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NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE SERVICES - WEST AREA (2009-PA026)

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Public Works requests proposals for the contract for Landscape Maintenance Services - West Area (2009-PA026). The annual contract amount of this service is estimated to be \$49,000. The Request for Proposals (RFP) with contract specifications, forms, and instructions for preparing and submitting proposals may be accessed at <http://dpw.lacounty.gov/asd/contracts> or may be requested from Mr. Edwin Manoukian at (626) 458-4057, emanoukian@dpw.lacounty.gov, Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Minimum Requirement(s): Proposers or any subcontractor(s) must meet all minimum requirements set forth in the RFP document, including, but not limited to, Proposers or their managing employees and any subcontractors must have a minimum of five years of experience providing landscaping services. Also, Proposer's on-site supervising employee must have a minimum of two years of experience supervising landscaping services. In addition, the Proposer or any subcontractor(s) must hold a valid and active California-issued landscaping license, Contractor Classification C-27.

A Proposers' Conference will be held on **Monday, August 31, 2009, at 10 a.m.** at Public Works Headquarters, 900 South Fremont Avenue, Alhambra, California 91803, in Conference Room D. **ATTENDANCE BY THE PROPOSER OR AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE AT THE CONFERENCE IS MANDATORY.** Public Works will reject proposals from those whose attendance at the conference cannot be verified. Attendees should be prepared to ask questions at that time about the specifications, proposal requirements, and contract terms. After the conference, it may be impossible to respond to further requests for information.

The deadline to submit proposals is Monday, September 14, 2009, at 5:30 p.m. Please direct your questions to Mr. Manoukian at the number above.

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

Very truly yours,

GAIL FARBER
Director of Public Works

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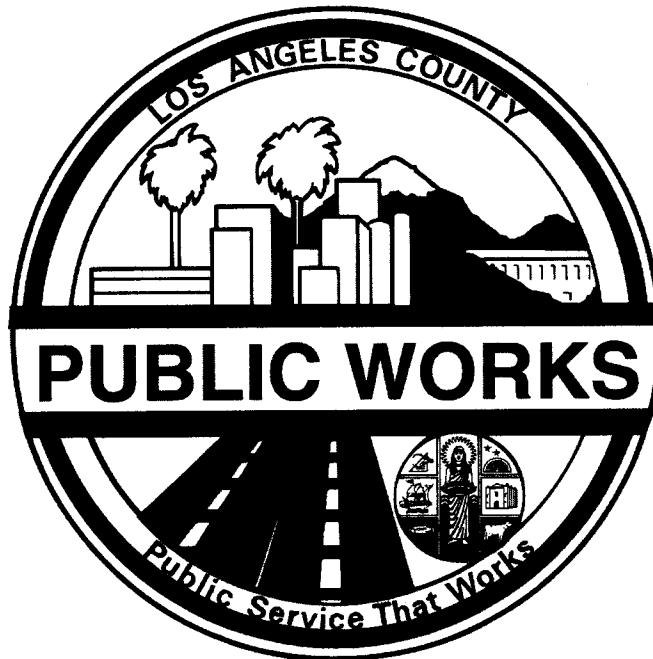
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Approved August 13, 2009
Gail Farber
Director of Public Works

By: Amy Holcomb
Deputy Director

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
FOR
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PART I

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

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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 Public Works not receiving the best possible responses from Proposers. Upon conclusion of the Proposers' Conference, Public Works will only provide further clarifications and/or answers concerning this solicitation through an addendum(s) to all who attended the Conference.

B. Minimum Mandatory Requirements

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

1. Proposer or its managing employee and any subcontractor(s) must have five years of experience providing landscaping services.
2. Proposer's on-site supervising employee must have at least two years of experience supervising landscaping services.
3. Proposer or any subcontractor(s) must hold a valid and active California issued Landscaping License, Contractor Classification C-27.

C. Contract Analyst

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

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

E-mail: emanoukian@dpw.lacounty.gov
Telephone: (626) 458-4057
Facsimile: (626) 458-4194

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

D. Child Support Compliance Program

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

E. County Rights and Responsibilities

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

F. GAIN and GROW Programs

As a threshold requirement for consideration for contract award, Proposers shall demonstrate a proven record of hiring participants in the County's Department of Public Social Services' Greater Avenue for Independence (GAIN) and General Relief Opportunity for Work (GROW) Programs or shall attest to a willingness to consider GAIN and GROW participants for any future employment opening if they meet the minimum qualifications for that opening. Additionally, Proposers shall attest to a willingness to provide employed GAIN and GROW participants access to Proposer's employee mentoring program, if available, to assist these individuals in

obtaining permanent employment and/or promotional opportunities. Proposers who are unable to meet this requirement shall not be considered for contract award. Proposers shall certify compliance on Form PW-10, GAIN and GROW Employment Commitment.

G. Indemnification and Insurance

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

H. Injury and Illness Prevention Program

The successful contractor will be required to comply with the State of California's Cal/OSHA's regulations. Section 3203 of Title 8 in the California Code of Regulations requires all California employers to have a written, effective Injury and Illness Prevention Program that addresses hazards pertaining to the particular workplace covered by the program.

I. Interpretation of Request for Proposals

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

J. Jury Service Program

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

"full-time" means 40 hours or more worked per week or a lesser number of hours if: 1) the lesser number is a recognized industry standard as determined by the County; or 2) the Proposer has a long-standing practice that defines the lesser number of hours as full-time. Therefore, the Jury Service Program applies to all of a Contractor's full-time California employees, even those not working specifically on the County project. Full-time employees providing short-term, temporary services of 90 days or less within a 12-month period are not considered full-time for purposes of the Jury Service Program.

3. There are two ways in which a Contractor might not be subject to the Jury Service Program. The first is if the Contractor does not fall within the Jury Service Program's definition of "Contractor." The Jury Service Program defines "Contractor" to mean a person, partnership, corporation, or other entity which has a contract with the County or a Subcontract with a County Contractor and has received or will receive an aggregate sum of \$50,000 or more in any 12-month period under one or more County contracts or subcontracts. The second is if the Contractor meets one of the two exceptions to the Jury Service Program. The first exception concerns small businesses and applies to Contractors that have: 1) ten or fewer employees; and 2) annual gross revenues in the preceding 12 months which, if added to the annual amount of this proposed contract is less than \$500,000; and 3) is not an "affiliate or subsidiary of a business dominant in its field of operation." The second exception applies to Contractors that possess a collective bargaining agreement that expressly supersedes the provisions of the Jury Service Program. The Contractor is subject to any provision of the Jury Service Program not expressly superseded by the collective bargaining agreement.
4. If a Contractor does not fall within the Jury Service Program's definition of "Contractor" or if it meets any of the exceptions to the Jury Service Program, then the Contractor must so indicate in the Contractor Employee Jury Service Program Application for Exception and Certification Form (Form PW-3) and include with its submission all necessary documentation to support the claim, such as tax returns or a collective bargaining agreement, if applicable. Upon reviewing the Contractor's application, the County will determine, in its sole discretion, whether the Contractor falls within the definition of "Contractor" or meets any of the exceptions to the Jury Service Program. The County's decision will be final.

K. Living Wage Program

1. Proposers are advised that the Board has enacted the Living Wage Program (Form LW-1) for contracts awarded under the authority of Los Angeles County Code Chapter 2.121.250 through 2.121.420 ("Proposition A") as well as cafeteria service contracts. In doing so, the Board made a finding that the Living Wage Program was not only to provide living wage and health benefits to employees working on these

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

2. Proposer is further notified that throughout the term of the contract resulting from this solicitation, the contractor and its subcontractor(s) will be required to submit periodic monitoring reports for each employee providing services under the contract, certifying under penalty of perjury, the hours worked, wages paid, and amounts paid towards each employee's health benefits.
3. At any time during the term of the contract resulting from this solicitation, the County may conduct an audit of the successful Proposer's records as well as field visits with the Proposer's employees to ascertain compliance with the Living Wage Program.
4. Also, the successful Proposer will be required to place specified living wage posters at their place of business and locations where the Proposer's employees are working. The successful Proposer will also be required to distribute County-provided notices to each of its employees providing services to the County at least once per year.
5. Violations of the provisions of the Living Wage Program will subject the successful Proposer to withholding of monies owed it under the contract, liquidated damages, termination, and/or debarment from future County contracts in accordance with Section 2.202.040 of Los Angeles County Code.

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

L. Local Small Business Enterprise Preference Program

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

<http://oaac.co.la.ca.us/contract/sbemain.html>

3. Certified Local SBEs must request the SBE Preference in their solicitation responses and may not request the preference unless the certification process has been completed and certification affirmed. Businesses must attach their Local SBE Certification Letter to a completed Form PW-9, Request for Local SBE Preference Program Consideration and CBE Firm/Organization Information Form with their proposal. Sanctions and financial penalties may apply to a business that knowingly, and with intent to defraud, seeks to obtain or maintain certification as a certified Local SBE.
4. Information about the State's small business enterprise certification regulations is in the California Code of Regulations, Title 2, Subchapter 8, Section 1896 et seq., and is also available on the California Department of General Services Office of Small Business Certification and Resources website at <http://www.pd.dgs.ca.gov/smbus/default>.

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

The Proposer shall notify the County of any pending acquisitions/mergers of their company. This information shall be provided by the Proposer on Form PW-1, Verification of Proposal. The proposed contract will only be awarded to the entity that submitted the proposal. Any acquisitions and merger will be handled pursuant to Exhibit B, Section 2.B, Assignment and Delegation and evaluated in

accordance with the Board's policy regarding contractors engaged in mergers and acquisitions. Failure of the Proposer to provide this information may eliminate its proposal/bid from any further consideration.

N. Prompt Payment Program

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

O. Proposal Requirements and Contract Specifications

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

P. Proposer's Charitable Contributions Compliance

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

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

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

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

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

Q. Transitional Job Opportunities Preference Program

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

R. Vendor Registration

Proposers must register on-line with the County's web-based vendor registration system to facilitate the contract award process. Registration can be accomplished online via the Internet by accessing the County's home page at http://lacounty.info/doing_business/main_db.htm and click on "Vendor Registration Information – Self Registration." Being registered will assist the Proposer in receiving notifications of the release of County solicitations that may be of interest to the Proposer.

SECTION 2

PROPOSAL PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION

A. Proposal Format and Content Requirements

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

1. Title page

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

2. Table of Contents

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

3. Letter of Transmittal

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

4. Support Documents for Corporations and Limited Liability Companies

a. Corporations

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

b. Limited Liability Companies

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

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

5. Experience

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

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

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 work plan must include the following specific information:

- **Proposer's maintenance schedules for each facility.**
- **Procedures, techniques, equipment and methods that will be employed by the proposer in meeting the required service.**

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

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

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

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

7. Quality Assurance Program

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

- a. **Policies and Procedures** – Quality control procedures for the Proposer, subcontractors, and suppliers must be described. The Proposer's staffing plan must include a qualified inspector to monitor compliance with the Program and deal with customer complaints and inquiries. If a subcontractor is to perform work, the Program must detail how that subcontractor will interface with the Proposer and how the Proposer will ensure that the subcontractor complies with the Program.

- b. Inspection Fundamentals – The Proposer shall provide samples of forms that outline required operations and quality levels. The Proposal must indicate the Proposer's inspection schedules, a methodology to correct deficiencies, level of supervision, and how the inspections are to be performed. The Proposal shall document the name, authority, relevant experience, and qualifications of the person with overall responsibility for the inspection system.
- c. Quality Control Documentation, Review, and Reporting – The Program shall describe and list the records to be maintained. The Program shall detail how the Proposer will maintain inspection records and make them available to the County.

8. Subcontractors

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

9. Financial Resources

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

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

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

issued by a financial institution with the following minimum ratings:

Moody's	A2 or better LT Issuer Credit and B or better for Bank Financial Strength
Standard and Poor's	A or better for LT Issuer Credit
Bauer Financial	4 Stars or better
TheStreet.com Ratings	B or better

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

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

10. Licenses and Certifications

Submit copies of the Proposer's, employees', and/or subcontractors' valid and active landscaping license, Contractor Classification C-27, issued by the State of California.

11. Insurance

Submit completed and signed Form PW-17, Proposer's Insurance Compliance Affirmation, acknowledging that the Proposer will comply with all provisions set forth in Exhibit B, Section 5, Indemnification and Insurance Requirements of this Request for Proposals if awarded the contract. In Form PW-16, Proposer affirms that the Proposer will procure, maintain, and provide the County with proof of insurance and coverage as specified by this Request for Proposals throughout the entire term of the proposed contract, without interruption or break in coverage.

12. Record Keeping

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

13. Forms List

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

- PW-1 Verification of Proposal;
- PW-2 Schedule of Prices;
- PW-3 County of Los Angeles Contractor Employee Jury Service Program Application for Exception and Certification Form;
- PW-4 Contractor's Industrial Safety Record;
- PW-5 Conflict of Interest Certification;
- PW-6 Proposer's Reference List;
- PW-7 Proposer's Equal Employment Opportunity Certification;
- PW-8 List of Subcontractors;
- PW-9 Request for Local Small Business Enterprise (SBE) Preference Program Consideration and CBE Firm/Organization Information Form (Attach Local SBE certification form if requesting SBE preference);
- PW-10 GAIN and GROW Employment Commitment;
- PW-11 Transmittal Form to Request an RFP Solicitation Requirements Review (Submit only if requesting a review. If requesting a review, please submit form as early as possible before the proposal submission to the listed Contract Analyst);

- PW-12 Charitable Contributions Certifications;
- PW-13 Transitional Job Opportunities Preference Application;
- PW-14 Statement of Terminated Contracts;
- PW-15 Proposer's Pending Litigations and Judgments;
- PW-16 Statement of Equipment;
- PW-17 Proposer's Insurance Compliance Affirmation;
- LW-2 Living Wage Ordinance – Application for Exemption (If requesting exemption, submit at least seven days before due date for Proposals);
- LW-3 Contractor Living Wage Declaration;
- LW-4 Living Wage Acknowledgment and Statement of Compliance;
- LW-5 Labor/Payroll/Debarment History (Disclose full details of any such determinations, claims, and/or debarments.);
- LW-7 Proposer's Medical Plan Coverage;
- LW-8 Proposer's Staffing Plan and Cost Methodology. (Total annual price listed on LW-8 must match the total proposed annual price listed in Form PW-2.); and
- LW-9 Wage and Hour Record Keeping for Living Wage Contracts.

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

14. Subcontractors' Forms List

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

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

- PW-5 Conflict of Interest Certification;
- PW-7 Proposer's Equal Employment Opportunity Certification;
- PW-9 Request for Local Small Business Enterprise (SBE) Preference Program Consideration and CBE Firm/Organization Information Form (Part II of form only);
- PW-10 GAIN and GROW Employment Commitment Form;
- PW-11 Transmittal Form to Request an RFP Solicitation Requirements Review (Submit only if requesting a review. If requesting a review, please submit form as early as possible but no later than 10 business days of issuance of this RFP to the listed Contract Analyst);
- PW-12 Charitable Contributions Certification;
- PW-13 Transitional Job Opportunities Preference Application;
- PW-14 Statement of Terminated Contracts;
- PW-15 Proposer's Pending Litigations and Judgments;
- PW-16 Statement of Equipment Form;
- PW-17 Proposer's Insurance Compliance Affirmation;
- LW-2 Living Wage Ordinance – Application for Exemption (If requesting exemption, submit at least seven days before due date for Proposals);
- LW-3 Contractor Living Wage Declaration;
- LW-4 Living Wage Acknowledgment and Statement of Compliance;
- LW-5 Labor/Payroll/Debarment History (Disclose full details of any such determinations, claims, and/or debarments.); and
- LW-9 Wage and Hour Record Keeping for Living Wage Contracts.

15. Living Wage Ordinance – Application for Exemption

If the Proposer believes that it does not fall within Living Wage Program's definition for "employer" or that it meets any of the exceptions to the Living Wage Program as stated in Form LW-1, Living Wage Program, Section 2.201.020, Definitions, and/or Section 2.201.090, Exceptions, then the Proposer must complete and submit to the listed Public Works Contract Analyst, Form LW-2, Living Wage Ordinance – Application for Exemption, **at least seven days prior to the deadline to submit**

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proposals and include in its submission all necessary documentation to support the claim such as the last two years' tax returns and last State payroll tax return, if claiming exception as a small business, a copy of the applicable collective bargaining agreement, or an IRS Determination Letter, if claiming exception as nonprofit corporation qualified under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3). Upon reviewing the Proposer's application, the County will determine, in its sole discretion, whether the Proposer falls within the definition of "employer" or meets any of the exceptions to the Living Wage Program. The County's decision will be final.

Note that the collective bargaining agreement exception applies if it is demonstrated to the County that the agreement is bona fide and that the agreement expressly provides that it supersedes all of the provisions of the Living Wage Program, or (if not all) those specific provisions that are superseded. The Proposer is subject to any provision of the Living Wage Program not expressly superseded by the collective bargaining agreement. All exemption requests are to be delivered or sent via facsimile to the Contract Analyst.

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

16. Additional Information

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

B. Proposal Submission

1. Proposals shall be submitted with four complete sets (one original and three copies) of the Proposal and any related information. Proposals received after the closing date and time specified in the Notice of Request for Proposals will be rejected by Public Works as nonresponsive.
2. Submit Proposals to the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works Cashier, located on the Mezzanine Floor, 900 South Fremont Avenue, Alhambra, California 91803, in a package that clearly identifies the Proposer and this RFP. Proposals are received only when accepted and time stamped by the Cashier. All other indications of apparent timely delivery may be disregarded.
3. It is the responsibility of the Proposer to instruct delivery services, such as United Parcel Service and Federal Express, to deliver Proposals directly to the Cashier. Proposals submitted via facsimile or e-mail will not be accepted.

