

COMMUNITY WORKFORCE AGREEMENT

BY AND BETWEEN

THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

AND

THE TRI COUNTIES BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION

TRADES COUNCIL, AFL-CIO

AND

THE SIGNATORY CRAFT COUNCILS AND UNIONS

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## **COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA COMMUNITY WORKFORCE AGREEMENT**

This Community Workforce Agreement (hereinafter, "Agreement") is entered into by and between the County of Santa Barbara and its successors or assigns (herein together with the Santa Barbara County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, Santa Barbara County Water Agency, Laguna County Sanitation District, and Santa Barbara County Fire Protection District, collectively, the "County"), the Tri Counties Building & Construction Trades Council, AFL-CIO (the "Trades Council"), and the Craft Councils and Unions signing this Agreement (hereinafter together with the Trades Council, collectively, the "Unions"). This Agreement establishes the labor relations guidelines and procedures for the County and for the Contractors and craft employees represented by the Unions and engaged in Project Work. The County, Trades Council and Unions are hereinafter referred to herein, as the context may require, as "Party" or "Parties."

The Parties to this Agreement understand that if this Agreement is acceptable to the County, the policy of the County will be for the Project Work to be contracted exclusively to Contractors who agree to execute and be bound by the terms of this Agreement, directly or through the Letter of Assent (defined below), and to require each of its subcontractors, of whatever tier, to become bound. The County shall include, directly or by incorporation by reference, the requirements of this Agreement in the advertisement of and/or specifications for each and every contract for Project Work to be awarded by the County.

The County shall actively administer and enforce the obligations of this Agreement to ensure that the benefits envisioned from it flow to all signatory Parties, the Contractors and crafts persons working under it, and the residents of the County. The County shall therefore designate a "Community Workforce Coordinator," either from its own existing staff, hire a new staff member or an independent contractor acting on behalf of the County, who will, with the support of the Contractors and Unions, monitor compliance with this Agreement; assist, as the authorized representative of the County, in developing and implementing the programs referenced herein, all of which are critical to fulfilling the intent and purposes of the Parties and this Agreement; and to otherwise implement and administer this Agreement.

The term "Apprentice" as used in this Agreement shall mean those employees registered and participating in Joint Labor/Management Apprenticeship Programs approved by the Division of Apprenticeship Standards, Department of Industrial Relations of the State of California, and the Federal Department of Labor to the extent required by any Project funding source.

The term "Contractor" as used in this Agreement includes any individual, firm, partnership, or corporation, or combination thereof, including joint ventures, which as an Independent Contractor has entered into a contract with the County with respect to the Project Work, or with another Contractor as a subcontractor of whatever tier utilized by any such Contractor for Project Work. Contractor may also be referred to as Employer in this Agreement.

The term "Joint Labor/Management Apprenticeship Program" or "Approved Apprenticeship Programs," as used in this Agreement means a joint Union and Contractor

administered apprenticeship program certified by the Division of Apprenticeship Standards, Department of Industrial Relations of the State of California, and the Federal Department of Labor to the extent required by any Project funding source.

The term “Local Area Resident” as used in this Agreement means a qualified person whose principal residence is located within Santa Barbara, Ventura and San Luis Obispo counties, as is more fully described in Section 3.5.1 of this Agreement.

The term “Letter of Assent” as used in this Agreement means the document that each Contractor (of any tier) must sign and submit to the Community Workforce Coordinator and copied to the Trades Council, before beginning any Project Work, which formally binds them to adhere to all applicable forms, requirements and conditions of this Agreement, in the form of the letter attached hereto as Attachment B.

The term “Project” as used in this Agreement means any individual construction project that is included within the definition of Project Work.

The term “Project Work” as used in this Agreement means the renovation, rehabilitation, repair, retrofit, upgrade, reconstruction, replacement, improvement and construction work performed under contract, as further described in Section 2.2 of this Agreement and in the Santa Barbara County Community Workforce Agreement Resolution.

