled Veteran	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, and Questioning
1								
2								
3								
4								
5								
6								
7								
8								
9								
10								

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

Print Name:	Authorized Signature	Title	Date

COMMUNITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISES PARTICIPATION FORM

Contractors are required to indicate their good faith effort in CBE participation by indicating on this form their proposed involvement on this project. CBEs are Minority/Women/Disadvantaged/Disabled Veteran/Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, and Questioning owned Business Enterprises (MBE/WBE/DBE/DVBE/LGBTQQ). This form shall be provided to the COUNTY at the time of Proposal submittal.

LIST OF CBE PARTICIPATION

The following is a list of certified CBE Subcontractors that the Proposer elects to list as a Subcontractor to perform a portion or portions of this work and known suppliers from whom Proposer proposes to procure materials and/or equipment for the work.

<u>NAME/ADDRESS</u>	<u>TYPE OF WORK OR PRODUCT</u>	<u>INDICATE MBE/ WBE/DBE/DVBE/ LGBTQQBE</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE OF BASE PRICE PROPOSAL</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

County of Los Angeles
Request for County's Preference Program Consideration and
Community Business Enterprises Firm/Organization Information Form

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

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

☐ **Request for Local Small Business Enterprise (LSBE) Program Preference**

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

☐ **Request for Social Enterprise (SE) Program Preference**

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

☐ **Request for Disabled Veterans Business Enterprise (DVBE) Program Preference**

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

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

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

- ☐ **DCBA certification is attached.**

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

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:

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

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

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

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

- IV. **CERTIFICATION AS MINORITY, WOMEN, DISADVANTAGED, DISABLED VETERAN, AND LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER, QUEER, AND QUESTIONING(LGBTQQ)**

BUSINESS ENTERPRISES: If the firm is currently certified as a Community Based Enterprise (CBE) by a public agency, complete the table by entering the names of the certifying Agency and placing an "X" under the appropriate CBE designation (Minority, Women, Disadvantaged, Disabled Veteran or LGBTQQ). Enter all the CBE certifications held by the firm and attach a copy of your proof of certification.

Agency Name	Minority	Women	Disadvantaged	Disabled Veteran	LGBTQQ	Expiration Date

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

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

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

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

To report all job openings with job requirements to obtain qualified GAIN/GROW participants as potential employment candidates, Contractor shall e-mail: GAINGROW@dpss.lacounty.gov and BSERVICES@wdacs.lacounty.gov.

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

Proposer shall complete all of the following information, sign where indicated below, and return this form with their proposal.

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

_____ YES (subject to verification by County) _____ NO

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

_____ YES _____ NO

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

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

Signature	Title
Firm Name	Date

TRANSMITTAL FORM TO REQUEST A SOLICITATION REQUIREMENTS REVIEW

Proposers requesting a Solicitation Requirements Review must submit this form to the County within ten business days of issuance of the solicitation document

Proposer Name:	Date of Request:
Solicitation Title:	Solicitation 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 **ten 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 supporting documentation)

Request submitted by:

(Name)

(Title)

For County use only

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

Reviewed by: _____

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.

Check the Certification below that is applicable to your company

- ☐ 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)

PROPOSER'S LIST OF TERMINATED CONTRACTS

PROPOSER'S NAME: _____

☐

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

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

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

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

SIGNATURE _____

DATE: _____

PROPOSER'S PENDING LITIGATIONS AND JUDGMENTS

Proposer's Name: _____

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

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

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

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

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

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

Signature of Proposer: _____ Date: _____

**ON-CALL SMART GARDENING PROGRAM (BRC0000317)
PROPOSER'S INSURANCE COMPLIANCE AFFIRMATION**

Proposer's Name

Address

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

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.

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.

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:

ZERO TOLERANCE HUMAN TRAFFICKING POLICY CERTIFICATION

Company Name:		
Company Address:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Telephone Number:	E-Mail Address:	
Solicitation/Contract for _____ Services		

PROPOSER CERTIFICATION

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

Proposer acknowledges and certifies compliance with Exhibit B, Section 1.OO, Compliance with County's Zero Tolerance Human Trafficking Policy, of the proposed Contract and agrees that proposer or a member of his staff performing work under the proposed Contract will be in compliance. Proposer further acknowledges that noncompliance with the County's Zero Tolerance Human Trafficking Policy may result in rejection of any proposal, or cancellation of any resultant Contract, at the sole judgment of the County.

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

Print Name:	Title
Signature:	Date:

COMPLIANCE WITH FAIR CHANCE EMPLOYMENT HIRING PRACTICES CERTIFICATION

Company Name:		
Company Address:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Telephone Number:	E-Mail Address:	
Solicitation/Contract for _____ Services		

PROPOSER/CONTRACTOR CERTIFICATION

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

Proposer/Contractor acknowledges and certifies compliance with fair chance employment hiring practices set forth in California Government Code Section 12952, as indicated in Section 8.56 (Compliance with Fair Chance Employment Practices) of the Contract, and agrees that proposer/contractor and staff performing work under the Contract will be in compliance. Proposer/Contractor further acknowledges that noncompliance with fair chance employment practices set forth in California Government Code Section 12952 may result in rejection of any proposal, or termination of any resultant Contract, at the sole judgment of the County.

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

Print Name:	Title
Signature:	Date:

COVID-19 VACCINATION CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE

Urgency Ordinance, County Code Title 2 – Administration, Division 4 – Miscellaneous – Chapter 2.212 (COVID-19 Vaccinations of County Contractor Personnel)

I, _____, on behalf of _____,
(the "Contractor"), certify that on County Contract:

Contract Number:	
Contract Name:	

- ☐ All Contractor Personnel on this Contract are fully vaccinated as required by the Ordinance.
- ☐ Most Contractor Personnel* on this Contract are fully vaccinated as required by the Ordinance. The Contractor or its employer of record, has granted a valid medical or religious exemption to the below identified Contractor Personnel. Contractor will certify weekly that the following unvaccinated Contractor Personnel have tested negative within 72 hours of starting their work week under the County Contract, unless the contracting County department requires otherwise. The Contractor Personnel who have been granted a valid medical or religious exemption are [LIST ALL CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL]:

*Contractor Personnel includes subcontractors at all tiers.

I have authority to bind the Contractor, and have reviewed the requirements above and further certify that I will comply with said requirements.

Company/Contractor Name:	
Print Name:	Title
Signature:	Date:

**SMART GARDENING PROGRAM (BRC0000317)
COMPLIANCE WITH THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS**

PROPOSER MUST CHECK A BOX IN EVERY SECTION

Important Note: The information on this form is subject to verification and may not be used for scoring purposes.

Completing this form by itself without including detailed narrative(s) in your proposal to support the minimum mandatory requirement(s) of this RFP, any inconsistencies or inaccuracy in the information provided on this form, and/or your Proposal, may subject your Proposal to disqualification or other actions, at the sole discretion of the County.

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

- Proposing entity or its managing employee(s) and/or subcontractor(s), if any, must have a minimum of three years of experience in any of the following fields with emphasis on waste reduction: solid waste recycling, solid waste management, or solid waste education.

- ☐ Yes. Proposing entity or its managing employee(s) and/or subcontractor(s), if any, meets 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 validate this minimum mandatory requirement).

Proposing Entity or Managing Employee(s) and/or Subcontractor(s) Names	Dates of Experience (Mo./Yrs. to Mo./Yrs.)	Description of Services/Experience	Sub-contractor (Y/N)	Page No.*
		Type of emphasis on waste reduction <input type="checkbox"/> Solid Waste Recycling <input type="checkbox"/> Solid Waste Management <input type="checkbox"/> Solid Waste Education Provide Description:		
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		Type of emphasis on waste reduction <input type="checkbox"/> Solid Waste Recycling <input type="checkbox"/> Solid Waste Management <input type="checkbox"/> Solid Waste Education Provide Description:		

*List the page number in the proposal containing the Proposer's resume/experience (please attach additional pages if needed).

- ☐ No. Proposing entity or managing employee(s) and/or subcontractor(s), if any, do not meet the experience requirement stated above. **By checking this box, your Proposal will be immediately disqualified as nonresponsive.**

2 Proposing entity must identify a minimum of two qualified instructors in their proposal who will be assigned to this contract, if awarded. Subcontractors may be used to meet this minimum requirement. Instructors must meet at least one of the following qualifications:

- a. Hold a Master Gardener Certification from the University of California Master Gardener Program or other Master Gardener programs recognized by the American Horticultural Society; or
- b. Have 2 years of experience in instructing for smart gardening programs; or
- c. Have completed a minimum of 25 units of college courses in the following fields: biology, plant sciences, landscape architecture, environmental engineering and environmental science, or other fields related to practices promoted by the Smart Gardening Program, such as drought-tolerant landscaping, xeriscaping, integrated pest management, or soil biology. Proposer shall provide a copy of transcript to verify completed courses and required units.

- ☐ Yes. Please complete the charts below.

a. Master Gardener Certification

Names of Cert. Holders	Type of Cert.	Cert. No. (If Applicable)	Valid/Active Dates	Sub-contractor (Y/N)	Page No.*

*List the page number in the proposal containing the Managing Employee's resume/experience (please attach additional pages if needed).

b. Experience in Instructing Smart Gardening Programs

Names of Qualified Instructors and/or Subcontractors	Dates of Experience (Mo/Yr to Mo/Yr)	Description of Services/Experience	Sub-contractor (Y/N)	Page No.*

*List the page number in the proposal containing proposer's entity's qualified instructors and/or its subcontractor(s), if any, experience. (Please attach additional pages if needed.)

c. College Courses

Names of Qualified Instructors and/or Subcontractor(s)	Course Names	No. of Units	Sub- contractor (Y/N)	Page No.*

*List the page number in the proposal containing proposing entity's qualified instructors and/or its subcontractor(s), if any, experience. (Please attach additional pages if needed.) Submit a copy of transcript to verify completed courses and required units.

☐

No. Proposing entity and/or subcontractor(s), if any, do not have the requirements as stated above. **By checking this box, your Proposal will be immediately disqualified as nonresponsive.**

3. Proposing entity or its managing employee(s) and/or subcontractor(s), if any, must have knowledge of on-line applications and software, including: have a minimum of 1-year experience in conducting on-line webinars and experience in creating shareable files through cloud applications for viewing and editing by the County and contractor.

- ☐ Yes. Proposing entity and/or subcontractor(s), if any, does have the requirements as stated above.
- ☐ No. Proposing entity and/or subcontractor(s), if any, does not have the requirements as stated above. **By checking this box, your Proposal will be immediately disqualified as nonresponsive.**

4. Proposing entity or its employee(s) and/or subcontractor(s), if any, must hold a valid and active California issued Contractor Classification C-27 Landscaping license.

- ☐ Yes. Please complete the chart below.

Proposing Entity or Employee(s) and/or Subcontractor(s)	Type of License	License No.	Valid/Active Dates	Sub-contractor (Y/N)	Page No.*

*List the page number in the proposal containing proposing entity's or its employee(s) and/or its subcontractor(s), if any, valid and active license. (Please attach additional pages if needed).

- ☐ No. Proposing entity or its employee(s) and/or its subcontractor(s), if any, do not have the license as stated above.

4. PREVAILING WAGE WORK

Proposer and its Subcontractor(s) performing prevailing wage work must submit proof of a valid and active State of California Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) Public Works Contractor Registration pursuant to Labor Code 1725.5. Pending registrations will not be accepted. It is the Proposer's responsibility to identify any Prevailing Wage work and fully adhere to all relevant Labor Codes.

- ☐ Yes. Proposer has submitted proof of a valid and active State of California Department of Industrial Relations Public Works Contractor Registration pursuant to Labor Code 1725.5.

Name of Registration Holder	Registration No.	Registration Dates	Expiration Dates

- ☐ No. Proposer has **not** submitted proof of a valid and active State of California Department of Industrial Relations Public Works Contractor Registration. **If you check this box, your Proposal will be immediately disqualified as nonresponsive.**

4.1 Prevailing Wage Payment Affirmation:

- ☐ Yes. Proposer has determined the appropriate prevailing wage classifications needed to perform the work requested and prevailing wage work shall be paid Prevailing Wages in compliance with the California Labor Code when conducting activities that are subject to prevailing wage. These rates must be included in Form LW-8, Cost Methodology.
- ☐ No. Proposer has not determined the appropriate prevailing wage classifications needed to perform the work requested and Proposer will not pay prevailing wages in compliance with the California Labor Code when conducting activities that are subject to prevailing wage. And/or the rates included in Form LW-8, Cost Methodology, do not demonstrate payment of prevailing wages for the work. **By checking this box, the Proposal Submission will be immediately disqualified as nonresponsive**

Proposer declares under penalty of perjury that the information stated above is true and accurate. Proposer further acknowledges that if any false, misleading, incomplete, or deceptively unresponsive statements in connection with this proposal are made, the proposal may be rejected at the sole discretion of the County.