4. Proposals delivered by other means, including United States Postal Service, may be delayed in Public Works' mail system, resulting in untimely delivery to the Cashier and possible failure to meet the Proposal submission deadline. Delays and missed deadlines for submission of proposals not delivered in strict compliance with this RFP shall be the sole responsibility of the Proposer, not of the County, Public Works, or any Special District.

SECTION 3

GENERAL CONDITIONS OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

A. Acceptance or Rejection of Proposals

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

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

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

B. Altering Solicitation Document

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

C. County Responsibility

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

D. Determination of Proposer Responsibility

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

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

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

E. Disqualification of Proposers

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

F. Gratuities

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

more favorable treatment for the Proposer in the award of the proposed contract or that the Proposer's failure to provide such consideration may negatively affect the County's consideration of the Proposer's submission. A Proposer shall not offer or give, either directly or through an intermediary, consideration, in any form, to a County officer, employee, or agent for the purpose of securing favorable treatment with respect to the award of the proposed contract.

2. A Proposer shall immediately report any attempt by a County officer, employee, or agent to solicit such improper consideration. The report shall be made either to the County manager charged with the supervision of the employee or to the County Auditor-Controller's Employee Fraud Hotline at (800) 544-6861. Failure to report such a solicitation may result in the Proposer's submission being rejected on the basis of nonresponsibility and/or nonresponsiveness.
3. Among other items, such improper consideration may take the form of cash; discounts; services; and the provision of travel, entertainment, or tangible gifts.

G. Knowledge of Work to be Done

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

H. Notice to Proposers Regarding the Public Records Act

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

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

2. The County shall not, in any way, be liable or responsible for the disclosure of any such record or any parts thereof, if disclosure is required or permitted under the California Public Records Act or otherwise by law. A blanket statement of confidentiality or the marking of each page of the proposal as confidential shall not be deemed sufficient notice of exception. The proposers must specifically label only those provisions of their respective proposal which are "Trade Secret," "Confidential," or "Proprietary" in nature.
3. In the event County is required to defend an action on a Public Records Act request for any of the aforementioned documents, information, books, records, and/or contents of a proposal marked "trade secret," "confidential," or "proprietary," Proposer agrees to defend and indemnify County from all costs and expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees, in connection with any requested action or liability arising under the Public Records Act.

I. Notice to Proposers Regarding the County Lobbyist Ordinance

The Board has enacted an ordinance regulating the activities of persons who lobby County officials. This ordinance, referred to as the "Lobbyist Ordinance," defines a County Lobbyist and imposes certain registration requirements upon individuals meeting the definition. The complete text of the ordinance can be found in Los Angeles County Code Chapter 2.160. In effect, each person, corporation, or other entity that seeks a County permit, license, franchise, or contract must certify compliance with the ordinance. As part of this solicitation process, it will be the responsibility of each proposer to review the ordinance independently as the text of the ordinance is not contained in this RFP. Each person, corporation, or other entity submitting a response to this solicitation, must certify that each County Lobbyist, as defined by Los Angeles County Code Section 2.160.010, retained by the Proposer is in full compliance with Chapter 2.160 of the Los Angeles County Code and each County Lobbyist is **not** on the Executive Office's List of Terminated Registered Lobbyist. The Proposer's signature on the Proposal submission is its certification that it is in full compliance with Los Angeles County Code Chapter 2.160. See Attachment 3 regarding County Lobbyist.

J. Opening of Proposals

Proposals will not be publicly opened.

K. Proposer Debarment

1. The Proposer is hereby notified that, in accordance with Chapter 2.202 of the Los Angeles County Code, the County may debar the Proposer from bidding or proposing on, or being awarded, and/or performing work on other County contracts for a specified period of time, which generally will not exceed five years but may exceed five years or be permanent if warranted by the circumstance, and the County may terminate any or all of the Proposer's existing contracts with the County, if the Board finds, in its discretion, that the Proposer has done any of the following: (1) violated a term of a contract with the County or a nonprofit corporation created by the County; (2) committed an act or omission which negatively reflects on the Proposer's quality, fitness, or capacity to perform a contract with the County or any other public entity, or a nonprofit corporation created by the County or engaged in a pattern or practice which negatively reflects on same; (3) committed an act or offense which indicates a lack of business integrity or business honesty; or (4) made or submitted a false claim against the County or any other public entity.
2. If there is evidence that the highest-rated Proposer may be subject to debarment, Public Works will notify the Proposer in writing of the evidence, which is the basis for the proposed debarment, and will advise the Proposer of the scheduled date for a debarment hearing before the Contractor Hearing Board.
3. The Contractor Hearing Board will conduct a hearing where evidence on the proposed debarment is presented. The Proposer and/or the Proposer's representative shall be given an opportunity to submit evidence at that hearing. After the hearing, the Contractor Hearing Board will prepare a tentative proposed decision, which will contain a recommendation regarding whether the Proposer should be debarred, and, if so, the appropriate length of time of the debarment. The Proposer and Public Works shall be provided an opportunity to object to the tentative proposed decision prior to its presentation to the Board.
4. After consideration of any objections, or if no objections are received, a record of the hearing, the proposed decision, and any other recommendation of the Contractor Hearing Board shall be presented to the Board. The Board shall have the right to modify, deny, or adopt the proposed decision and recommendation of the Contractor Hearing Board.
5. If a Proposer has been debarred for a period longer than five years, that Proposer may, after the debarment has been in effect for at least five years, submit a written request for review of the debarment determination to reduce the period of debarment or terminate the debarment. The County

may, in its discretion, reduce the period of debarment or terminate the debarment if it finds that the Proposer has adequately demonstrated one or more of the following: (1) elimination of the grounds for which the debarment was imposed; (2) a bona fide change in ownership or management; (3) material evidence discovered after debarment was imposed; or (4) any other reason that is in the best interests of the County.

6. The Contractor Hearing Board will consider requests for review of a debarment determination only where (1) the Proposer has been debarred for a period longer than five years; (2) the debarment has been in effect for at least five years; and (3) the request is in writing, states one or more of the grounds for reduction of the debarment period or termination of the debarment and includes supporting documentation. Upon receiving an appropriate request, the Contractor Hearing Board will provide notice of the hearing on the request. At the hearing, the Contractor Hearing Board shall conduct a hearing where evidence on the proposed reduction of debarment period or termination of debarment is presented. This hearing shall be conducted and the request for review decided by the Contractor Hearing Board pursuant to the same procedure as for a debarment hearing.
7. The Contractor Hearing Board's proposed decision will contain a recommendation on the request to reduce the period of debarment or terminate the debarment. The Contractor Hearing Board shall present its proposed decision and recommendation to the Board. The Board will have the right to modify, deny, or adopt the proposed decision and recommendation of the Contractor Hearing Board.
8. These terms shall also apply to proposed subcontractors of Proposer on County contracts.
9. Attachment 2 is a listing of contractors currently debarred.

L. Proposal Prices and Agreement of Figures

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

M. Proposer's Safety Record

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

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

N. Qualification of Proposer

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

O. Qualifications of Subcontractors

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

P. Safely Surrendered Baby Law

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

Q. Term of Proposals

All proposals shall be firm offers and may not be withdrawn for a period of 360 days following the deadline for submission of proposals.

R. Truth and Accuracy of Representations

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

S. Wages, Materials, and Other Costs

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

T. Withdrawal of Proposals

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

SECTION 4

EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS; AWARD AND EXECUTION OF CONTRACT

A. Award of Contract

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

B. Final Contract Award by Board

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

C. Evaluation of Proposals

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

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

D. Initial Review

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

1. Proposer will comply with the insurance requirements, outlined in Exhibit B, Section 5, Indemnification and Insurance Requirements, as evidenced by submitting a completed and signed Form PW-17.
2. Proposer and any subcontractors have met the GAIN and GROW Programs requirements (Form PW-10).
3. Proposer and any subcontractors have completed and submitted the Charitable Contributions Certification (Form PW-12).
4. Proposer and any subcontractors have submitted the Jury Service Program Application for Exception and Certification Form (Form PW-3) stating that they accept and will comply with the program requirements or establish their entitlement to an exception to the program.
5. Proposer and subcontractors, if any, have completed and signed all appropriate forms, and Proposer has completed and signed Form PW-2, Schedule of Prices.
6. Proposer complies with all minimum requirements as outlined in Part I, Section 1.B, Minimum Mandatory Requirements.
7. Proposer has submitted a valid and active California issued landscaping license, Contractor Classification C-27.

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

8. Proposer is signed in as attending the Proposers' Conference.
9. Proposal was time stamped by the Cashier prior to the deadline for submission of the Proposal. Any proposal without a Public Works time

stamp verifying that the deadline for submission has been met will be rejected.

10. If Proposer is not exempt, Proposer has indicated on Form LW-3, Contractor Living Wage Declaration, it will meet the Living Wage Program employee payment requirements and has included their contribution for the identified medical plan. Proposals that include hourly and health benefit payments that do not comply with Living Wage Program requirements, shall be rejected as nonresponsive unless the Proposer has been granted exemption status pursuant to a fully documented request for exemption in compliance with the Living Wage Program, Form LW-2, Living Wage Ordinance - Application for Exemption (Part I, Section 2.A.15).
11. Proposer's staffing plan identifies full-time employees of the Proposer who will perform the required work unless the Proposer has demonstrated the necessity of part-time staff to the County's satisfaction in accordance with Part I, Section 2.A.6, Work Plan. Proposers may submit part-time staffing plans for approval before the due date for receipt of Proposals in accordance with Part I, Section 2.A.6.

E. Evaluation Criteria

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

1. Proposed Price (65 points)

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

- Transitional Job Opportunities Preference. To the extent permitted by State and federal law, should one or more of the proposers qualify for the Transitional Job Opportunities Preference (Form PW-13), the price component points will be adjusted prior to scoring as follows: Five percent of the lowest price proposed will be calculated, and that amount will be deducted from the prices submitted by all proposers who requested and were granted the Transitional Job Opportunities Preference. The Transitional Job Opportunities Preference will not reduce or change the Proposer's payment, which will be based on the Proposer's bid amount.
- Local Small Business Enterprise (SBE) Preference. To the extent permitted by State and federal law, should one or more of the proposers qualify for the Local SBE Preference (Form PW-9), the price component points will be adjusted prior to scoring as follows:

Five percent of the lowest price proposed will be calculated, which shall not exceed \$50,000, and that amount will be deducted from the prices submitted by all Local SBE Proposers who requested and were granted the Local SBE Preference. The Local SBE Preference will not reduce or change the Proposer's payment, which is based on the Proposer's bid amount.

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

2. References (10 points)

Public Works will check at least three of the Proposer's references for overall satisfaction with Proposer's services, with priority given to services provided to County departments. Proposer may receive up to a maximum of 10/3 points for each responding reference up to a total of three responding references. Proposer's references for all contracts with the County during the previous three years must be listed on Form PW-6, Proposer's Reference List. Public Works reserves the right to utilize any reference of Proposer, County or other, listed or not listed. In addition to the references provided, the review will include the County's Contract Database, if applicable, reflecting past performance history on County contracts, and an evaluation of any terminated contract(s) reported on Form PW-14, Statement of Terminated Contracts. If references fail to substantiate Proposer's description of services provided; references fail to support that Proposer has a continuing pattern of providing capable, productive, and skilled personnel and services; or a significant unacceptable weakness in references may result in a low or zero score. Additionally, a Proposer's unacceptable performance on another County contract(s), as documented by either the County's Contract Database or by an unfavorable reference, may result in a low or zero score for this evaluation category. A score of zero in this evaluation category may result in rejection of the Proposal as nonresponsive.

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

3. Experience (5 points)

Proposer or its managing employee, and any subcontractor(s), must have five years of experience providing landscaping services. In addition, Proposer's on-site supervising employee must have at least two years experience supervising landscaping services. Failure to demonstrate the minimum lengths of experience performing the service may result in rejection of the Proposal as nonresponsive.

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

4. Financial Resources (5 points)

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

Proposers who submit a written statement signed by an authorized agent of a California-admitted surety with an A.M. Best Rating of not less than A:VII establishing that the surety is presently willing to issue a performance bond of 50 percent of the annual Contract amount on behalf of the Proposer and/or a written statement that the Proposer is presently able to secure a letter of credit of 50 percent of the annual Contract amount, in accordance with the requirements set forth in Section 2, Financial Resource, will be awarded a maximum score of 1 point to those who submit letter(s) with the statement(s).

Audited financial statements or annual reports that are incomplete or fail to show strong financial ratios may be given a low or zero score and

unaudited financial statements (compiled, reviewed, or self-prepared) will not be scored.

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

5. Work Plan/Quality Assurance Program (5 points)

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

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

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

- **Proposer's maintenance schedules for each facility.**
- **Procedures, techniques, equipment and methods that will be employed by the proposer in meeting the required service.**
- **Proposer's personnel management, training, subcontracting and employee replacement.**
- **Methods of communication between Public Works and Proposer, its on-site supervisor and its field staff, including Proposer's emergency contact information.**
- **Proposer's ability to respond and provide back-up staff and equipment in emergencies.**

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

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

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

6. Equipment (5 points)

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

A review of the Proposer's equipment to be used to perform the work, as listed on the Statement of Equipment Form (Form PW-16), will be made. List vehicles separate from other equipment. Public Works reserves the right to conduct on-site inspections of equipment listed on this form.

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

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

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

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

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

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

8. Optional Interview/Clarification

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

9. Deduction for Labor Law/Payroll Violations

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

three years of the Proposal's submission date that the Proposer committed a labor law/payroll violation, and (2) any pending claim that involves an incident of labor law/payroll violation occurring within three years of the Proposal's submission date.

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

10. Additional Criteria

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

F. Negotiation

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

In the event that the highest-rated Proposer receives a low score or zero score in Financial Stability criteria in this Part I, Section 4.E, Evaluation Criteria, Public Works reserves the right to request a County approved performance guaranty such as a letter of credit or performance bond in an amount up to 100 percent of the annual contract amount. If the Proposer is unwilling to provide the requested performance guaranty acceptable to the County or is unable to provide the performance guaranty within the requested timeframe from the County, the County may, at its sole discretion disqualify the proposal as non-responsive and begin contract negotiations with another proposer who submitted a proposal that meets all of the requirements, terms, and conditions in response to this RFP.

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. Additionally, any Proposer may request a review of a disqualification or of a proposed Contract award under such a solicitation, as described, respectively, in Paragraphs E and F, Disqualification Review and Proposed Contractor Selection Review, respectively, below. Additionally, any Proposer may obtain copies of proposals and Public Works evaluation documents as provided in Part I, Section 3, Paragraph H. Under any such review, it is the responsibility of the Proposer challenging the decision of Public Works to demonstrate that Public Works committed a sufficiently material error in the solicitation process to justify invalidation of a solicitation or a proposed Contract award as the case may be.
2. Throughout the review process, the County has no obligation to delay or otherwise postpone an award of Contract based on a Proposer protest. In all cases, the County reserves the right to make an award when it is determined to be in the best interest of the County of Los Angeles to do so.

B. Grounds for Review

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

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

C. Solicitation Requirements Review

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

1. The request for a Solicitation Requirements Review is made within ten (10) business days of the issuance of the solicitation document;
2. The request for a Solicitation Requirements Review includes documentation, which demonstrates the underlying ability of the person or entity to submit a proposal.
3. The request for a Solicitation Requirements Review itemizes in appropriate detail, each matter contested and factual reasons for the requested review; and
4. The request for a Solicitation Requirements Review asserts either that:
 - a. Application of the minimum requirements, evaluation criteria and/or business requirements unfairly disadvantages the person or entity; or,
 - b. Due to unclear instructions, the process may result in the County not receiving the best possible responses from prospective Proposers.
5. The Solicitation Requirements Review will be completed and Public Works' determination will be provided to the requesting person or entity, in writing, within a reasonable time prior to the bid/proposal due date.

D. Place to Submit Requests for Review

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

E. Disqualification Review

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

provides factual support on each ground asserted as well as copies of all documents and other material that support the assertions.