The term “Maintenance and Repair” means work for the repair, restoration, rehabilitation, or preservation of the condition of an existing facility or structure that is not for the purpose of increasing size or capacity, or an alteration to accommodate a new or different use, including, for example and without limitation; repair, repaving, resurfacing, or restriping of streets; repair and replacement of existing sidewalks and paseos; installation of driveways; installation of curb ramps and other accessibility features as required by the Americans With Disabilities Act or similar statute; replacement, repair or rehabilitation of existing infrastructure; repainting, resurfacing, reroofing of buildings; replacement of windows, doors, electrical wiring, or plumbing; replacement of existing turf or landscape.

The terms “Master Labor Agreements” or “MLAs,” as used in this Agreement, means the local collective bargaining agreements of the signatory Unions having jurisdiction over the Project Work and which have signed this Agreement which are specifically identified in Attachment A to this Agreement.

The term “Signatory Contractor” means any Contractor who is a signatory to an existing Master Labor Agreement with a Union signatory to this Agreement. All other Contractors are considered “Non-signatory Contractors.”

The term “Subscription Agreement” means the contract between a Contractor and a Union’s Labor/Management Trust Fund(s) that allows the Contractor to make the appropriate fringe benefit contributions in accordance with the terms of MLA.

The Unions and all Contractors agree to abide by the terms and conditions of this Agreement and agree that this Agreement represents the complete understanding of the Parties. No Contractor is or will be required to sign or otherwise become a party to any other collective bargaining agreement with a signatory Union as a condition of performing work within the scope of this Agreement.

The Parties agree that this Agreement will be made available to, and will fully apply to, any successful bidder for Project Work, without regard to whether that successful bidder performs work at other sites on either a union or non-union basis. This Agreement shall not apply to any work of any Contractor other than that on Project Work specifically covered by this Agreement.

The use of masculine or feminine gender or titles in this Agreement should be construed as including both genders and not as gender limitations unless the Agreement clearly requires a different construction. Further, the use of Article titles and/or Section headings are for information only and carry no legal significance.

## **ARTICLE 1 INTENT AND PURPOSE**

Section 1.1 Identification and Retention of Skilled Labor and Employment of Local Area Residents: The construction and capital improvement work scheduled to be performed by the County will require large numbers of craft personnel and other supporting workers. The parties understand and intend to use the opportunities provided by the Project Work to be covered by this Agreement to identify and promote, through cooperative efforts, programs and procedures (which may include, for example, programs to prepare persons for entrance into formal apprenticeship programs, or outreach programs to the community describing opportunities available as a result of the Project Work), the interest and involvement of Local Area Residents in the construction industry; assist them in entering the construction trades, and through utilization of the approved apprenticeship programs, provide training opportunities for those Local Area Residents and other individuals wishing to pursue a career in construction. Further, with assistance of the Community Workforce Coordinator, the County, the Contractors, the Trades Council, the Unions and their affiliated regional and national organizations, will work jointly to develop and implement procedures promptly for the identification of craft needs, the scheduling of work to facilitate the utilization of available craft workers, and to secure the services of craft workers in sufficient numbers to meet the high demands of the Project Work.

Section 1.2 Encouragement of Local Area Contractors: The Project Work will provide many opportunities for local contractors and suppliers to participate, and the parties therefore agree that they will cooperate with all efforts of the County, the Community Workforce Coordinator, and other organizations retained by the County for the purpose of encouraging and assisting the participation of such businesses in Project Work. The parties intend and will cooperate to ensure that the provisions of this Agreement do not inadvertently establish impediments to the participation of Local Area Residents and Contractors and will expend every effort to support local referral capabilities.

Section 1.3 Project Cooperation: The parties recognize that the construction to take place under this Agreement involves unique and special circumstances which dictate the need for the parties to develop specific procedures to promote high quality, rapid and uninterrupted construction methods, and practices. The smooth operation and cost effective, successful and timely completion of the work is vitally important to the County. The parties therefore agree that maximum cooperation among all parties involved is required; and that with construction work of this magnitude, with multiple contractors and crafts performing work on multiple sites over an extended period of time, all parties agree to work in a spirit of harmony and cooperation, and with an overriding commitment to maintain the continuity and timely completion of Project Work.

