

AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES OF INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR
between
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
and
FINANCIAL CREDIT NETWORK, INC.
for the period
March 15, 2016 through June 30, 2018

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 Financial Credit Network, Inc. with an address at 1300 West Main Street, Visalia, CA 93291 (hereafter CONTRACTOR) wherein CONTRACTOR agrees to provide and COUNTY agrees to accept the services specified herein.

WHEREAS, COUNTY Public Health Department has several hundred Certified Unified Program Agencies (CUPA) facilities paying annual fees for hazardous materials oversight; and

WHEREAS, the Public Health Department has experienced that many of the existing CUPA facilities are delinquent in paying their annual fees; and

WHEREAS, County Public Works Department has existing agreements with CONTRACTOR for collection services on certain returned checks and delinquent commercial accounts; and

WHEREAS, this agreement rescinds and supersedes the Public Works Department's current agreements with CONTRACTOR, except any returned checks or delinquent commercial accounts referred to CONTRACTOR pursuant to those agreements and prior to the effective date of this Agreement shall be subject to the rates of payment set forth therein; and

WHEREAS, CONTRACTOR, is a member in good standing of the California Association of Collectors, operating in accordance with the terms of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act and procedures of ACA International; and

WHEREAS, CONTRACTOR has the ability to collect delinquent fees from facilities and return to COUNTY a percentage of said fees; and

WHEREAS, during a recent state audit of the CUPA, the lack of a collections system was identified as a CUPA program deficiency; and

WHEREAS, this agreement is a Board of Supervisors action to assign the COUNTY debts for the Public Health Department CUPA Program and the Public Works Department returned checks and commercial accounts to CONTRACTOR for collections; and

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

Erin O’Connell, Hazardous Materials Program Supervisor at phone number 805-681-4044 is the representative of Public Health Department and Colleen Hankins, Financial Manager at phone number 805-882-3610 is the representative of the Public Works Department and they will administer this Agreement for and on behalf of COUNTY. Kris Davisson at phone number 800-540-9011 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, by personal delivery or facsimile, or with postage prepaid by first class mail, registered or certified mail, or express courier service, as follows:

To COUNTY: Public Health Department
Erin O’Connell
Hazardous Materials Supervisor
Environmental Health Services
County of Santa Barbara, Public Health Department
225 Camino del Remedio
Santa Barbara, CA 93110
PH: 805-681-4044

Public Works Department
Colleen Hankins
Financial Manager
Resource Recovery & Waste Management
County of Santa Barbara, Public Works Department
130 E. Victoria Ave., Suite 100
Santa Barbara, CA 93101
PH: 805-882-3610

To CONTRACTOR: Kris Davisson
Vice President
1300 W. Main St.
Visalia, CA 93291
Ph: 800-540-9011

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 March 15, 2016 and end performance upon completion, but no later than June 30, 2018, unless earlier terminated as specified in Section 19 TERMINATION. COUNTY shall have the right to renew the agreement for up to two, three-year periods.

5. COMPENSATION OF CONTRACTOR

In full consideration for CONTRACTOR's services, CONTRACTOR will be entitled to a commission of 29% of all principal amounts collected from whatever source on accounts assigned by COUNTY pursuant to this Agreement. In the event of legal action or forwarding the commission percentage will increase to 39%. CONTRACTOR will retain any amounts collected over and above the principal amount of debt that is assigned to offset losses in court costs and attorney fees for performance under this Agreement in accordance with the terms of EXHIBIT B attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. Payments to County shall be made on a monthly basis, when collections are successful, and include documentation of the full amount collected, minus CONTRACTOR commissions and shall include the Board 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.

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 venturer, 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. 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, 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 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. 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.

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.

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Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor between the **County of Santa Barbara** and Financial Credit Network, Inc.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement to be effective on the date executed by COUNTY.

ATTEST:

Mona Miyasato
County Executive Officer
Clerk of the Board

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA:

By: _____
Chair, Board of Supervisors

Date: _____

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL:

Takashi Wada, MD, MPH
Director / Deputy Health Officer

By: _____
Department Head

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL:

Scott McGolpin
Director / Public Works Department

By: _____
Department Head

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Michael C. Ghizzoni
County Counsel

By: _____
Deputy County Counsel

APPROVED AS TO ACCOUNTING FORM:

Robert W. Geis, CPA
Auditor-Controller

By: _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Risk Management

By: _____
Risk Management

CONTRACTOR:

Kris Davisson, Vice President
Financial Credit Network, Inc.

By:

EXHIBIT A
STATEMENT OF WORK

COUNTY Board of Supervisors has voted to assign COUNTY debts associated with certain delinquent accounts receivable with CONTRACTOR to be collected following the terms below:

- **COLLECTION ACTIVITIES:** CONTRACTOR will investigate all accounts referred to it for collection by the COUNTY and will initially attempt collection by correspondence and telephone solicitation.
 - **LEGAL ACTIONS:** Contingent upon approval from the COUNTY representatives listed in Section 1 DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVES, CONTRACTOR may initiate litigation to collect overdue and outstanding balances in accordance with COUNTY collection policies. When legal action is commenced against a debtor, the "COUNTY" shall assign to the CONTRACTOR, in writing, all rights, title and interest of the "COUNTY" in the account. Unless the "COUNTY" requires otherwise, the CONTRACTOR shall file all suits in its own name and will be responsible for all court costs and expenses of suit, including attorneys' fees."
- All collection activities and legal action status will be entered by CONTRACTOR into its web-based proprietary database accessible by COUNTY at any time to verify the status of these activities, actions, amounts and recoveries involved.
- **COMPLIANCE:** Any activities by CONTRACTOR will be in accordance with the terms of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act and procedures of ACA International, and the California Association of Collectors, of which it is, and will remain, a member in good standing.
- **INPUT OF ACCOUNTS:** CONTRACTOR will maintain computer equipment to permit the referral of accounts through electronic submission. Delinquent accounts may also be assigned on CONTRACTOR's regular assignment sheets prepared by COUNTY. The COUNTY will make available to CONTRACTOR such adequate information as is necessary to perform an efficient collection service.
- **REMITTANCE AND REMITTANCE REPORTS:** CONTRACTOR will furnish a monthly report and remittances of collection made on all collection activities and legal actions to COUNTY on or before the 15th day of each month. Payments made via personal check, credit card and Auto-pay check by phone will be held for a period of 15 days from the date posted to the consumer's account before they appear on the remittance report. At COUNTY's option upon reasonable notice to CONTRACTOR, reports and remittances may be made on a weekly or bi-weekly basis.
- **DEBTOR STATUS REPORTS:** CONTRACTOR will furnish a debtor client inventory report upon request or reports can be set up to be received automatically at COUNTY's discretion.
- **BANKRUPTCY NOTIFICATION:** COUNTY shall notify CONTRACTOR immediately when notified that their customer has filed bankruptcy.
- **UNCOLLECTED ACCOUNTS:** CONTRACTOR shall notify COUNTY of any uncollected accounts that have reached their expiration dates (according to COUNTY policies) or any accounts in progress of collection or legal activities when the agreement is terminated or expired and return the information on those accounts to the COUNTY for its reconciliation purposes.
- **WITHDRAWAL AND CANCELLATION OF ACCOUNTS:** The COUNTY will have the right to withdraw or cancel accounts forwarded to CONTRACTOR, however CONTRACTOR's fee will be due on any account canceled by

COUNTY, if at the time that withdrawal or cancellation is requested by COUNTY, the account is in an active repayment plan or litigation. CONTRACTOR shall provide monthly written confirmation of all cancellations. Special circumstances will be evaluated upon receipt of written request by COUNTY. CONTRACTOR will not reactivate any account previously returned to COUNTY, without express written permission by COUNTY.

- DEBT ADJUSTMENT: COUNTY retains the right to make adjustments to account debts based upon the COUNTY Program collection and appeals policies. COUNTY will immediately notify CONTRACTOR of any such account debt adjustments.

EXHIBIT B

PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS

Periodic Compensation

- A. CONTRACTOR will be entitled to a commission of 29% of all principal amounts collected from whatever source on accounts assigned by COUNTY pursuant to this Agreement. In the event of legal action, described in Exhibit A LEGAL ACTIONS, or forwarding the commission percentage will increase to 39%. CONTRACTOR will retain any amounts collected over and above the principal amount of debt assigned to offset losses in court costs and attorney fees.
- B. Payments to COUNTY will be remitted monthly by check (or other methodology mutually agreed by Parties) for any month when there are collections on delinquent accounts based upon the scope and methodology contained in EXHIBIT A as determined by COUNTY.
- C. COUNTY's failure to discover or object to any unsatisfactory work or commissions 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.

Exhibit C

Indemnification and Insurance Requirements (For Contract with Financial Credit Network, Inc.)

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, its 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. **Performance Bond:** as described below.

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 affect 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. **Performance Bond** – CONTRACTOR shall furnish to County, per Government Code Section 26221, a Faithful Performance Bond in the sum of not less than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) payable to the County of Santa Barbara and executed by a corporate surety licensed to do business as a surety in the State of California. Such bond shall be conditioned upon faithful performance by CONTRACTOR of the terms and conditions of this Agreement and shall be renewed by CONTRACTOR to provide for continuing liability in the above amount notwithstanding any payment of recovery thereon.
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:

A. Definitions

1. **Breach** shall have the meaning given to such term under the HITECH Act [42 U.S.C. Section 17921].
2. **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.
3. **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.
4. **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.
5. **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.
6. **Electronic Protected Health Information** means Protected Health Information that is maintained in or transmitted by electronic media.
7. **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.
8. **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.
9. **Privacy Rule** shall mean the HIPAA Regulation that is codified at 45 C.F.R. Parts 160 and 164, Subparts A and E.

10. **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].
11. **Protected Information** shall mean PHI provided by Covered Entity to Business Associate or created or received by Business Associate on Covered Entity's behalf.
12. **Security Rule** shall mean the HIPAA Regulation that is codified at 45 C.F.R. Parts 160 and 164, Subparts A and C.
13. **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).

B. Obligations of Business Associate

1. **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)].
2. **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)].
3. **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.

4. **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].
5. **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 60 calendar 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)].
6. **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)).
7. **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).
8. **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)].

9. **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.
10. **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.
11. **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."
12. **Data Ownership.** Business Associate acknowledges that Business Associate has no ownership rights with respect to the Protected Information.
13. **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.
14. **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)]

15. **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.
16. **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.

C. Termination

1. **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)].
2. **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.
3. **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.

D. 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.

E. 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.

F. 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.

G. 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.

H. 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.

I. 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.

J. 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.

K. 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.

L. 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.