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

F. Debriefing Process

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

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

G. Proposed Contractor Selection Review

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

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

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

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

H. County Review Panel

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

TABLE OF FORMS
(LIVING WAGE CONTRACT)

PW-1	VERIFICATION OF PROPOSAL
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PW-6	PROPOSER'S REFERENCE LIST
PW-7	PROPOSER'S EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY CERTIFICATION
PW-8	LIST OF SUBCONTRACTORS
PW-9	REQUEST FOR LOCAL SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (SBE) PREFERENCE PROGRAM CONSIDERATION AND CBE FIRM/ORGANIZATION INFORMATION FORM
PW-10	GAIN AND GROW EMPLOYMENT COMMITMENT
PW-11	TRANSMITTAL FORM TO REQUEST AN RFP SOLICITATION REQUIREMENTS REVIEW (Submit only if requesting a review.)
PW-12	CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS CERTIFICATION
PW-13	TRANSITIONAL JOB OPPORTUNITIES PREFERENCE APPLICATION
PW-14	STATEMENT OF TERMINATED CONTRACTS
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PW-16	STATEMENT OF EQUIPMENT FORM
PW-17	PROPOSER'S INSURANCE COMPLIANCE AFFIRMATION

LIVING WAGE PROGRAM

LW-1	LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 2.201 - LIVING WAGE PROGRAM
LW-2	LIVING WAGE ORDINANCE - APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION (If requesting exemption, submit at least seven days before due date for Proposals.)
LW-3	CONTRACTOR LIVING WAGE DECLARATION
LW-4	LIVING WAGE ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE
LW-5	LABOR/PAYROLL/DEBARMENT HISTORY
LW-6	GUIDELINES FOR ASSESSMENT OF PROPOSER LABOR LAW/PAYROLL VIOLATIONS
LW-7	PROPOSER'S MEDICAL PLAN COVERAGE
LW-8	PROPOSER'S STAFFING PLAN AND COST METHODOLOGY
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ATTACHMENTS

1. COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES POLICY ON DOING BUSINESS WITH
SMALL BUSINESS
2. DEBARRED VENDORS REPORT
3. COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES LOBBYIST ORDINANCE

VERIFICATION OF PROPOSAL

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

**SCHEDULE OF PRICES
FOR
LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE – WEST AREA (2009-PA026)**

The undersigned Proposer offers to perform the work described in the Request for Proposals for the following price(s). The Proposer shall furnish all labor, materials, transportation, taxes, equipment, supervision, and supplies unless stated otherwise in the Request for Proposals. It is understood and agreed that where quantities, if any, are set forth in the Schedule of Prices, they are but estimates, and that the unit prices quoted, if any, will apply to the actual quantities, whatever they may be.

NOTE:

Public Works will reimburse all dumping fees. Public Works will not pay for labor and transportation of debris to the dump site.

Item	Task Description	Total Acres	Frequency	Unit Price Per Acre	Annual Price (Total Acres X Annual Frequency X Unit Price Per Acre)
1.	Tree Trimming and Care, Shrubbery/Vines Trimming and Care, Ground Cover Trimming and Care, Ornamental Grass Trimming and Care, Weed Control, Litter Control, Watering Irrigation Management, Rodent Control, Monthly Maintenance Reports, etc.				
	a. Calabasas Creek @ Hatteras Street/Fallbrook Avenue	0.37			
	b. Aliso Creek on Wilbur Avenue N/O Lanark Street	0.13			
	c. Aliso Creek on San Fernando Mission Road E/O Newcastle	0.49			
	d. East Canyon Channel on Rinaldi Street W/O I-(5)	0.54			
	e. Cheeseboro Creek on Agoura Road S/O Ventura FWY	0.08			
	f. Los Angeles River at Owensmouth Avenue	0.14			
	g. Los Angeles River Ernie's Walk Between Valleyheart - River	1.20			
	h. Los Angeles River Laurel Canyon Greenway S/S River	1.75			
	i. Los Angeles River from Coldwater Canyon Avenue East	0.69			
	k. Los Angeles River at Coldwater Canyon/Valleyheart Drive	0.04			
	l. Santa Clarita Yard	1.71			
	J. Pacoima Wash	0.01			
	Total Acres	7.15	12	\$	\$

Total Annual Proposed Price for Item No. 1	\$ _____
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<u>Item</u>	<u>Task Description</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Estimated Number of Units</u>	<u>Unit Price</u>	<u>Annual Proposed Cost</u> (Estimated Number of Units X Unit Price)
2.	As-Needed Items (Only to be performed with Public Works' approval)				
	a. Manual operation of irrigation system past the required 30-day period.	Hour	50	\$ _____	\$ _____
	b. Irrigation system repairs*	Hour	50	\$ _____	\$ _____
	c. Flat rate for emergency call back to shut off water, turn off irrigation system.	Each	50	\$ _____	\$ _____
	d. Replant Trees, Shrubs, Ground (Submit plant receipts for reimbursement)	Hour	100	\$ _____	\$ _____
Total Annual Proposed Price for Item No. 2					\$ _____
Total Annual Proposed Price for Item Nos. 1 & 2 _____ Dollars					\$ _____
LEGAL NAME OF PROPOSER					
SIGNATURE OF PERSON AUTHORIZED TO SUBMIT PROPOSAL					
TITLE OF AUTHORIZED PERSON					
DATE		STATE CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE NUMBER		LICENSE TYPE	
PROPOSER'S ADDRESS:					
PHONE		FAX		E-MAIL	

* For only emergency call out, the Contractor will be paid at the minimum of 4 hours.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Part II: Certification of Compliance

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

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

Print Name:	Title:
Signature:	Date:

CONTRACTOR'S INDUSTRIAL SAFETY RECORD

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

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

5 CALENDAR YEARS PRIOR TO CURRENT YEAR

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

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

 Name of Proposer or Authorized Agent (print)

 Signature

 Date

CONFLICT OF INTEREST CERTIFICATION

I, _____

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

 of _____
 Name of proposer

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

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

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

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

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

Signed _____

Date _____

PROPOSER'S REFERENCE LIST

PROPOSED CONTRACT FOR: _____

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

A. COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AGENCIES

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

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

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

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

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

B. OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES AND PRIVATE COMPANIES

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

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

PROPOSER'S EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY CERTIFICATION

Proposer's Name
Address
Internal Revenue Service Employer Identification Number

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

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

Proposer	
Authorized representative	
Signature	Date

LIST OF SUBCONTRACTORS

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

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

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

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

FIRM NAME:

My County (WebVen) Vendor Number:

I. LOCAL SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PREFERENCE PROGRAM:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Agency Name	Minority	Women	Disadvantaged	Disabled Veteran	Expiration Date

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

Authorized Signature:	Title:	Date:

GAIN and GROW EMPLOYMENT COMMITMENT

The undersigned:

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

OR

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

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

Signature	Title
Firm Name	Date

TRANSMITTAL FORM TO REQUEST AN RFP SOLICITATION REQUIREMENTS REVIEW

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

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

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

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

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

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

Request submitted by:

(Name)
(Title)

For County use only

Date Transmittal Received by County: _____	Date Solicitation Released: _____
Reviewed by: _____	
Results of Review - Comments:	

Date Response sent to Proposer: _____	

CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS CERTIFICATION

Company Name

Address

Internal Revenue Service Employer Identification Number

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

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

CERTIFICATION

YES

NO

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

OR

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

Signature

Date

Name and Title (please type or print)

TRANSITIONAL JOB OPPORTUNITIES PREFERENCE APPLICATION

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

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

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

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

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

PRINT NAME:	TITLE:
SIGNATURE:	DATE:

REVIEWED BY COUNTY:

SIGNATURE OF REVIEWER	APPROVED	DISAPPROVED	DATE

PROPOSER'S LIST OF TERMINATED CONTRACTS

PROPOSER'S NAME: _____

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

Proposer must list all contracts that have been terminated within the past three years. Terminated contracts are those contracts terminated by an agency or firm before the contract's expiration date.

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

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

SIGNATURE _____

DATE: _____

PROPOSER'S PENDING LITIGATIONS AND JUDGMENTS

Proposer's Name: _____

- ☐ Proposer and/or principals are **not** currently involved in any pending litigation; are not aware of any threatened litigation were they would be a party; and have not had any judgments placed 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 placed 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: _____

TELEPHONE:

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

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LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE SERVICES - WEST AREA (2009-PA026)

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.

Proposer's Printed Name

Proposer's Signature

Date

LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE**Title 2 ADMINISTRATION****Chapter 2.201 Living Wage Program****2.201.010 Findings.**

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

2.201.20 Definitions.

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

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

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

2.201.30 Prospective effect.

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

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

2.201.040 Payment of living wage.

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

2.201.050 Other provisions.

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

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

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

2.201.60 Employer retaliation prohibited.

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

2.201.70 Employee retention rights.

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

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

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

2.201.80 Enforcement and Remedies.

For violation of any of the provisions of this chapter:

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

2.201.090 Exceptions.

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

"Dominant in its field of operation" means having more than 20 employees, including full time

and part time employees, and more than \$1,000,000.00 in annual gross revenues or \$2,500,000.00 in annual gross revenues if a technical or professional service.

"Affiliate or subsidiary of a business dominant in its field of operation" means a business which is at least 20 percent owned by a business dominant in its field of operation, or by partners, officers, directors, majority stockholders, or their equivalent, of a business dominant in that field of operation. (Ordinance No. 99-0055 ' 1, 1999: Ordinance No. 99-0048 ' 1 (part), 1999.)

2.201.100 Severability. If any provision of this chapter is found invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect. (Ordinance No. 99-0048 ' 1 (part), 1999.)

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

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES LIVING WAGE PROGRAM

APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION

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

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

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

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

FORM LW-2 - APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION (continued)

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

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

PRINT NAME:	TITLE:	
SIGNATURE:		DATE:

Additional Information

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

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

Health Plan Company Name(s): _____

Company Insurance Group Number(s): _____

Health Premium Amount Paid by Employer: _____

Health Premium Amount Paid by Employee: _____

Health Benefit(s) Payment Schedule:

☐ Monthly

☐ Quarterly

☐ Bi-Annual

☐ Annually

☐ Other (Specify): _____

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

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
LIVING WAGE ORDINANCE**

Contractor Living Wage Declaration

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

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

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

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

Health Plan(s):

Company Insurance Group Number:

Health Benefit(s) Payment Schedule:

☐ Monthly

☐ Quarterly

☐ Bi-Annual

☐ Annually

☐ Other: _____ (Specify)

PLEASE PRINT COMPANY NAME:

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

SIGNATURE:

DATE:

PLEASE PRINT NAME:

TITLE OR POSITION:

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

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

LIVING WAGE ORDINANCE:

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

CONTRACTOR NON-RESPONSIBILITY AND CONTRACTOR DEBARMENT ORDINANCE:

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

LABOR LAW/PAYROLL VIOLATIONS :

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

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

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

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

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

HISTORY OF DEBARMENT (Check one):

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

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

Owner's/Agent's Authorized Signature

Print Name and Title

Print Name of Firm

Date

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

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

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

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

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

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

GUIDELINES FOR ASSESSMENT OF PROPOSER LABOR LAW/PAYROLL VIOLATIONS

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

Assessment Criteria

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

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

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

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

REQUESTED INFORMATION ON THE PROPOSER'S MEDICAL PLAN COVERAGE

Proposer: _____

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

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

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

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

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

Under this health plan, a full time employee:

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

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

OTHER BENEFITS:

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

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

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

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

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

Date

WAGE AND HOUR RECORD KEEPING FOR LIVING WAGE CONTRACTS

INSTRUCTIONS

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

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

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

IDENTIFY EACH RESPONSE BY THE CORRESPONDING QUESTION NUMBER.

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

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

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

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

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

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

DATED: _____ PROPOSER'S SIGNATURE: _____



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Policy on Doing Business With Small Business

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

WE RECOGNIZE...

The importance of small business to the County:

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

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

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

WE THEREFORE SHALL:

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

Listing of Contractors Debarred in Los Angeles County

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

Revised 7/10/08

County of Los Angeles *Lobbyist Ordinance*



IT'S THE LAW

It may affect you!

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

YOU MAY BE CONSIDERED A COUNTY LOBBYIST

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

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

REGISTERING IS IMPORTANT

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

HERE'S HOW TO COMPLY WITH THE LAW

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

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

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

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

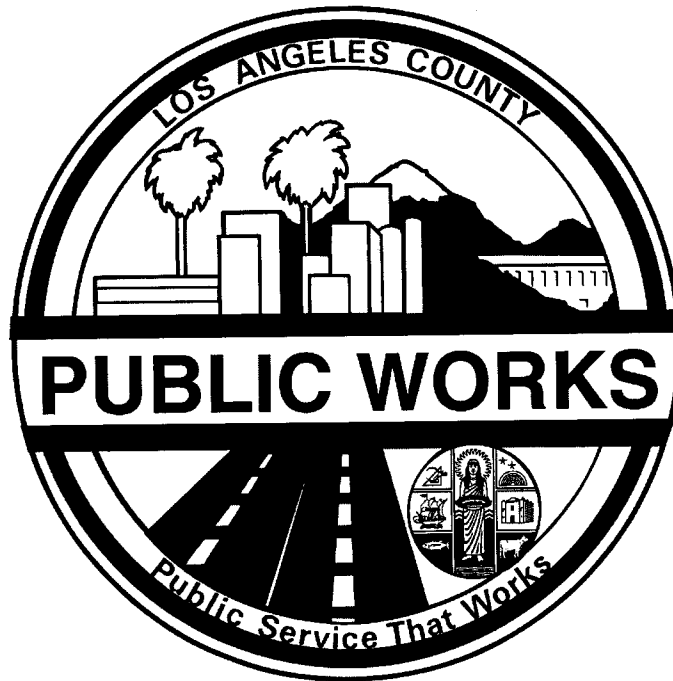
A copy of the ordinance is available for your review at this County facility or on the Internet.

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

Thank you for your cooperation and attention.

Part II

Sample Agreement



BY AND BETWEEN

THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES,
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

AND

[NAME OF CONTRACTOR]

FOR

LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE SERVICES - WEST AREA
(2009-PA026)

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SAMPLE AGREEMENT FOR
LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE SERVICES-WEST AREA (2009-PA026)

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

WITNESSETH

FIRST: The CONTRACTOR, for the consideration hereinafter set forth and the acceptance by the Board of Supervisors of said COUNTY of the CONTRACTOR'S Proposal filed with the COUNTY on _____, 2009, hereby agrees to provide services as described in the attached specifications for Landscape Maintenance Services-West Area (2009-PA026).

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, West Area Maps; Exhibit F, Hydroseed Specifications; Exhibit G; the CONTRACTOR'S Proposal, all attached hereto; the Request for Proposals; and Addenda to the Request for Proposals, all of which are incorporated herein by reference, are agreed by the COUNTY and the CONTRACTOR to constitute the Contract.

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

FOURTH: This Contract's initial term shall be for a period of one year, commencing on _____. At the sole discretion of the COUNTY, this Contract may be extended in increments of one year, not to exceed a total contract period of five years. The COUNTY, acting through the Director, may give a written notice of intent to extend this Contract at least ten days prior to the end of each term. At the sole discretion of the COUNTY, this Contract may also be extended on the month to month basis, upon a 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 month, in which case this Contract shall expire as of midnight on the last day of that month.

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 invoice. However, should the CONTRACTOR be certified by the COUNTY as a Local Small Business Enterprise, payment will be made in accordance with Board of Supervisors Policy No. 3.035, Small Business Liaison and Prompt

Payment Program. Each invoice shall be in triplicate (original and two copies) and shall itemize the work completed. The invoices shall be submitted to:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

By _____
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

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

By _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ROBERT E. KALUNIAN
Acting County Counsel

By _____
Deputy

[NAME OF CONTRACTOR]

By _____
Its President

Type or Print Name

By _____
Its Secretary

Type or Print Name

SCOPE OF WORK
LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE SERVICES
WEST AREA (2009-PA026)

A. Public Works Contract Manager

Public Works Contract Manager will be Mr. Scott Pham of Flood Maintenance Division, who may be contacted at (626) 458-4152, e-mail address: spham@dpw.lacounty.gov, Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Contract Manager is the only person authorized by Public Works to request work of the Contractor. From time to time, Public Works may change the Contract Manager. The Contractor will be notified in writing when there is a change in the Contract Manager. The Contract Manager may be assisted by an assigned Public Works Representative (PWR) in the field.

B. Work Location for West Area

1. Calabasas Creek – at Hatteras Street/Fallbrook Avenue
(Southwest corner), Canoga Park
 - a. Total Area: 16,120 square feet
 - b. Planting Area: 8,190 square feet
2. Aliso Creek - on Wilbur Avenue, north of Lanark Street, Reseda
 - a. Total Area: 5,490 square feet
 - b. Planting Area: 3,230 square feet
3. Aliso Creek - on San Fernando Mission Road, east of Newcastle Avenue
 - a. Total Area: Southside of San Fernando Mission Road
9,460 square feet

Northside of San Fernando Mission Road
11,860 square feet
 - b. Planting Area: Southside of San Fernando Mission Road
3,170 square feet

Northside of San Fernando Mission Road
7,540 square feet

4. East Canyon Channel – on Rinaldi Street, west of Golden State Freeway (Interstate 5)
 - a. Total Area: 23,540 square feet
 - b. Planting Area: 11,850 square feet
5. Cheseboro Creek – on Agoura Road, south of Ventura Freeway
 - a. Total Area: 3,400 square feet
 - b. Planting Area: 2,140 square feet
6. Los Angeles River at Owensmouth Avenue
 - a. Total Area: 6,300 square feet
 - b. Planting Area: 2,450 square feet
7. Los Angeles River Ernie's Walk – between Valleyheart and the River, east of Huston Street
 - a. Total Area: 52,250 square feet
 - b. Planting Area: 26,340 square feet
8. Los Angeles River Laurel Canyon Greenway – Southside of the River, between Laurel Canyon Boulevard and Radford Avenue
 - a. Total Area: 76,280 square feet
 - b. Planting Area: 36,810 square feet
9. Los Angeles River – from Coldwater Canyon Avenue East
 - a. Total Area: 30,080 square feet
 - b. Planting Area: 4,800 square feet
10. Los Angeles River at Coldwater Canyon and Valleyheart Drive
 - a. Total Area: 1,700 square feet
 - b. Planting Area: 730 square feet

11. Santa Clarita Yard
 - a. Total Area: 74,550 square feet
 - b. Planting Area: 20,334 square feet
12. Pacoima Wash-Unit 5 at Covello St. and Pacoima Wash.
 - a. Total Area: 570 square feet
 - c. Planting Area: 432 square feet

Additional work locations may be added and tasks may be expanded during the contract period. Upon request by the Contract Manager, the Contractor shall provide a written quotation for any additional work location(s). Upon Contract Manager's acceptance of the Contractor's written quotation, and subject to approval of the Director, the additional work location(s) may be added to this Contract through a contract amendment.