Section 1.4 Workers' Compensation Carve-out: Further, the parties recognize the potential which the Project may provide for the implementation of a cost-effective workers' compensation system as permitted by California Labor Code, Section 3201.5, as revised. Should the County request, the Union parties agree to meet and negotiate in good faith with representatives of the County for the development, and subsequent implementation, of an effective program involving improved and revised dispute resolution and medical care procedures for the delivery of workers' compensation benefits and medical coverage as permitted by the Code.

Section 1.5 Peaceful Resolution of All Disputes: In recognition of the special needs of the Project Work covered by this Agreement and to maintain a spirit of harmony, labor-management peace and stability during the term of this Community Workforce Agreement, the parties agree to establish effective and binding methods for the settlement of all misunderstandings, disputes and grievances; and in recognition of such methods and procedures, the unions agree not to engage in any strike, slowdowns, interruptions, or disruption of Project Work, and the contractors agree not to engage in any lockout, or any other action impairing or impeding the Project Work.

Section 1.6 Binding Agreement on Parties: By executing this Agreement, the County, Trades Council, Unions, and Contractors agree to be bound by each and all of the provisions of this Agreement, and pledge that they will work together in good faith to effectuate the purposes of this Agreement, including but not limited to enhancing opportunities for the participation of Local Area Residents and Contractors.

## **ARTICLE 2 SCOPE OF AGREEMENT**

Section 2.1 General: This Agreement shall only apply to work which is contracted out by the County, as specified in Section 2.2 of this Article, and to be performed by those Contractor(s) of whatever tier that have contracts awarded for said work.

Section 2.2 Specific: The Project Work is defined and limited to:

2.2.1 All work performed under contract for construction, reconstruction, replacement, or improvement (excluding Maintenance and Repair) of public infrastructure as defined in County of Santa Barbara's Community Workforce Agreement Resolution and all subcontracts

used to complete the Project Work and not otherwise excluded from the scope of this Agreement in Section 2.3, below; and

2.2.2 Such additional work as the County may, at its sole discretion, add from time-to-time.

Section 2.3 Exclusions: Items specifically excluded from the Scope of this Agreement include the following:

2.3.1 Work of non-manual employees, including but not limited to: superintendents; administrators; supervisors; time keepers; mail carriers; clerks; office workers; messengers; guards; safety personnel; emergency medical and first aid technicians; and other professional, engineering, administrative, supervisory and management employees;

2.3.2 Equipment and machinery operated by employees of the County;

2.3.3 All off-site manufacture, movement and handling of materials, equipment, or machinery; provided, however, that lay down or storage areas for equipment or material, dedicated solely to the Project or Project Work, and the movement of materials or goods on or between locations on a Project site are within the scope of this Agreement;

2.3.4 All employees of the County, the Community Workforce Coordinator, design teams (including, but not limited to, architects, engineers and master planners), or any other consultants for the County (including, but not limited to, project managers and construction managers and their employees not engaged in manual Project Work) and their sub-consultants, and other employees of professional service organizations, not performing manual labor within the scope of this Agreement are not a covered craft under this Agreement. Every employee performing work under the Wage classification of Building/Construction Inspector and Field Soils and Material Testers under a professional services agreement or a construction contract with a Contractor shall be bound to all applicable requirements of the CWA. Notwithstanding the above, Inspectors working for or hired by or under a contract with the County are not a covered craft under this Agreement.

2.3.5 Any work performed on or near or leading to or into a site of work covered by this Agreement and undertaken by state, county, city, or other governmental bodies, or their Contractors or consultants; or by public utilities, or their Contractors or consultants; and/or by the County or its Contractors or consultants for work that is not within the scope of this Agreement;

2.3.6 Off-site maintenance of leased equipment and on-site supervision of such work;

2.3.7 Work required to be performed by the manufacturer's personnel and/or personnel certified by the manufacturer, subject to the conditions provided in this section. Certain equipment and systems of a highly technical and specialized nature may have to be installed at the Project. The nature of such equipment and systems, together with requirements of manufacturer's warranty, may dictate that it be prefabricated, pre-piped, and/or pre-wired. The