Signature	Title
Firm Name	Date



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Policy on Doing Business With Small Business

Forty-two percent of businesses in Los Angeles County have five or fewer employees. Only about 4 percent of businesses in the area exceed 100 employees. According to the Los Angeles Times and local economists, it is not large corporations, but these small companies that are generating new jobs and helping move Los Angeles County out of its worst recession in decades.

WE RECOGNIZE...

The importance of small business to the County:

- In fueling local economic growth.
- Providing new jobs.
- Creating new local tax revenues.
- Offering new entrepreneurial opportunity to those historically under-represented in business.

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

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

WE THEREFORE SHALL:

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

Listing of Contractors Debarred in Los Angeles County

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

<https://doingbusiness.lacounty.gov/listing-of-contractors-debarred-in-los-angeles-county/>

County of Los Angeles *Lobbyist Ordinance*



IT'S THE LAW

It may affect you!

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

YOU MAY BE CONSIDERED A COUNTY LOBBYIST

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

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

REGISTERING IS IMPORTANT

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

HERE'S HOW TO COMPLY WITH THE LAW

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

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

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

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

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

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

Thank you for your cooperation and attention.

Part II

Sample Agreement



BY AND BETWEEN

LOS ANGELES COUNTY
PUBLIC WORKS

AND

[NAME OF CONTRACTOR]

FOR

ON-CALL SMART GARDENING PROGRAM (BRC0000317)

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SAMPLE AGREEMENT FOR
ON-CALL SMART GARDENING PROGRAM (BRC0000317)

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into this ____ day of _____, 2022, 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 [State of Incorporation] [Form of Entity], located at [Full Address of the Contractor], (hereinafter referred to as CONTRACTOR). COUNTY and CONTRACTOR are each a Party and collectively referred to as the Parties.

WITNESSETH

FIRST: The CONTRACTOR, for the consideration hereinafter set forth and the acceptance by the Board of Supervisors (Board) of said COUNTY of the CONTRACTOR'S Proposal filed with the COUNTY on _____, 2022, hereby agrees to provide services as described in this Contract for Smart Gardening Program (BRC0000317).

SECOND: This AGREEMENT, together with Exhibit A, Scope of Work; Exhibit B, Service Contract General Requirements; Exhibit C, Internal Revenue Service Notice 1015; Exhibit D, Safely Surrendered Baby Law Posters; Exhibit E, Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program; Exhibit F, Performance Requirements Summary, and Exhibit G, Landscaping and Graffiti Removal; 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 of Public Works, to pay the CONTRACTOR pursuant to the Schedule of Prices set forth in the Proposal and attached hereto as Form PW-2, an amount not to exceed \$_____ for the entire potential contract term, including optional renewal periods under this Contract if exercised by the County, or such greater amount as the Board may approve (Maximum Contract Sum). The total contract amount for the initial 2-year Contract term is \$_____; the sum for each annual renewal, if exercised is \$_____; and the sum for the month-to-month optional extensions is \$_____ monthly if exercised.

FOURTH: This Contract's initial term shall be for a period of two years commencing on _____, or upon the Board's approval and execution of this Agreement by both parties, whichever occurs last. The COUNTY shall have the sole option to renew this Contract term for up to two additional 1-year periods and a six month-to-month extension, for a maximum total Contract term of four years and six months. Each such option shall be exercised at the sole discretion of the COUNTY. The COUNTY, acting through the Director, may give a written notice of intent to renew this Contract at least ten days prior to the end of each term. At the sole discretion of the COUNTY, in lieu of renewing the Contract for the full one year, this Contract may be renewed on a month-to-month basis, upon written notice to the CONTRACTOR at least ten days prior to the end of a term. The Director will provide a written notice of nonrenewal at least ten days before the last day of

any term, in which case this Contract shall expire as of midnight on the last day of that term. Where all option years have been exercised, the Director will not provide a written notice of nonrenewal.

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

SIXTH: 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:

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

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

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

NINTH: The CONTRACTOR shall not perform or accept work requests from the Contract Manager or any other person that will cause the Maximum Contract Sum of this Contract to be exceeded. 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.

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

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

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

THIRTEENTH: This Contract constitutes the entire agreement between the COUNTY and the CONTRACTOR with respect to the subject matter of this Contract and supersedes all prior and contemporaneous agreements and understandings. This CONTRACT may be signed by the parties hereto in separate counterparts, including both counterparts that are executed on paper and counterparts that are in the form of electronic signatures. Electronic signatures include facsimile or e-mail electronic signatures. Each executed counterpart shall be deemed an original. All counterparts, taken together, constitute the executed Agreement.

The parties hereby acknowledge and agree that electronic records and electronic signatures, as well as facsimile signatures, used in connection with the execution of this Agreement and electronic signatures, facsimile signatures or signatures transmitted by electronic mail in so-called pdf format shall be legal and binding and shall have the same full force and effect as if a paper original of this Agreement had been delivered and had been signed using a handwritten signature. Contractor and County (i) agree that an electronic signature, whether digital or encrypted, of a party to this Agreement is intended to authenticate this writing and to have the same force and effect as a manual signature, (ii) intend to be bound by the signatures (whether original, faxed or electronic) on any document sent or delivered by facsimile or, electronic mail, or other electronic means, (iii) are aware that the other party will rely on such signatures, and (iv) hereby waive any defenses to the enforcement of the terms of this Agreement based on the foregoing forms of signature. If this Agreement has been executed by electronic signature, all parties executing this document are expressly consenting under the United States Federal Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act of 2000 (E-SIGN) and California Uniform Electronic Transactions Act (UETA)(Cal. Civ. Code § 1633.1, et seq.), that a signature by fax, e-mail or other electronic means shall constitute an Electronic Signature to an Electronic Record under both E-SIGN and UETA with respect to this specific transaction.

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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:

DAWYN R. HARRISON
Acting County Counsel

By _____
Deputy

Type/Print Name

[NAME OF CONTRACTOR]

By _____
Its President

Type/Print Name

By _____
Its Secretary

Type/Print Name

SCOPE OF WORK

ON-CALL SMART GARDENING PROGRAM (BRC0000317)

A. Public Works Contract Manager

Public Works Contract Managers (CM) are Ms. Katonya Turner and Mr. Wilson Fong of Environmental Programs Division. Ms. Turner and Mr. Fong may be contacted at (626) 458-6395 or (626) 458-3581 respectively, Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., or kturner@dpw.lacounty.gov or wfong@dpw.lacounty.gov respectively. The CMs are the only persons authorized by Public Works to request work of the Contractor. From time to time, Public Works may change the CM. Contractor will be notified in writing when there is a change in the CM.

B. Work Location

Work will be performed within the boundaries of Los Angeles County including any of the 88 cities in the County.

C. Request of Work from Contractor

County reserves the right to determine if any work is or will be needed and/or requested under this Contract, at the County's sole and absolute discretion. The Contractor waives all claims against the County for any and all damages resulting from the County's failure to use the Contractor's services including, but not limited to, lost profit.

D. Background

The California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (AB 939) requires cities and counties to divert 50 percent of solid waste from landfills. Residential yard waste represents an estimated 13 percent of the waste generated in the County. To divert waste and help meet mandates, the County has implemented source reduction, recycling, and composting programs. The County established the Smart Gardening Program (Program) to reduce organic waste by educating residents on composting, worm composting, grasscycling, and xeriscaping. The key function of this Contract is to teach residents smart gardening practices through instructional workshops. This Contract will build school gardens, teaching students how to compost and grow organic food. The garden will become a teaching environment for students, inspiring them to become environmental stewards. The County has an Urban Greening Program, which aims to create open green space within inner cities. Helping lift community spirits while engaging residents in sustainable practices, such as smart gardening and water conservation. Urban greening also helps to reduce pollution, increase property values, and decrease

obesity/diabetes through organic gardening. This Contract will assist in promoting urban greening by providing consultation and installation of landscaping.

E. Work Description

Contractor shall provide public education, seek sponsorships, conduct outreach, maintain Smart Gardening centers, and install school gardens and landscape. Contractor shall provide garden supplies and promotional materials and prepare reports. Contractor shall provide all labor, supervision, materials, and equipment to complete the work required under this Contract.

1. Task One: Smart Gardening Instruction

Contractor shall conduct instructional classes consisting of workshops and webinars, with three to four classes a week (of one, the other, or a combination as directed by the CM), to teach smart gardening practices to the public. Approximately 130 classes should be held per year, spread somewhat evenly from mid-January to mid-November. Additional classes, webinar and/or in-person, may be added to the approved quarterly schedule at the requests of cities or other entities with approval of the CM. Contractor shall submit resumes for the required personnel under this Task 1 within one month of Contract award for CM verification that staff meets the requirements of paragraph L of this Exhibit.

Contractor shall prepare a quarterly schedule for the classes at least four months in advance for review and approval by the CM. For reference, find the 2016 class schedule @ <http://pw.lacounty.gov/epd/sg/pdf/sched16.pdf> and 2021 class schedule @ <http://pw.lacounty.gov/epd/sg/pdf/sched21.pdf>. Venues are not limited to those on the lists and days may vary, though Saturdays should always be included. The schedule and venues shall be strategically planned to be balanced geographically and to gain robust attendance. This may include partnering with interested cities or agencies with an active gardening constituency. Cities that heavily promote the workshops to constituents tend to draw more attendance and reduce outreach costs.

- a. Workshop: Contractor shall conduct workshops with the following types, curriculum, and frequency. Each workshop shall be roughly two hours (1½ hour lecture and ½ hour for question and answer), staffed by an Instructor and Assistant.

Type	Curriculum	Approximate units per year
Beginner	Backyard composting, vermicomposting, water-wise gardening, and grasscycling	40
Advanced	Organic gardening, drought-tolerant landscaping, and integrated pest management	10

The ratio is based on anticipated demand and also emphasizes introducing new customers to smart gardening. The CM may adjust the ratios and curriculum based on County needs.

Contractor shall arrange and obtain the necessary permits and approvals from the hosts for workshop locations in advance. A portion of these classes should be held at County Smart Gardening Learning Centers (see Task 4 for locations), which have existing seating, plants, demo compost bins, and signage. Other suggested sites include libraries and community centers. Prior to scheduling a location, the Contractor shall verify that the venue has sufficient available seating for up to 50 patrons. Contractor shall bring a worktable and 10-30 units of compost/worm bins to sell after each workshop. Typical bins and prices charged customers are shown on website: http://dpw.lacounty.gov/epd/sg/bc_bins.cfm. The revenue received shall be credited per Section 6e.

After the lecture, Contractor shall survey attendees to assess the workshop and give away seed packets as an incentive for taking the survey. CM will provide surveys to the Contractor. Contractor shall tally the results of completed surveys into an online file for charts as directed by the CM.

- b. Webinars: Contractor shall conduct webinars of the following types and curriculum. Each webinar shall be roughly one hour (45-minute lecture, with 15-minute questions and answers), staffed by an Instructor and Moderator.

Type	Curriculum	Approximate units per year
Intro to Composting	Backyard and worm composting to create rich soil amendment to nourish garden	30
Water-wise Gardening	Drought-tolerant landscaping and grass-cycling to fortify lawn	10
Organic Gardening	Build healthy soil, grow herbs and vegetables, and address plant pests and disease naturally	10
Small-space Gardening	Grow plants in containers and set up small-space composting systems	10

The ratios are based on anticipated demand and the County's outreach targets. The CM may adjust the ratios and the curriculum based on County needs.

Contractor shall schedule the webinars, including arranging with established apps to live stream the class with audience interaction. The Contractor shall use the streaming apps to register audience members, to send reminder alerts, to implement online surveys, , and to sell compost bins and related merchandise. After the lecture, the Instructor shall instruct attendees how to purchase compost bins at discount prices offered by Public Works. The Contractor shall send a follow-up email to attendees requesting their completion of the online survey.

- c. Workshop–Bilingual: Contractor shall conduct bilingual workshops (English and Spanish) at approximately 10 a year (once a month) in the types and ratio shown in Task 1a. This includes finding venues large enough to accommodate two separate groups, one for a presentation in English and the other in Spanish. This Task is essentially two classes held simultaneously in different locations of the venue. Therefore, a team of an Instructor and Assistant who are fluent in Spanish are needed for these workshops in addition to a team who will handle the workshop in English.
- d. Webinar–Spanish: Contractor shall conduct webinars consistent with Task 1b, but spoken in Spanish, including a fluent Instructor and Moderator and slide decks in Spanish. The frequency is approximately 10 a year (once a month), with the types reflecting the ratios shown in Task 1b.
- e. Curriculum: Contractor shall prepare flip charts for each workshop and a slide deck for each webinar, unless an alternative teaching display is approved by the CM. Teaching displays shall sufficiently convey the required curriculum. Drafts shall be submitted to the CM at least three months prior to class sessions for review and approval by the CM. When approved by the CM, Contractor shall produce at least four sets of flip charts (including a set in Spanish) for Beginner workshops, three sets of flip charts (including a set in Spanish) for Advanced workshops, slide decks for each of the four types of webinars, and corresponding Spanish decks. All approved teaching displays shall become the property of the County. Preparation of the approved curriculum, flip charts, slide decks and teaching displays are included in the rates for this Task in Form PW-2, Schedule of Prices.