C. Work Description

The Contractor shall provide landscaping and grounds maintenance services in a neat, orderly, and professional manner in accordance with these Terms, Requirements, Specifications, Conditions, Attachments, and Exhibits.

The cost for the following nine items are to be included in the lump sum price in Schedule of Prices, Forms PW-2 ,under Item No. 1, "Tree Trimming and Care, Shrubbery/Vines Trimming and Care, Groundcover Trimming and Care, Ornamental Grass Trimming and Care, Weed Control, Litter Control, Watering and Irrigation Management, Rodent Control, etc."

1. Tree Trimming and Care
 - a. The Contractor shall perform as-needed tree trimming to accomplish the following:
 - 1) Remove all dead, weak, diseased, insect-infested, and damaged branches and limbs.
 - 2) Prevent encroachment on adjacent property and to maintain required proper vertical clearances, which are 7 feet for pedestrian areas and 14 feet for vehicular roadways.
 - 3) At a minimum, Elm, Eucalyptus, and Pepper trees shall be pruned every two years, beginning in the first contract year. All other trees shall be pruned every three years, beginning in the first contract year.

- 4) All cuts shall be made sufficiently close, flush if possible, to the parent stem so that healing can readily start. No stubs will be permitted.
 - 5) All limbs 1-1/2 inches or greater in diameter shall be undercut to prevent splitting.
 - 6) All limbs shall be lowered to the ground using a method, which prevents damage to the remaining limbs.
 - 7) The Contractor shall remove and dispose of all trees, which are downed by either natural or unnatural causes. Contractor shall dig out stumps or grind them to 12 inches below grade, remove the wood chips, and backfill the hole to grade with soil.
- b. The Contractor shall adhere to the following tree staking and tying requirements:
- 1) Replace missing or damaged stakes where the tree diameter is less than 3 inches.
 - 2) Install stakes in those cases where the tree has been damaged and requires staking for support.
 - 3) Check tree ties once a month and either retie or remove along with the stakes where the tree diameter is more than 3 inches. Removal of tree stakes may be requested by the Contract Manager for trees with a diameter less than 3 inches.

2. Shrubbery/Vines Trimming and Care

- a. Contractor shall trim shrubbery and vines only to restrict growth of shrubbery/vines onto the adjacent roads, driveways, and walkways. To maintain safe vehicular and pedestrian visibility at street crossings, all shrubbery/vines located between the channel access gates and cross streets shall be kept trimmed to a maximum height of 4 feet.
- b. Contractor shall trim the shrubs at the access gates a minimum of once a year during the month of March and as needed during the rest of the year to ensure they do not grow taller than 4 feet. These shrubs shall be trimmed no shorter than 3-1/2 feet in height.

- c. It is Public Works' intention for the landscape within the flood right of way to look natural. If pruning is necessary, the Contractor shall prune back branches individually and not shear plants.
- d. Contractor shall remove and dispose of all dead or diseased plant materials as the condition develops
- e. Contractor shall furnish all labor, supervision, equipment, and general materials for this work. Public Works will reimburse the Contractor for plants purchased provided the Contractor attaches receipts showing the price of the items. The Contractor will not receive a markup for purchases made to complete the work for this item.

3. Ground Cover Trimming and Care

Contractor shall keep all ground covers adjacent to roadways away from the paved surfaces. The ground cover shall be pruned back from the paved surfaces so that the edges look natural, not sheared off. Any runners that start to climb the right-of-way fencing, shrubs or trees shall be pruned out of these areas. The pruning of the ground cover shall be done twice a year during the months of March and September.

4. Ornamental Grass Trimming and Care

Contractor shall trim vines and ornamental grass in an artisan-like manner, without scalping, and in a way to keep them from growing onto the access road/bike trail. Vines and ornamental grass shall be trimmed once a year during the month of September, except that the vines and ornamental grass along the bicycle trail are to be trimmed twice a year during the months of March and September. Vines located on the channel side of the wall shall be pruned so they hang no more than 2 feet below the top of the wall, once a year during the month of September. Contractor shall direct the vines to grow onto the wall by the use of epoxy vine support or other methods approved by the Contract Manager.

5. Weed Control

- a. Shrubbery, Ground Cover, Rock, Gravel, and Ornamental Grass Area

Contractor shall keep all landscape areas, including shrubbery, ground cover, rock areas, gravel areas, and ornamental areas weed free at all times. All perennial weeds, morning glory, vine-like weeds, ragweed, or other underground spreading weed shall be kept under strict control. Weeds may be removed by hand or by

cultivation where appropriate. The Contractor may use pre-emergent weed control as approved by the Contract Manager. Contractor shall weed at least once a week.

b. Stone and Decomposed Granite Areas

- 1) Contractor shall keep all landscape stone areas, gravel areas, and decomposed granite areas weed free at all times. Contractor shall remove weeds by hand, weed whipping, or the use of chemical weed control.
- 2) Contractor shall repair and recompact decomposed granite area where heavy wear or erosion occurs. Recompacting shall be done with new decomposed granite material (match with existing color) with stabilizing binding agent and follow manufacturer's installation recommendations.

Stabilizing binding agent shall be thoroughly blended into the decomposed granite by mechanical means at the rate of 12 pounds per one ton for pedestrian use, 14 pounds per one ton for vehicular use areas. Mixing shall be done at the supplier's site prior to delivery.

c. Paved Areas

Contractor shall remove all weeds from walkways, drainage areas, expansion joints and cracks in all hard surface areas, driveways, and roadways within the work limit. Contractor shall remove weeds by hand, weed whipping, or the use of chemical weed control.

6. Litter Control

The term "litter" shall be synonymous and interchangeable with "debris" and "trash" and shall include, but not be limited to, all wrappers, containers, bottles, paper, glass, styrofoam, tissue, plastics, cans, grocery bags, boxes, cigarette butts, straws, toys, ropes, tires, automotive scrap, furniture waste, construction debris (i.e., concrete, metal, nails, screws, wood pieces, etc.), dead foliage, tree cuttings, food, bones, and other organic materials. The Contractor shall remove only nonhazardous materials and immediately notify the Contract Manager of known hazardous materials. The Contractor shall NOT attempt to perform any type of hazardous waste removal not included under the Scope of Work of this Contract, including identifying, containing, cleaning, moving, disposing, etc.

- a. Contractor shall remove litter and other accumulated debris (including animal feces) within the landscape areas, including, but not limited to planted areas, rock areas, gravel areas, decomposed granite areas, adjoining access roads and driveways, and drains.
- b. Litter control shall take place on a weekly basis in all locations.
- c. At locations where trash cans/receptacles exist, they shall be emptied and cleaned at least once a week. The cost of trash can liners and supply shall be considered as part of the sites' monthly maintenance cost.

7. Watering and Irrigation System Management

Contractor shall be responsible for the operation of the automatic irrigation controllers and management of the complete irrigation system to provide the proper amount of water to the various species of plants.

The irrigation system is automatically controlled through electrically powered or solar powered irrigation controllers and remote control valves. There is one automatic irrigation controller on each side (north and south) of Aliso Creek - on San Fernando Mission Road, east of Newcastle Avenue. All irrigation systems for ground cover, shrubs, and trees are a combination of permanent, below ground, water-conserving drip systems and overhead spray systems.

- a. Irrigation
 - 1) Contractor shall operate the irrigation system in a way as to not cause excessive wetness, "waterlogged" areas. Native and drought-tolerant plant materials have been used throughout these various locations and require a minimal amount of water. Over-watering may cause the plants to die. The Contractor shall incorporate infrequent deep-watering techniques to encourage deep-rooting, drought-tolerant plant characteristics to promote a self-sustaining, irrigation-free landscape.
 - 2) When determining the watering schedule (controller settings for water quantities and frequencies), Contractor shall consider the season, weather (rainfall and temperature), variation in size and varieties of plants, along with the desired infrequent deep-watering techniques. Seasonal controller rescheduling of circuits (systems) should occur at least twice during the year, usually during spring and fall and should be considered as part of the routine maintenance.

- 3) If necessary, Contractor shall use a moisture-sensing device to determine water penetration into the soil.
- 4) Contractor shall turn off the irrigation system at the controller during or following rainy weather when the soil has high enough moisture content that watering is not required.
- 5) If an automatic irrigation system, or a portion of a system, malfunctions, the Contractor shall be responsible for the manual manipulation of that system for a period of 30 days. Contractor shall report all systems which require manual operation to the Contract Manager at the end of each week and also on the monthly maintenance report. Contractor's schedule for operating the irrigation system manually shall be approved by the Contract Manager for the manual operation to count toward the 30-day required period of manual operation. A system shall be manually operated a minimum of once a week for the week to qualify as part of the 30-day required period of manual operation. One manual operation of a system cannot count towards more than one week of the 30-day manual operation requirement. If the system requires manual manipulation for a longer period than the 30-day period the Contractor is required to provide, then the Contract Manager may opt to pay the Contractor supplementally to continue the manual manipulation, or may decide to terminate the supplemental irrigation.

b. Irrigation System - Inspection and Maintenance

- 1) Contractor shall be responsible for the inspection and maintenance of the entire irrigation system and for specific repairs/replacements as noted in Exhibit A, Scope of Work, Item C.7.b.2. The County will be responsible for the repair or replacement of broken/worn-out components of the irrigation system: automatic controllers, backflow devices, gate valves, flow sensors, pressure regulators, wye strainers, filters, quick couplers, etc. The County will also be responsible for the inspection/certification of the mainline backflow devices located at each water service meter.
- 2) To ensure the operability and the correct adjustment of the irrigation system, Contractor shall cycle controller(s) through each station manually and automatically to check the function of all facets of the irrigation system, report any

damage or incorrect operation to the Contract Manager, and include that information on the monthly maintenance report. This inspection shall be performed once a month or more frequently if problems/conditions indicate a need. Beyond regular testing, irrigation systems shall be tested/inspected as necessary when damage is suspected, observed, or reported to the Contractor by Public Works. The cost for these additional inspections are to be included in the lump sum price on Form PW-2, Schedule of Prices - West Area, Item 1, "Tree Trimming and Care, Shrubbery/Vines Trimming and Care, Ground Cover Trimming and Care, Ornamental Grass Trimming and Care, Weed Control, Litter Control, Watering and Irrigation Management, Rodent Control, Monthly Reports, etc."

c. Contractor shall perform the following tasks:

- 1) Repair or replace damaged bubbler heads and risers, as necessary.
- 2) Clean or replace clogged bubbler heads and risers, as necessary.
- 3) Clean or replace clogged or damaged drip line emitters.
- 4) Repair/replace immediately all broken drip lines or emitters, which are causing a loss of water creating ponding or erosion.
- 5) Maintain the filters for the drip system to help prevent the emitters from clogging. All filters at remote control valves shall be inspected and cleaned every two months. The location of any filter found to be worn out during this inspection shall be reported to the Contract Manager within one week of the discovery and also included on the required monthly maintenance report. The drip system filters are located within vaults located at the bottom of the backslope.
- 6) Inspect and clean mainline filters, wye strainers, basket filters, and the filters at the backflow devices twice a year. The location of any filter found to be worn out during this inspection shall be reported to the Contract Manager within one week of the discovery and also included on the required monthly maintenance report.

- 7) The bubbler heads in the vine pockets next to the parapet walls shall be inspected on a monthly basis to verify each vine is being watered.
 - 8) Recover and re-fasten removed valve box covers. Contractor shall report any missing valve box covers to the Contract Manager by the end of the day and also include that information on the required monthly maintenance report.
- d. The material and labor costs for repairing and replacing all equipment down stream of the backflow device shall be included in the base bid price except the material costs of the remote control valves, gate valves, and quick coupling valves and automatic irrigation controller, which will be reimbursed to the Contractor by Public Works.

8. Rodent Control

All areas shall be maintained free of rodents, including, but not limited to, gophers, ground squirrels, and rats since they may cause damage to shrubs, ground cover, trees, and/or irrigation systems. The rodenticide product to be used shall be recommended by a California Pest Control Advisor and pre-approved by the Contract Manager.

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

9. Monthly Maintenance Reports

Contractor shall submit a proposed maintenance schedule prior to the start of this Contract. Contractor shall maintain and keep current a monthly maintenance report that records when all periodic, seasonal, additional work and maintenance functions performed by the Contractor's personnel were completed. The report shall also include: locations where erosion on the channel backslope greater than 6 inches have been discovered; locations where disease or insect infestation has been discovered; locations where trees, shrubs, vines, or other plants are missing or dead or should be removed; any dead trees or plant materials replaced; any irrigation systems that have to be operated manually; any problems with the irrigation system, such as malfunctions, needed

maintenance, or repairs/replacements. The Contract Manager will provide the report form. Contractor shall submit the maintenance report to the Contract Manager at the end of each month or upon request, within three working days.

10. As- Needed Items (Only to be performed with Public Works' approval)

- a. Manual operation of irrigation system past the required 30- day period.

If Public Works approves manual operation of the irrigation system past the 30-day period, the Contractor will be reimbursed at the hourly rate for personnel to manually operate the system. The County will not pay for preparation or travel time to and from the jobsite, only the actual time spent manually operating the irrigation system. The Contractor's schedule for operating the irrigation system manually shall be pre-approved by the Contract Manager as part of the approval for the Contractor to manually operate the irrigation system. The hourly cost to manually operate the irrigation system, past the required 30-day period, is not to be included in the total proposed price. This cost is to be included in Form PW-2, Schedule of Prices, Item 2.a, "Manual operation of irrigation system past the required 30-day period."

- b. Irrigation System Repairs

The County may at its discretion have the Contractor make additional repairs and/or replacements to the irrigation system. Contractor will be paid at the hourly rate indicated in Schedule of Prices, Form PW-2, West Area, Item 2.b. The County will not pay for preparation time or travel time to and from the jobsite for these repairs. For emergency call out, the Contractor will be paid at a 4-hour minimum for emergency repairs. Emergency call out is defined work requested during outside of normal working hours. For work described in this paragraph, Contractor will be reimbursed for parts provided by the Contractor to make repairs upon receipt of an invoice to the Contract Manager.

- c. Flat rate for emergency call back to shut off water, turn off irrigation system.

Respond to requests received from Public Works, pertaining to waterline breaks, etc., requiring an emergency response to shut off water or turn off the irrigation system (other than normal working hours). Contractor will be reimbursed for costs under PW-2,

Schedule of Prices - West Area, Item 2.c, "Flat rate for emergency call back to shut off water, turn off irrigation system."

d. Replant Trees, Shrubs, Ground Cover, Plants, etc.

1. Contractor shall remove all dead or diseased plant materials as the condition develops. Upon request by the Contract Manager, Contractor shall replace dead or damaged plant materials. The Contractor's labor for plant replacement work shall be the hourly rate for (Form PW-2, Schedule of Prices, Item 2.d, "Replant Trees, Shrubs, Groundcover, etc.") Contractor shall furnish all labor, supervision, equipment, and general materials for this work. Upon approval of Contract Manager, Public Works will reimburse the Contractor for plants purchased provided the Contractor attaches receipts showing the price of the items. The Contractor will not receive a markup for purchases made to complete the work for this item.
2. Upon request by the Contract Manager, Contractor shall replace dead or damaged plant materials twice a year, first at the beginning of the rainy season (September) and the second at the beginning of the spring season (March). The cost of replacing dead and damaged plant materials shall be per the Schedule of Prices, Forms PW-2 item 2.d.

The 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 consequential damages resulting from the County's failure to use the Contractor's services, including, but not limited to, lost profit.

D. Hours and Days of Service

Hours of services shall be primarily performed within the 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. time period, Monday through Friday, each week, except legal holidays, at which time the service shall be done before or after such holiday. Work hours may be altered, when necessary, with the approval of the Director.

Minimally, the Contractor shall provide telephone answering service and FAX, within the County from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on legal holidays, to receive instructions, information, complaints, etc., from Public Works. Contractor shall also provide a 24-hour, 7 days a week, emergency phone number to receive emergency reports from Public Works.

E. Utilities

The County will provide electric and water services to operate the irrigation system.

F. Storage Facilities

The County will not provide storage facilities for the Contractor. Public Works will not be liable or responsible for any damage, by whatever means, or for theft of materials or equipment from the jobsite.

G. Removal of Debris

All debris derived from these landscaping services shall be removed from Public Works property by the Contractor and properly disposed. Public Works will pay the Contractor for dump fees and the Contractor shall be responsible for all work and transportation required to remove and dispose of debris. The Contractor shall submit dump tickets with invoices each month, **whereupon Public Works will reimburse the Contractor for the cost of the debris disposal only.** Materials earmarked to a landfill shall be delivered to an approved dumpsite. Landscape waste materials diverted from landfills to cogeneration facilities shall be registered on a log to be submitted on a monthly basis to the Contract Manager. The Contractor shall not allow any debris from its operations under this Contract to be deposited in the storm drains and/or gutters in violation of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System.

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

H. Special Safety Requirements

1. All Contractor's personnel shall observe all applicable State of California Occupational Safety and Health Administration (Cal/OSHA) and Public Works safety requirements while at Public Works' jobsites.
2. Special emphasis shall be placed on public safety during landscape maintenance operations, particularly when adjacent to roadways, sidewalks, and bicycle trails. Contractor shall be responsible for providing all necessary safety measures to ensure public safety within the limits of or adjacent to each particular landscape maintenance operation.