Unions agree to install such material, equipment and systems without incident, or allow such installation to be performed by the manufacturer's employees or a contractor designated by the manufacturer where the Unions are unable to perform such work. If a warranty on the manufacturer's specialty or technical equipment or systems purchased by the County requires that the installation and/or programming of such specialty or technical equipment or system be performed by the manufacturer's own personnel or a contractor certified by the manufacturer, and there are no Union signatory contractors certified or authorized by the manufacturer to install and/or perform such work, then such installation and or programming shall not be covered under this Agreement. The Contractor shall notify the Unions at the pre-job conference of the use of this provision and shall provide copies of the written warranty that require that the work be performed by the manufacturer's own personnel or a contractor certified by the manufacturer, to the affected Union. When the warranty does not require installation or programming by the manufacturer's own personnel or a contractor certified by the manufacturer, the Unions agree to perform and install such work under the supervision and direction of the manufacturer's representative;

2.3.8 Non-construction support services contracted by the County, Community Workforce Coordinator, or Contractor in connection with this Project;

2.3.9 Off-site laboratory work for testing;

2.3.10 The movement and placement of furniture, fixtures and equipment owned or controlled by the Owner; however, the installation of office furniture, fixtures and equipment that is attached to the realty shall be covered by this Agreement;

2.3.11 All work for Maintenance and/or Repair;

2.3.12 Work on a Project performed as a result of a threat to life, limb or property or another emergency requiring immediate action; and

2.3.13 All work related to design, installation and programming of Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) systems or similar systems for the automation and monitoring of facilities after the initial installation of conduit and wiring under the provisions of this Agreement.

Section 2.4 After installation by the Contractor(s) and upon issuance of a notice of completion, it is understood the County reserves the right to perform start-up, operation, repair, maintenance or revision of equipment or systems with persons of the County's choice. If required, the service representative may make a final check to protect the terms of a manufacturer's guarantee or warranty prior to start-up of a piece of equipment.

Section 2.5 Awarding of Contracts:

2.5.1 The County and/or the Contractors, as appropriate, have the absolute right to award contracts or subcontracts for Project Work to any Contractor notwithstanding the existence or non-existence of any agreements between such Contractor and any Union parties,



provided only that such Contractor is ready, willing and able to execute and be bound by the terms of this Agreement, directly or through the Letter of Assent, and to require each of its subcontractors, of whatever tier, to become similarly bound should such Contractor be awarded work covered by this Agreement. The County shall reference this Agreement in all bid notices and contracts for Project Work.

2.5.2 Subject to section 2.6, below, it is agreed that all Contractors and subcontractors of whatever tier, who have been awarded contracts for work covered by this Agreement, shall be required to accept and be bound to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, and shall evidence their acceptance by the execution of the Letter of Assent prior to the commencement of work. At the time that any Contractor enters into a subcontract with any subcontractor of any tier providing for the performance of Project Work covered under this Agreement, the Contractor shall provide a copy of this Agreement to said subcontractor and shall require the subcontractor, as a part of accepting the award of a construction subcontract, to agree in writing in the form of a Letter of Assent to be bound by each and every provision of this Agreement prior to the commencement of work on the Project. No Contractor or subcontractor shall commence Project Work without having first provided a copy of the Letter of Assent executed by it to the Community Workforce Coordinator and copied to the Trades Council forty-eight (48) hours before the commencement of Project Work, or within forty-eight (48) hours after the award of Project Work to that Contractor (or subcontractor), whichever occurs later.

Section 2.6 Coverage Exception: This Agreement shall not apply to any project if the County receives funding or assistance in whole or in part from any Federal, State, local or other public entity for the project that includes a requirement, condition or other term of receiving that funding or assistance that the County not require bidders, contractors, subcontractors or other persons or entities to enter into an agreement with one or more labor organizations or enter into an agreement that contains any of the terms set forth herein. If the County receives funding or assistance from any Federal, State, local or other public entity for a project and such funding prohibits the use of any part of this Agreement, the parties shall meet and discuss the issue. The County will make every effort to establish the enforcement of this Agreement, as may be modified pursuant to this section, with any governmental agency or granting authority and the Unions agree to jointly defend and support any needed revision which will allow the application of this Agreement to such Project.

