

## **AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES OF INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR**

**THIS AGREEMENT** (hereafter Agreement) is made by and between the COUNTY of Santa Barbara, a political subdivision of the State of California (hereafter COUNTY) and Fitch & Associates with an address at 2901 Williamsburg Terrace #G, Platte City, Missouri 64079 (hereafter CONTRACTOR) wherein CONTRACTOR agrees to provide and COUNTY agrees to accept the services specified herein.

**WHEREAS**, CONTRACTOR represents that it is specially trained, skilled, experienced, and competent to perform the special services required by COUNTY and COUNTY desires to retain the services of CONTRACTOR pursuant to the terms, covenants, and conditions herein set forth;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the mutual covenants and conditions contained herein, the parties agree as follows:

### **1. DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE**

Nicholas T. Clay at phone number 805-681-5394 is the representative of COUNTY and will administer this Agreement for and on behalf of COUNTY. Guillermo Fuentes at phone number 816-431-2600 is the authorized representative for CONTRACTOR. Changes in designated representatives shall be made only after advance written notice to the other party.

### **2. NOTICES**

Any notice or consent required or permitted to be given under this Agreement shall be given to the respective parties in writing, or by personal delivery, or with postage prepaid by first class mail, registered or certified mail, or express courier service, as follows:

To COUNTY:                    Nicholas Clay  
   300 N. San Antonio Road  
   Santa Barbara, CA 93110

To CONTRACTOR:            Roxanne Shanks  
   2901 Williamsburg Terrace #G  
   Platte City, Missouri 64079

or at such other address or to such other person that the parties may from time to time designate in accordance with this Notices section. If sent by first class mail, notices and consents under this section shall be deemed to be received five (5) days following their deposit in the U.S. mail. This Notices section shall not be construed as meaning that either party agrees to service of process except as required by applicable law.

### **3. SCOPE OF SERVICES**

CONTRACTOR agrees to provide services to COUNTY in accordance with EXHIBIT A attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

### **4. TERM**

CONTRACTOR shall commence performance on January 12, 2021 and end performance upon completion, but no later than December 31, 2022 unless otherwise directed by COUNTY or unless earlier terminated.

## **5. COMPENSATION OF CONTRACTOR**

In full consideration for CONTRACTOR's services, CONTRACTOR shall be paid for performance under this Agreement in accordance with the terms of EXHIBIT B attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. Billing shall be made by invoice, which shall include the contract number assigned by COUNTY and which is delivered to the address given in Section 2 NOTICES above following completion of the increments identified on EXHIBIT B. Unless otherwise specified on EXHIBIT B, payment shall be net thirty (30) days from presentation of invoice.

## **6. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR**

It is mutually understood and agreed that CONTRACTOR (including any and all of its officers, agents, and employees), shall perform all of its services under this Agreement as an independent CONTRACTOR as to COUNTY and not as an officer, agent, servant, employee, joint venture, partner, or associate of COUNTY. Furthermore, COUNTY shall have no right to control, supervise, or direct the manner or method by which CONTRACTOR shall perform its work and function. However, COUNTY shall retain the right to administer this Agreement so as to verify that CONTRACTOR is performing its obligations in accordance with the terms and conditions hereof. CONTRACTOR understands and acknowledges that it shall not be entitled to any of the benefits of a COUNTY employee, including but not limited to vacation, sick leave, administrative leave, health insurance, disability insurance, retirement, unemployment insurance, workers' compensation and protection of tenure. CONTRACTOR shall be solely liable and responsible for providing to, or on behalf of, its employees all legally-required employee benefits. In addition, CONTRACTOR shall be solely responsible and save COUNTY harmless from all matters relating to payment of CONTRACTOR's employees, including compliance with Social Security withholding and all other regulations governing such matters. It is acknowledged that during the term of this Agreement, CONTRACTOR may be providing services to others unrelated to the COUNTY or to this Agreement.

## **7. STANDARD OF PERFORMANCE**

CONTRACTOR represents that it has the skills, expertise, and licenses/permits necessary to perform the services required under this Agreement. Accordingly, CONTRACTOR shall perform all such services in the manner and according to the standards observed by a competent practitioner of the same profession in which CONTRACTOR is engaged. All products of whatsoever nature, which CONTRACTOR delivers to COUNTY pursuant to this Agreement, shall be prepared in a first class and workmanlike manner and shall conform to the standards of quality normally observed by a person practicing in CONTRACTOR's profession. CONTRACTOR shall correct or revise any errors or omissions, at COUNTY'S request without additional compensation. Permits and/or licenses shall be obtained and maintained by CONTRACTOR without additional compensation.

## **8. DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION**

CONTRACTOR certifies to COUNTY that it and its employees and principals are not debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for, participation in federal, state, or COUNTY government contracts. CONTRACTOR certifies that it shall not contract with a SUBCONTRACTOR that is so debarred or suspended.

## **9. TAXES**

CONTRACTOR shall pay all taxes, levies, duties, and assessments of every nature due in connection with any work under this Agreement and shall make any and all payroll deductions required by law. COUNTY shall not be responsible for paying any taxes on CONTRACTOR's behalf, and should COUNTY be required to do so by state, federal, or local taxing agencies, CONTRACTOR agrees to promptly reimburse COUNTY for the full value of such paid taxes plus interest and penalty, if any. These taxes shall include, but not be limited to, the following: FICA (Social Security), unemployment insurance contributions, income tax, disability insurance, and workers' compensation insurance.



## **10. CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

CONTRACTOR covenants that CONTRACTOR presently has no employment or interest and shall not acquire any employment or interest, direct or indirect, including any interest in any business, property, or source of income, which would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of services required to be performed under this Agreement. CONTRACTOR further covenants that in the performance of this Agreement, no person having any such interest shall be employed by CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR must promptly disclose to COUNTY, in writing, any potential conflict of interest. COUNTY retains the right to waive a conflict of interest disclosed by CONTRACTOR if COUNTY determines it to be immaterial, and such waiver is only effective if provided by COUNTY to CONTRACTOR in writing.

## **11. OWNERSHIP OF DOCUMENTS AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY**

COUNTY shall be the owner of the following items incidental to this Agreement upon production, whether or not completed: all data collected, all documents of any type whatsoever, all photos, designs, sound or audiovisual recordings, software code, inventions, technologies, and other materials, and any material necessary for the practical use of such items, from the time of collection and/or production whether or not performance under this Agreement is completed or terminated prior to completion. CONTRACTOR shall not release any of such items to other parties except after prior written approval of COUNTY.

Unless otherwise specified in Exhibit A, CONTRACTOR hereby assigns to COUNTY all copyright, patent, and other intellectual property and proprietary rights to all data, documents, reports, photos, designs, sound or audiovisual recordings, software code, inventions, technologies, and other materials prepared or provided by CONTRACTOR pursuant to this Agreement (collectively referred to as "Copyrightable Works and Inventions"). COUNTY shall have the unrestricted authority to copy, adapt, perform, display, publish, disclose, distribute, create derivative works from, and otherwise use in whole or in part, any Copyrightable Works and Inventions. CONTRACTOR agrees to take such actions and execute and deliver such documents as may be needed to validate, protect and confirm the rights and assignments provided hereunder. CONTRACTOR warrants that any Copyrightable Works and Inventions and other items provided under this Agreement will not infringe upon any intellectual property or proprietary rights of any third party. CONTRACTOR at its own expense shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless COUNTY against any claim that any Copyrightable Works or Inventions or other items provided by CONTRACTOR hereunder infringe upon intellectual or other proprietary rights of a third party, and CONTRACTOR shall pay any damages, costs, settlement amounts, and fees (including attorneys' fees) that may be incurred by COUNTY in connection with any such claims. This Ownership of Documents and Intellectual Property provision shall survive expiration or termination of this Agreement.

## **12. NO PUBLICITY OR ENDORSEMENT**

CONTRACTOR shall not use COUNTY's name or logo or any variation of such name or logo in any publicity, advertising or promotional materials. CONTRACTOR shall not use COUNTY's name or logo in any manner that would give the appearance that the COUNTY is endorsing CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR shall not in any way contract on behalf of or in the name of COUNTY. CONTRACTOR shall not release any informational pamphlets, notices, press releases, research reports, or similar public notices concerning the COUNTY or its projects, without obtaining the prior written approval of COUNTY.

## **13. COUNTY PROPERTY AND INFORMATION**

All of COUNTY's property, documents, and information provided for CONTRACTOR's use in connection with the services shall remain COUNTY's property, and CONTRACTOR shall return any such items whenever requested by COUNTY and whenever required according to the Termination section of this Agreement. CONTRACTOR may use such items only in connection with providing the services. CONTRACTOR shall not disseminate any COUNTY property, documents, or information without COUNTY's prior written consent.

#### **14. RECORDS, AUDIT, AND REVIEW**

CONTRACTOR shall keep such business records pursuant to this Agreement as would be kept by a reasonably prudent practitioner of CONTRACTOR's profession and shall maintain such records for at least four (4) years following the termination of this Agreement. All accounting records shall be kept in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. COUNTY shall have the right to audit and review all such documents and records at any time during CONTRACTOR's regular business hours or upon reasonable notice. In addition, if this Agreement exceeds ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00), CONTRACTOR shall be subject to the examination and audit of the California State Auditor, at the request of the COUNTY or as part of any audit of the COUNTY, for a period of three (3) years after final payment under the Agreement (Cal. Govt. Code Section 8546.7). CONTRACTOR shall participate in any audits and reviews, whether by COUNTY or the State, at no charge to COUNTY.