- f. Instructors: Class “Instructors” shall meet criteria: a) hold a Master Gardener Certification from the University of California Master Gardener Program or other Master Gardener programs recognized by the American Horticultural Society; or b) have 2 years of experience in instructing smart gardening programs; or c) have completed a minimum of 25 units of college courses in the following fields: biology, plant science, landscape architecture, environmental engineering and environmental science, or other fields related to the Smart Gardening Program, such as drought-tolerant landscaping, integrated pest management, and soil biology.
- g. Assistants: Class “Assistants” shall meet criteria: a) have working knowledge and access to Excel and Word; b) have some experience in smart gardening programs; and preferably taken college courses in biology, landscape architecture, plant sciences, or related subjects; and c) have customer service experience. Duties shall include to arrange seating, administer sign-in sheets and customer surveys, take pictures, distribute literature, and load/sell bins for the workshops; and enter attendance/sales figures into a spreadsheet accessible to the CM and enter photos taken into a shareable online site.
- h. Moderators: Class “Moderators” shall meet criteria: a) have working knowledge and access to Zoom, Teams, or other reputable online meeting apps; b) have some experience in smart gardening or waste diversion programs; and preferably taken college courses in biology, landscape architecture, plant sciences, or related subjects; c) have customer service experience; and d) have public speaking experience. Their duties will include moderating the webinars, screening questions, and trouble-shooting the apps.
- i. Compensation: County will compensate the Contractor for each class unit completed at the Contractor's rate on Form PW-2, for Task 1a, "Workshops"; Task 1b, "Webinar"; Task 1c, "Workshops-Bilingual"; and Task 1d, "Webinar-Spanish"; respectively. The rates include all costs for conducting the unit including, but not limited to, staff labor (Instructors, Assistants, and Moderators); materials, travel/set-up for in-person classes (vehicles, gas, loading/unloading, and hauling equipment such as tables, chairs, and bins); and all related unit functions described in the respective Task, including scheduling, developing curriculum, producing teaching displays and easels, packing/feeding worms, providing cloth bags for the worms, and selling merchandise. Rates also include procuring and using online apps as necessary.

2 Task Two: Smart Gardening Sponsorship, Outreach, and Certification

Contractor shall promote smart gardening practices by developing and implementing a sponsorship plan, outreach plan, and a certification program as approved by the CM.

- a. Sponsorship: Contractor shall develop a Sponsorship Plan (Sponsorship Plan) for sponsorships and partnerships to promote and grow the Program. Sponsorship Plan could include obtaining in-kind or financial donations from government agencies, nonprofits, community organizations, and businesses. Partnerships should be established with cities, businesses, public entities, or water agencies within Los Angeles County that have a large gardening constituency, whereby they will provide complimentary meeting locations and effective advertising and/or supportive materials, for County approved joint workshops.

Resulting revenues generated or materials donated from the Sponsorship Plan shall be reported to the CM and fully accounted for in the Contractor's Monthly Reports required in Task 7a. The CM must direct or approve the use of any such revenues or materials as needed for the Program. Revenues or materials obtained by Contractor under the Sponsorship Plan shall remain the property of the County. At the termination of the Contract any materials remaining in Contractor's possession shall be transferred to the County as directed by the CM at no cost to County.

Contractor shall finalize and submit the Sponsorship Plan within 2 months of Contract start for the CM's review and approval. The plan shall include details of proposed tasks, materials, and a breakdown of itemized costs with the sum equaling the Contractor's lump sum rate quoted in Form PW-2, Task 2a. Contractor shall implement the Sponsorship Plan as approved by the CM. The CM may, at their sole discretion, request or approve modifications to the Sponsorship Plan during the Contract term. The CM may determine how to modify the plan and reappropriate or reallocate itemized costs consistent with the PW-2.

Outreach: Contractor shall develop an Outreach Plan (Outreach Plan) to promote the Program and Smart Gardening practices. The Outreach Plan shall identify approaches to promote workshops and webinars, including, but not limited to, managing and advertising on social media platforms, including but not limited to Public Works Smart Gardening Facebook and Instagram accounts. Social media posts must be approved by the CM prior to posting. The Outreach

Plan should promote Smart Gardening practices and landscaping equipment and methods that generates less pollution and waste, and uses less energy, such as, but not limited to, using brooms instead of water hosing and using rakes instead of air blowers.

Contractor shall finalize and submit the Outreach Plan within 2 months of Contract start for the CM's review and approval. The plan shall include details of proposed tasks, materials, and a breakdown of itemized costs with the sum equaling the Contractor's lump sum rate quoted in Form PW-2, Task 2b. Contractor shall implement the Outreach Plan as approved by the CM. The CM may, at their sole discretion, request or approve modifications to the Outreach Plan during the Contract term. The CM may determine how to modify the plan and reappropriate or reallocate itemized costs consistent with the PW-2.

- b. Certification: When directed by the CM, Contractor shall develop a Certification Program (Certification Program) to acknowledge an individual's training, fluency, and application of Smart Gardening practices, such as drought tolerant landscaping, native plants, and composting. This Certification Program should especially target landscapers. Contractor is encouraged to partner with established programs for this task, such as programs affiliated with universities. The Certification Program should develop minimum standards to qualify for attainment of a sustainable landscaping certification, including knowledge of drought tolerant landscaping, native plants, composting, etc., and landscaping equipment that are more sustainable, such as electric lawnmowers.

Contractor shall submit the Certification Program within two months of initiating this program for the CM's review and approval. The Certification Program plan shall include details of proposed tasks, materials, and a breakdown of itemized costs with the sum equaling the Contractor's lump sum rate quoted in Form PW-2, Task 2c. Contractor shall implement the Certification Program as approved by the CM. The CM may, at their sole discretion, request or approve modifications to the Certification Program during the Contract. The CM may determine how to modify the program and re-appropriate or reallocate itemized costs consistent with the PW-2

- c. Compensation: County will compensate the Contractor at the applicable lump sum rates on Form PW-2, Tasks: 2a, "Sponsorship Plan", 2b, "Outreach Plan," and 2c, "Certification Program", respectively for the tasks completed.

3 Task Three: School and Community Events

Contractor shall work at community and school events as directed by the CM. Community event work includes teaching patrons Smart Gardening techniques, disseminating literature and promo items approved by the CM, and promoting the Program. School event work includes building gardens and teaching students how to compost and garden. Contractor shall be responsible for obtaining any clearance for staff as is required by the school. Contractor may recommend events to attend for CM pre-approval. Work shall be performed by Instructors and Assistants described in Task 1 paragraphs f. and g., unless otherwise approved by the CM.

- a. Instructors: County will compensate the Contractor at the hourly rates on Form PW-2, Task 3a, "Instructors" for the hours worked in the field at the event.
- b. Assistants: County will compensate the Contractor at the hourly rate on Form PW-2, Task 3b, "Assistants," for hours worked in the field at the event.

Hours to be worked by Contractor staff at school and community events shall be preapproved by the CM. Contractor shall process any applications and necessary permits at no cost to the County and pay registration fees to attend events approved by the CM. Attendance fees paid by the Contractor will be reimbursed without mark-up by invoicing the County. Contractor can charge a maximum of 60 minutes for round trip commute for each community and school event (3 hours round trip commute for events in Antelope Valley).

- c. Hauling: County will compensate the Contractor for the cost to haul large loads for garden installations under the Contractor's rate on Form PW-2, Task 3b, "Haul Vehicle" per vehicle per day. This includes hauling all materials for school and community events (e.g., lumber for raised beds, soil, tools, and plants). The vehicles used should be reasonably large, such as a large pickup truck, moving van, or flatbed truck. The rate for Haul Vehicle shall include all charges for gas, insurance, and rental fees as needed, and be effective for an entire day and includes multiple trips as needed.

4. Task Four: Maintenance at Garden Demonstration Sites

Contractor shall perform maintenance at County garden demonstration sites (collectively "Centers") consisting of:

- Info Centers (see list below)

- Learning Centers (see list below)
- Annex Garden (located at Public Works Headquarters)

See dpw.lacounty.gov/epd/sg/map.cfm for photos of the Learning Centers. See dpw.lacounty.gov/epd/sg/pdf/InfoCenter.jpg for a picture of a typical Info Center. See dpw.lacounty.gov/epd/sg/annex.cfm for photos of the Annex Garden.

Info Centers	Learning Centers
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Arleta Community Gardens, Arleta ○ Adventure Park, South Whittier ○ City Terrace Park, City Terrace ○ Eaton Canyon Nature Center, Pasadena ○ Horsethief Canyon Park, San Dimas ○ Huntington Library, San Marino ○ Orcutt Ranch, Canoga Park ○ Valleydale Park, Azusa 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Arboretum, Arcadia ○ Castaic Lake Water Agency, Castaic ○ Charter Oak Park, Covina ○ Columbia Park, Torrance ○ El Cariso Park, Sylmar ○ Garvey Ranch Park, Monterey Park ○ Gates Canyon Park, Calabasas ○ Schabarum Park, Rowland Heights ○ Vanguard, Willowbrook

Contractor shall inspect the Centers monthly for vandalism, rot, plant stress, damage, weeds, wear and tear of structures (e.g., benches, sheds, trellises, bins, planters), and other problems; and perform as-needed maintenance in compliance with the requirements of Exhibit G. Maintenance shall include graffiti removal, landscaping, mowing minor strips of lawns, pruning trees/hedges, watering and fertilizing plants with natural compost (chemical fertilizers are prohibited), replacing dead plants, adjusting sprinkler systems, and providing minor repair and upkeep to structures, such as painting, tightening of bolts, replacement of wood planks, etc.

Contractor shall inspect the Annex Garden monthly for plant stress, weeds, and other problems; and perform as-needed maintenance in compliance with the requirements of Exhibit G. Maintenance shall include landscaping; pruning, watering, and fertilizing plants with natural compost (chemical fertilizers are prohibited); replacing dead plants; and adjusting irrigation systems. The Annex Garden work shall include inspecting four worm composting bins and three outdoor vases around the building behind the cafeteria. Maintaining the plants in the vases and dusting off the vases and bins as needed.

Electric-powered landscaping tools shall be used in this Contract (gas-powered equipment is prohibited for landscaping). Contractor shall report to the CM potential hazards or safety concerns found, and any needs for major repairs. Contractor shall enter these findings and corrective actions taken into a monthly maintenance log submitted to the CM in the Monthly Report, described in Task 7a. The log shall describe the condition of the centers and summary of actions taken with supporting photographs of repairs and maintenance activities performed.

- a. Compensation: Maintenance will be paid quarterly at Contractor's rate in Form PW-2, Task 4 "Maintenance – Garden Demonstration Sites". These rates include all costs for labor, materials, minor repair work and equipment to perform services under this Task.

5. Task Five: Urban Greening

Contractor shall install Urban Greening at public facilities, such as schools and offices when assigned by the CM. Urban Greening refers to the design and planting of aesthetic drought-tolerant landscaping for human enjoyment and eco-sustainability. This may consist of planting demonstration gardens including installing prefabricated benches and other pathway enhancements.

- a. Landscaper: Design and landscaping work shall be overseen by an individual, subcontractor, or a company that holds a California issued landscaping License, Contractor Classification C27.
- b. Laborer: Contractor shall employ laborers skilled in landscaping. Contractor shall submit the estimated hours to install each project to the CM for review and approval prior to commencing work. Contractor shall only commence work for an approved Urban Greening project when given a written Notice to Proceed by the CM.
- c. Compensation: County will compensate the Contractor at the hourly rate on Form PW-2, under Task 5a, "Landscaper" for each licensed landscaper and Task 5b, "Laborer", for each laborer for approved Urban Greening installation work.

6. Task Six: Program Supplies

Contractor shall provide the following supplies for use in the Program.

- a. Compost Supplies:

Item	Item	"Model" or Description	Estimated Quantity needed per year	Business Days to complete order
6a.1	Compost Bin	"Redmon 8000 Green Culture" (65 gallon, without the turning tool accessory)	1000 bins	30
6a.2	Worm Bin	"Wriggly Wranch"	1000 bins	30
6a.3	Red Worms	Species = Eisenia fetida	520 pounds	5
6a.4	Bedding	Coconut Coir	1000 bricks	5

County will order the items in batches. Contractor shall provide the items within the timeline specified in the table above and store the items for inventory at a secure site described in Task 6c. County will compensate the Contractor for these items at the respective rates provided in Form PW-2 for Task 6. If the specified bin is unavailable, Contractor shall provide an equivalent bin that must first be approved by the CM. With each worm bin sale, Contractor shall give customer a breathable cloth bag packed with a ½ pound of worms in a handful of soil. Contractor shall keep worms alive and healthy for inventory and distribution.

Contractor shall sell supplies as discussed in Task 1 at classes, and account for inventory. Contractor shall compensate the County at full price for any items lost, stolen, or damaged due to Contractor fault, and County may deduct monies due to Contractor for such compensation. Unused supplies remaining at the termination of the Contract shall be returned to the County at no cost to the County.