3. All pesticide, herbicide, etc., application shall be under the direct supervision of a commercial applicator certified by the State of California.
4. Contractor shall close the bicycle trail portion of the channel access road when the landscape maintenance operation warrants closing the trail to the public. Contractor shall block the access road/bicycle trail and place signs at the point both upstream and downstream of the work area. The upstream and downstream closure points shall be adjacent to a bicycle entrance gate so as to allow the bicyclist to exit the trail. The trail closure shall conform to Public Works standards, as follows:
 - a. The trail closure signs shall state the date of closure and date the trail will be reopened.
 - b. The signs shall also state the limits of the closure (where the bicyclist can re-enter the trail).
 - c. The signs shall use 3-inch lettering.
 - d. The trail closure signs shall be placed on the trail two weeks prior to the trail closure.
 - e. Public Works Bicycle Trail Coordinator shall be notified 48 hours prior to the closure of the bicycle trail.
 - f. All questions regarding the bicycle trail closure shall be directed to Public Works Bicycle Trail Coordinator, Mr. Abu Yusuf, at (626) 458-3940.

I. Maps

Exhibit E is the maps for the West Area.

J. AB 939 County Diversion Requirements

The California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (AB 939) required that all cities and counties in the State of California divert materials going to landfill by 50 percent by the year 2000. Based on this mandate, all contractors handling landscape waste materials for the County shall be required to divert all landscape waste materials from any landfills and cogeneration facilities. Landscape materials utilized for cogeneration or daily landfill cover may not qualify for diversion credit and, therefore, may not be acceptable methods of disposal of this material. Contractor shall be required to seek "recycling" alternatives for these organic, biodegradable landscape waste materials. Acceptable "recycling" alternatives would include the utilization of these materials as feedstock, for composting, co-composting, mulching, soil amendments, and wood chip products.

Contractor shall be required to arrange for the chipping and transport of all landscape materials to its selected processor with all cost to be borne by the Contractor. Use of any other processing method not listed above will require the approval of Public Works and must qualify for diversion credit as specified in AB 939, or subsequent legislation. Proof of delivery of the material and weight tickets (from an approved public or private scale) shall be required.

K. Additional Responsibilities of the Contractor

1. Maintain a valid and active California issued landscaping License, Contractor Classification C-27, and state of California issued arborist certification.
2. Furnish all supervision, labor, material, tools, equipment, transportation, and other items needed to perform landscape services as outlined herein.
3. Provide landscape personnel with the skills and experience necessary to perform the various landscape activities in a professional manner. Contractor shall ensure all personnel working on the irrigation system are fully trained in all phases of landscape irrigation systems (including drip systems) and can readily identify and isolate problems.
4. Contractor shall use a certified arborist and/or a certified horticulturist, approved by Public Works, for providing directions during maintenance (e.g. for tree trimming, shrubbery pruning, and slope cutting and on fertilizing, disease and pest recommendations).
5. Contractor shall use a California Certified Applicator under the direction of a licensed Pest Control Advisor, when using chemicals or rodenticide for rodent control.
6. Ensure that all equipment used is adjusted properly and adequately sharp. The Contractor shall not use climbing spurs.
7. Repair any damage to Public Works facilities resulting from the Contractor's work, including, but not limited to, irrigation systems, fences, gates, and access road pavement.
8. Assume responsibility for any damage due to over-spray of the adjoining areas (grasses and wildflowers, shrubs, trees, etc.) in areas where chemical weed eradication is used.
9. Remove all trimmings, debris, and trash and properly dispose of them off-site at the end of each work day. Also, all roadways, driveways, and sidewalks adjacent to each landscape operation shall be cleaned immediately following each landscape operation.

10. Inspect all landscaped areas for disease and insect infestation that could cause damage to the plant materials during each landscape maintenance activity. The Contract Manager shall be notified by the end of the week of any disease or insect infestation detected by the Contractor. The infestations shall also be reported on the monthly maintenance report. The cost for this inspection shall be included in bid Item No. 1, "Tree and Shrubbery Trimming and Care, Ground Cover Trimming and Care, Ornamental Grass Trimming and Care, Weed Control, Litter Control, Watering and Irrigation Management, Rodent Control, etc.," in the Schedule of Prices, Forms PW-2.
11. Inspect the channel back slope for erosion during each maintenance activity. All erosion 6 inches or deeper shall be reported to the Contract Manager at the end of each week and also reported on the monthly maintenance report.
12. Ensure that its on-site supervisor has at least 2 year's experience in performing supervising landscaping services. Contractor's change in on-site supervisors shall be reported to the Contract Manager. Contractor shall submit the proposed on-site replacement supervisor resume to the Contract Manager for pre-approval.

L. Responsibilities of Public Works

Public Works shall be responsible for the following:

1. Provide jobsite inspection. The Contract Manager may accompany the Contractor's crews conducting work and serve as an observer and quality control person at the jobsite.
2. Review and process all inspection/maintenance report results for completeness and accuracy of reporting. If any work referenced in Exhibit A, Scope of Work, Section C, Work Description, and Section K, Additional Responsibilities of Contractor, are not done properly, the Contract Manager will not approve the work for payment and will order the work be redone.
3. Provide Maps and Irrigation and Landscape Drawings:
 - a. Exhibit F consists of drawings showing the locations where landscape maintenance services are to be performed.
 - b. Detailed landscaping and irrigation drawings are available showing design of the irrigation systems and the landscaping. It should be noted that landscaping plans may have been modified subsequent to the original installation, and thus the drawings should be verified in the field.

4. Public Works will be responsible for the inspection/certification of the mainline backflow devices located at each water service meter.

M. Water Pollution Control

National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System

1. To comply with the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) requirements, the Contractor shall not allow any debris from its operations under this Contract to be deposited into the channels, storm drains, and/or gutters.
2. Best Management Practices (BMPs)

Best Management Practices shall be defined as any program, technology, process, siting criteria, operating method, measure, or device that controls, prevents, removes, or reduces water pollution. Contractor shall obtain and refer to the California Storm Water Best Management Practice Handbooks, Volume 3 of the Construction BMP Handbook. This Publication is available from:

Blue Print Service
1700 Jefferson Street
Oakland, CA 94612
(510) 444-6771

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

Contractor shall have a minimum of one readily accessible copy of this publication on the Contract site at all times.

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. Prevailing Wage

The Director of the Department of Industrial Relations of the State of California has ascertained the prevailing rate of per diem wages in dollars, based on a

working day of eight hours, for each craft or type of worker or mechanic needed to execute any construction or maintenance contract which may be awarded by Public Works. The current prevailing wage rates as adopted by the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations are incorporated herein by reference and may be accessed at <http://www.dir.ca.gov/>.

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

P. 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; and
 - g. The liquidated sums specified represent a fair approximation of the damages incurred by the County resulting from the Contractor's failure to meet the performance standard as to each item for which an amount of liquidated damages is specified.
3. The Contractor shall pay Public Works, or Public Works may withhold and deduct from monies due the Contractor, liquidated damages in the sum of \$500 for each consecutive calendar day that the Contractor fails to complete work within the time specified unless otherwise provided in this Contract.

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SERVICE CONTRACT GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

SECTION 1

INTERPRETATION OF CONTRACT

A. Ambiguities or Discrepancies

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

B. Definitions

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Day. Calendar day(s) unless otherwise specified.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

C. Headings

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

SECTION 2

STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS PERTAINING TO CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION

A. Amendments

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

B. Assignment and Delegation

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

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

C. Authorization Warranty

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

D. Budget Reduction

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

E. Complaints

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

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

F. Compliance with Applicable Laws

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

G. Compliance with Civil Rights Laws

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

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

H. Confidentiality

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

I. Conflict of Interest

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

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

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

K. Consideration of Hiring GAIN and GROW Participants

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

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

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

M. Contractor's Charitable Activities Compliance

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

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

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

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

O. County's Quality Assurance Plan

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

P. Damage to County Facilities, Buildings, or Grounds

1. Contractor shall repair, or cause to be repaired, at its own cost, any and all damage to County facilities, buildings, or grounds caused by Contractor or employees or agents of Contractor.
2. Such repairs shall be made immediately after Contractor has become aware of such damage, but in no event later than 30 days after the occurrence. If Contractor fails to make timely repairs, County may make

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

Q. Employment Eligibility Verification

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

R. Facsimile Representations

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

S. Fair Labor Standards

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

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

T. Force Majeure

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

U. Governing Laws, Jurisdiction, and Venue

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

V. Most Favored Public Entity

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

W. Nondiscrimination and Affirmative Action

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

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

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

X. Nonexclusivity

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

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

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

Z. Notice of Delays

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

AA. Notice of Disputes

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

BB. Notice to Employees Regarding the Federal Earned Income Credit

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

CC. Notices

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

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

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

DD. Publicity

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

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

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

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

EE. Public Records Act

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

FF. Record Retention and Inspection/Audit Settlement

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

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

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

GG. Recycled-Content Paper Products

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

HH. Subcontracting

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

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

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

II. Validity

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

JJ. Waiver

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

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

KK. Warranty Against Contingent Fees

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

SECTION 3

TERMINATIONS/SUSPENSIONS

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

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

B. Termination/Suspension for Convenience

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

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

C. Termination/Suspension for Default

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

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

D. Termination/Suspension for Improper Consideration

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

E. Termination/Suspension for Insolvency

1. County may suspend or terminate this Contract forthwith in the event of the occurrence of any of the following:
 - a. Insolvency of Contractor. Contractor shall be deemed to be insolvent if it has ceased to pay its debts for at least 60 days in the ordinary course of business or cannot pay its debts as they become due, whether or not a petition has been filed under the Federal Bankruptcy

Code, and whether or not Contractor is insolvent within the meaning of the Federal Bankruptcy Code;

- b. The filing of a voluntary or involuntary bankruptcy petition relative to Contractor under the Federal Bankruptcy Code;
- c. The appointment of a bankruptcy Receiver or Trustee for Contractor; or
- d. The execution by Contractor of a general assignment for the benefits of creditors.

2. The rights and remedies of County provided in this paragraph shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this Contract.

F. Termination/Suspension for Nonadherence to County Lobbyists Ordinance

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

G. Termination/Suspension for Nonappropriation of Funds

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

SECTION 4

GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT WORK

A. Authority of Public Works and Inspection

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

B. Cooperation

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

C. Cooperation and Collateral Work

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

D. Equipment, Labor, Supervision, and Materials

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

E. Gratuitous Work

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

F. Jobsite Safety

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

G. Labor

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

H. Labor Law Compliance

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

I. Overtime

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

J. Permits/Licenses

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

K. Prohibition Against Use of Child Labor

1. Contractor shall:

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

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

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

L. Public Convenience

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

M. Public Safety

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

N. Quality of Work

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

O. Quantities of Work

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

P. Safety Requirements

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

Q. Storage of Material and Equipment

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

R. Transportation

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

S. Work Area Controls

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

SECTION 5

INDEMNIFICATION AND INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

A. Independent Contractor Status

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

B. Indemnification

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

C. Workplace Safety Indemnification

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

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

D. General Insurance Requirements

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

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

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

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

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

- 3. Additional Insured Status and Scope of Coverage - The County of Los Angeles, its Special Districts, Elected Officials, Officers, Agents, Employees and Volunteers shall be provided additional insured status under Contractor's General Liability policy with respect to liability arising out of Contractor's ongoing and completed operations performed on behalf of the County. The County of Los Angeles, its Special Districts, Elected Officials, Officers, Agents, Employees and Volunteers additional insured status shall apply with respect to liability and defense of suits arising out of the Contractor's acts or omissions, whether such liability is attributable to the Contractor or to the County. The full policy limits and scope of protection also shall apply to the County of Los Angeles, its Special Districts, Elected Officials, Officers, Agents, Employees and Volunteers as an additional insured, even if they exceed the County's minimum Required Insurance specifications herein. Use of an automatic additional insured endorsement form is acceptable providing it satisfies the Required Insurance provisions herein.

4. Cancellation of Insurance: Except in the case of cancellation for non-payment of premium, Contractor's insurance policies shall provide, and Certificates shall specify, that County shall receive not less than thirty (30) days advance written notice by mail of any cancellation of the Required Insurance. Ten (10) days prior notice may be given to County in event of cancellation for non-payment of premium.
5. Failure to Maintain Insurance: Contractor's failure to maintain or to provide acceptable evidence that it maintains the Required Insurance shall constitute a material breach of the Contract, upon which County immediately may withhold payments due to Contractor, and/or suspend or terminate this Contract. County, at its sole discretion, may obtain damages from Contractor resulting from said breach.
6. Insurer Financial Ratings: Coverage shall be placed with insurers acceptable to the County with A.M. Best ratings of not less than A:VII unless otherwise approved by County.
7. Contractor's Insurance Shall Be Primary: Contractor's insurance policies, with respect to any claims related to this Contract, shall be primary with respect to all other sources of coverage available to Contractor. Any County maintained insurance or self-insurance coverage shall be in excess of and not contribute to any Contractor coverage.
8. Waivers of Subrogation: To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Contractor hereby waives its rights and its insurer(s)' rights of recovery against County under all the Required Insurance for any loss arising from or relating to this Contract. The Contractor shall require its insurers to execute any waiver of subrogation endorsements which may be necessary to effect such waiver.
9. Subcontractor Insurance Coverage Requirements: Contractor shall include all Subcontractors as insureds under Contractor's own policies, or shall provide County with each Subcontractor's separate evidence of insurance coverage. Contractor shall be responsible for verifying each Subcontractor complies with the Required Insurance provisions herein, and shall require that each Subcontractor name the County and Contractor as additional insureds on the Subcontractor's General Liability policy. Contractor shall obtain County's prior review and approval of any Subcontractor request for modification of the Required Insurance.
10. Deductibles and Self-Insured Retentions (SIRs): Contractor's policies shall not obligate the County to pay any portion of any Contractor deductible or SIR. The County retains the right to require Contractor to reduce or eliminate policy deductibles and SIRs as respects the County,

or to provide a bond guaranteeing Contractor's payment of all deductibles and SIRs, including all related claims investigation, administration and defense expenses. Such bond shall be executed by a corporate surety licensed to transact business in the State of California.

11. Claims Made Coverage: If any part of the Required Insurance is written on a claims made basis, any policy retroactive date shall precede the effective date of this Contract. Contractor understands and agrees it shall maintain such coverage for a period of not less than three (3) years following Contract expiration, termination or cancellation.
12. Application of Excess Liability Coverage: Contractors may use a combination of primary, and excess insurance policies which provide coverage as broad as ("follow form" over) the underlying primary policies, to satisfy the Required Insurance provisions.
13. Separation of Insureds: All liability policies shall provide cross-liability coverage as would be afforded by the standard ISO (Insurance Services Office, Inc.) separation of insureds provision with no insured versus insured exclusions or limitations.
14. Alternative Risk Financing Programs: The County reserves the right to review, and then approve, Contractor use of self-insurance, risk retention groups, risk purchasing groups, pooling arrangements and captive insurance to satisfy the Required Insurance provisions. The County of Los Angeles, its Special Districts, Elected Officials, Officers, Agents, Employees and Volunteers shall be designated as an Additional Covered Party under any approved program.
15. County Review and Approval of Insurance Requirements: The County reserves the right to review and adjust the Required Insurance provisions, conditioned upon County's determination of changes in risk exposures.

E. Compensation for County Costs

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

F. Insurance Coverage Requirements

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

Employees and Volunteers as an additional insured, with limits of not less than:

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

2. Automobile Liability insurance (providing scope of coverage equivalent to ISO policy form CA 00 01) with limits of not less than \$1 million for bodily injury and property damage, in combined or equivalent split limits, for each single accident. Insurance shall cover liability arising out of Contractor's use of autos pursuant to this Contract, including owned, leased, hired, and/or non-owned autos, as each may be applicable.
3. Workers Compensation and Employers' Liability insurance or qualified self-insurance satisfying statutory requirements, which includes Employers' Liability coverage with limits of not less than \$1 million per accident. If Contractor is a temporary staffing firm or a professional employer organization (PEO), coverage also shall include an Alternate Employer Endorsement (providing scope of coverage equivalent to ISO policy form WC 00 03 01 A) naming the County as the Alternate Employer, and the endorsement form shall be modified to provide that County will receive not less than thirty (30) days advance written notice of cancellation of this coverage provision. If applicable to Contractor's operations, coverage also shall be arranged to satisfy the requirements of any federal workers or workmen's compensation law or any federal occupational disease law.

SECTION 6

CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITY AND DEBARMENT

A. Responsible Contractor

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

B. Chapter 2.202 of County Code

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

C. Nonresponsible Contractor

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

D. Contractor Hearing Board

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

appropriate length of time of the debarment. Contractor and Public Works shall be provided an opportunity to object to the tentative proposed decision prior to its presentation to the Board.

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

E. Subcontractors of Contractor

These terms shall also apply to Subcontractors of County Contractors.

SECTION 7

COMPLIANCE WITH COUNTY'S JURY SERVICE PROGRAM

A. Jury Service Program

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

B. Written Employee Jury Service Policy

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

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

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

SECTION 8

SAFELY SURRENDERED BABY LAW PROGRAM

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

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

B. Notice to Employees Regarding the Safely Surrendered Baby Law

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

SECTION 9

COMPLIANCE WITH COUNTY'S LIVING WAGE PROGRAM

A. Living Wage Program

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

B. Payment of Living Wage Rates

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

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

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

C. Contractor's Submittal of Certified Monitoring Reports

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

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

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

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

E. County Auditing of Contractor Records

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

F. Notifications to Employees

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

G. Enforcement and Remedies

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

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

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

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

H. Use of Full-Time Employees

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

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

I. Contractor Retaliation Prohibited

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

J. Contractor Standards

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

K. Neutrality in Labor Relations

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

SECTION 10

TRANSITIONAL JOB OPPORTUNITIES PREFERENCE PROGRAM

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

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

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

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

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

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

SECTION 11

LOCAL SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (SBE) PREFERENCE PROGRAM

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



Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Notice 1015

(Rev. December 2008)

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

What Is the EIC?