If federal, state or COUNTY audit exceptions are made relating to this Agreement, CONTRACTOR shall reimburse all costs incurred by federal, state, and/or COUNTY governments associated with defending against the audit exceptions or performing any audits or follow-up audits, including but not limited to: audit fees, court costs, attorneys' fees based upon a reasonable hourly amount for attorneys in the community, travel costs, penalty assessments and all other costs of whatever nature. Immediately upon notification from COUNTY, CONTRACTOR shall reimburse the amount of the audit exceptions and any other related costs directly to COUNTY as specified by COUNTY in the notification.

#### **15. INDEMNIFICATION AND INSURANCE**

CONTRACTOR agrees to the indemnification and insurance provisions as set forth in EXHIBIT C attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

#### **16. NONDISCRIMINATION**

COUNTY hereby notifies CONTRACTOR that COUNTY's Unlawful Discrimination Ordinance (Article XIII of Chapter 2 of the Santa Barbara COUNTY Code) applies to this Agreement and is incorporated herein by this reference with the same force and effect as if the ordinance were specifically set out herein and CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with said ordinance.

#### **17. NONEXCLUSIVE AGREEMENT**

CONTRACTOR understands that this is not an exclusive Agreement and that COUNTY shall have the right to negotiate with and enter into contracts with others providing the same or similar services as those provided by CONTRACTOR as the COUNTY desires.

#### **18. NON-ASSIGNMENT**

CONTRACTOR shall not assign, transfer or subcontract this Agreement or any of its rights or obligations under this Agreement without the prior written consent of COUNTY and any attempt to so assign, subcontract or transfer without such consent shall be void and without legal effect and shall constitute grounds for termination.

#### **19. TERMINATION**

- A. By COUNTY. COUNTY may, by written notice to CONTRACTOR, terminate this Agreement in whole or in part at any time, whether for COUNTY's convenience, for nonappropriation of funds, or because of the failure of CONTRACTOR to fulfill the obligations herein.
  1. **For Convenience.** COUNTY may terminate this Agreement in whole or in part upon thirty (30) days written notice. During the thirty (30) day period, CONTRACTOR shall, as directed by COUNTY, wind down and cease its services as quickly and efficiently as reasonably possible, without performing



unnecessary services or activities and by minimizing negative effects on COUNTY from such winding down and cessation of services.

2. **For Nonappropriation of Funds.** Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, in the event that no funds or insufficient funds are appropriated or budgeted by federal, state or COUNTY governments, or funds are not otherwise available for payments in the fiscal year(s) covered by the term of this Agreement, then COUNTY will notify CONTRACTOR of such occurrence and COUNTY may terminate or suspend this Agreement in whole or in part, with or without a prior notice period. Subsequent to termination of this Agreement under this provision, COUNTY shall have no obligation to make payments with regard to the remainder of the term.
  3. **For Cause.** Should CONTRACTOR default in the performance of this Agreement or materially breach any of its provisions, COUNTY may, at COUNTY's sole option, terminate or suspend this Agreement in whole or in part by written notice. Upon receipt of notice, CONTRACTOR shall immediately discontinue all services affected (unless the notice directs otherwise) and notify COUNTY as to the status of its performance. The date of termination shall be the date the notice is received by CONTRACTOR, unless the notice directs otherwise.
- B. **By CONTRACTOR.** Should COUNTY fail to pay CONTRACTOR all or any part of the payment set forth in EXHIBIT B, CONTRACTOR may, at CONTRACTOR's option terminate this Agreement if such failure is not remedied by COUNTY within thirty (30) days of written notice to COUNTY of such late payment.
- C. Upon termination, CONTRACTOR shall deliver to COUNTY all data, estimates, graphs, summaries, reports, and all other property, records, documents or papers as may have been accumulated or produced by CONTRACTOR in performing this Agreement, whether completed or in process, except such items as COUNTY may, by written permission, permit CONTRACTOR to retain. Notwithstanding any other payment provision of this Agreement, COUNTY shall pay CONTRACTOR for satisfactory services performed to the date of termination to include a prorated amount of compensation due hereunder less payments, if any, previously made. In no event shall CONTRACTOR be paid an amount in excess of the full price under this Agreement nor for profit on unperformed portions of service. CONTRACTOR shall furnish to COUNTY such financial information as in the judgment of COUNTY is necessary to determine the reasonable value of the services rendered by CONTRACTOR. In the event of a dispute as to the reasonable value of the services rendered by CONTRACTOR, the decision of COUNTY shall be final. The foregoing is cumulative and shall not affect any right or remedy which COUNTY may have in law or equity.

## **20. SECTION HEADINGS**

The headings of the several sections, and any Table of Contents appended hereto, shall be solely for convenience of reference and shall not affect the meaning, construction or effect hereof.

## **21. SEVERABILITY**

If any one or more of the provisions contained herein shall for any reason be held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, then such provision or provisions shall be deemed severable from the remaining provisions hereof, and such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision hereof, and this Agreement shall be construed as if such invalid, illegal or unenforceable provision had never been contained herein.

## **22. REMEDIES NOT EXCLUSIVE**

No remedy herein conferred upon or reserved to COUNTY is intended to be exclusive of any other remedy or remedies, and each and every such remedy, to the extent permitted by law, shall be cumulative and in addition to any other remedy given hereunder or now or hereafter existing at law or in equity or otherwise.

**23. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE**

Time is of the essence in this Agreement and each covenant and term is a condition herein.

**24. NO WAIVER OF DEFAULT**

No delay or omission of COUNTY to exercise any right or power arising upon the occurrence of any event of default shall impair any such right or power or shall be construed to be a waiver of any such default or an acquiescence therein; and every power and remedy given by this Agreement to COUNTY shall be exercised from time to time and as often as may be deemed expedient in the sole discretion of COUNTY.

**25. ENTIRE AGREEMENT AND AMENDMENT**

In conjunction with the matters considered herein, this Agreement contains the entire understanding and agreement of the parties and there have been no promises, representations, agreements, warranties or undertakings by any of the parties, either oral or written, of any character or nature hereafter binding except as set forth herein. This Agreement may be altered, amended or modified only by an instrument in writing, executed by the parties to this Agreement and by no other means. Each party waives their future right to claim, contest or assert that this Agreement was modified, canceled, superseded, or changed by any oral agreements, course of conduct, waiver or estoppel.

**26. SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS**

All representations, covenants and warranties set forth in this Agreement, by or on behalf of, or for the benefit of any or all of the parties hereto, shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of such party, its successors and assigns.

**27. COMPLIANCE WITH LAW**

CONTRACTOR shall, at its sole cost and expense, comply with all COUNTY, State and Federal ordinances and statutes now in force or which may hereafter be in force with regard to this Agreement. The judgment of any court of competent jurisdiction, or the admission of CONTRACTOR in any action or proceeding against CONTRACTOR, whether COUNTY is a party thereto or not, that CONTRACTOR has violated any such ordinance or statute, shall be conclusive of that fact as between CONTRACTOR and COUNTY.

**28. CALIFORNIA LAW AND JURISDICTION**

This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of California. Any litigation regarding this Agreement or its contents shall be filed in the COUNTY of Santa Barbara, if in state court, or in the federal district court nearest to Santa Barbara COUNTY, if in federal court.

**29. EXECUTION OF COUNTERPARTS**

This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts and each of such counterparts shall for all purposes be deemed to be an original; and all such counterparts, or as many of them as the parties shall preserve undestroyed, shall together constitute one and the same instrument.

**30. AUTHORITY**

All signatories and parties to this Agreement warrant and represent that they have the power and authority to enter into this Agreement in the names, titles and capacities herein stated and on behalf of any entities, persons, or firms represented or purported to be represented by such entity(ies), person(s), or firm(s) and that all formal requirements necessary or required by any state and/or federal law in order to enter into this Agreement have been fully complied with. Furthermore, by entering into this Agreement, CONTRACTOR hereby warrants that it shall not



have breached the terms or conditions of any other contract or agreement to which CONTRACTOR is obligated, which breach would have a material effect hereon.

### **31. SURVIVAL**

All provisions of this Agreement which by their nature are intended to survive the termination or expiration of this Agreement shall survive such termination or expiration.

### **32. PRECEDENCE**

In the event of conflict between the provisions contained in the numbered sections of this Agreement and the provisions contained in the Exhibits, the provisions of the Exhibits shall prevail over those in the numbered sections.

### **33. BUSINESS ASSOCIATE**

The parties agree to the terms and conditions set forth in Exhibit D - HIPAA Business Associate Agreement (BAA), attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

### **34. REMEDIES FOR NONCOMPLIANCE**

In the event COUNTY determines, in its sole discretion, that CONTRACTOR is not in compliance with the terms and conditions set forth herein, COUNTY may:

- A. Require payments as reimbursements rather than advance payments;
- B. Withhold authority to proceed to the next phase until receipt of evidence of acceptable performance within a given period of performance;
- C. Require additional, more detailed financial reports;
- D. Require additional project monitoring;
- E. Requiring CONTRACTOR to obtain technical or management assistance; or
- F. Establish additional prior approvals.