- b. Garden Supplies: Contractor shall provide the following items for school and community events or as directed by CM. County will order the supplies in batches to help minimize purchasing by the Contractor.

Item	Item	Specifications	Business Days to complete order
6b.1	Hand Cultivator	Plastic, 8-12 inches size	5
6b.2	Hand Spade	Plastic, 8-12 inches size	5
6b.3	Watering Can	0.5 gallon size	5
6b.4	Vegetables (variety)	10 plants (3-inch seedlings) per flat	5
6b.5	Herbs (variety)	10 plants (3-inch seedlings) per flat	5
6b.6	Seed Packets	Variety (order in 100 batches)	15
6b.7	Raised Bed	"Naturalyards" (size 4'x8'x11")	15
6b.8	Planting Soil	Bag = 1.5 cubic feet (cf)	15

The types of vegetables and herbs, which may vary depending on the season and likes of the school or community, will be specified by the CM in consultation with the Contractor. Contractor shall be paid for these items at the respective rates provided in Form PW-2 for Task 6b. Contractor shall distribute seed packets at workshops and events to promote the Program and entice residents to answer surveys. Seed varieties shall include, but are not limited to, tomatoes, carrots, cucumber, peppers, and squash. Packets shall be printed with the Program logo and website: "Smartgardening.com."

- c. Storage: Contractor shall secure storage in Los Angeles County to store worms, bins, bedding supplies, and garden supplies required for this Contract. The estimated storage space required is 12 pallets full (or roughly 200 square feet). County vendors may deliver worms, bins, soil, and beds to the Contractor's storage facility. Contractor shall offload shipments by providing and using a forklift as needed. Storage will be compensated under the Contractor's quarterly rate in Form PW-2, Task 6c, "Storage." The cost for receiving shipments from County vendors and off-loading shipments with Contractor forklift is included in the rate for Task 6c. At the conclusion of the Contract, Contractor shall transport remaining bins in storage to the County at no cost to the County
- d. Delivery: Contractor shall deliver supplies efficiently to customers who have ordered on-line after attending a webinar. Delivery will be compensated by the hourly rate for a deliverer in Form PW-2, Task 6d, "Delivery". Deliveries shall be made in non-busy traffic periods and hours must be reasonable as determined by the CM. Delivery staff shall practice safety social distancing and masking protocols.
- e. Credits: Where garden supplies are sold to the public and money collected by the Contractor, Contractor shall return the money cumulated monthly in the form of a credit on a line Task 6e, "Credit" in the monthly invoice.

7. Task Seven: Reports

- a. Monthly Meeting and Report: Contractor shall meet monthly to plan and discuss Contract performance with the CM at Public Works headquarters located at 900 South Fremont Avenue in the City of Alhambra (or via a Microsoft Teams meeting) and submit a monthly report. Contractor shall e-mail an agenda and the monthly report a week ahead of the meeting for CM's review and approval. The monthly report shall address:
 - Problems and solutions
 - Sponsorship/Partnership status
 - Workshops conducted with statistics (i.e., attendance, bin sales)
 - Community/school events attended
 - Maintenance logs of County Centers (see Task 4)
 - Pictures of functions from that month
 - Compost and worm bin inventory and counts
 - Sign-in sheets and surveys from that month's workshops

- b. Final Report: Contractor shall submit a Final Report within 3 months before the conclusion of the final option year exercised for the CM's review and approval that evaluates program aspects, including discussions on Contract problems, general awareness of Smart Gardening and Urban Greening issues, successes, and recommendations for improving the program.

F. Additional Work and Materials

1. During the Contract term, the CM may authorize the Contractor to perform additional work arising out of unforeseen incidents, such as vandalism, acts of God, third-party negligence, or any other unanticipated need. If the CM determines such additional services can be obtained in whole or in part by temporarily modifying the Contractor's tasks and work schedules, he or she may direct such modification.
2. During the term of the Contract, there may be additional materials, equipment, and supplies that are not identified in the PW-2 Schedule of Prices which are required to complete a task or to perform additional work. The CM may request the Contractor to provide a written estimate and options for additional materials, equipment, or supplies, which are required to perform the work. The Contractor may also request alternative materials for consideration by the CM with a written estimate of the costs for the materials and supplies. With CM's written approval, the Contractor may purchase the materials or supplies or rent equipment, and provide a receipt for such payment to the CM. The County will reimburse the Contractor for the costs of these materials on a pass-through basis with a negotiated mark-up to be paid to the Contractor that does not exceed 15 percent. The County reserves the right to purchase parts and materials and provide them to the Contractor without mark-up or additional charges to the County.
3. All approved additional work shall commence on the specified date established. The Contractor shall proceed diligently to complete work within the time allotted.

G. Hours and Days of Service

Hours of services primarily are performed on weekdays for administrative and maintenance work; on weekdays and Saturdays during random hours for classes, and on Saturdays for community events. Promotions and school garden builds are primarily performed on weekdays. Work hours may change when necessary, as directed by the County.

H. Utilities

The County will not provide utilities.

I. Storage Facilities

The County will not provide storage facilities for the Contractor.

J. Removal of Debris

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 and in compliance with all applicable Federal, State, and local legal requirements. Disposal shall be at the Contractor's expense. The Contractor shall not allow 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 CM. The Contractor shall NOT attempt to perform any type of hazardous waste remediation, including containing, cleaning, moving, disposing, etc. The Contractor shall exercise extreme caution in the event unknown waste is encountered.

K. Special Safety Requirements

1. If Contractor determines that a condition at a Contract work location presents a potential hazard or safety concern to the public and/or event attendees, the Contractor shall take immediate steps to correct, remove, tape off, or otherwise prevent access to the condition and notify the CM.
2. In the performance of this Contract, precaution shall be exercised by Contractor for the protection of persons, including employees and property. Contractor shall comply with all applicable Federal, State, and local laws governing safety, health, and sanitation. Contractor shall provide all safeguards, safety devices, and protective equipment, and take any other needed actions on its own volition or as CM may determine reasonably necessary, to protect the life and health of employees on the job and the safety of the public, and to protect property in connection with the performance of the work covered by this Contract.
3. All Contractor's personnel shall be expected to observe all applicable State of California Occupational Safety, Health Administration (Cal/OSHA), and Public Works' safety requirements while at Public Works' jobsites.
4. Suitable clothing, gloves, and shoes that meet Cal/OSHA requirements are required.

5. Contractor shall do the following for safety issues:
 - a. Public Safety: Contractor shall perform a prework survey to identify potential safety issues and, if any are found, address them before work starts; if any hazards are found, the Contractor will report to the County's CM; if the hazards are potentially harmful or pose imminent risk to the public, contact 911.
 - b. Emergency Response: When the emergency involves injury to a member of the public, Contractor shall call 911, stay with the injured person until help arrives if doing so does not pose a risk to the County or Contractor staff, and direct emergency services to the injured person, if practical; secure the site to restrict the public from going through the area. When needed, use appropriate signage and delineations.
 - c. Contractor shall file a County of Los Angeles Non-Employee Injury Report form to document the incident and injuries to the public and transmit the forms to the CM within two business days or first day of the next business week. PWR will provide the report form.

L. Additional Responsibilities of the Contractor

The Contractor shall:

1. Maintain or ensure its managing employee(s) and/or subcontractor(s), if any, have a minimum of 3 years of experience in any of the following fields with emphasis on waste reduction: solid waste recycling, solid waste management, or solid waste education.
2. Ensure a minimum of two qualified instructors assigned to this contract maintain at least one of the qualifications specified in Section E, Task 1f. Subcontractors may be used to meet this minimum requirement.
3. Contractor or its managing employee(s) and/or subcontractor(s), if any, must have knowledge of on-line applications and software, including
 - a. Have a minimum of 1-year experience in conducting on-line webinars through reputable applications.
 - b. Experience in creating shareable files through cloud applications for viewing and editing by the County and contractor.
4. Maintain or ensure its employee(s) and/or subcontractor(s), if any, sustain a valid and active California issued Contractor Classification C-27 Landscaping license.

5. Contractor shall provide a Contractor Representative (CR) who is a full-time employee of the Contractor.
6. Provide overall management and coordination of the Contract and act as the central contact for County.
7. Have full authority to act for the Contractor on all Contract matters relating to the daily operation, including answering questions, responding to emergencies, and approving all reports.
8. Perform Contract supervision to the satisfaction of the CM.
9. Ensure uniforms are worn by employees on the job at all times.

M. Responsibilities of Public Works

The County may provide jobsite inspection at its discretion.

N. Project Safety Official

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

O. Liquidated Damages

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.
 - g. The liquidated sums specified represent a fair approximation of the damages incurred by the County resulting from the Contractor's failure to meet the performance standard as to each item for which an amount of liquidated damages is specified.
3. The Contractor shall pay Public Works, or Public Works may withhold and deduct from monies due the Contractor, liquidated damages in the sum of \$500 for each consecutive calendar day that the Contractor fails to complete work within the time specified unless otherwise provided in this Contract.
4. In addition to the above, Public Works may use Exhibit F, Performance Requirements Summary, to evaluate Contractor's performance. Please note, should an inconsistency be determined between the Scope of Work, Liquidated Damages, and the Performance Requirements Summary (Exhibit F), the higher service level in the judgment of Public Works shall prevail

SCHEDULE OF PRICES
(FORM PW-2)

[Successful Proposer's Form PW-2, will be incorporated here]

SERVICE CONTRACT GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

SECTION 1

INTERPRETATION OF CONTRACT

A. Ambiguities or Discrepancies

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

B. Definitions

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Day. Calendar day(s) unless otherwise specified.

Direct Employee. Worker employed by Contractor under Contractor's State and Federal taxpayer identification.

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

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

Employee Leasing. Any agreement to employ any worker, at any tier, that is not: a Subcontract, or is not a direct employee relationship with the Contractor or a Subcontractor.

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

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

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

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

Public Works. Los Angeles County Public Works.

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

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

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

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

C. Headings

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

SECTION 2

STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS PERTAINING TO CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION

A. Amendments

1. For any change which affects the Scope of Work, Contract sum, payments, or any term or condition included in this Contract, an amendment shall be prepared and executed by Contractor and the Board or if delegated by the Board, the Director, and Contractor.
2. The Board or County's Chief Executive Officer or designee may require the addition and/or change of certain terms and conditions in this Contract during the term of this Contract. County reserves the right to add and/or change such provisions as required by the Board or the Chief Executive Officer. To implement such changes, an amendment or a change order to this Contract shall be prepared by Public Works 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 180 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. The Contractor shall notify the County of any pending acquisitions/mergers of its company unless otherwise legally prohibited from doing so. If the Contractor is restricted from legally notifying the County of pending acquisitions/mergers, then it should notify the County of the actual acquisitions/mergers as soon as the law allows and provide to the County the legal framework that restricted it from notifying the County prior to the actual acquisitions/mergers.

2. Contractor shall not assign, exchange, transfer, or delegate its rights or duties under this Contract, whether in whole or in part, without the prior written consent of County, in its discretion, and any attempted assignment, delegation, or otherwise transfer of its rights or duties without such consent shall be null and void. For purposes of this paragraph, County consent shall require a written amendment to this Contract, which is formally approved and executed by Contractor and the Board or if delegated by the Board, the Director, and Contractor. Any payments by County to any approved delegate or assignee on any claim under this Contract shall be deductible, at County's sole discretion, against the claims which Contractor may have against County.
3. Any assumption, assignment, delegation, or takeover of any of Contractor's duties, responsibilities, obligations, or performance of same by any person or entity other than Contractor, whether through assignment, Subcontract, delegation, merger, buyout, or any other mechanism, with or without consideration for any reason whatsoever without County's express prior written approval, shall be a material breach of this Contract, which may result in the suspension or termination of this Contract. In the event of such a termination, County shall be entitled to pursue the same remedies against Contractor as it could pursue in the event of default of Contractor.

C. Authorization Warranty

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

D. Budget Reduction

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

E. Complaints

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

1. Within 12 business days after this Contract's effective date, Contractor shall provide County with Contractor's policy for receiving, investigating, and responding to any complaints by any individual.
2. County will review Contractor's policy and provide Contractor with approval of said plan or with requested changes.
3. If County requests changes in Contractor's policy, Contractor shall make such changes and resubmit the plan within five business days for County approval.
4. If, at any time, Contractor wishes to change Contractor's policy, Contractor shall submit proposed changes to County for approval before implementation.
5. Contractor shall preliminarily investigate all complaints and notify the Contract Manager of the status of the investigation within five business days of receiving the complaint.
6. When complaints cannot be resolved informally, a system of follow-through shall be instituted which adheres to formal plans for specific actions and strict time deadlines.
7. Copies of all written responses shall be sent to the Contract Manager within three business days of mailing to the complainant.