Section 2.7 Master Labor Agreements (MLA):

2.7.1 The provisions of this Agreement, including the Master Labor Agreements (hereinafter "MLAs") in effect as of the Effective Date of this Agreement which are incorporated herein by reference, shall apply to the work covered by this Agreement. However, this Agreement supersedes the MLAs between any of the Contractors performing construction work on a Project and a Union signatory thereto to the extent the provisions of this Agreement are inconsistent with such MLAs or the subject is already addressed in this Agreement, in which event the provisions of this Agreement shall apply. However, such does not apply to work performed under the National Cooling Tower Agreement, the National Stack Agreement, the National Transit Division Agreement (NTD), work within the jurisdiction of the International Union of Elevator Constructors, and all instrument calibration and loop checking work

performed under the terms of the UA/IBEW Joint National Agreement for Instrument and Control Systems Technicians except that Articles dealing with Work Stoppages and Lock-Outs, Work Assignments and Jurisdictional Disputes, and Settlement of Grievances and Disputes shall apply to such work. Where a subject is covered by the provisions of an MLA and not covered by this Agreement, the provision of the MLA shall apply to the extent that the provision complies with all applicable Federal, State or local laws or regulations. It is specifically agreed that no later agreement shall be deemed to have precedence over this Agreement unless signed by all Parties signatory hereto who are then currently employed or represented at the Project. In addition, any Non-signatory Contractor will only be bound to comply with the limited provisions of the MLAs, as referenced above, for the MLAs in effect as of the Effective Date of this Agreement and are not subject to the provisions of Section 6.4 regarding implementing new or interim agreements. Any dispute as to the applicable source between this Agreement and any MLA for determining the working conditions of employees on this Project shall be resolved under the procedures established in Article 9.

2.7.3 It is understood that this Agreement is the primary document the Parties will use in the administration of the Project Work. The Contractor will not be obligated to sign any other local, area or national collective bargaining agreement as a condition of performing work within the scope of this Agreement (provided, however, that the Contractor may be required to sign a uniformly applied, non-discriminatory "Subscription Agreement" at the request of the trustees or administrator of a trust fund established pursuant to Section 302 of the Labor Management Relations Act, and to which such Contractor is bound to make contributions under this Agreement, provided that such Subscription Agreement does not purport to bind the Contractor beyond the terms and conditions of this Agreement and/or expand its obligation to make contributions pursuant thereto). It shall be the responsibility of the prime Contractor to have each of its subcontractors sign such Subscription Agreement, to the extent required by this Agreement, with the appropriate Craft Union prior to the subcontractor beginning Project Work.

Section 2.8 Binding Signatories Only: This Agreement shall only be binding on the signatory Parties hereto, and shall not apply to the parents, affiliates, subsidiaries, or other ventures of any such Party.

Section 2.9 Other County Work: This Agreement shall be limited to the construction work within the Scope of this Agreement including, specifically, site preparation and related demolition work, and new construction and major rehabilitation work referenced in Section 2.2 above. Nothing contained herein shall be interpreted to prohibit, restrict, or interfere with the performance of any other operation, work or function not covered by this Agreement, which may be performed by County employees or contracted for by the County for its own account, on its property or in and around a Project site.

Section 2.10 Separate Liability: The Unions agree that this Agreement does not have the effect of creating any joint employment status between or among the County or Community Workforce Coordinator and/or any Contractor.

Section 2.11 Completed Project Work: As areas, phases, portions, sections or segments of Project Work are accepted by the County, this Agreement shall have no further force or effect on

such items or areas except where the Contractor is directed by the County or its representatives to engage in repairs, modification, check-out and/or warranties functions required by its contract(s) with the County.

### **ARTICLE 3 UNION RECOGNITION AND EMPLOYMENT**

Section 3.1 Recognition: The Contractor recognizes the Trades Council and the Unions as the exclusive bargaining representative for the employees engaged in Project Work.

Section 3.2 Contractor Selection of Employees: The Contractor shall have the right to determine the competency of all employees, the duties of such employees within their craft jurisdiction, and shall have the sole responsibility for selecting employees to be laid off. The Contractor shall also have the right to reject any applicant referred by a Union for any reason; provided, however, that such right is exercised in good faith and not for the purpose of avoiding the Contractor's commitment to employ qualified workers through the procedures endorsed in this Agreement.