### **35. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

During the performance of this Agreement, CONTRACTOR agrees as follows:

- A. CONTRACTOR will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. CONTRACTOR will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following: Employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. CONTRACTOR agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.
- B. CONTRACTOR will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of CONTRACTOR, state that all qualified applicants will receive considerations for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.
- C. CONTRACTOR will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which he has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice to be provided advising the said labor union or workers' representatives of CONTRACTOR'S commitments under this section,

and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.

- D. CONTRACTOR will comply with all provisions of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and of the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor.
- E. CONTRACTOR will furnish all information and reports required by Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and by rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor, or pursuant thereto, and will permit access to his books, records, and accounts by the administering agency and the Secretary of Labor for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and orders.
- F. In the event of CONTRACTOR'S noncompliance with the nondiscrimination clauses of this Agreement or with any of the said rules, regulations, or orders, this Agreement may be canceled, terminated, or suspended in whole or in part and CONTRACTOR may be declared ineligible for further Government contracts or federally assisted construction contracts in accordance with procedures authorized in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and such other sanctions as may be imposed and remedies invoked as provided in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, or by rule, regulation, or order of the Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided by law.
- G. CONTRACTOR will include the portion of the sentence immediately preceding paragraph (1) and the provisions of paragraphs (1) through (7) in every subcontract or purchase order unless exempted by rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to section 204 of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor. CONTRACTOR will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as the administering agency may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for noncompliance: Provided, however, that in the event a contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction by the administering agency CONTRACTOR may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

### **36. CLEAN AIR ACT**

- A. CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 7401 et seq.
- B. CONTRACTOR agrees to report each violation to the California Environmental Protection Agency and understands and agrees that the California Environmental Protection Agency will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to the COUNTY, Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the appropriate Environmental Protection Agency Regional Office.
- C. CONTRACTOR agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$150,000 financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FEMA.

### **37. FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT**

- A. CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, 33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.
- B. CONTRACTOR agrees to report each violation to the California State Water Resources Control Board and understands and agrees that the California State Water Resources Control Board will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to the COUNTY, Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the appropriate Environmental Protection Agency Regional Office.
- C. CONTRACTOR agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$150,000 financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FEMA.



### **38. DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION**

- A. CONTRACTOR certifies to COUNTY that it and its employees and principals are not debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for, participation in federal, state, or county government contracts. CONTRACTOR certifies that it shall not contract with a subcontractor that is so debarred or suspended.
- B. This certification is a material representation of fact relied upon by COUNTY. If it is later determined that CONTRACTOR did not comply with 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C, in addition to remedies available to the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services and COUNTY, the Federal Government may pursue available remedies, including but not limited to suspension and/or debarment.
- C. This Agreement is a covered transaction for purposes of 2 C.F.R. pt. 180 and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000. As such CONTRACTOR is required to verify that none of the contractor, its principals (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.995), or its affiliates (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.905) are excluded (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.940) or disqualified (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.935).
- D. CONTRACTOR must comply with 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C and must include a requirement to comply with these regulations in any lower tier covered transaction it enters into.
- E. The bidder or proposer agrees to comply with the requirements of 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C while this offer is valid and throughout the period of any contract that may arise from this offer. The bidder or proposer further agrees to include a provision requiring such compliance in its lower tier covered transactions.

### **39. BYRD ANTI-LOBBYING AMENDMENT, 31 U.S.C. § 1352 (AS AMENDED)**

CONTRACTOR shall file the required certification attached as Exhibit E, *Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative Agreement (Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment, 31 U.S.C. § 1352 (As Amended))*, which is incorporated herein by this reference. Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant, or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. § 1352. Each tier shall also disclose any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the recipient.

### **40. PROCUREMENT OF RECOVERED MATERIALS**

- A. A. In the performance of this Agreement, CONTRACTOR shall make maximum use of products containing recovered materials that are EPA- designated items unless the product cannot be acquired—
  - i. Competitively within a timeframe providing for compliance with the contract performance schedule;
  - ii. Meeting contract performance requirements; or
  - iii. At a reasonable price.
- B. Information about this requirement, along with the list of EPA-designate items, is available at EPA's Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines web site, <https://www.epa.gov/smm/comprehensive-procurement-guideline-cpg-program>.

#### **41. CHANGES**

- A. Notice. The primary purpose of this clause is to obtain prompt reporting of COUNTY conduct that CONTRACTOR considers to constitute a change to this contract. Except for changes identified as such in writing and signed by COUNTY, the Contractor shall notify the COUNTY in writing promptly, within five (5) calendar days from the date that the Contractor identifies any Government conduct (including actions, inactions, and written or oral communications) that the CONTRACTOR regards as a change to the contract terms and conditions. On the basis of the most accurate information available to the Contractor, the notice shall state
- i. The date, nature, and circumstances of the conduct regarded as a change;
  - ii. The name, function, and activity of each Government individual and CONTRACTOR official or employee involved in or knowledgeable about such conduct;
  - iii. The identification of any documents and the substance of any oral communication involved in such conduct;
  - iv. In the instance of alleged acceleration of scheduled performance or delivery, the basis upon which it arose;
  - v. The particular elements of contract performance for which CONTRACTOR may seek an equitable adjustment under this clause, including:
    - What line items have been or may be affected by the alleged change;
    - What labor or materials or both have been or may be added, deleted, or wasted by the alleged change;
    - To the extent practicable, what delay and disruption in the manner and sequence of performance and effect on continued performance have been or may be caused by the alleged change;
    - What adjustments to contract price, delivery schedule, and other provisions affected by the alleged change are estimated; and
  - vi. CONTRACTOR'S estimate of the time by which COUNTY must respond to CONTRACTOR'S notice to minimize cost, delay or disruption of performance.
- B. Continued Performance. Following submission of the required notice, CONTRACTOR shall diligently continue performance of this Agreement to the maximum extent possible in accordance with its terms and conditions as construed by the CONTRACTOR.
- C. COUNTY Response. COUNTY shall promptly, within ten (10) calendar days after receipt of notice, respond to the notice in writing. In responding, COUNTY shall either --
- i. Confirm that the conduct of which CONTRACTOR gave notice constitutes a change and when necessary direct the mode of further performance;
  - ii. Countermand any communication regarded as a change;
  - iii. Deny that the conduct of which CONTRACTOR gave notice constitutes a change and when necessary direct the mode of further performance; or
  - iv. In the event the Contractor's notice information is inadequate to make a decision, advise CONTRACTOR what additional information is required, and establish the date by which it should be furnished and the date thereafter by which COUNTY will respond.



D. Equitable Adjustments.

- i. If the COUNTY confirms that COUNTY conduct effected a change as alleged by the CONTRACTOR, and the conduct causes an increase or decrease in the CONTRACTOR'S cost of, or the time required for, performance of any part of the work under this Agreement, whether changed or not changed by such conduct, an equitable adjustment shall be made --
  - In the contract price or delivery schedule or both; and
  - In such other provisions of the Agreement as may be affected.
- ii. The Agreement shall be modified in writing accordingly. The equitable adjustment shall not include increased costs or time extensions for delay resulting from CONTRACTOR'S failure to provide notice or to continue performance as provided herein.

**42. ACCESS TO RECORDS**

The following access to records requirements apply to this Agreement:

- A. CONTRACTOR agrees to provide COUNTY, the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services, the FEMA Administrator, the Comptroller General of the United States, or any of their authorized representatives access to any books, documents, papers, and records of the CONTRACTOR which are directly pertinent to this Agreement for the purposes of making audits, examinations, excerpts, and transcriptions.
- B. CONTRACTOR agrees to permit any of the foregoing parties to reproduce by any means whatsoever or to copy excerpts and transcriptions as reasonably needed.
- C. CONTRACTOR agrees to provide the FEMA Administrator or his authorized representatives access to construction or other work sites pertaining to the work being completed under the Agreement.

**43. USE OF U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (DHS) LOGO**

CONTRACTOR shall not use the DHS seal(s), logos, crests, or reproductions of flags or likenesses of DHS agency officials without specific FEMA pre- approval.

**44. COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL LAWS, REGULATIONS, AND EXECUTIVE ORDERS**

This is an acknowledgement that FEMA financial assistance will be used to fund this Agreement. CONTRACTOR will only use FEMA funds as authorized herein. CONTRACTOR will comply will all applicable federal law, regulations, executive orders, FEMA policies, procedures, and directives.

**45. NO OBLIGATION BY FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

The Federal Government is not a party to this Agreement and is not subject to any obligations or liabilities to the non-Federal entity, CONTRACTOR, or any other party pertaining to any matter resulting from the Agreement.

**46. PROGRAM FRAUD AND FALSE OR FRAUDULENT STATEMENTS OR RELATED ACTS**

CONTRACTOR acknowledges that 31 U.S.C. Chap. 38 (Administrative Remedies for False Claims and Statements) applies to the CONTRACTOR'S actions pertaining to this Agreement.