F. Compliance with Applicable Laws

1. In the performance of this Contract, Contractor shall comply with all applicable Federal, State, and local laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, directives, guidelines, policies, procedures, and all provisions required thereby to be included in this Contract are hereby incorporated herein by reference.
2. Contractor shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless County, its officers, employees, and agents from and against any and all claims, demands, damages, liabilities, losses, costs, and expenses including, without limitation, defense costs and legal, accounting and other expert, consulting or professional fees, arising from, connected with, or related to any failure by Contractor, its officers, employees, agents, or Subcontractors, to comply with any such laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, directives, guidelines, policies, or procedures as determined

by County in its sole judgment. Any legal defense pursuant to Contractor's indemnification obligations under this paragraph shall be conducted by Contractor and performed by counsel selected by Contractor and approved by County. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, County shall have the right to participate in any such defense at its sole cost and expense, except that in the event Contractor fails to provide County with a full and adequate defense, as determined by County in its sole judgment, County shall be entitled to retain its own counsel including, without limitation, County Counsel, and to reimbursement from Contractor for all such costs and expenses incurred by County in doing so. Contractor shall not have the right to enter into any settlement, agree to any injunction or other equitable relief, or make any admission, in each case, on behalf of County without County's prior written approval.

G. Compliance with Civil Rights Laws

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

H. Confidentiality

1. Contractor shall maintain the confidentiality of all records obtained from County under this Contract in accordance with all applicable Federal, State, and local laws, ordinances, regulations, and directives relating to confidentiality.
2. Contractor shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless County, its officers, employees, and agents from and against any and all claims, demands, damages, liabilities, losses, costs, and expenses including, without limitation, defense costs and legal, accounting and other expert, consulting or professional fees, arising from, connected with, or related to any failure by Contractor, its officers, employees, agents, or Subcontractors, to comply with this paragraph, as determined by County in its sole judgment. Any legal defense pursuant to Contractor's indemnification obligations under this paragraph shall be conducted by Contractor and performed by counsel selected by Contractor and approved by County. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, County shall have the right to participate in any such defense at its sole cost and expense, except that in the event Contractor fails to provide County with a

full and adequate defense, as determined by County in its sole judgment, County shall be entitled to retain its own counsel including, without limitation, County Counsel, and to reimbursement from Contractor for all such costs and expenses incurred by County in doing so. Contractor shall not have the right to enter into any settlement, agree to any injunction, or make any admission, in each case, on behalf of County without County's prior written approval.

3. Contractor shall inform all of its officers, employees, agents, and Subcontractors providing services hereunder of the confidentiality provisions of this Contract.

I. Conflict of Interest

1. No County employee whose position with County enables such employee to influence the award of this Contract or any competing Contract shall be employed in any capacity by Contractor or have any other direct or indirect financial interest in this Contract. No officer or employee of Contractor who may financially benefit from the performance of the work hereunder shall in any way participate in County's approval, or ongoing evaluation, of such work, or in any way attempt to unlawfully influence County's approval or ongoing evaluation of such work.
2. Contractor represents and warrants that it is aware of, and its authorized officers have read, the provisions of Los Angeles County Code, Section 2.180.010, "Certain Contracts Prohibited," and that execution of this Agreement will not violate those provisions. Contractor shall comply with all conflict of interest laws, ordinances, and regulations now in effect or hereafter to be enacted during the term of this Contract. Contractor warrants that it is not now aware of any facts that create a conflict of interest. If Contractor hereafter becomes aware of any facts that might reasonably be expected to create a conflict of interest, including those identified in Section 2.180.010, 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 so identified and a complete description of all relevant circumstances. Failure to comply with the provisions of this paragraph may be a material breach of this Contract subjecting Contractor to either Contract termination for default or debarment proceedings or both.

J. Consideration of Hiring County Employees Targeted for Layoffs or are on a County Reemployment List

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

former County employees who are on a 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. Contractors shall report all job openings with job requirements to: GAINGROW@dpss.lacounty.gov and BSERVICES@wdacs.lacounty.gov and DPSS will refer qualified GAIN/GROW job candidates.
2. In the event that both laid-off County employees and GAIN and GROW participants are available for hiring, County employees shall be given first priority.

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

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

M. Contractor's Charitable Activities Compliance

The Supervision of Trustees and Fundraisers for Charitable Purposes Act regulates entities receiving or raising charitable contributions. The "Nonprofit Integrity Act of 2004" (SB 1262, Chapter 919) increased Charitable Purposes Act requirements. By requiring Contractors to complete the Charitable Contributions Certification (Form PW-12), County seeks to ensure that all County Contractors which receive or raise charitable contributions comply with California law in order to protect County and its taxpayers. A Contractor which receives or raises charitable contributions without complying with its obligations under California law commits a material breach subjecting it to either Contract termination for default or debarment proceedings or both. (Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.202).

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

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

O. County's Quality Assurance Plan

County or its agent will monitor the Contractor's performance under this Contract on not less than an annual basis. Such monitoring will include assessing Contractor's compliance with all this Contract's terms and conditions and performance standards. Contractor deficiencies which County determines are significant 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, employees, or agents of Contractor.
2. Such repairs shall be made immediately after Contractor has become aware of such damage, but in no event later than 30 days after the occurrence. If Contractor fails to make timely repairs, County may make any necessary repairs. All costs incurred by County, as determined by

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

Q. Employment Eligibility Verification

1. Contractor warrants that it fully complies with all Federal and State statutes and regulations regarding the employment of aliens and others and that all of its employees performing work under this Contract meet the citizenship or alien status requirements set forth in Federal and State statutes and regulations. Contractor shall obtain, from all covered employees performing services hereunder, all verification and other documentation of employment eligibility status required by Federal and State statutes and regulations including, but not limited to, the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 (P.L. 99-603), or as they currently exist and as they may be hereafter amended. Contractor shall retain all such documentation for all covered employees for the period prescribed by law.
2. Contractor shall, 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. Counterparts and Electronic Signatures and Representations

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

S. Fair Labor Standards

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

T. Force Majeure

1. Neither party shall be liable for such party's failure to perform its obligations under and in accordance with this Contract, if such failure arises out of fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, other natural occurrences, strikes, lockouts (other than a lockout by such party or any of such party's Subcontractors), freight embargoes, or other similar events to those described above, but in every such case the failure to perform must be totally beyond the control and without any fault or negligence of such party (such events are referred to in this subparagraph 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 subparagraph, the term "Subcontractor" and "Subcontractors" mean Subcontractors at any tier.
3. In the event Contractor's failure to perform arises out of a force majeure event, Contractor agrees to use commercially reasonable best efforts to obtain goods or services from other sources, if applicable, and to otherwise mitigate the damages and reduce the delay caused by such force majeure event.

U. Governing Laws, Jurisdiction, and Venue

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

V. Most Favored Public Entity

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

W. Nondiscrimination and Affirmative Action

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

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

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

X. Nonexclusivity

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

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

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

Z. Notice of Delays

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

AA. Notice of Disputes

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

BB. Notice to Employees Regarding the Federal Earned Income Credit

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

CC. Notices

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

Contracting Manager, Business Relations and Contracts Division
Los Angeles County Public Works
P.O. Box 1460
Alhambra, CA 91802-1460

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

DD. Publicity

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

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

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

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

EE. Public Records Act

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 B, 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, without 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. Record Retention and Inspection/Audit Settlement

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

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

1. In the event that an audit of Contractor is conducted specifically regarding this Contract by any Federal or State auditor, or by any auditor or accountant employed by Contractor or otherwise, then Contractor shall file a copy of such audit report with County's Auditor-Controller within 30 days of Contractor's receipt thereof, unless otherwise provided by applicable Federal or State law or under this Contract. Subject to applicable law, County shall make a reasonable effort to maintain the confidentiality of such audit report(s).
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 exceed the funds appropriated by County for the purpose of this Contract.

GG. Recycled-Content Paper Products

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

HH. Contractor's Employee Criminal Background Investigation

Each of Contractor's staff performing services under this Contract, who is in a designated sensitive position, as determined by County in County's sole discretion, shall undergo and pass a background investigation to the satisfaction of County as a condition of beginning and continuing to perform services under

this Contract. Such background investigation must be obtained through fingerprints submitted to the California Department of Justice to include State, local, and federal-level review, which may include, but shall not be limited to, criminal conviction information. The fees associated with the background investigation shall be at the expense of the Contractor, regardless of whether the member of Contractor's staff passes or fails the background investigation.

If a member of Contractor's staff does not pass the background investigation, County may request that the member of Contractor's staff be removed immediately from performing services under the Contract. Contractor shall comply with County's request at any time during the term of the Contract. County will not provide to Contractor or to Contractor's staff any information obtained through the County's background investigation

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

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

II. Subcontracting

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

1. If Contractor desires to Subcontract, Contractor shall provide the following information promptly at County's request:
 - a. A description of the work to be performed by the Subcontractor.
 - b. A draft copy of the proposed Subcontract.
 - c. Other pertinent information and/or certifications requested by County.
2. Contractor shall indemnify, defend, 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 Business Relations and Contracts Division, P.O. Box 1460, Alhambra, California 91802-1460, before any Subcontractor employee may perform any work hereunder.
8. Employee Leasing is prohibited.

JJ. Validity

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

KK. Waiver

No waiver by County of any breach of any provision of this Contract shall constitute a waiver of any other breach of said provision or of any other provision of this Contract. Failure of County to enforce at anytime, or from time to time, any provision of this Contract shall not be construed as a waiver thereof.

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.

MM. Time Off for Voting

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

NN. Local Small Business Enterprise Utilization

When requested by the County, the Contractor shall provide to the County via methods specified by the County, such as submission of electronic live (or dynamic) data on invoices for the prime and all subcontractors using County-designated third party software system or to a County approved website, or other means of submitting expenditure information on subcontractors, including but not limited to the following information: the name, business address and telephone number/email address of each subcontractor.

In addition, the Contractor shall be required to provide each of the specified subcontractor Local Small Business Enterprise (SBE), Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (DVBE), and Social Enterprise (SE) status (i.e., whether any of the listed subcontractors are Local SBE's) and the proposed monetary amount of the work the subcontractor will perform on each Notice to Proceed. At the time of submittal of each invoice, the Contractor shall indicate, via methods specified by the County, the actual dollar amounts paid to each listed subcontractor who performed work on the project. The subcontractor may be requested to confirm receipt of the actual payment to the subcontractor by the prime.

The parties agree that it will be impracticable or extremely difficult to fix the extent of actual damages resulting from the failure to the Contractor to comply with this Section. The parties will agree that under the current circumstances a reasonable estimate of such damages is specified in Exhibit F, Performance Requirements Summary, and that the Contractor shall be liable to the County for said amount.

If in the judgment of the Director, or his/her designee, the Contractor is deemed to be in non-compliance with the terms and obligations, the Director or his/her designee, at his/her option, in addition to, or in lieu of, other remedies provided in Exhibit F, Performance Requirements Summary, may deduct and withhold liquidated damages from County's final payment to the Contractor.

OO. Compliance with County's Zero Tolerance Human Trafficking

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

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

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

PP. Method of Payment and Required Information

The County may, at its sole discretion, determine the most appropriate, efficient, secure, and timely form of payment for any amounts due for goods and/or services provided under a Contract with the County. Proposers/Contractors further agree that the default form of payment shall be EFT or direct deposit, unless an alternative method of payment is deemed appropriate by the A-C.

Upon Contract award and at the request of the A-C and/or Public Works, the Contractor shall provide the A-C with electronic banking and related information for the Contractor and/or any other payee that the Contractor designates to receive payment pursuant to this Contract. Such electronic banking and related information includes, but is not limited to: bank account number and routing number, legal business name, valid taxpayer identification number or TIN, a working e-mail address capable of receiving remittance advices and other payment related correspondence, and any other information that the A-C determines is reasonably necessary to process the payment and comply with all accounting, recordkeeping, and tax reporting requirements.

Any provision of law, grant, or funding agreement requiring a specific form or method of payment other than EFT or direct deposit shall supersede this requirement with respect to those payments. Upon Contract award or at any time during the duration of the Contract, a Contractor may submit a written request for an exemption to this requirement. Such request must be based on

specific legal, business or operational needs and explain why the payment method designated by the A-C is not feasible and an alternative is necessary. The A-C, in consultation with Public Works, shall decide whether to approve exemption requests.

QQ. Compliance with Fair Chance Employment Practices

Contractor, and its subcontractors, must comply with fair chance employment hiring practices set forth in California Government Code Section 12952. Contractor's violation of this paragraph of the Contract may constitute a material breach of the Contract. In the event of such material breach, County may, in its sole discretion, terminate the Contract.

RR. Compliance with the County Policy of Equity

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

SS. Contractor Independence

A Contractor or its subsidiary or Subcontractor (Contractor), is prohibited from submitting a bid or proposal in a County solicitation if the Contractor has provided advice or consultation for the solicitation. A Contractor is also prohibited from submitting a bid or proposal in a County solicitation if the Contractor has developed or prepared any of the solicitation materials on behalf of the County. A violation of this provision shall result in the disqualification of the Contractor from participation in the County solicitation or the termination or cancellation of any resultant County contract. This provision shall survive the expiration, or other termination of this Agreement.