The EIC is a refundable tax credit for certain workers.

Which Employees Must I Notify About the EIC?

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

Note. You are encouraged to notify each employee whose wages for 2008 are less than \$41,646 that he or she may be eligible for the EIC.

How and When Must I Notify My Employees?

You must give the employee one of the following:

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

If you are required to give Form W-2 and do so on time, no further notice is necessary if the Form W-2 has the required information about the EIC on the back of the employee's copy. If a substitute Form W-2 is given on time but does not have the required information, you must notify the employee within 1 week of the date the substitute Form W-2 is given. If Form W-2 is required but is not given on time, you must give the employee Notice 797 or your written statement by the date Form W-2 is required to be given. If Form W-2 is not required, you must notify the employee by February 9, 2009.

You must hand the notice directly to the employee or send it by First-Class Mail to the employee's last known address. You will not meet the notification requirements by posting Notice 797 on an employee bulletin board or sending it through office mail. However, you may want to post the notice to help inform all employees of the EIC. You can get copies of the notice from the IRS website at www.irs.gov or by calling 1-800-829-3676.

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

The basic requirements are covered in Notice 797. For more detailed information, the employee needs to see the 2008 instructions for Form 1040, 1040A, 1040EZ, or Pub. 596, Earned Income Credit (EIC).

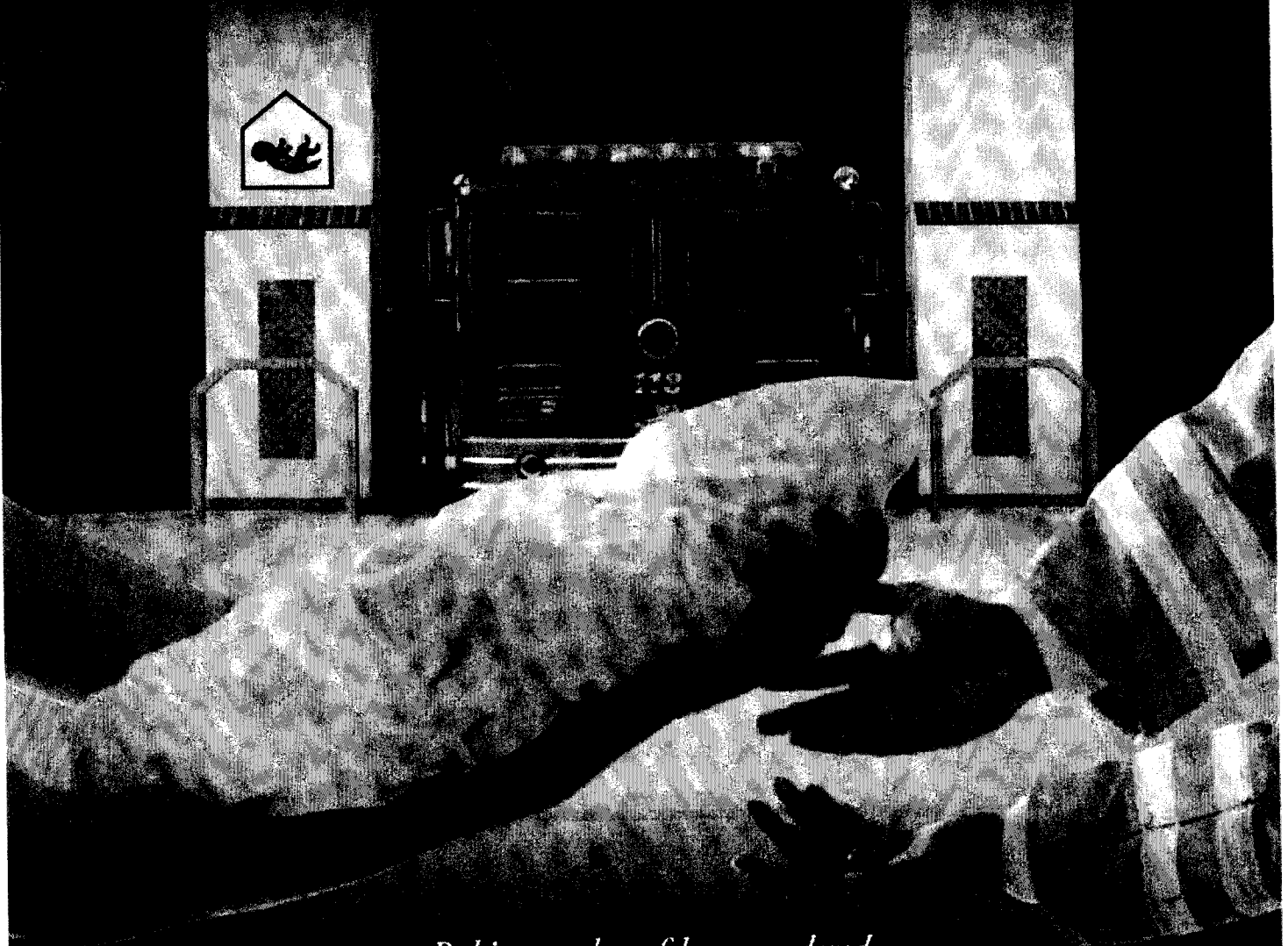
How Do My Employees Claim the EIC?

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

How Do My Employees Get Advance EIC Payments?

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

Safely Surrendered *Baby Law*



*Babies can be safely surrendered
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Safely Surrendered Baby Law

What is the Safely Surrendered Baby Law?

The Safely Surrendered Baby Law allows a parent or adult who is unable or unwilling to care for a baby to 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.

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.

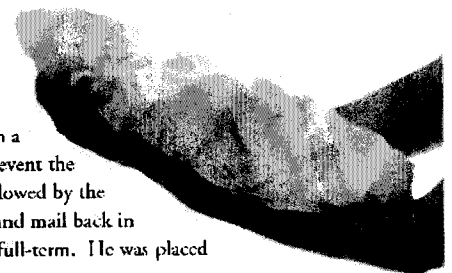
Why is California doing this?

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.

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

A baby's story

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



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

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

¿Cómo funciona?

El padre/madre con dificultades que no pueda o no quiera cuidar de su recién nacido puede entregarlo en forma legal, confidencial y segura dentro de los tres días (72 horas) del nacimiento. El bebé debe ser entregado a un empleado de cualquier hospital o cuartel de bomberos del Condado de Los Angeles. Siempre que el bebé no presente signos de abuso o negligencia, no será necesario suministrar nombres ni información alguna. Si el padre/madre cambia de opinión posteriormente y desea recuperar a su bebé, los trabajadores utilizarán brazaletes para poder vincularlos. El bebé llevará un 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 Angeles al 1-800-540-4000.

¿Sólo los padres podrán llevar al recién nacido?

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

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

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

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

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

¿Qué pasará con el bebé?

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

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

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

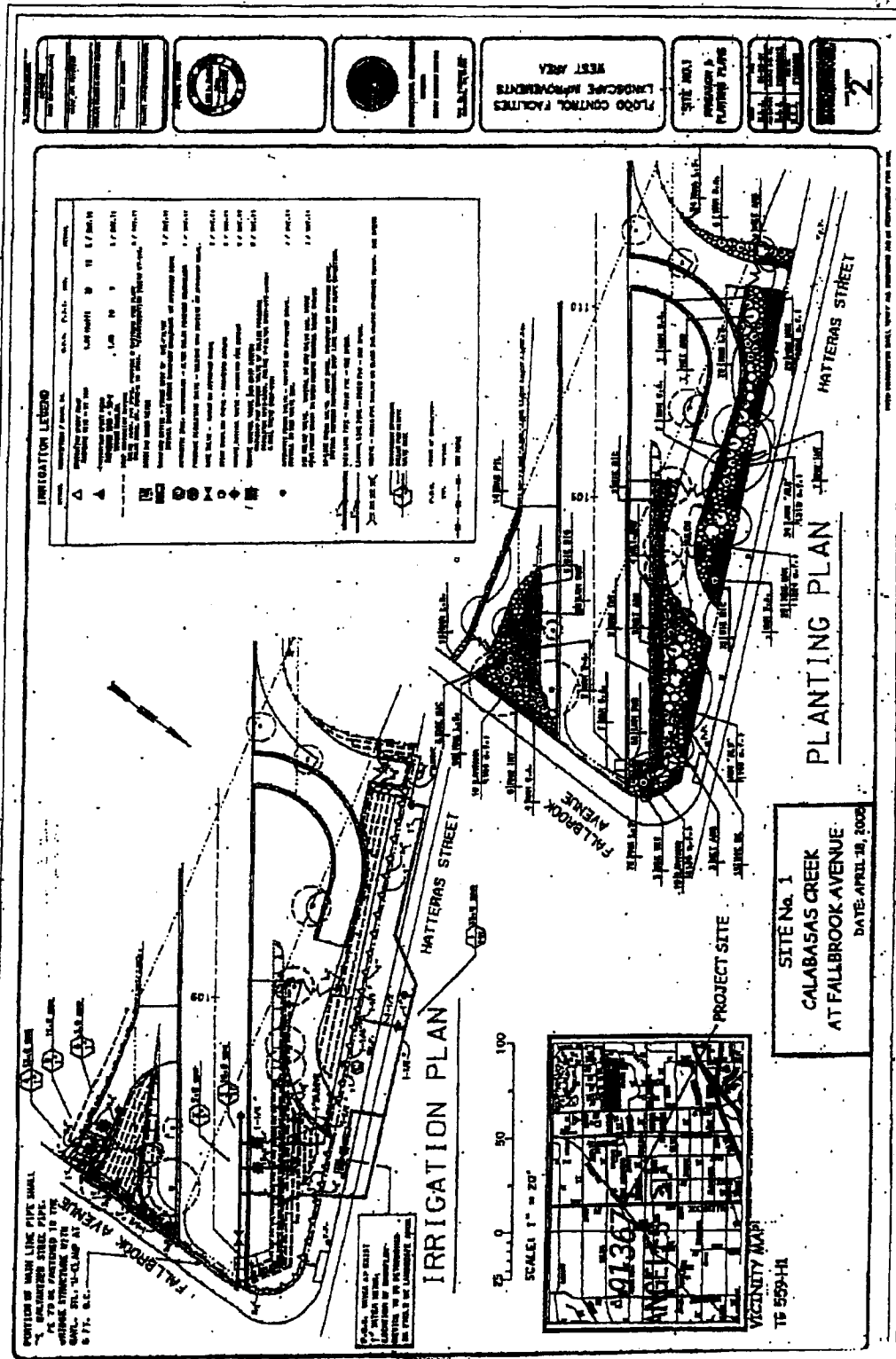
¿Por qué se está haciendo esto en California?

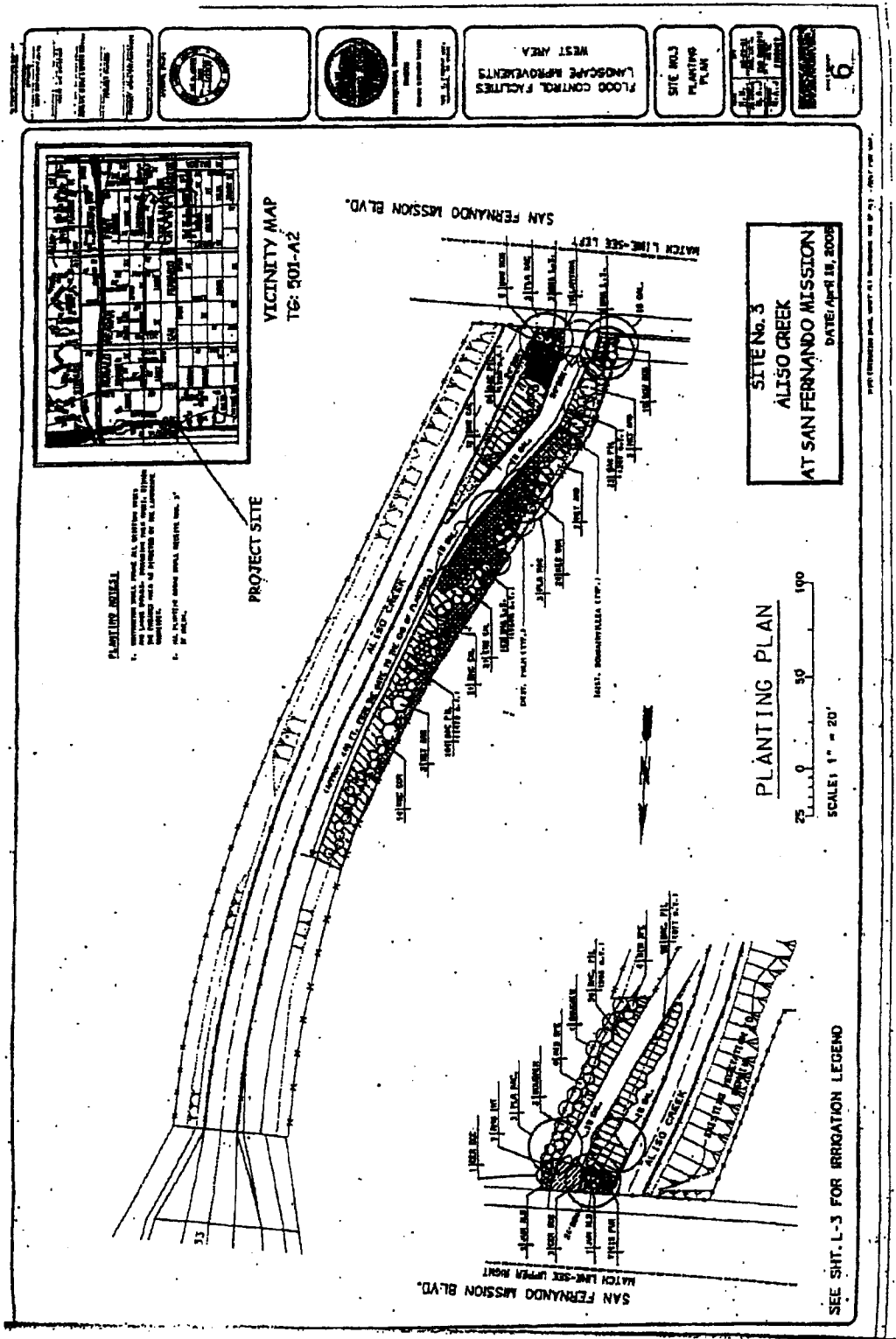
La finalidad de la Ley de Entrega de Bebés sin Peligro es proteger a los bebés para que no sean abandonados, lastimados o muertos por sus padres. Usted probablemente haya escuchado historias trágicas sobre bebés abandonados en basureros o en baños públicos. Los padres de esos bebés probablemente hayan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