**47. MANDATORY DISCLOSURE**


CONTRACTOR must disclose, in a timely manner, in writing to the COUNTY all violations of Federal criminal law involving fraud, bribery, or gratuity violations potentially affecting the award. CONTRACTOR is required to report certain civil, criminal, or administrative proceedings to the System for Award Management (SAM) located at [www.sam.gov](http://www.sam.gov). Failure to make required disclosures can result in any of the remedies described in 2 CFR §200.338 Remedies for noncompliance, including suspension or debarment. (See also 2 CFR part 180 and 31 U.S.C. 332.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement to be effective on January 12, 2021.

**ATTEST:**

Mona Miyasato  
COUNTY Executive Officer  
Clerk of the Board

By:   
Deputy Clerk

**COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA:**

Bob Nelson

By:   
Chair, Board of Supervisors

Date: 1/12/21

**RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL:**

Van Do-Reynoso, MPH, PhD  
Director

By:   
Department Head

**APPROVED AS TO ACCOUNTING FORM:**

Betsy M. Schaffer, CPA  
Auditor-Controller

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

Michael C. Ghizzoni  
COUNTY Counsel

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy COUNTY Counsel

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

Risk Management

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Risk Management

EMS Agency

By:   
EMS Agency Director



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**ATTEST:**

Mona Miyasato  
COUNTY Executive Officer  
Clerk of the Board

**COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA:**

Bob Nelson

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair, Board of Supervisors

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

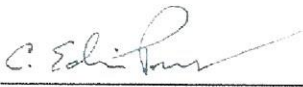
**RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL:**

Van Do-Reynoso, MPH, PhD  
Director

**APPROVED AS TO ACCOUNTING FORM:**

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Auditor-Controller

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Department Head

By:  \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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By: Roxanne Shanks

Name: Roxanne Shanks

Title: Partner/CAO



## EXHIBIT A

### STATEMENT OF WORK

#### **Phase 1—Ambulance Service RFP Development**

CONTRACTOR will submit a list requesting all documents relevant to this project, including prior studies, SBCEMSA documentation, revenues, data including (as available) response performance data, and other information. After receiving the requested documentation from the SBCEMSA, they will review it prior to conducting their interviews and meetings in the following subtask.

**Task 1. Kick Off Meetings.** Meetings are designed to review and finalize the work plan. Identify unique local procurement requirements/parameters. Key internal procurement stakeholders and consultants agree key steps/responsibilities. A listing of policy level issues to be addressed before or concurrent with the development of the RFP draft is to be determined. CONTRACTOR, as needed, will meet with key internal procurement stakeholders, consultants and the allied agencies to:

- Validate the information to be used from previous Fitch studies
- Refine input regarding the operational, clinical, and economic issues that need improvement
- Request data, where needed, to support the analysis of “stretch” changes and goals
- Review the project plan, schedule of input, and draft product reviews
- Receive additional input

At a minimum, the key internal procurement stakeholders, consultants and allied agencies’ input and mid-project briefing sessions should include the Local EMS Agency (LEMSA) / health agency staffs, hospital-based providers, current transport providers’ management and employee representatives, fire and police chiefs associations; the City Managers Association; the COUNTY Chief Executive Officer and Board of Supervisors, and the mayors of interested cities.

#### **Task 2. Develop Draft RFP.**

**2.1.** The comprehensive system specifications document is a key deliverable for the project. It embodies the clinical, operational, administrative oversight, and financial protection provisions for the community, which are, in essence, the detailed Agreement that the County will enter into with its provider. Typically, this document is 75-100 pages, single-spaced, depending on the community’s specific situation. There are usually 10-15 detailed county prepared attachments provided to assist potential bidders in conducting the research necessary to present a tightly defined cost proposal. This task anticipates opportunities for stakeholders to provide feedback and/or suggestions. This task involves the consultant preparing draft RFP documents, assisting the county preparing supporting attachments and outlining the rationale for specific language.

**2.2.** CONTRACTOR will conduct an operational and fiscal review briefing of the suggested key RFP elements for LEMSAs and, as directed, other COUNTY executive offices. CONTRACTOR will provide support to the SBCEMSA to create the scope of services, required bidder format tools, operational and fiscal disclosures, bidding steps, and timelines and assessment methodologies necessary for the COUNTY’s production of the RFP, bidder materials, and evaluation process. This work will incorporate the needed standard terms from other COUNTY agencies, such as Purchasing and COUNTY Counsel. CONTRACTOR will offer improvements to link the RFP elements to desired system outcomes and economic performance indicators. CONTRACTOR will

also offer fiscally driven phases to the RFP, such as a robust fiscal pre-qualification round to qualify bidders to submit an operational and pricing proposal. The RFP will require very robust deployment and economic submittals that are not traditional but designed for the bidders to *prove they have a deployment plan, staffing, logistics, and headquarters services model that matches realistic economics and planned revenues and expenses.*

**Task 3. Revise RFP Language.** The development of a final document is an iterative process. This task anticipates several review and revision sessions between the Consultant team and key county staff to dialogue about specific language, features and requirements of the RFP, avoid unintended consequences and becomes an iterative process where knowledge transfer occurs. CONTRACTOR will brief the COUNTY on their findings of this review in a written format and then in monthly reports, as necessary, for documentation.

**Task 4. Develop Process and Timeline for Procurement.** During this phase process features and final timeframes are developed and validated. The end point of this phase is the final approval of the RFP documents and supporting attachment. CONTRACTOR will provide the COUNTY the process features and final timeframes in a written format and then in monthly reports, as necessary, for documentation.

### **Phase 2—RFP Release**

**Task 5. Develop Pre-Proposal Process.** Despite our collective best efforts there will be components of the RFP or the process that will need clarification or amplification. The pre-proposal process offers potential proposers the opportunity to have their questions answered in a professional manner. Tasks leading up to the Pre-proposal conference involve coordination with purchasing to determine how information can flow within the administrative procedures used by the County.

- Brief Stakeholders on Final RFP Elements: CONTRACTOR shall brief stakeholders in multiple sessions, that can be held on-site and/or virtually.
- Board of Supervisors RFP Presentation: CONTRACTOR shall attend Board of Supervisors meeting to assist with the presentation of the RFP prior to its release to the bidder community.
- Bidders' Pre-proposal Conference: CONTRACTOR shall attend on-site and/or virtual meetings for the bidders' Pre-proposal Conference at which CONTRACTOR will assist with bidder inquiries, RFP questions, and responses.

**Task 6. Assist County Answering Follow-up Questions.** Clear concise and timely answers are required to facilitate responses to the RFP. Appropriate documentation is required to avoid litigation. Questions and answers from the conference are typically disseminated to attendees and other organizations that have expressed interest in submitting proposals and are often posted on the County's web site to facilitate transparency of the process. CONTRACTOR will assist, as directed, at formal questioning and a bidders' conference, prepare written answers to questions submitted by bidders.

### **Phase 3—Selection and Contract**

**Task 7. Recruit Panel.** Panel members must have clear expertise and be objective. This task involves developing potential candidates, vetting panel members and working with the County to develop a balanced



multi-disciplined group that will have the confidence of elected officials when that body reviews the final recommendations. CONTRACTOR shall recommend a third-party EMS Systems Expert Panel to the EMS agency, coordinate the meeting of it, provide document control, and methods to provide fairness in all steps to all bidders. In addition:

- Assist the panel with the development of its recommendation report
- Assist the COUNTY with contract development and negotiations
- Be available, if necessary, to independently verify technical issues raised by COUNTY staff or the panel

**Task 8. Develop Panel Processes & Work Plan.** The process used by the panel has to clearly demonstrate the objectivity of the process. Scoring tools are developed. Panel members are trained to ensure questions asked are fair and yield information required to score each section. The panels' activities must be appropriately documented to ensure that its evaluation can withstand a protest or legal challenge. CONTRACTOR shall provide the COUNTY the process used by the panel for scoring in a written format and then in monthly reports, as necessary, for documentation.

**Task 9. Technical Assistance.** The panel may require technical assistance or a clarification during its deliberations as requested but consultant team members do not participate in the actual scoring of proposals. This task also involves the documentation contemplated to facilitate and support a final recommendation. CONTRACTOR shall provide the COUNTY updates on this process in a written format and then in monthly reports, as necessary, for documentation.

**Task 10. Contract Negotiations.** This involves the provision of technical assistance to the County with the negotiation of the ambulance service contract. While most of the definition of the agreement will occur during the drafting of the RFP and furthermore be defined by the proposal submitted by the selected ambulance service provider, details will need to be finalized and negotiated for inclusion in the final agreement. This will include a provision-by-provision review of the agreement to ensure that each party fully understands and agrees to the provisions. A review of the RFP and proposal will also occur in order to resolve any conflicts between the final agreement, RFP and proposal.