SECTION 3

TERMINATIONS/SUSPENSIONS

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

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

B. Termination/Suspension for Convenience

1. This Contract may be suspended or terminated, in whole or in part, from time to time, when such action is deemed by County, in its sole discretion, to be in its best interest. Suspension or termination of work hereunder shall be effected by notice of suspension or termination to Contractor specifying the extent to which performance of work is suspended or terminated and the date upon which such suspension or termination becomes effective. The date upon which such suspension or termination becomes effective shall be no less than ten 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.
 - 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 B, Record Retention and Inspection/Audit Settlement.
4. If this Contract is suspended or terminated, Contractor shall complete within the Director's suspension or termination date contain within the notice of suspension or termination, those items of work which are in various stages of completion, which the Director has advised the

Contractor are necessary to bring the work to a timely, logical, and orderly end. Reports, samples, and other materials prepared by Contractor under this Contract shall be delivered to County upon request and shall become the property of County.

C. Termination/Suspension for Default

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

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

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

D. Termination/Suspension for Improper Consideration

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

E. Termination/Suspension for Insolvency

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

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

F. Termination/Suspension for Nonadherence to County Lobbyists Ordinance

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

G. Termination/Suspension for Nonappropriation of Funds

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

SECTION 4

GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT WORK

A. Authority of Public Works and Inspection

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

B. Cooperation

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

C. Cooperation and Collateral Work

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

D. Equipment, Labor, Supervision, and Materials

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

E. Gratuitous Work

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

F. Jobsite Safety

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

G. Labor

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

H. Labor Law Compliance

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

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

J. Permits/Licenses

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

K. Prohibition Against Use of Child Labor

1. Contractor shall:

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

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

L. Public Convenience

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

M. Public Safety

It shall be Contractor's responsibility to maintain security against public hazards at all times while performing work at 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. Quantities of Work

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

P. Safety Requirements

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

Q. Storage of Materials and Equipment

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

R. Transportation

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

S. Work Area Controls

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

T. CARD

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

SECTION 5

INDEMNIFICATION AND INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

A. Independent Contractor Status

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

B. Indemnification

Contractor shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the County of Los Angeles, its Special Districts, Elected Officials, Appointed Officers, Agents, Employees, and Volunteers ("County Indemnitees"), 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 and/or relating to this Contract except for loss or damage arising from the sole negligence or willful misconduct of the County Indemnitees. This indemnification also shall include any and all intellectual property liability, including copyright infringement and similar claims.

C. Workplace Safety Indemnification

In addition to and without limiting the indemnification required by this Exhibit's Section 5.B (above), and to the extent allowed by law, Contractor agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the County of Los Angeles, its Special Districts, Elected Officials, Appointed Officers, Agents, Employees, and Volunteers from and against any and all investigations, complaints, citations, liability, expense

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

D. General Insurance Requirements

1. Without limiting Contractor's indemnification of County, and in the performance of this Contract and until all of its obligations pursuant to this Contract have been met, Contractor shall provide and maintain at its own expense insurance coverage satisfying the requirements specified in this paragraph and paragraph 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. Evidence of Coverage and Notice to County: A certificate(s) of insurance coverage (Certificate) satisfactory to County, and a copy of an Additional Insured endorsement confirming the County of Los Angeles, its Special Districts, Elected Officials, Officers, Agents, Employees, and Volunteers has been given Insured status under the Contractor's General Liability policy, shall be delivered to County at the address shown below and provided prior to commencing services under this Contract.
 - a. Renewal Certificates shall be provided to County not less than 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 \$50,000, 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:

Los Angeles County Public Works
Business Relations and Contracts Division
P.O. Box 1460
Alhambra, California 91802-1460
Attention: 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. Cancellation of or Changes in Insurance: 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 days in advance of cancellation for nonpayment of premium and 30 days in advance for any other cancellation or policy change. Failure to provide written notice of cancellation or any change in Required Insurance may constitute a material breach of the Contract, in the sole discretion of the County, upon which the County may suspend or terminate this Contract.
5. Failure to Maintain Insurance: Contractor's failure to maintain or to provide acceptable evidence that it maintains the Required Insurance shall constitute a material breach of the Contract, upon which County immediately may withhold payments due to Contractor, and/or suspend or terminate this Contract. County, at its sole discretion, may obtain damages from Contractor resulting from said breach. Alternatively, the County may purchase the Required Insurance, and without further notice to Contractor, deduct the premium cost from sums due to Contractor or pursue Contractor reimbursement.
6. Insurer Financial Ratings: Coverage shall be placed with insurers acceptable to the County with A.M. Best ratings of not less than A:VII unless otherwise approved by County.
7. Contractor's Insurance Shall Be Primary: Contractor's insurance policies, with respect to any claims related to this Contract, shall be primary with respect to all other sources of coverage available to Contractor. Any County-maintained insurance or self-insurance coverage shall be in excess of and not contribute to any Contractor coverage.
8. Waivers of Subrogation: To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Contractor hereby waives its rights and its insurer(s)' rights of recovery against County under all the Required Insurance for any loss arising from or relating to this Contract. The Contractor shall require its insurers to execute any waiver of subrogation endorsements which may be necessary to effect such waiver.

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

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

E. Compensation for County Costs

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

F. Insurance Coverage Requirements

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

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

2. Automobile Liability insurance (providing scope of coverage equivalent to ISO policy form CA 00 01) with limits of not less than \$1 million for bodily injury and property damage, in combined or equivalent split limits, for each single accident. Insurance shall cover liability arising out of Contractor's use of autos pursuant to this Contract, including owned, leased, hired, and/or nonowned autos, as each may be applicable.
3. Workers Compensation and Employers' Liability insurance or qualified self-insurance satisfying statutory requirements, which includes Employers' Liability coverage with limits of not less than \$1 million per accident. If Contractor is a temporary staffing firm or a Professional Employer Organization (PEO), coverage also shall include an Alternate Employer Endorsement (providing scope of coverage equivalent to ISO policy form WC 00 03 01 A) naming the County as the Alternate Employer. 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 for any other cancellation or policy change. 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. Sexual Misconduct Liability insurance covering actual or alleged claims for sexual misconduct and/or molestation with limits of not less than \$2 million per claim and \$2 million aggregate, and claims for negligent employment, investigation, supervision, training or retention of, or failure to report to proper authorities, a person(s) who committed any act of abuse, molestation, harassment, mistreatment or maltreatment of a sexual nature.

5. Professional Liability/Errors and Omissions: insurance covering Contractor's liability arising from or related to this Contract, with limits of not less than \$1 million per claim and \$2 million aggregate. Further, Contractor understands and agrees it shall maintain such coverage for a period of not less than three years following this Agreement's expiration, termination, or cancellation.

SECTION 6

CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITY AND DEBARMENT

A. Responsible Contractor

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

B. Chapter 2.202 of the County Code

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

C. Nonresponsible Contractor

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

D. Contractor Hearing Board

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

regarding whether Contractor should be debarred, and, if so, the appropriate length of time of the debarment. Contractor and Public Works shall be provided an opportunity to object to the tentative proposed decision prior to its presentation to the Board.

3. After consideration of any objections, or if no objections are submitted, a record of the hearing, the proposed decision, and any other recommendation of Contractor Hearing Board shall be presented to the Board. The Board shall have the right to modify, deny, or adopt the proposed decision and recommendation of Contractor Hearing Board.
4. If a Contractor has been debarred for a period longer than five years, that Contractor may, after the debarment has been in effect for at least five years, submit a written request for review of the debarment determination to reduce the period of debarment or terminate the debarment. County may, in its discretion, reduce the period of debarment or terminate the debarment if it finds that Contractor has adequately demonstrated one or more of the following: (1) elimination of the grounds for which the debarment was imposed; (2) a bona fide change in ownership or management; (3) material evidence discovered after debarment was imposed; or (4) any other reason that is in the best interests of County.
5. Contractor Hearing Board will consider a request for review of a debarment determination only where (1) Contractor has been debarred for a period longer than five years; (2) the debarment has been in effect for at least five years; and (3) the request is in writing, states one or more of the grounds for reduction of the debarment period or termination of the debarment, and includes supporting documentation. Upon receiving an appropriate request, Contractor Hearing Board will provide notice of the hearing on the request. At the hearing, Contractor Hearing Board shall conduct a hearing where evidence on the proposed reduction of debarment period or termination of debarment is presented. This hearing shall be conducted and the request for review decided by Contractor Hearing Board pursuant to the same procedure as for a debarment hearing.
6. Contractor Hearing Board's proposed decision shall contain a recommendation on the request to reduce the period of debarment or terminate the debarment. Contractor Hearing Board shall present its proposed decision and recommendation to the Board. The Board shall have the right to modify, deny, or adopt the proposed decision and recommendation of Contractor Hearing Board.

E. Subcontractors of Contractor

These terms shall also apply to Subcontractors of County contractors.

F. Prohibition of Contract with Suspended, Debarred, Ineligible or Excluded Contractor by Federal or State Government

Contractor hereby acknowledges that County is prohibited from contracting with parties that are suspended, debarred, ineligible or excluded from securing State-funded or Federally-funded contracts. By executing this Contract, Contractor certifies that neither it nor any of its owners, officers, partners, directors, or other principals is currently suspended, debarred, ineligible or excluded from securing State-funded or Federally-funded Contracts. Further by executing this Contract, Contractor certifies that, to its knowledge, none of its subcontractors, at any tier, or any owner, officer, partner, director, or other principal of any subcontractor is currently suspended, debarred, ineligible or excluded from securing State-funded or Federally-funded contracts. During the term of this Contract, Contractor shall immediately notify County's Compliance Manager in writing should it or any of its subcontractors or any principals of either be suspended, debarred, ineligible or excluded from securing State-funded or Federally-funded contracts. Failure of Contractor to comply with this provision shall constitute a material breach of this Contract upon which County may immediately terminate or suspend this Contract.

SECTION 7

COMPLIANCE WITH COUNTY'S JURY SERVICE PROGRAM

A. Jury Service Program

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

B. Written Employee Jury Service Policy

1. Unless Contractor has demonstrated to County's satisfaction either that Contractor is not a "Contractor" as defined under the Jury Service Program (Section 2.203.020 of County Code) or that Contractor qualifies for an exception to the Jury Service Program (Section 2.203.070 of County Code), Contractor shall have and adhere to a written policy that provides that its Employees shall receive from Contractor, on an annual basis, no less than five days of regular pay for actual jury service. The policy may provide that Employee deposit any fees received for such jury service with Contractor or that Contractor deduct from the Employee's regular pay the fees received for jury service.
2. For purposes of this Section, "Contractor" means a person, partnership, corporation, or other entity which has a Contract with County or a Subcontract with a County Contractor and has received or will receive an aggregate sum of \$50,000 or more in any 12-month period under one or more County Contracts or Subcontracts. "Employee" means any California resident who is a full-time employee of Contractor. "Full-time" means 40 hours or more worked per week, or a lesser number of hours if: 1) the lesser number is a recognized industry standard as determined by County, or 2) Contractor has a long-standing practice that defines the lesser number of hours as full-time. Full-time employees providing short-term, temporary services of 90 days or less within a 12-month period are not considered full-time for purposes of the Jury Service Program. If Contractor uses any Subcontractor to perform services for County under this Contract, the Subcontractor shall also be subject to the provisions of this Section. The provisions of this Section shall be inserted into any such Subcontract agreement and a copy of the Jury Service Program shall be attached to the agreement.
3. If Contractor is not required to comply with the Jury Service Program when this Contract commences, Contractor shall have a continuing obligation to review the applicability of its "exception status" from the Jury Service Program, and Contractor shall immediately notify County if Contractor at any time either comes within the Jury Service Program's definition of "Contractor" or if Contractor no longer qualifies for an exception to the

Jury Service Program. In either event, Contractor shall immediately implement a written policy consistent with the Jury Service Program. County may also require, at any time during this Contract and at its sole discretion, that Contractor demonstrate to County's satisfaction that Contractor either continues to remain outside of the Jury Service Program's definition of "Contractor" and/or that Contractor continues to qualify for an exception to the Jury Service Program.

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

SECTION 8

SAFELY SURRENDERED BABY LAW PROGRAM

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

Contractor acknowledges that County places a high priority on the implementation of the Safely Surrendered Baby Law. Contractor understands that it is County's policy to encourage all County Contractors to voluntarily post County's "Safely Surrendered Baby Law" poster in a prominent position at Contractor's place of business. Contractor will also encourage its Subcontractors, if any, to post this poster in a prominent position in the Subcontractor's place of business. The Contractor, and its Subcontractor(s), can access posters and other campaign material at www.babysafela.org.

B. Notice to Employees Regarding the Safely Surrendered Baby Law

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

SECTION 9

SOCIAL ENTERPRISE PREFERENCE PROGRAM

This Contract is subject to the provisions of the County's ordinance entitled Social Enterprise (SE) Preference Program, as codified in Chapter 2.205 of the Los Angeles County Code.

Contractor shall not knowingly and with the intent to defraud, fraudulently obtain, retain, attempt to obtain or retain, or aid another in fraudulently obtaining or retaining or attempting to obtain or retain certification as a SE.