Section 3.3 Referral Procedures:

3.3.1 For signatory Unions having a job referral system contained in a MLA, the Contractor agrees to comply with such system and it shall be used exclusively by such Contractor, except as modified by this Agreement. Such job referral system will be operated in a nondiscriminatory manner and in full compliance with federal, state, and local laws and regulations which require equal employment opportunities and non-discrimination. All of the foregoing hiring procedures, including related practices affecting apprenticeship, shall be operated so as to consider the goals of the County to encourage employment of Local Area Residents and participation of Contractors on Project Work, including each separate contract for a Project, and to facilitate the ability of all Contractors to meet their employment needs.

3.3.2 The Unions will exert their best efforts to recruit and refer sufficient numbers of skilled craft workers to fulfill the labor requirements of the Contractor, including specific employment obligations to which the Contractor may be legally and/or contractually obligated; and to refer apprentices as requested to develop a larger, skilled workforce. The Unions will work with their affiliated regional and national unions, and jointly with the Community Workforce Coordinator and others designated by the County, to identify and refer competent craft persons as needed for Project Work, and to identify and hire individuals, giving preference to Local Area Residents, as set forth in this Agreement, for entrance into approved apprenticeship programs, or participation in other identified programs and procedures to assist individuals in qualifying and becoming eligible for such apprenticeship programs, all maintained to increase the available supply of skilled craft personnel for Project Work to be undertaken by the County.

3.3.3 The Union shall not knowingly refer an employee currently employed by a Contractor on Project Work to any other Contractor.

### 3.3.4 Core Workers:

3.3.4.1 As the initial workers on a Project, a Contractor, which is not currently working under a Master Labor Agreement, that is awarded work on the Project may directly employ up to a maximum of three (3) employees of its regular, experienced work force, where the employees so designated as “Core Workers” meet the following qualifications:

- (a) Possess any license required by state or Federal law for the Project Work to be performed;
- (b) Have worked at least two thousand (2,000) hours in the applicable trade or craft;
- (c) Have been employed by the Contractor for at least sixty (60) working days of the one hundred (100) working days immediately preceding the award of the Project Work to the Contractor;
- (d) Have the ability to safely perform the basic functions of the applicable craft or trade;
- (e) Possess healthcare coverage for life of the Project Work.

3.3.4.2 After directly employing up to three (3) Core Workers (as described above), the Contractor shall thereafter be subject to the procedures for Union referral of Project workers as set forth in section 3.3.4.3. The Contractor, upon request by the Community Workforce Coordinator, shall provide the necessary documentation to support the qualification of an employee as a Core Worker.

3.3.4.3 If additional workers are needed following the hiring of workers pursuant to the provisions above, then the Contractor shall request, and the Union shall refer, a worker from its referral list. Contractors may then directly employ one (1) additional of their qualified “Core Workers” that is referred pursuant to the referral procedures referenced in section 3.3.4.1, after which one (1) worker shall be referred from the Union referral list. This alternating procedure of referral shall continue until a maximum of six (6) core employees are employed. Thereafter all additional workers shall be requested and referred pursuant to otherwise applicable Union referral list procedures and the local hire provisions of this Agreement. In the laying off of employees, the number of core employees beyond those initially employed under Section 3.4.1.1, above, shall not exceed one-half plus one of the workforce for an Employer with twelve (12) or fewer employees, assuming the remaining employees are qualified to undertake the work available. The Contractor shall notify the appropriate Union utilizing the Craft Request Form (Attachment D) and each of the additional workers utilized under the procedures in this paragraph shall register with the Union’s hiring hall before commencing work on the Project. If there is any question regarding a worker’s eligibility under this section 3.3.4.3, the Contractor shall provide satisfactory proof of such to the Community Workforce Coordinator and copied to the Trades Council. The provisions of sections 3.3.4.1 thru 3.3.4.3 shall only apply to

Contractors not independently signed to a Master Labor Agreement at the time of their award of Project Work covered under this Agreement.