**10.1.** CONTRACTOR will leverage its knowledge of Santa Barbara COUNTY's EMS system and the technical RFP submittals to deeply probe the RFP respondents' operational and financial status. This will provide a comprehensive understanding of each bidder's operational services plan to operate a robust, humane, professional health care workforce, along with their financial status, including financial stability, liquidity (solvency), financial leverage (debt), asset efficiency (management or turnover) profitability, market value, accounts receivables management, and other financial and performance indicators. CONTRACTOR will brief the COUNTY on their findings of this review in a written format and then in monthly reports, as necessary, for documentation.

**Task 11. Presentations.** This task involves assistance preparing and supporting presentations for key county decision makers. CONTRACTOR shall assist the SBCEMSA with the reports and presentations to key county decision makers.

**Task 12. Additional Support.** Regular virtual progress meetings during the transition are included. CONTRACTOR shall assist COUNTY staff with final vendor implementation planning. CONTRACTOR shall assist COUNTY staff to brief allied agencies regarding the final contract and implementation steps. Additional on-site support during the transition and the coordination of the development of an EMS plan for the Santa Barbara County EMS area are not anticipated, and are available at the stipulated hourly rate, if requested.

#### **Phase 4—General Administration**

In addition to the monthly reporting to the COUNTY, CONTRACTOR will provide these general services as necessary:

- Assist with and attend specific policy and/or advisory committee meetings, including the Emergency Medical Advisory Committee and RFP Advisory Committee, to provide RFP development updates.
- Assist with and attend COUNTY Board of Supervisors meetings, as required.
- Support any interaction with the California Emergency Medical Services Authority (CA EMSA), as needed, regarding the ambulance service RFP and/or contract.

#### **Meeting and Briefings**

Based on the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic impacts to travel and gatherings, many of the below meetings will be held virtually. Given the fluid nature of the pandemic, travel is still included in the budget for each proposed on-site meeting. It is mutually understood that travel costs will not be billed if travel does not occur.



ATTACHMENT A2

PROJECT TIMELINE

<b>JANUARY 2021</b>	
<b>Task 1. Project Kickoff Meetings</b>	
▪	Meet w/SBCEMSA and Health Department staff for project kickoff
▪	Finalize project work plan
▪	Policy issues list developed
▪	Determine unique procurement parameters/requirements
<b>MARCH 2021</b>	
<b>Task 2. Develop Draft RFP Language</b>	
▪	Outline RFP consistent w/findings of Phase 1 & 2
▪	Obtain stakeholder input on contract for service
▪	Meet with legal and purchasing representatives to review RFP outline, receive input and resolve outstanding concerns
▪	Meet with key decisions-makers to review RFP language
<b>JUNE 2021</b>	
<b>Task 3. Revise RFP Language</b>	
▪	Based upon county input revise draft to mitigate concerns
▪	Final RFP language review and approval
<b>Task 4. Develop Process and Timeline for Procurement</b>	
▪	Outline key process features including evaluation methodology
▪	Develop component timelines
▪	Final agency & county approval of procurement documents/timeframes
<b>SEPTEMBER 2021</b>	
<b>Task 5. Develop Pre-Proposal Process</b>	
▪	Meetings w/purchasing & county staff to organize activities and determine coordination
▪	Develop agenda & timeline for pre-conference
▪	Conduct conference
▪	Prepare summary of questions/answers and any additional research required to answer questions
<b>Task 6. Assist County Answering Follow-up Questions</b>	
▪	Post conference follow-up meeting w/purchasing & county staff re: coordination of communications from/to proposers
▪	Draft responses to questions to be approved by county
▪	Develop mechanism to fully document all communications and develop addenda with questions, answers & changes to specifications as required
<b>DECEMBER 2021</b>	
<b>Task 7. Recruit Panel of EMS System Experts</b>	
▪	Develop criteria for inclusion
▪	Prepare a list of potential candidates
▪	Pre-screen conflicts with potential candidates
▪	Consult with agency/county and develop approved list of panelists
▪	Prepare conflict of interest statements and affidavits

<b>Task 8. Develop Panel Processes, Work Plan &amp; Conduct Process</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Draft process to ensure integrity of process</li> <li>▪ Develop scoring methodology &amp; process</li> <li>▪ Provide orientation/training for evaluators</li> <li>▪ Document activities of expert</li> </ul>
<b>Task 9. Provide Additional Technical Assistance as Required</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Provide staff support as requested</li> </ul>
Prepare summary for BOS
<b>APRIL 2022</b>
<b>Task 10. Support Contract Negotiations</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Work with agency county officials to review draft agreement</li> <li>▪ Review any points of contention between parties as requested</li> <li>▪ Assist county in resolution of any outstanding issues</li> </ul>
<b>Task 11. Provide assistance presenting contract as requested</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Develop key message points for presentations</li> </ul>
Support actual presentations as required
<b>Task 12. Review and Comment on Transition Plan</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Provide summary</li> <li>▪ Additional support service/oversight requested during transition is provided hourly</li> </ul>
<b>Task 13. Develop EMS Plan</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Coordinate the development of an EMS plan for the Santa Barbara County EMS area in accordance with current State statutes and regulations</li> </ul>



## EXHIBIT B

### PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS Periodic Compensation (with attached Schedule of Fees)

- A. For CONTRACTOR services to be rendered under this Agreement, CONTRACTOR shall be paid a total contract amount, including cost reimbursements, not to exceed \$ **137,400.00**.
- B. Extra Work required to complete the project may be authorized only if CONTRACTOR receives written approval by the COUNTY's designated representative as identified in Paragraph 1 of the Agreement at the same rate per unit as defined in **Attachment B1**. The total amount of this contingency fund is 15% of the agreement amount or **\$20,610**.
- C. Payment for services and /or reimbursement of costs shall be made upon CONTRACTOR's satisfactory performance, based upon the scope and methodology contained in **EXHIBIT A** as determined by COUNTY. Payment for services and/or reimbursement of costs shall be based upon the costs, expenses, overhead charges and hourly rates for personnel, as defined in **Attachment B1** (Schedule of Fees). Invoices submitted for payment that are based upon **Attachment B1** must contain sufficient detail to enable an audit of the charges and provide supporting documentation if so specified in **EXHIBIT A**.
- D. Monthly, CONTRACTOR shall submit to the COUNTY DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE an invoice or certified claim on the COUNTY Treasury for the service performed over the period specified. These invoices or certified claims must cite the assigned Board Contract Number. COUNTY DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE shall evaluate the quality of the service performed and if found to be satisfactory and within the cost basis of **Attachment B1** shall initiate payment processing. COUNTY shall pay invoices or claims for satisfactory work within 30 days of receipt of correct and complete invoices or claims from CONTRACTOR. Reimbursable expenses (travel) shall be billed separately.
- E. COUNTY's failure to discover or object to any unsatisfactory work or billings prior to payment will not constitute a waiver of COUNTY's right to require CONTRACTOR to correct such work or billings or seek any other legal remedy.

**ATTACHMENT B1**

**SCHEDULE OF FEES**

<b>Project Component</b>	<b>Consulting Fees of Project Team</b>	<b>Reimbursable Expenses (Travel)</b>	<b>Estimated Total</b>
Delivery of Draft RFP to LEMSA - 27.5%	<b>\$33,173.00</b>		
Delivery of final RFP to LEMSA (includes CA EMSA approval) – 27.5%	<b>\$33,173.00</b>		
RFP Release and Response to Proposer Questions — 20%	<b>\$24,372.00</b>		
Panel Process and Evaluation — 15%	<b>\$18,279.00</b>		
General Administration (a portion of which may be billed throughout the project) — 10%	<b>\$26,403.00</b>		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$135,400.00</b>	<b>\$2,000</b>	<b>\$137,400</b>

The hourly rate used for hourly billing and an hourly reconciliation, if tasks within a particular milestone need to be billed to ensure timely billing, is \$375.

**EXHIBIT C**  
**Indemnification and Insurance Requirements**  
**(For Professional Contracts)**

INDEMNIFICATION

CONTRACTOR agrees to indemnify, defend (with counsel reasonably approved by COUNTY) and hold harmless COUNTY and its officers, officials, employees, agents and volunteers from and against any and all claims, actions, losses, damages, judgments and/or liabilities arising out of this Agreement from any cause whatsoever, including the acts, errors or omissions of any person or entity and for any costs or expenses (including but not limited to attorneys' fees) incurred by COUNTY on account of any claim except where such indemnification is prohibited by law. CONTRACTOR's indemnification obligation applies to COUNTY's active as well as passive negligence but does not apply to COUNTY's sole negligence or willful misconduct.

NOTIFICATION OF ACCIDENTS AND SURVIVAL OF INDEMNIFICATION PROVISIONS

CONTRACTOR shall notify COUNTY immediately in the event of any accident or injury arising out of or in connection with this Agreement. The indemnification provisions in this Agreement shall survive any expiration or termination of this Agreement.

INSURANCE

CONTRACTOR shall procure and maintain for the duration of this Agreement insurance against claims for injuries to persons or damages to property which may arise from or in connection with the performance of the work hereunder and the results of that work by the CONTRACTOR, his agents, representatives, employees or subcontractors.