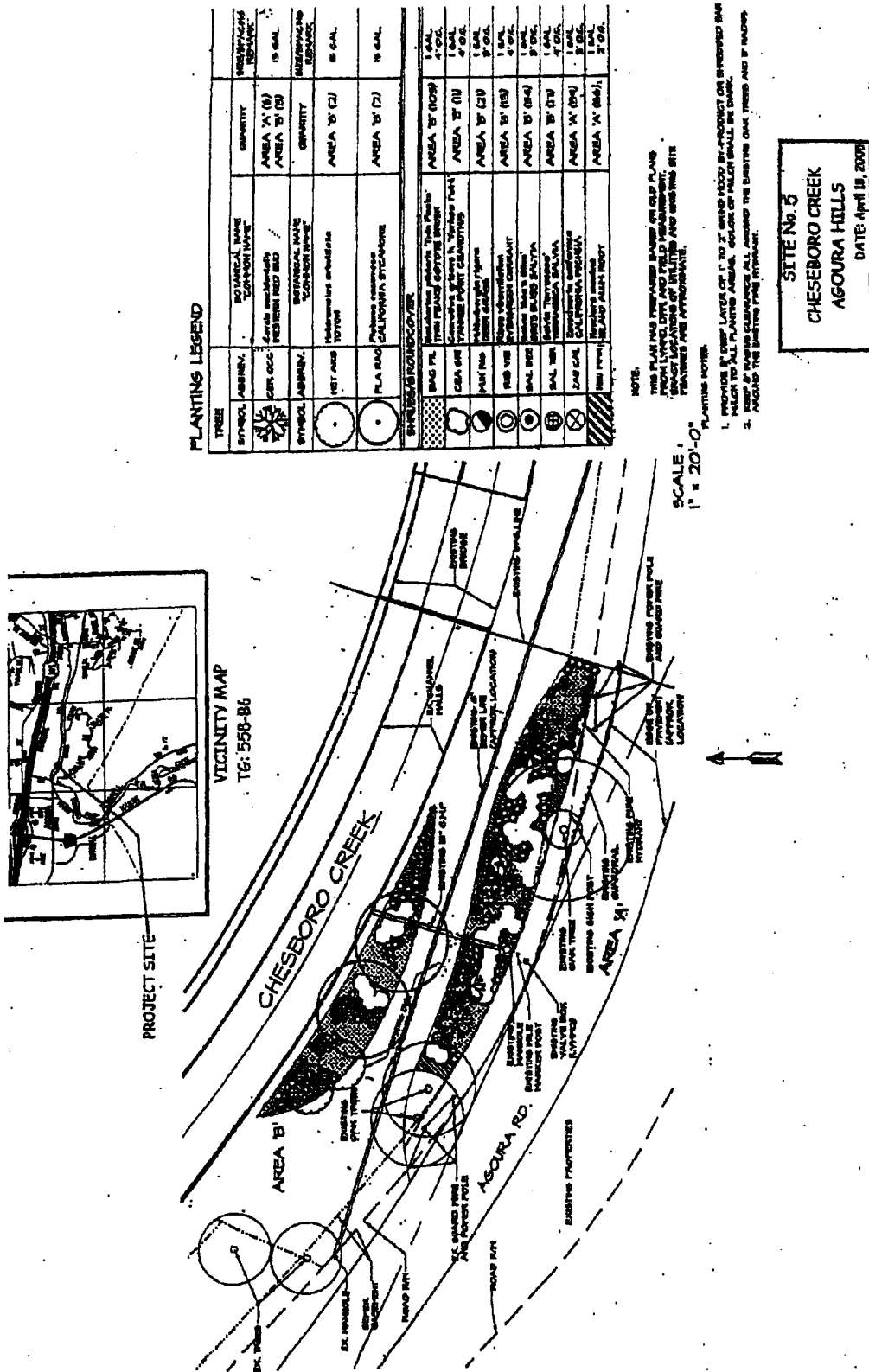
Historia de un bebé

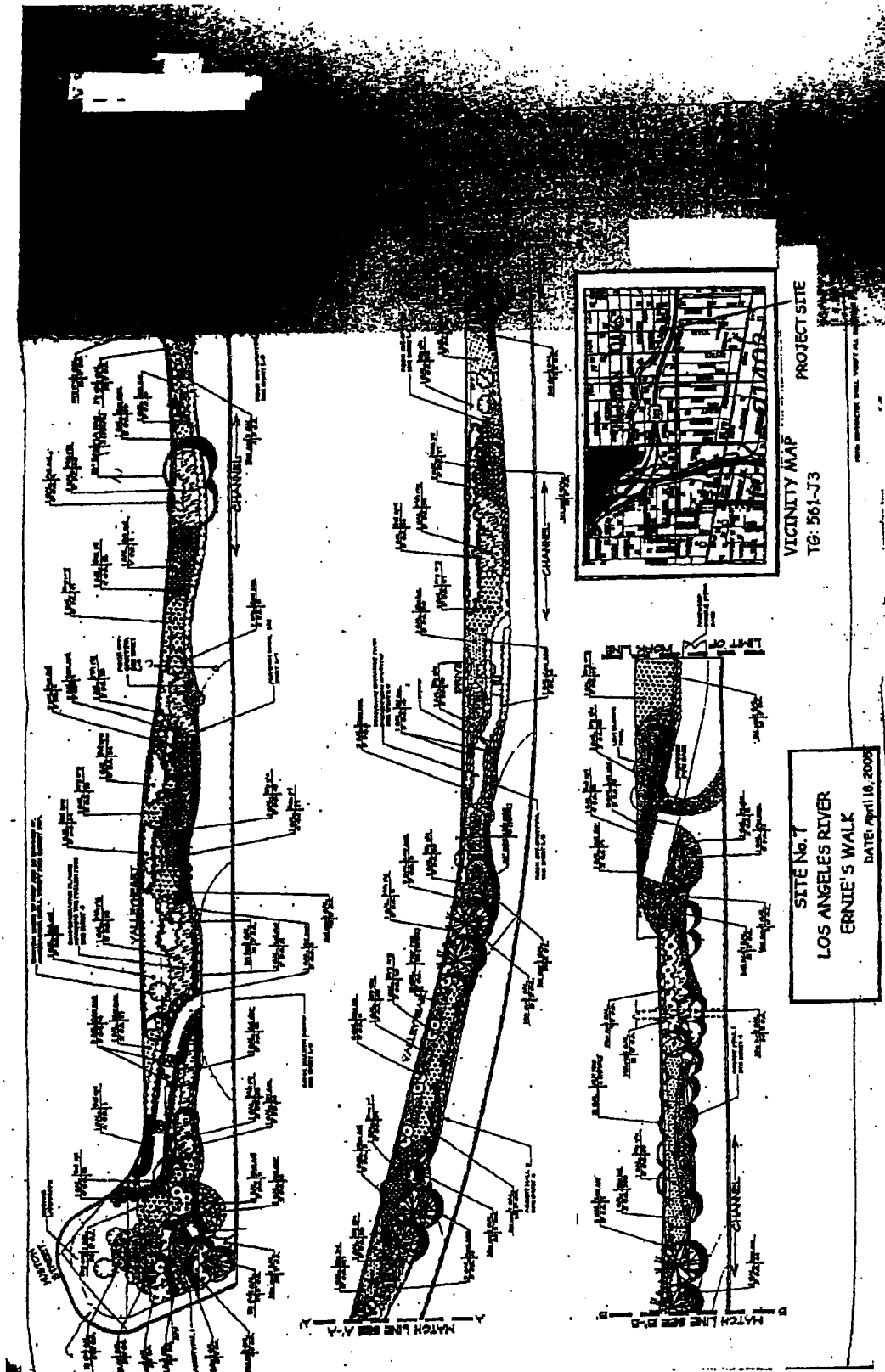
A la mañana temprano del día 9 de abril de 2005, se entregó un recién nacido saludable a las enfermeras del Harbor-UCLA Medical Center. La mujer que llevó el recién nacido al hospital se dio a conocer como la tía del bebé, y dijo que la madre le había pedido que llevara al bebé al hospital en su nombre. Le entregaron a la tía un 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.