3.3.4.4 Prior to each Contractor performing any work on the Project, each Contractor shall provide a list of its “Core Workers” to the Community Workforce Coordinator and copied to the Trades Council. The Contractor hiring any “Core Worker” shall provide satisfactory proof (e.g., payroll records, quarterly tax records and such other documentation) evidencing each “Core Worker’s” qualification as a core employee to the Community Workforce Coordinator.

Section 3.4 Non-Discrimination in Referral, Employment, and Contracting: The Unions and Contractors agree that they will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment in hiring and dispatching on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, gender, national origin, age, membership in a labor organization, sexual orientation, political affiliation, marital status, or disability. The Parties shall jointly endeavor to assure that these commitments are fully met, and that any provisions of this Agreement which may appear to interfere within a local and small business enterprises successfully bidding for work within the scope of this Agreement shall be carefully reviewed, and adjustments made as may be appropriate and agreed upon among the Parties, to ensure full compliance with the spirit and letter of the County’s policies and commitment to its goals for the significant utilization of local and small businesses as Contractors or suppliers for Project Work.

Section 3.5 Employment of Local Area Residents:

3.5.1 The Unions and Contractors agree that, to the maximum extent allowed by law, and as long as they possess the requisite skills and qualifications, the Unions will exert their best efforts to recruit sufficient numbers of skilled craft Local Area Residents, to fulfill the requirements of the Contractors and shall refer on a priority basis all available, qualified Local Area Resident workers in the numbers requested by the Contractor. In recognition of the fact that the County and the surrounding communities will be impacted by the construction of Project Work, the parties agree to support the hiring of Local Area Resident workers, as well as eligible Veterans regardless of where they reside. Towards that end, the Unions agree that they will exert their best efforts to encourage and provide referrals and utilization of qualified workers in accordance with the following priority, as requested thru a valid Craft Employee Request Form by the Contractors:

3.5.1.1 First, Local Area Residents residing in the County of Santa Barbara;

3.5.1.2 If the Unions have not provided the Contractors with a sufficient number of qualified workers from paragraphs 3.5.1.1 above, the Unions will then exert their best efforts to refer qualified workers residing in San Luis Obispo and Ventura counties, and shall refer all such available workers, giving first priority to Veterans, as requested thru a valid Craft Employee Request Form by the Contractors. Residents residing within the counties of Santa Barbara, Ventura and San Luis Obispo, as well as Eligible Veterans, regardless of where they reside, shall be referred to as Local Area Residents

3.5.2 A goal of at least fifty percent (50%) of all of the construction labor hours worked on the Project shall be from Local Area Residents. To facilitate the dispatch of Local Area Residents, all Contractors will be required to utilize the Craft Employee Request Form whenever they are requesting the referral of any employee from a Union referral list for any Project Work, a sample of which is attached as Attachment D.

3.5.3 The Community Workforce Coordinator shall work with the Unions and Contractors in the administration of this Local Area Resident preference; and the Contractors and Unions shall cooperate by maintaining adequate records to demonstrate to the Community Workforce Coordinator that such preferences have been pursued.

Section 3.6 Helmets to Hardhats: The Contractors and the Unions recognize a desire to facilitate the entry into the building and construction trades of veterans who are interested in careers in the building and construction industry. The Contractors and Unions agree to utilize the services of the Center for Military Recruitment, Assessment and Veterans Employment (hereinafter "Center") and the Center's "Helmets to Hardhats" program to serve as a resource for preliminary orientation, assessment of construction aptitude, referral to apprenticeship programs or hiring halls, counseling and mentoring, support network, employment opportunities and other needs as identified by the Parties. For purposes of this Agreement, the term "Eligible Veteran" shall have the same meaning as the term "veteran" as defined under Title 5, Section 2108(1) of the United States Code as the same may be amended or re-codified from time to time. It shall be the responsibility of each qualified Local Area Resident to provide the Unions with proof of his/her status as an Eligible Veteran.

The Unions and Contractors agree to coordinate with the Center to create and maintain an integrated database of veterans interested in working on Projects and of apprenticeship and employment opportunities for Projects. To the extent permitted by law, the Unions will give credit to such veterans for bona fide, provable past experience.