A. Minimum Scope of Insurance

Coverage shall be at least as broad as:

1. **Commercial General Liability (CGL):** Insurance Services Office (ISO) Form CG 00 01 covering CGL on an "occurrence" basis, including products-completed operations, personal & advertising injury, with limits no less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 in the aggregate.
2. **Automobile Liability:** ISO Form Number CA 00 01 covering any auto (Code 1), or if CONTRACTOR has no owned autos, hired, (Code 8) and non-owned autos (Code 9), with limit no less than \$1,000,000 per accident for bodily injury and property damage.
3. **Workers' Compensation:** as required by the State of California, with Statutory Limits, and Employer's Liability Insurance with limit of no less than \$1,000,000 per accident for bodily injury or disease.
4. **Professional Liability (Errors and Omissions)** Insurance appropriate to the CONTRACTOR'S profession, with limit of no less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence or claim, \$2,000,000 aggregate.

If the CONTRACTOR maintains higher limits than the minimums shown above, the COUNTY requires and shall be entitled to coverage for the higher limits maintained by the CONTRACTOR. Any Available insurance proceeds in



excess of the specified minimum limits of insurance and coverage shall be available to the COUNTY.

#### B. Other Insurance Provisions

The insurance policies are to contain, or be endorsed to contain, the following provisions:

1. **Additional Insured** – COUNTY, its officers, officials, employees, agents and volunteers are to be covered as additional insureds on the CGL policy with respect to liability arising out of work or operations performed by or on behalf of the CONTRACTOR including materials, parts, or equipment furnished in connection with such work or operations. General liability coverage can be provided in the form of an endorsement to the CONTRACTOR's insurance at least as broad as ISO Form CG 20 10 11 85 or if not available, through the addition of both CG 20 10 and CG 20 37 if a later edition is used).
2. **Primary Coverage** – For any claims related to this Agreement, the CONTRACTOR's insurance coverage shall be primary insurance as respects the COUNTY, its officers, officials, employees, agents and volunteers. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the COUNTY, its officers, officials, employees, agents or volunteers shall be excess of the CONTRACTOR's insurance and shall not contribute with it.
3. **Notice of Cancellation** – Each insurance policy required above shall provide that coverage shall not be canceled, except with notice to the COUNTY.
4. **Waiver of Subrogation Rights** – CONTRACTOR hereby grants to COUNTY a waiver of any right to subrogation which any insurer of said CONTRACTOR may acquire against the COUNTY by virtue of the payment of any loss under such insurance. CONTRACTOR agrees to obtain any endorsement that may be necessary to effect this waiver of subrogation, but this provision applies regardless of whether or not the COUNTY has received a waiver of subrogation endorsement from the insurer.
5. **Deductibles and Self-Insured Retention** – Any deductibles or self-insured retentions must be declared to and approved by the COUNTY. The COUNTY may require the CONTRACTOR to purchase coverage with a lower deductible or retention or provide proof of ability to pay losses and related investigations, claim administration, and defense expenses within the retention.
6. **Acceptability of Insurers** – Unless otherwise approved by Risk Management, insurance shall be written by insurers authorized to do business in the State of California and with a minimum A.M. Best's Insurance Guide rating of "A- VII".
7. **Verification of Coverage** – CONTRACTOR shall furnish the COUNTY with proof of insurance, original certificates and amendatory endorsements as required by this Agreement. The proof of insurance, certificates and endorsements are to be received and approved by the COUNTY before work commences. However, failure to obtain the required documents prior to the work beginning shall not waive the CONTRACTOR's obligation to provide them. The CONTRACTOR shall furnish evidence of renewal of coverage throughout the term of the Agreement. The COUNTY reserves the right to require complete, certified copies of all required insurance policies, including endorsements required by these specifications, at any time.

8. **Failure to Procure Coverage** – In the event that any policy of insurance required under this Agreement does not comply with the requirements, is not procured, or is canceled and not replaced, COUNTY has the right but not the obligation or duty to terminate the Agreement. Maintenance of required insurance coverage is a material element of the Agreement and failure to maintain or renew such coverage or to provide evidence of renewal may be treated by COUNTY as a material breach of contract.
9. **Subcontractors** – CONTRACTOR shall require and verify that all subcontractors maintain insurance meeting all the requirements stated herein, and CONTRACTOR shall ensure that COUNTY is an additional insured on insurance required from subcontractors.
10. **Claims Made Policies** – If any of the required policies provide coverage on a claims-made basis:
  - i. The Retroactive Date must be shown and must be before the date of the contract or the beginning of contract work.
  - ii. Insurance must be maintained and evidence of insurance must be provided for at least five (5) years after completion of contract work.
  - iii. If coverage is canceled or non-renewed, and not replaced with another claims-made policy form with a Retroactive Date prior to the contract effective date, the CONTRACTOR must purchase “extended reporting” coverage for a minimum of five (5) years after completion of contract work.
11. **Special Risks or Circumstances** – COUNTY reserves the right to modify these requirements, including limits, based on the nature of the risk, prior experience, insurer, coverage, or other special circumstances.

Any change requiring additional types of insurance coverage or higher coverage limits must be made by amendment to this Agreement. CONTRACTOR agrees to execute any such amendment within thirty (30) days of receipt.

Any failure, actual or alleged, on the part of COUNTY to monitor or enforce compliance with any of the insurance and indemnification requirements will not be deemed as a waiver of any rights on the part of COUNTY.

**EXHIBIT D**  
**HIPAA BUSINESS ASSOCIATE AGREEMENT (BAA)**

This Business Associate Agreement (“BAA”) supplements and is made a part of the Agreement between COUNTY (referred to herein as “Covered Entity”) and CONTRACTOR (referred to herein as “Business Associate”).

**RECITALS**

Covered Entity wishes to disclose certain information to Business Associate pursuant to the terms of the Agreement, some of which may constitute Protected Health Information (“PHI”) (defined below).

Covered Entity and Business Associate intend to protect the privacy and provide for the security of PHI disclosed to Business Associate pursuant to the Agreement in compliance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, Public Law 104-191 (“HIPAA”), the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act, Public Law 111-005 (“HITECH Act”), and 45 CFR Parts 160 and 164, Subpart C (the “Security Rule”), Subpart D (the “Data Breach Notification Rule”) and Subpart E (the “Privacy Rule”) (collectively, the “HIPAA Regulations”).

As part of the HIPAA Regulations, the Privacy Rule and the Security Rule (defined below) require Covered Entity to enter into a contract containing specific requirements with Business Associate prior to the disclosure of PHI, as set forth in, but not limited to, Title 45, Sections 164.314(a), 164.502(e) and 164.504(e) of the Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) and contained in this BAA.

In consideration of the mutual promises below and the exchange of information pursuant to this BAA, the parties agree as follows:

**1. Definitions**

- a. **Breach** shall have the meaning given to such term under the HITECH Act [42 U.S.C. Section 17921].
- b. **Business Associate** shall have the meaning given to such term under the Privacy Rule, the Security Rule, and the HITECH Act, including but not limited to, 42 U.S.C. Section 17938 and 45 C.F.R. Section 160.103.
- c. **Covered Entity** shall have the meaning given to such term under the Privacy Rule and the Security Rule, including, but not limited to, 45 C.F.R. Section 160.103.
- d. **Data Aggregation** shall have the meaning given to such term under the Privacy Rule, including, but not limited to, 45 C.F.R. Section 164.501.
- e. **Designated Record Set** shall have the meaning given to such term under the Privacy Rule, including, but not limited to, 45 C.F.R. Section 164.501.
- f. **Electronic Protected Health Information** means Protected Health Information that is maintained in or transmitted by electronic media.
- g. **Electronic Health Record** shall have the meaning given to such term in the HITECH Act, including, but not limited to, 42 U.S.C. Section 17921.
- h. **Health Care Operations** shall have the meaning given to such term under the Privacy Rule, including, but not limited to, 45 C.F.R. Section 164.501.
- i. **Privacy Rule** shall mean the HIPAA Regulation that is codified at 45 C.F.R. Parts 160 and 164, Subparts A and E.
- j. **Protected Health Information or PHI** means any information, whether oral or recorded in any form or medium: (i) that relates to the past, present or future physical or mental condition of an individual; the provision of health care to an individual; or the past, present or future payment for the provision of health



care to an individual; and (ii) that identifies the individual or with respect to which there is a reasonable basis to believe the information can be used to identify the individual, and shall have the meaning given to such term under the Privacy Rule, including, but not limited to, 45 C.F.R. Section 164.501. Protected Health Information includes Electronic Protected Health Information [45 C.F.R. Sections 160.103, 164.501].

- k. **Protected Information** shall mean PHI provided by Covered Entity to Business Associate or created or received by Business Associate on Covered Entity's behalf.
- l. **Security Rule** shall mean the HIPAA Regulation that is codified at 45 C.F.R. Parts 160 and 164, Subparts A and C.
- m. **Unsecured PHI** shall have the meaning given to such term under the HITECH Act and any guidance issued pursuant to such Act including, but not limited to, 42 U.S.C. Section 17932(h).