Contractor shall not willfully and knowingly make a false statement with the intent to defraud, whether by affidavit, report, or other representation, to a County official or employee for the purpose of influencing the certification or denial of certification of any entity as a SE.

If Contractor has obtained County certification as a SE by reason of having furnished incorrect supporting information or by reason of having withheld information, and which knew, or should have known, the information furnished was incorrect or the information withheld was relevant to its request for certification, and which by reason of such certification has been awarded this contract to which it would not otherwise have been entitled, Contractor 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 10 percent of the amount of this Contract.
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 the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs of this information prior to responding to a solicitation or accepting a contract award.

SECTION 10

LOCAL SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE 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.
 - 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 to any business that has previously obtained proper certification, however, as a result of a change in their status would no longer be eligible for certification, and fails to notify the State and the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs of this information prior to responding to a solicitation or accepting a contract award.

SECTION 11

DISABLED VETERAN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PREFERENCE PROGRAM

- A. This Contract is subject to the provisions of the County's ordinance entitled Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (DVBE) Preference Program, as codified in Chapter 2.211 of the Los Angeles County Code.
- 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 DVBE.
- 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 DVBE.
- D. If Contractor has obtained certification as a DVBE by reason of having furnished incorrect supporting information or by reason of having withheld information, and which knew, or should have known, the information furnished was incorrect or the information withheld was relevant to its request for certification, and which by reason of such certification has been awarded this contract to which it would not otherwise have been entitled, shall:
 - a. 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.
 - b. 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 the Contract.
 - c. Be subject to the provisions of Chapter 2.202 of the Los Angeles County Code (Determinations of Contractor Nonresponsibility and Contractor Debarment).
- E. Notwithstanding any other remedies in this contract, the above penalties shall also apply to any business that has previously obtained proper certification, however, as a result of a change in their status would no longer be eligible for certification, and fails to notify the State and the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs of this information prior to responding to a solicitation or accepting a contract award.

SECTION 12

COMPLIANCE WITH COUNTY'S DEFAULTED PROPERTY TAX
REDUCTION PROGRAM

A. Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program

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

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. Termination for Breach of Warranty of Compliance with County's Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program

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 ten 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.

SECTION 13

COVID-19 VACCINATIONS OF COUNTY CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL

- A. At Contractor's sole cost, Contractor shall comply with Chapter 2.212 (COVID-19 Vaccinations of County Contractor Personnel) of County Code Title 2 - Administration, Division 4. All employees of Contractor and persons working on its behalf, including but not limited to, Subcontractors of any tier (collectively, "Contractor Personnel"), must be fully vaccinated against the novel coronavirus 2019 ("COVID-19") prior to (1) interacting in person with County employees, interns, volunteers, and commissioners ("County workforce members"), (2) working on County owned or controlled property while performing services under this Contract, and/or (3) coming into contact with the public while performing services under this Contract (collectively, "In-Person Services").
- B. Contractor Personnel are considered "fully vaccinated" against COVID-19 two (2) weeks or more after they have received (1) the second dose in a 2-dose COVID-19 vaccine series (e.g. Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna), (2) a single-dose COVID-19 vaccine (e.g. Johnson and Johnson [J&J]/Janssen), or (3) the final dose of any COVID-19 vaccine authorized by the World Health Organization ("WHO").
- C. Prior to assigning Contractor Personnel to perform In-Person Services, Contractor shall obtain proof that such Contractor Personnel have been fully vaccinated by confirming Contractor Personnel is vaccinated through any of the following documentation: (1) official COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card (issued by the Department of Health and Human Services, CDC or WHO Yellow Card), which includes the name of the person vaccinated, type of vaccine provided, and date of the last dose administered ("Vaccination Record Card"); (2) copy (including a photographic copy) of a Vaccination Record Card; (3) Documentation of vaccination from a licensed medical provider; (4) a digital record that includes a quick response ("QR") code that when scanned by a SMART HealthCard reader displays to the reader client name, date of birth, vaccine dates, and vaccine type, and the QR code confirms the vaccine record as an official record of the State of California; or (5) documentation of vaccination from Contractors who follow the CDPH vaccination records guidelines and standards. Contractor shall also provide written notice to County before the start of work under this Contract that its Contractor Personnel are in compliance with the requirements of this section. Contractor shall retain such proof of vaccination for the document retention period set forth in this Contract, and must provide such records to the County for audit purposes, when required by County.
- D. Contractor shall evaluate any medical or sincerely held religious exemption request of its Contractor Personnel, as required by law. If Contractor has determined that Contractor Personnel is exempt pursuant to a medical or sincerely held religious reason, the Contractor must also maintain records of the Contractor Personnel's testing results. The Contractor must provide such records to the County for audit

purposes, when required by County. The unvaccinated exempt Contractor Personnel must meet the following requirements prior to (1) interacting in person with County workforce members, (2) working on County owned or controlled property while performing services under this Contract, and/or (3) coming into contact with the public while performing services under this Contract:

1. Test for COVID-19 with either a polymerase chain reaction (PCR) or antigen test has an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) by the FDA or is operating per the Laboratory Developed Test requirements by the U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Testing must occur at least weekly, or more frequently as required by County or other applicable law, regulation or order.
 2. Wear a mask that is consistent with CDC recommendations at all times while on County controlled or owned property, and while engaging with members of the public and County workforce members.
 3. Engage in proper physical distancing, as determined by the applicable County department that the Contract is with.
- E. In addition to complying with the requirements of this section, Contractor shall also comply with all other applicable local, departmental, State, and federal laws, regulations and requirements for COVID-19.

SECTION 14

PROPRIETARY CONSIDERATIONS

A. Ownership of County Materials

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

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

B. Transfer to County

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

C. Indemnity

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

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

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

D. Copyright Notices

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

E. Acknowledgement/Attribution

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

SECTION 15

PREVAILING WAGES

A. Prevailing Wages

The services provided in this Contract may consist of both prevailing wage and non-prevailing wage work. Prevailing wage work constitutes "public works" as defined in the California Labor Code, and is therefore subject to payment of prevailing wages, compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR).

The Director of the DIR 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 www.dir.ca.gov/dlsr/pwd/index.htm. The Contractor is required to pay its agents and employees the applicable, current 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. 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 (Note to the Proposers: during the solicitation process and prior to the award of Contract, please direct your request to the Contract Analyst identified in the solicitation document. You may contact the Contract Manager after the award of contract). Pursuant to Labor Code Section 1773.2, the County has made these documents available for inspection by the Contractor in lieu of the County specifying the general rate of per diem wages for each craft, classification and type of worker needed to execute the contracted work. 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 in the same manner as if they had been included or referenced in the Contract.

B. 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.

C. Posting of Prevailing Wage Rates

The Contractor shall comply with the provisions of Section 1773.2 of the Labor Code. The Contractor shall post a copy of the prevailing wage rates at the worksite and comply with applicable law including posting of jobsite notices required by 8 Calif. Code Reg. §16451(d):

"This public works project is subject to monitoring and investigative activities by the Compliance Monitoring Unit (CMU) of the Division of Labor Standards Enforcement, Department of Industrial Relations, State of California. This Notice is intended to provide information to all workers employed in the execution of the Contract for public work and to all Contractors and other persons having access to the jobsite to enable the CMU to ensure compliance with and enforcement of prevailing wage laws on public works projects.

The prevailing wage laws require that all workers be paid at least the minimum hourly wage as determined by the Director of Industrial Relations for the specific classification (or type of work) performed by workers on the project. These rates are listed on a separate jobsite posting of minimum prevailing rates required to be maintained by the public entity which awarded the public works Contract. Complaints concerning nonpayment of the required minimum wage rates to workers on this project may be filed with the CMU at any office of the Division of Labor Standards Enforcement (DLSE).

Local Office Telephone Number:

*Division of Labor Standards Enforcement Office
320 W. Fourth Street, Suite 450
Los Angeles, CA 90013
(213) 620-6330*

Complaints should be filed in writing immediately upon discovery of any violations of the prevailing wage laws due to the short period of time following the completion of the project that the CMU may take legal action against those responsible.

Complaints should contain details about the violations alleged (for example, wrong rate paid, not all hours paid, overtime rate not paid for hours worked in excess of 8 hours per day or 40 hours per week, etc.) as well as the name of the employer, the public entity which awarded the public works Contract, and the location and name of the project.

For general information concerning the prevailing wage laws and how to file a complaint concerning any violation of these prevailing wage laws, you may contact any DLSE office. Complaint forms are also available at the Department of Industrial Relations website found at www.dir.ca.gov/dlse/PublicWorks.html."

D. Certified Payroll Records

The Contractor shall comply with the requirements of Section 1776 of the Labor Code. Contractor and Subcontractors, if any, must furnish certified payroll records directly to the Labor Commissioner (a.k.a. Division of Labor Standards Enforcement) in a format prescribed by the Labor Commission.

E. Subcontractor

Subcontractors, if any, must comply with all prevailing wage requirements as provided in this Section.

F. Mental Health Services for Critical Incidents

In the event of a serious accident on the Project site, the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (DMH) will, if requested, respond. The response may be within a few hours or as long as a few days after the incident, depending on when the request was made. The services DMH will provide include crisis intervention, normalization of the stress response that survivors may be experiencing, and stress management techniques and resources if the stress reactions increase in frequency or intensity. Requests for services may be made by calling the DMH Emergency Outreach Bureau Deputy Director, (213) 738-4924, during normal business hours or the ACCESS Center, (800) 854-7771, evenings, holidays, and weekends.



Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Notice 1015

(Rev. December 2021)

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

What Is the EIC?

The EIC is a refundable tax credit for certain workers.

Which Employees Must I Notify About the EIC?

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

Note: You are encouraged to notify each employee whose wages for 2021 are less than \$57,414 that he or she may be eligible for the EIC.

How and When Must I Notify My Employees?

You must give the employee one of the following.

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

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

must notify the employee within 1 week of the date the substitute Form W-2 is given. If Form W-2 is required but is not given on time, you must give the employee Notice 797 or your written statement by the date Form W-2 is required to be given. If Form W-2 is not required, you must notify the employee by February 7, 2022.

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

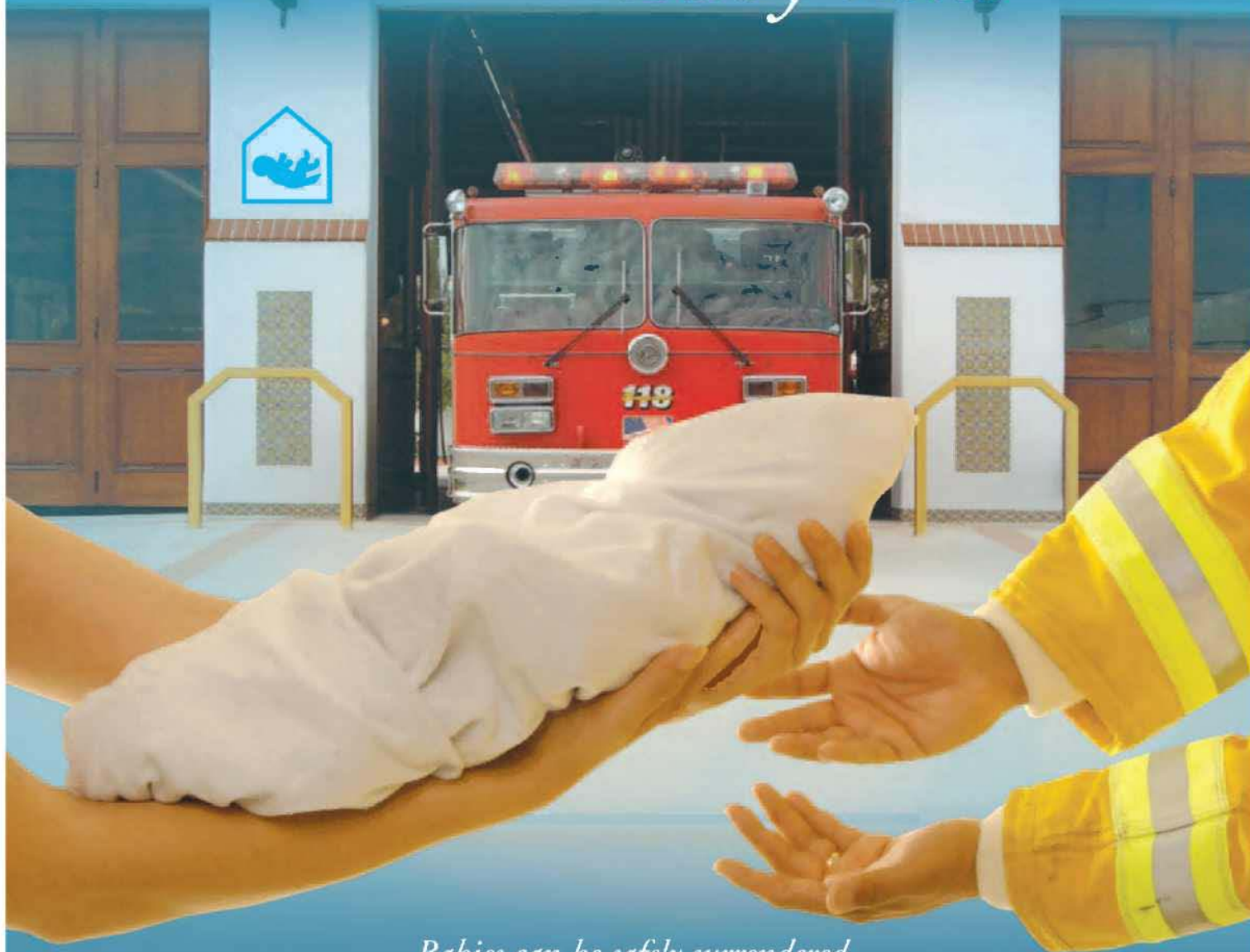
How Will My Employees Know if They Can Claim the EIC?