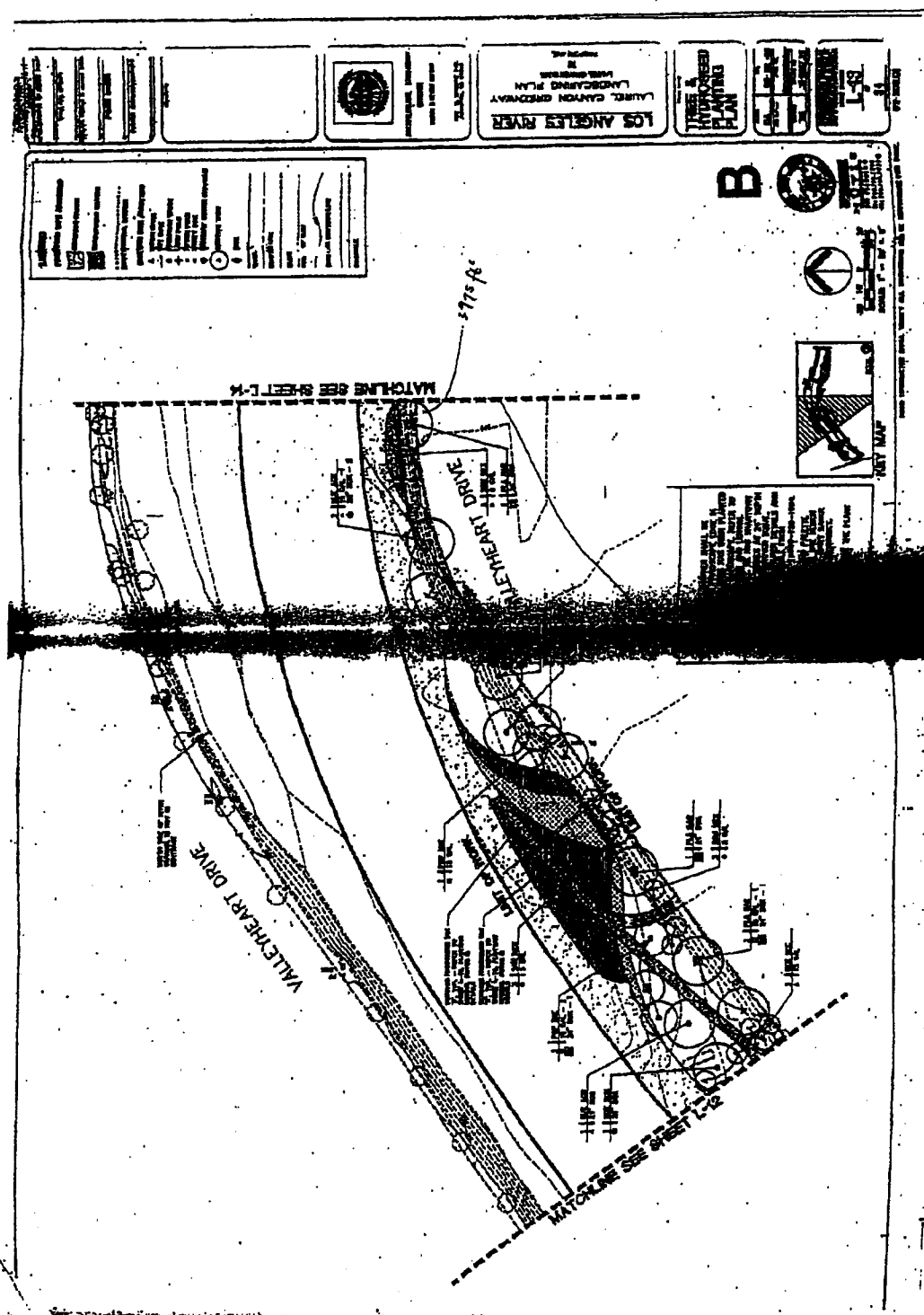


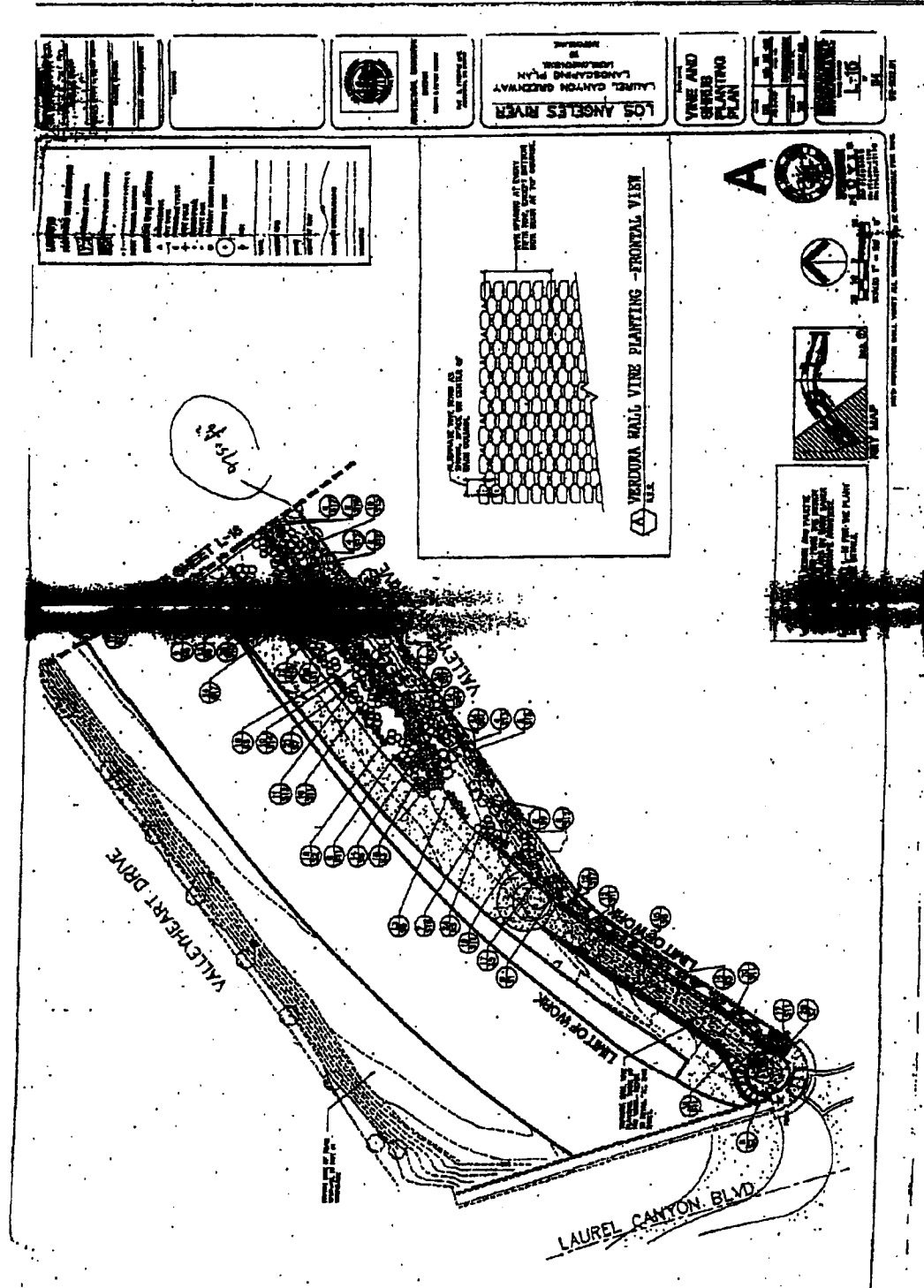


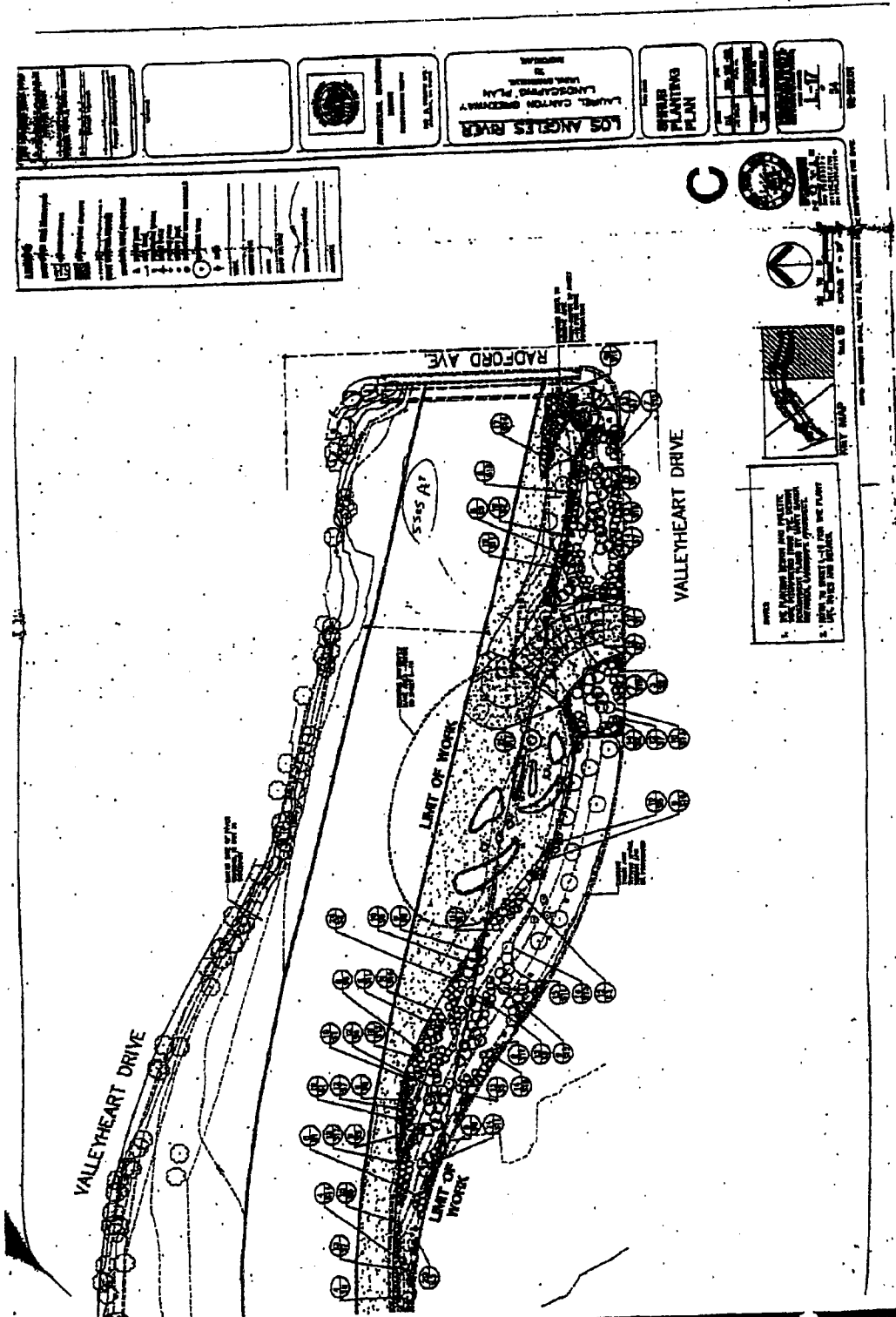


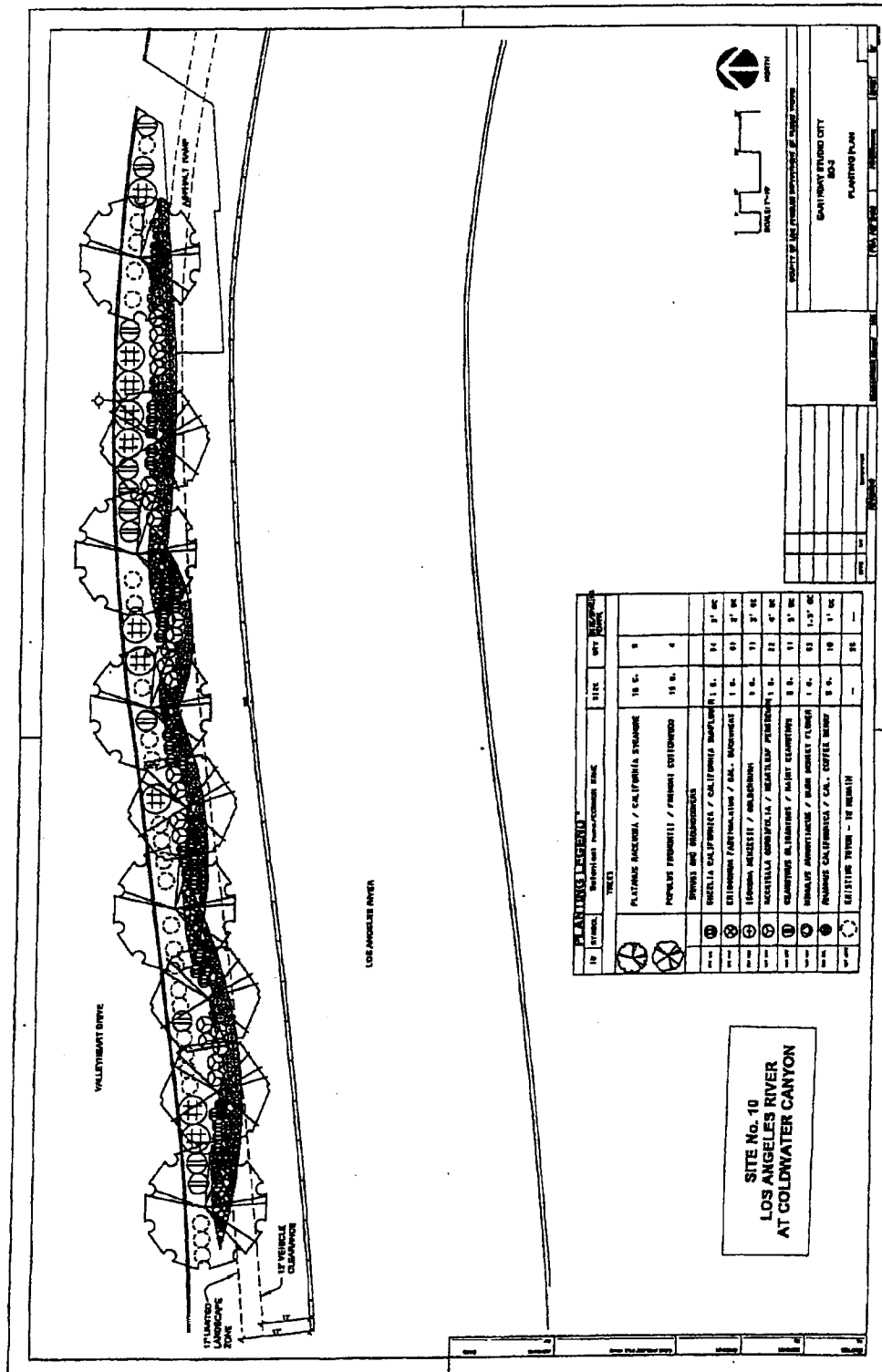


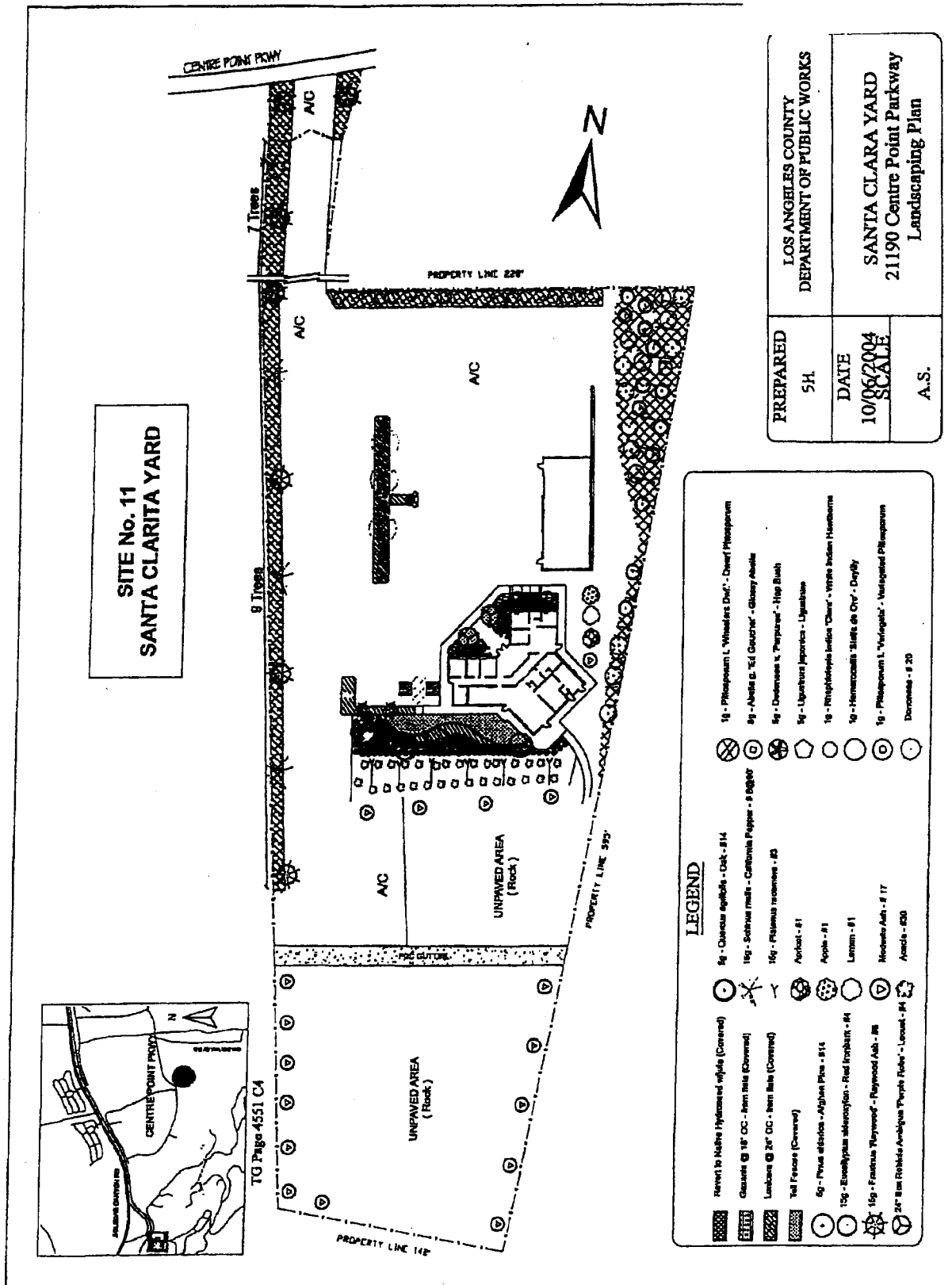




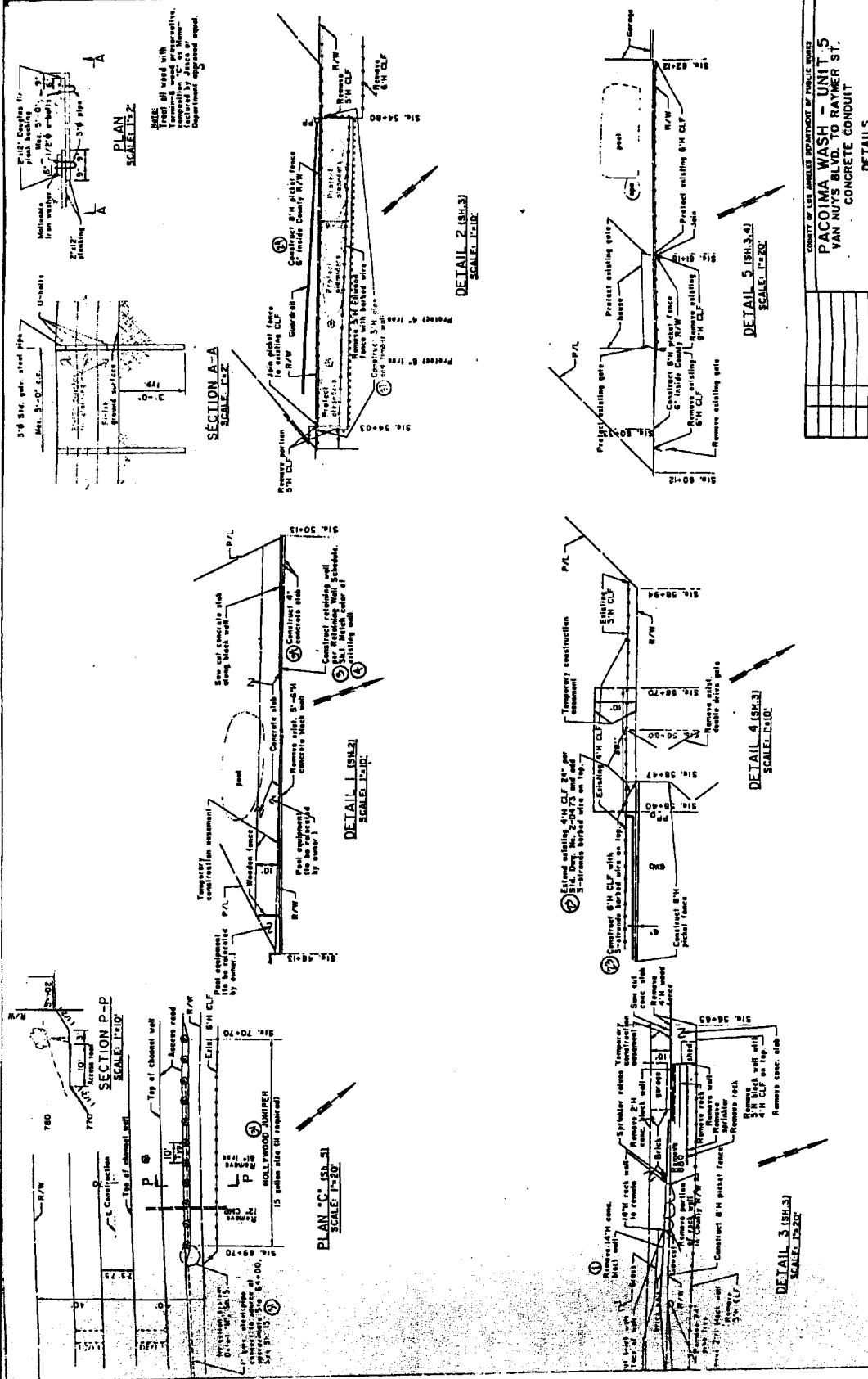


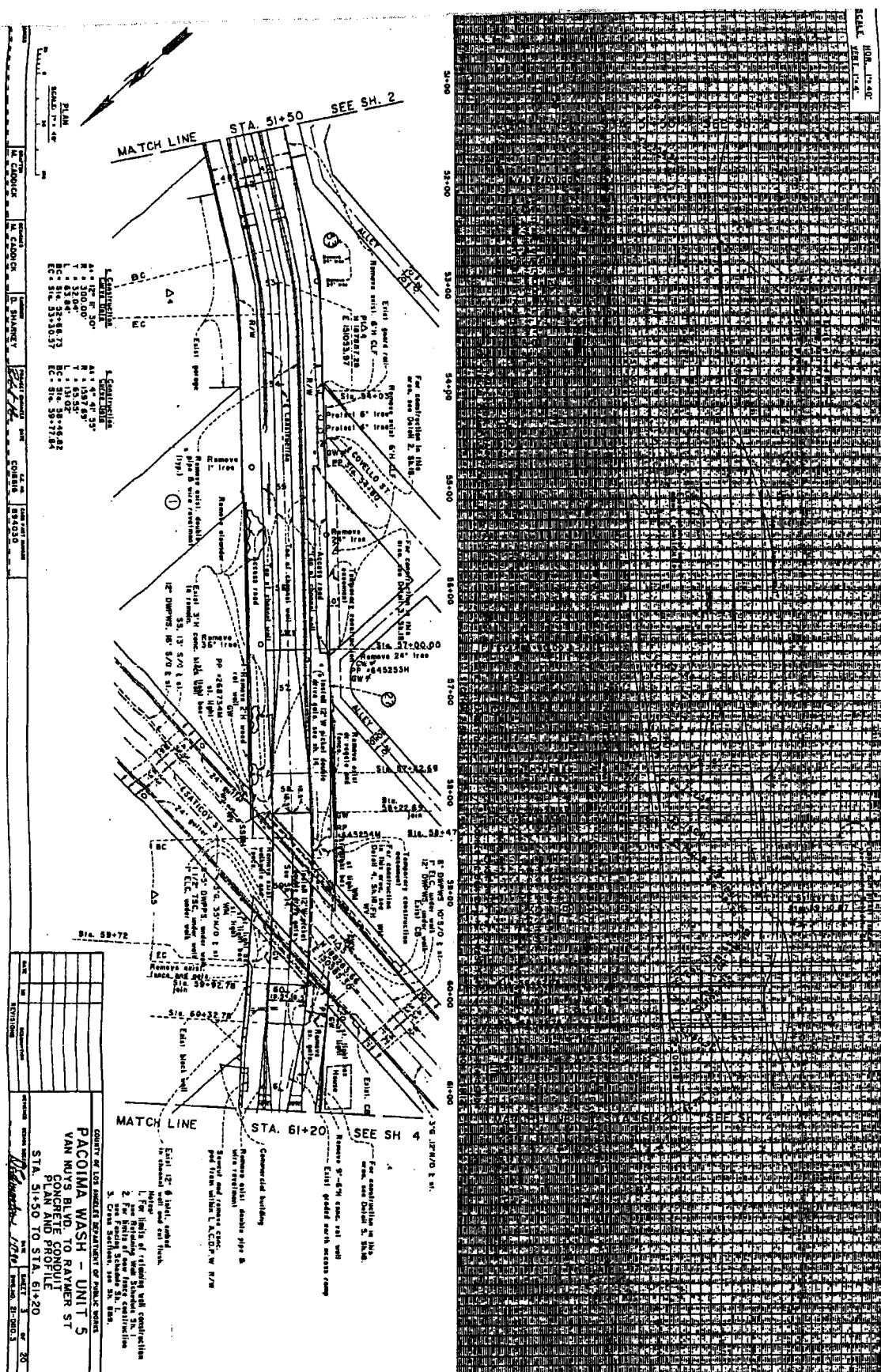






COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
PACOMA WASH - UNIT 5
VAN NUYS BLVD. TO RAYMER ST.
CONCRETE CONDUIT
DETAILS





HYDROSEED SPECIFICATIONS

Seed Classification

State-approved seed of the latest season's crop shall be provided in original sealed packages bearing the producer's guaranteed analysis for percentages of mixture, purity, germination, hard seed, weed seed content, and inert material.

Labels shall be in conformance with AMS-01 and applicable state seed laws.

Seed Mixtures

Seed mixtures shall be proportioned by weight as follows:
Pure Live Seed (P.L.S.)

Botanical Name	Common Name	Pounds Per Acre
Bromus Carinatus	California Brome	5.0 lbs/acre
Deschampsia caespitosa	Tufted Hairgrass	3.8 lbs/acre
Deschampsia elongatum	Hairgrass	2.2 lbs/acre
Eschscholzia californica	Calif. Poppy	2.0 lbs/acre
Hordeum c. prostrate	Calif. Barley	6.0 lbs/acre
Melica Imperfecta	Coast Range Melica	2.0 lbs/acre
Lupinus bicolor	Lupines	3.0 lbs/acre
Poa secunda	Bluegrass	1.3 lbs/acre
Stipa Lepida	Foothill NeedleGrass	1.0 lbs/acre
Vulpia microstacys	Zorro Fescue	4.3 lbs/acre

Total lbs. P.L.S. per acre = 30.6

Quality

Seed shall conform to FS JJJ-S-181. Weed seed shall not exceed 1 percent by weight of the total mixture. Wet, moldy, or otherwise damaged seed shall be rejected.



EXHIBIT G

LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Contractor Company Name: _____

Proj. Cost Account (PCA) _____ Org. Cost Account (OCA) _____ User Code 1 _____

**LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE SERVICE REPORT
FOR THE MONTH OF _____****CHANNEL NAME:** _____

SERVICE DESCRIPTION	Item	% Complete	Prior % Complete
Annual cutting seeded grass/ wildflower slopes (first cutting). <i>This item will be paid upon completion of work.</i>	a		
Cutting seeded grass/ wildflower slopes (second cutting). <i>This item will be paid upon completion of work.</i>	b		
Annual/Monthly trim, care, and replanting of:			
Ground Cover	c		
Vines -March	d		
Vines-September	e		
All other work(tree & shrubbery trimming and care, weed control)	f		
AS NEEDED ITEMS - ALL OTHER WORK (FILL OUT FOR EACH DAY)			
Description	Item	HOURS/ UNIT	DATE
Irrigation System Repairs (4 hour MIN. for emergency call out)			

Remarks: _____

By signing this document, the contractor and/or his representative confirm that they agree with the number of hours worked or percent of work completed

CONTRACTOR SIGNATURE : _____ DATE: _____

NAME OF DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVE : _____

SIGNATURE OF DEP REP : _____ DATE: _____