## 2. Obligations of Business Associate

- a. **Permitted Uses.** Business Associate shall not use Protected Information except for the purpose of performing Business Associate's obligations under the Agreement and as permitted under the Agreement and this BAA. Further, Business Associate shall not use Protected Information in any manner that would constitute a violation of the Privacy Rule or the HITECH Act if so used by Covered Entity. However, Business Associate may use Protected Information (i) for the proper management and administration of Business Associate, (ii) to carry out the legal responsibilities of Business Associate, or (iii) for Data Aggregation purposes for the Health Care Operations of Covered Entity [45 C.F.R. Sections 164.504(e)(2)(ii)(A) and 164.504(e)(4)(i)].
- b. **Permitted Disclosures.** Business Associate shall not disclose Protected Information except for the purpose of performing Business Associate's obligations under the Agreement and as permitted under the Agreement and this BAA. Business Associate shall not disclose Protected Information in any manner that would constitute a violation of the Privacy Rule or the HITECH Act if so disclosed by Covered Entity. However, Business Associate may disclose Protected Information (i) for the proper management and administration of Business Associate; (ii) to carry out the legal responsibilities of Business Associate; (iii) as required by law; or (iv) for Data Aggregation purposes for the Health Care Operations of Covered Entity. If Business Associate discloses Protected Information to a third party, Business Associate must obtain, prior to making any such disclosure, (i) reasonable written assurances from such third party that such Protected Information will be held confidential as provided pursuant to this BAA and only disclosed as required by law or for the purposes for which it was disclosed to such third party, and (ii) a written agreement from such third party to immediately notify Business Associate of any breaches of confidentiality of the Protected Information, to the extent the third party has obtained knowledge of such breach [42 U.S.C. Section 17932; 45 C.F.R. Sections 164.504(e)(2)(i), 164.504(e)(2)(i)(B), 164.504(e)(2)(ii)(A) and 164.504(e)(4)(ii)].
- c. **Prohibited Uses and Disclosures.** Business Associate shall not use or disclose Protected Information for fundraising or marketing purposes. Business Associate shall not disclose Protected Information to a health plan for payment or health care operations purposes if the patient has requested this special restriction, and has paid out of pocket in full for the health care item or service to which the PHI solely relates [42 U.S.C. Section 17935(a)]. Business Associate shall not directly or indirectly receive remuneration in exchange for Protected Information, except with the prior written consent of Covered Entity and as permitted by the HITECH Act, 42 U.S.C. section 17935(d)(2); however, this prohibition shall not affect payment by Covered Entity to Business Associate for services provided pursuant to the Agreement. Business Associate shall mitigate, to the extent practicable, any harmful effect that is known to Business Associate of a use or disclosure of PHI by Business Associate in violation of this Agreement, the BAA, or the HIPAA Regulations.
- d. **Appropriate Safeguards.** Business Associate shall implement appropriate safeguards as are necessary to prevent the use or disclosure of Protected Information otherwise than as permitted by the Agreement or this BAA, including, but not limited to, administrative, physical and technical safeguards that reasonably and



appropriately protect the confidentiality, integrity and availability of the Protected Information, in accordance with 45 C.F.R. Sections 164.308, 164.310, and 164.312. [45 C.F.R. Section 164.504(e)(2)(ii)(B); 45 C.F.R. Section 164.308(b)]. Business Associate shall comply with the policies and procedures and documentation requirements of the HIPAA Security Rule, including, but not limited to, 45 C.F.R. Section 164.316 [42 U.S.C. Section 17931].

- e. **Reporting of Improper Access, Use or Disclosure.** Business Associate shall report to Covered Entity in writing of any access, use or disclosure of Protected Information not permitted by the Agreement and this BAA, and any Breach of Unsecured PHI, as required by the Data Breach Notification Rule, of which it becomes aware without unreasonable delay and in no case later than five (5) business days after discovery [42 U.S.C. Section 17921; 45 C.F.R. Section 164.504(e)(2)(ii)(C); 45 C.F.R. Section 164.308(b)].
- f. **Business Associate's Subcontractors and Agents.** Business Associate shall ensure that any agents and subcontractors to whom it provides Protected Information, agree in writing to the same restrictions and conditions that apply to Business Associate with respect to such PHI and implement the safeguards required by paragraph (c) above with respect to Electronic PHI [45 C.F.R. Section 164.504(e)(2)(ii)(D); 45 C.F.R. Section 164.308(b)]. Business Associate shall implement and maintain sanctions against agents and subcontractors that violate such restrictions and conditions and shall mitigate the effects of any such violation (see 45 C.F.R. Sections 164.530(f) and 164.530(e)(1)).
- g. **Access to Protected Information.** To the extent that the Covered Entity keeps a designated record set then Business Associate shall make Protected Information maintained by Business Associate or its agents or subcontractors in Designated Record Sets available to Covered Entity for inspection and copying within five (5) days of a request by Covered Entity to enable Covered Entity to fulfill its obligations under state law [Health and Safety Code Section 123110] and the Privacy Rule, including, but not limited to, 45 C.F.R. Section 164.524 [45 C.F.R. Section 164.504(e)(2)(ii)(E)]. If Business Associate maintains an Electronic Health Record, Business Associate shall provide such information in electronic format to enable Covered Entity to fulfill its obligations under the HITECH Act, including, but not limited to, 42 U.S.C. Section 17935(e).
- h. **Amendment of PHI for Business Associate who is Required to Maintain a Record Set.** If Business Associate is required to maintain a designated record set on behalf of the Covered Entity the Business Associate shall within ten (10) days of receipt of a request from Covered Entity for an amendment of Protected Information or a record about an individual contained in a Designated Record Set, Business Associate or its agents or subcontractors shall make such Protected Information available to Covered Entity for amendment and incorporate any such amendment to enable Covered Entity to fulfill its obligations under the Privacy Rule, including, but not limited to, 45 C.F.R. Section 164.526. If any individual requests an amendment of Protected Information directly from Business Associate or its agents or subcontractors, Business Associate must notify Covered Entity in writing within five (5) days of the request. Any approval or denial of amendment of Protected Information maintained by Business Associate or its agents or subcontractors shall be the responsibility of Covered Entity [45 C.F.R. Section 164.504(e)(2)(ii)(F)].
- i. **Accounting Rights.** Within ten (10) days of notice by Covered Entity of a request for an accounting of disclosures of Protected Information, Business Associate and its agents or subcontractors shall make available to Covered Entity the information required to provide an accounting of disclosures to enable Covered Entity to fulfill its obligations under the Privacy Rule, including, but not limited to, 45 C.F.R. Section 164.528, and the HITECH Act, including but not limited to 42 U.S.C. Section 17935(c), as determined by Covered Entity. Business Associate agrees to implement a process that allows for an accounting to be collected and maintained by Business Associate and its agents or subcontractors for at least six (6) years prior to the request. However, accounting of disclosures from an Electronic Health Record for treatment, payment or health care operations purposes are required to be collected and maintained for only three (3) years prior to the request, and only to the extent that Business Associate maintains an electronic health record and is subject to this requirement. At a minimum, the information collected and maintained shall include: (i) the date of disclosure; (ii) the name of the entity or person who received Protected Information and, if known, the address of the entity or person;



- (iii) a brief description of Protected Information disclosed and (iv) a brief statement of purpose of the disclosure that reasonably informs the individual of the basis for the disclosure, or a copy of the individual's authorization, or a copy of the written request for disclosure. In the event that the request for an accounting is delivered directly to Business Associate or its agents or subcontractors, Business Associate shall within five (5) days of a request forward it to Covered Entity in writing. It shall be Covered Entity's responsibility to prepare and deliver any such accounting requested. Business Associate shall not disclose any Protected Information except as set forth in Sections 2.b. of this BAA [45 C.F.R. Sections 164.504(e)(2)(ii)(G) and 165.528]. The provisions of this subparagraph shall survive the termination of this Agreement.
- j. **Governmental Access to Records.** Business Associate shall make its internal practices, books and records relating to the use and disclosure of Protected Information available to Covered Entity and to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (Secretary) for purposes of determining Business Associate's compliance with the Privacy Rule [45 C.F.R. Section 164.504(e)(2)(ii)(H)]. Business Associate shall provide to Covered Entity a copy of any Protected Information that Business Associate provides to the Secretary concurrently with providing such Protected Information to the Secretary.
- k. **Minimum Necessary.** Business Associate (and its agents or subcontractors) shall request, use and disclose only the minimum amount of Protected Information necessary to accomplish the purpose of the request, use, or disclosure [42 U.S.C. Section 17935(b); 45 C.F.R. Section 164.514(d)(3)]. Business Associate understands and agrees that the definition of "minimum necessary" is in flux and shall keep itself informed of guidance issued by the Secretary with respect to what constitutes "minimum necessary."
- l. **Data Ownership.** Business Associate acknowledges that Business Associate has no ownership rights with respect to the Protected Information.
- m. **Business Associate's Insurance.** Business Associate represents and warrants that it purchases commercial insurance to cover its exposure for any claims, damages or losses arising as a result of a breach of the terms of this BAA.
- n. **Notification of Possible Breach.** During the term of the Agreement, Business Associate shall notify Covered Entity within twenty-four (24) hours of any suspected or actual breach of security, or any access, use or disclosure of Protected Information not permitted by the Agreement or this BAA or unauthorized use or disclosure of PHI of which Business Associate becomes aware and/or any actual or suspected use or disclosure of data in violation of any applicable federal or state laws or regulations. Business Associate shall take (i) prompt corrective action to cure any such deficiencies and (ii) any action pertaining to such unauthorized disclosure required by applicable federal and state laws and regulations. [42 U.S.C. Section 17921; 45 C.F.R. Section 164.504(e)(2)(ii)(C); 45 C.F.R. Section 164.308(b)]
- o. **Breach Pattern or Practice by Covered Entity.** Pursuant to 42 U.S.C. Section 17934(b), if the Business Associate knows of a pattern of activity or practice of the Covered Entity that constitutes a material breach or violation of the Covered Entity's obligations under the Agreement or this BAA or other arrangement, the Business Associate must take reasonable steps to cure the breach or end the violation. If the steps are unsuccessful, the Business Associate must terminate the Agreement or other arrangement if feasible, or if termination is not feasible, report the problem to the Secretary. Business Associate shall provide written notice to Covered Entity of any pattern of activity or practice of the Covered Entity that Business Associate believes constitutes a material breach or violation of the Covered Entity's obligations under the Agreement or this BAA or other arrangement within five (5) days of discovery and shall meet with Covered Entity to discuss and attempt to resolve the problem as one of the reasonable steps to cure the breach or end the violation.
- p. **Audits, Inspection and Enforcement.** Within ten (10) days of a written request by Covered Entity, Business Associate and its agents or subcontractors shall allow Covered Entity to conduct a reasonable inspection of the facilities, systems, books, records, agreements, policies and procedures relating to the use or disclosure