The basic requirements are covered in Notice 797. For more detailed information, the employee needs to see Pub. 596, Earned Income Credit (EIC), or the Instructions for Forms 1040 and 1040-SR.

How Do My Employees Claim the EIC?

An eligible employee claims the EIC on his or her 2021 tax return. Even an employee who has no tax withheld from wages and owes no tax may claim the EIC and ask for a refund, but he or she must file a tax return to do so. For example, if an employee has no tax withheld in 2021 and owes no tax but is eligible for a credit of \$800, he or she must file a 2021 tax return to get the \$800 refund.

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



Safely Surrendered Baby Law

What is the Safely Surrendered Baby Law?

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

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

How does it work?

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

What if a parent wants the baby back?

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

Can only a parent bring in the baby?

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

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

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

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

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

What happens to the baby?

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

What happens to the parent or surrendering adult?

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

Why is California doing this?

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

A baby's story

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



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

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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.

¿Cómo funciona?

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

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 14 días que permite esta ley. También le dieron a la tía un cuestionario médico, y ella dijo que la madre lo llenaría y lo enviaría de vuelta dentro del sobre con franqueo pagado que le habían dado. El personal médico examinó al bebé y se determinó que estaba saludable y a término. El bebé fue ubicado con una buena familia que ya había sido aprobada para adoptarlo por el Departamento de Servicios para Niños y Familias.



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.)

PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS SUMMARY

The items listed under this Performance Requirements Summary (PRS) are not all encompassing, and any conflict or discrepancy between the requirements specified in Exhibits A through G inclusive, of this Contract (Exhibits A-G) and this PRS, Exhibits A-G shall control. The County reserves the right to modify this PRS at any time consistent with the requirements set forth in Exhibits A-G, to clarify Performance Requirements, or to monitor of any part of this Contract.

Required Service/Tasks	Performance Indicator	Deductions / Consequences for Failure to Meet Performance Indicator*	Compliance	Comments
A. SCOPE OF WORK				
1. Fines by Regulatory and Governmental Agencies	Fined by a local, regional, State, or Federal regulatory or governmental agency as a result of the Contractor's negligence or failure to comply with any Federal, State, or local rules, regulations, or requirements.	\$500 per occurrence plus any fine(s) charged to the County by a regulatory or governmental agency; possible suspension; possible termination for default of contract.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	
2. Violation of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System	Discharge of debris into storm drains and/or gutter.	\$500 per occurrence plus any fines by regulatory and governmental agencies plus any remediation cost; possible suspension; possible termination for default of contract.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	
B. REPORTS/DOCUMENTATIONS				
1. Daily/Weekly/Monthly/Quarterly Reports	Submitted to Contract Manager daily/weekly/monthly report.	\$25 per day per report that is late or not submitted.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	
2. Special Reports	Filed within time frame requested.	\$50 per day per report that is late or not submitted.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	

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Required Service/Tasks	Performance Indicator	Deductions / Consequences for Failure to Meet Performance Indicator*	Compliance	Comments
C. EMPLOYEES				
1. Contractor's Employee Criminal Background Investigation	As applicable, prior to the start of the contract and continuation of the contract, the contractor shall certify all employees who are in a designated sensitive position has passed a fingerprints background check submitted to the California Department of Justice to include State, local, and federal-level review as required by the Contract. Employees who <u>do not</u> pass or are not certified shall be immediately removed.	\$100 per employee per day who is not certified as passing the background check.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	
2. Employee Well Oriented to Job	Employees must have thorough knowledge of facility and its needs.	\$50 per error resulting from lack of orientation; possible suspension.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	
3. Staffing	Staffing levels are equal or exceed contract requirements.	\$50 per occurrence.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	
4. Uniform	Uniforms worn by all employees on the job at all times.	\$50 per employee, per occurrence.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	

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5. Training Program	Document training of each employee.	\$250 per untrained employee.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	
6. Maintain Knowledge of Safety Requirements	Understands the standards for safe practices related to the work.	\$50 per employee, per occurrence.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	
D. SUPERVISOR/MANAGERS				
1. Change in Project Manager	Contractor shall notify the County in writing of any change in name or address of the Project Manager.	\$50 per occurrence.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	
2. Respond to Complaints, Requests, and Discrepancies.	Respond within the time frame outlined in the Contract.	\$50 per complaint not responded to within the time frame outlined in the specifications.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	
3. Makes Site Inspections	Facility inspected each shift or as required by Contract.	\$50 per occurrence.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	
4. Competent Supervisory Staff	Responsiveness to complaints and requests, maintain good work records, and acceptable level of service.	\$50 per day; possible suspension.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	
5. Provide Adequate Supervision and Training	Contract specifications met.	\$50 per occurrence; possible suspension.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	

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Required Service/Tasks	Performance Indicator	Deductions / Consequences for Failure to Meet Performance Indicator*	Compliance	Comments
6. Project Safety Official	Project Safety Official who shall be thoroughly familiar with the Contractor's Injury and Illness Prevention Program and Code of Safe Practices.	\$100 per occurrence.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	
E. CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION				
1. Insurance Certifications	Certifications submitted before implementation of contract and on a timely basis thereafter.	\$100 per day; work/contract; possible suspension; possible termination for default of contract.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	
2. Record Retention & Inspection/Audit Settlement	Maintain all required documents as specified in contract.	\$200 per occurrence.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	
3. Use of Subcontractor without Approval and/or Authorization.	Obtain County's written approval prior to subcontracting any work.	\$500 per occurrence; possible suspension; possible termination for default of contract.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	
4. License and Certification	All license and certifications required to perform the work, if any.	\$100 per day; possible suspension; possible termination for default of contract.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	
5. Assignment and Delegation	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.	\$200 per day the County is not informed of this change; possible suspension; possible termination for default of contract.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	

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Required Service/Tasks	Performance Indicator	Deductions / Consequences for Failure to Meet Performance Indicator*	Compliance	Comments
6. Safety Requirements	Comply with all applicable State of California Occupational Safety and Health Administration (Cal/OSHA).	\$200 per occurrence; possible suspension.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	

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Shrub/Hedge Trimming: Contractor shall:

- a. Prune all plant materials where necessary to maintain access and save vehicular and pedestrian visibility and clearance and to prevent or eliminate hazardous situations.
- b. Trim all designated formal plant materials to maintain formal edges and topiary work.
- c. Remove all dead shrubs and plants.
- d. Remove all dead, diseased, unsightly branches, vines, or other growth as they develop. All ground cover shall be pruned to maintain a neat edge along planter box walls.
- e. Remove all pruned and/or trimmed plant materials from site the same day.
- f. Maintain pruned shrubs in a natural shape and proper size as a continuous and ongoing operation so plants will not develop stray or undesirable growth.
- g. Use only hedge trimmers to trim shrubs and hedges. Under no circumstances shall hedge shears or lawn edge trimmers be used as a means of pruning or trimming.
- h. Replace dead, missing, and unhealthy-looking shrubs/plants to maintain full, even, and healthy-looking planting beds. Contractor shall submit a proposal for replacement of shrubs to the CM before beginning installation.
- i. Report all structural weaknesses to the CM, such as split crotch or limbs, diseased or decayed limbs, or severe damage.
- j. Place special emphasis on public safety during pruning operations, particularly when adjacent to roadways.
- k. Remove and dispose of all trimming and debris off-site at the end of each day's work at Contractor's expense.

Tree Pruning: Contractor shall prune trees to maintain good tree health and structure to enhance the appearance and provide the proper vertical and horizontal clearances as follows:

- a. All trees shall be pruned to remove dead, crowded, rubbing and/or hazardous limbs and branches.

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- b. Cuts shall be made according to certified arborist and/or a certified horticulturist's standards. Typically pruning cuts shall be perpendicular to the branch just outside of the raised branch bark collar.
- c. Trees shall be thinned to increase light and air penetration to the tree's crown and landscape below. Pruning shall provide an even distribution of foliage along large limbs and the lower portion of the crown. Do not remove an excessive amount of inner foliage and small branches. No more than a quarter of the tree's foliage may be removed at one time. Maintain at least half of the foliage on the lower toe-thirds of the tree.
- d. Reducing cuts for clearance and to prevent encroachment onto private property shall be accomplished by pruning back leaders and branch terminals to lateral branches that are large enough to assume the terminal roles (at least one-third of the diameter of the limb being pruned).
- e. Mature trees should be pruned only to remove dead or potentially hazardous limbs.
- f. Properly stake and tie trees as necessary. Tree ties shall be inspected at least once a year to prevent bark wounds caused by abrasion.

Weed Removal: Contractor shall:

- a. Keep all grass like weeds, morning glories, vine-type weeds, ragweed, and other underground spreading weeds under strict control. Control weed growth before weeds exceed 6 inches in spread and height.
- b. Remove and/or control all weeds and grass from beds, planters, other cultivated areas, walkways, drainage areas, expansion joints in all hard surface areas, pavement, driveways, roadways, slopes, hillsides, bare areas, undeveloped areas, and tree wells.
- c. Not perform chemical eradication without first permission from the CM.
- d. Maintain, in a weed-free condition, developed areas of a facility that have become denuded.

Groundcover Maintenance: Contractor shall:

- a. Trim all groundcover neatly away from shrubs, trees, walks, headers, etc.
- b. Clear all groundcover beds of all debris, leaves, branches, papers, bottles, etc.
- c. Replace dead, missing, and unhealthy- looking groundcover to maintain full, even, and healthy-looking planting beds. Contractors shall submit a proposal for replacement of groundcover to the CM before beginning installation. Plants shall

not be replaced with different types except to create or maintain a consistency in design.

- d. Cultivate the open soil between plants where planting permits.
- e. Maintain and replenish mulch accordingly to maintain a minimum 3-inch layer.
- f. Inspect any signs of pests (e.g., ants) and fungus (e.g., ground). Eradicate as necessary.

Fertilization: Contractor shall:

- a. Apply natural compost to the soil to fertilize new seedlings and when planting vegetation. The compost shall be added into the native soil at least 2 to 5 inches encapsulating the root ball, and with a minimum 1:1 ratio (1-part compost to 1-part native soil) but up to 2:1 for clay soils. All areas fertilized shall be soaked with water immediately after applied.
- b. Fertilize areas using natural compost or worm liquid solution. Chemical fertilizers are prohibited.
- c. Apply natural compost or worm liquid solution appropriate for the plant type and season.

Watering and Irrigation: Contractor shall:

- a. Monitor and adjust irrigation as appropriate for the plant type and season. Contractor shall pay close attention to the demands, size and variety of the plants as influenced by their exposure to sun, wind, shade, and location in the individual planters in determining the appropriate irrigation. All landscaped and turf areas shall be irrigated as required to maintain adequate growth and appearance with a schedule most conducive to plant growth. The delivery of adequate moisture to the landscaped areas shall include, but not be limited to, hand watering, operation of manual valves, proper utilization of automatic controllers, and the bleeding of valves.
- b. Water all groundcover areas as needed to maintain a healthy condition with appropriate care being taken not to over-water in shady areas.
- c. Be responsible for the operation and seasonal adjustments of the automatic controllers, valves, and sprinkler heads in managing the overall irrigation water delivery system of the area. All irrigation systems shall be regularly inspected and tested.

Graffiti: Contractor shall:

- a. Removed graffiti and within 48 hours upon any notification by the CM. Graffiti on signs should be removed with any of the following County-approved solvents:
 - OFF-B graffiti remover -liquid form
 - 3MT Citrus Base Industrial Cleaner
 - State Chemical Graffiti Wipes
- b. Paint where needed to restore affected structures to its reasonable intended appearance with water-based and/or water-based recycled paint. The color of the paint shall match the color of the surface to which it is applied. In areas where repainting is required to match the existing paint, Contractor shall paint over with the right color to match at no additional cost to the County. The paint may be applied either mechanically or manually in a neat and even manner such that it completely covers or eradicates any graffiti present and does not leave splatter marks on the ground. Use drip cloths on all work assignments to protect sidewalks, vegetation, vehicles, etc., from paint spillage.
- c. Contractor shall furnish all the necessary and appropriate graffiti removing products and equipment including, but not limited to, brushes, rollers, spray guns, ladders, cloths, paint, paint thinner, County-approved graffiti-removing solutions, drop cloths, etc.