of Protected Information pursuant to this BAA for the purpose of determining whether Business Associate has complied with this BAA; provided, however, that (i) Business Associate and Covered Entity shall mutually agree in advance upon the scope, timing and location of such an inspection, (ii) Covered Entity shall protect the confidentiality of all confidential and proprietary information of Business Associate to which Covered Entity has access during the course of such inspection; and (iii) Covered Entity shall execute a nondisclosure agreement, upon terms mutually agreed upon by the parties, if requested by Business Associate. The fact that Covered Entity inspects, or fails to inspect, or has the right to inspect, Business Associate's facilities, systems, books, records, agreements, policies and procedures does not relieve Business Associate of its responsibility to comply with this BAA, nor does Covered Entity's (i) failure to detect or (ii) detection, but failure to notify Business Associate or require Business Associate's remediation of any unsatisfactory practices, constitute acceptance of such practice or a waiver of Covered Entity's enforcement rights under the Agreement or this BAA, Business Associate shall notify Covered Entity within ten (10) days of learning that Business Associate has become the subject of an audit, compliance review, or complaint investigation by the Office for Civil Rights.

- q. **Compliance with HIPAA Workforce Training.** As set forth in section 164.530 of 45 CFR Business Associate is expected to adhere to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) regulations to the extent necessary to comply with Covered Entity's legal obligations and to develop and maintain comprehensive consumer confidentiality policies and procedures, provide annual training of all affected staff regarding those policies and procedures including Security and Privacy safeguards, and demonstrate reasonable effort to secure written and/or electronic data to document the provision of such training and agrees to make available to the Covered Entity upon request. The parties should anticipate that this agreement will be modified as necessary for full compliance with HIPAA.

### 3. Termination

- a. **Material Breach.** A breach by Business Associate of any provision of this BAA, as determined by Covered Entity, shall constitute a material breach of the Agreement and shall provide grounds for immediate termination of the Agreement, any provision in the Agreement to the contrary notwithstanding [45 C.F.R. Section 164.504(e)(2)(iii)].
- b. **Judicial or Administrative Proceedings.** Covered Entity may terminate the Agreement, effective immediately, if (i) Business Associate is named as a defendant in a criminal proceeding for a violation of HIPAA, the HITECH Act, the HIPAA Regulations or other security or privacy laws or (ii) a finding or stipulation that the Business Associate has violated any standard or requirement of HIPAA, the HITECH Act, the HIPAA Regulations or other security or privacy laws is made in any administrative or civil proceeding in which the party has been joined.
- c. **Effect of Termination.** Upon termination of the Agreement for any reason, Business Associate shall, at the option of Covered Entity, return or destroy all Protected Information that Business Associate or its agents or subcontractors still maintain in any form, and shall retain no copies of such Protected Information. If return or destruction is not feasible, as determined by Covered Entity, Business Associate shall continue to extend the protections of Section 2 of this BAA to such information, and limit further use of such PHI to those purposes that make the return or destruction of such PHI infeasible. [45 C.F.R. Section 164.504(e)(ii)(2)(I)]. If Covered Entity elects destruction of the PHI, Business Associate shall certify in writing to Covered Entity that such PHI has been destroyed.

### 4. Indemnification

If Business Associate fails to adhere to any of the privacy, confidentiality, and/or data security provisions set forth in this BAA or if there is a Breach of PHI in Business Associate's possession and, as a result, PHI or any other confidential information is unlawfully accessed, used or disclosed, Business Associate agrees to reimburse Covered Entity for any and all costs, direct or indirect, incurred by Covered Entity associated with any Breach notification obligations. Business Associate also agrees to pay for any and all fines and/or administrative penalties imposed for



such unauthorized access, use or disclosure of confidential information or for delayed reporting if it fails to notify the Covered Entity of the Breach as required by this BAA.

## **5. Disclaimer**

Covered Entity makes no warranty or representation that compliance by Business Associate with this BAA, HIPAA, the HITECH Act, or the HIPAA Regulations will be adequate or satisfactory for Business Associate's own purposes. Business Associate is solely responsible for all decisions made by Business Associate regarding the safeguarding of PHI.

## **6. Certification**

To the extent that Covered Entity determines that such examination is necessary to comply with Covered Entity's legal obligations pursuant to HIPAA relating to certification of its security practices, Covered Entity or its authorized agents or contractors, may, at Covered Entity's expense, examine Business Associate's facilities, systems, procedures and records as may be necessary for such agents or contractors to certify to Covered Entity the extent to which Business Associate's security safeguards comply with HIPAA, the HITECH Act, the HIPAA Regulations or this BAA.

## **7. Amendment to Comply with Law**

The parties acknowledge that state and federal laws relating to data security and privacy are rapidly evolving and that amendment of the Agreement or this BAA may be required to provide for procedures to ensure compliance with such developments. The parties specifically agree to take such action as is necessary to implement the standards and requirements of HIPAA, the HITECH Act, the Privacy Rule, the Security Rule and other applicable laws relating to the security or confidentiality of PHI. The parties understand and agree that Covered Entity must receive satisfactory written assurance from Business Associate that Business Associate will adequately safeguard all Protected Information. Upon the request of either party, the other party agrees to promptly enter into negotiations concerning the terms of an amendment to this BAA embodying written assurances consistent with the standards and requirements of HIPAA, the HITECH Act, the Privacy Rule, the Security Rule or other applicable laws. Covered Entity may terminate the Agreement upon thirty (30) days written notice in the event (i) Business Associate does not promptly enter into negotiations to amend the Agreement or this BAA when requested by Covered Entity pursuant to this Section or (ii) Business Associate does not enter into an amendment to the Agreement or this BAA providing assurances regarding the safeguarding of PHI that Covered Entity, in its sole discretion, deems sufficient to satisfy the standards and requirements of applicable laws.

## **8. Assistance in Litigation of Administrative Proceedings**

Business Associate shall make itself, and any subcontractors, employees or agents assisting Business Associate in the performance of its obligations under the Agreement or this BAA, available to Covered Entity, at no cost to Covered Entity, to testify as witnesses, or otherwise, in the event of litigation or administrative proceedings being commenced against Covered Entity, its directors, officers or employees based upon a claimed violation of HIPAA, the HITECH Act, the Privacy Rule, the Security Rule, or other laws relating to security and privacy, except where Business Associate or its subcontractor, employee or agent is named adverse party.

## **9. No Third-Party Beneficiaries**

Nothing express or implied in the Agreement or this BAA is intended to confer, nor shall anything herein confer, upon any person other than Covered Entity, Business Associate and their respective successors or assigns, any rights, remedies, obligations or liabilities whatsoever.

## **10. Effect on Agreement**

Except as specifically required to implement the purposes of this BAA, or to the extent inconsistent with this BAA, all other terms of the Agreement shall remain in force and effect.

## **11. Entire Agreement of the Parties**

This BAA supersedes any and all prior and contemporaneous business associate agreements between the parties and constitutes the final and entire agreement between the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof. Covered Entity and Business Associate acknowledge that no representations, inducements, promises, or agreements, oral or otherwise, with respect to the subject matter hereof, have been made by either party, or by anyone acting on behalf of either party, which are not embodied herein. No other agreement, statement or promise, with respect to the subject matter hereof, not contained in this BAA shall be valid or binding.

## **12. Interpretation**

The provisions of this BAA shall prevail over any provisions in the Agreement that may conflict or appear inconsistent with any provision in this BAA. This BAA and the Agreement shall be interpreted as broadly as necessary to implement and comply with HIPAA, the HITECH Act, the Privacy Rule and the Security Rule. The parties agree that any ambiguity in this BAA shall be resolved in favor of a meaning that complies and is consistent with HIPAA, the HITECH Act, the Privacy Rule and the Security Rule.