Section 3.7 Time for Referral: If any Union's registration and referral system fails to fulfill the requirements for specific classifications requested by any Contractor within forty-eight (48) hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays), that Contractor may use employment sources other than the Union registration and referral services and may employ applicants from any other available source. Employee(s) acquired from other employment sources will be considered a worker referred from the Union referral list described in Section 3.3.4.3. In other words; these employees will not count as Core Workers. The Contractors shall inform the Community Workforce Coordinator of any applicants hired from other employment sources within forty-eight (48) hours of such applicant being hired, and such applicants shall register with the appropriate hiring hall, if any, prior to commencing work on a Project, but is not required to become a union member as noted in Section 3.9.

Section 3.8 Lack of Referral Procedure: If a signatory Union does not have a job referral system as set forth in Section 3.3 above, the Contractors shall give the Union equal opportunity to refer applicants. The Contractors shall notify the Community Workforce Coordinator of employees so hired, as set forth in Section 3.5.

Section 3.9 Union Membership: Employees are not required to become or remain union members or pay dues or fees as a condition of performing Covered Work under this Agreement. Contractors will make and transmit all deductions for union dues, fees, and assessments that have been authorized by employees in writing in accordance with the applicable Master Labor Agreement. Nothing in this Section 3.9 is intended to supersede the requirements of applicable Master Labor Agreements as to those Employers otherwise signatory to such Master Labor Agreements and as to the employees of those Employers who are performing Covered Work.

Section 3.10 Individual Seniority: Except as provided in Section 4.3, individual seniority shall not be recognized or applied to employees working on the Project; provided, however, that group and/or classification seniority in a Union's MLA, as of the effective date of this Agreement shall be recognized for purposes of layoffs.

Section 3.11 Foremen: The selection and number of craft foreman and/or general foreman shall be the responsibility of the Contractor. All foremen shall take orders exclusively from the designated Contractor representatives. Craft foreman shall be designated as working foreman at the request of the Contractors.

#### **ARTICLE 4 UNION ACCESS AND STEWARDS**

Section 4.1 Access to Project Sites: Authorized representatives of the Union shall have access to Project Work, provided that they do not interfere with the work of employees and further provided that such representatives fully comply with posted visitor, security, and safety rules.

Section 4.2 Stewards:

4.2.1 Each signatory Union shall have the right to dispatch a working journeyman as a steward for each shift and shall notify the Contractor in writing of the identity of the designated steward or stewards prior to the assumption of such person's duties as steward. Such designated steward or stewards shall not exercise any supervisory functions. There will be no non-working stewards. Stewards will receive the regular rate of pay for their respective crafts.

4.2.2 In addition to his/her work as an employee, the steward should have the right to receive, but not to solicit, complaints or grievances and to discuss and assist in the adjustment of the same with the employee's appropriate supervisor. Each steward should be concerned only with the employees of the steward's Contractor and, if applicable, subcontractor(s), and not with the employees of any other Contractor. A Contractor will not discriminate against the steward on the basis of proper performance of his/her Union duties.

4.2.3 When a Contractor has multiple, non-contiguous work locations at one site, the Contractor may request, and the Union shall appoint such additional working stewards as the Contractor requests to provide independent coverage of one or more such locations. In such

cases, a steward may not service more than one work location without the approval of the Contractor.

4.2.4 The stewards shall not have the right to determine when overtime shall be worked or who shall work overtime.

Section 4.3 Steward Layoff/Discharge: The relevant Contractor agrees to notify the Community Workforce Coordinator and the appropriate Union twenty-four (24) hours before the layoff of a steward, except in the case of disciplinary discharge for just cause. In any case in which the steward is discharged or disciplined for just cause, the Community Workforce Coordinator and the appropriate Union will be notified immediately by the Contractor, and such discharge or discipline shall not become final (subject to any later filed grievance) until twenty-four (24) hours after such notice has been given.

Section 4.4 Employees on Non-Project Work: On work where the personnel of the County may be working in close proximity to the construction activities covered by this Agreement, the Union agrees that the Union representatives, stewards, and individual workers will not interfere with the County personnel, or with personnel employed by the any other employer not a Party to this Agreement.

## **ARTICLE 5 WAGES AND BENEFITS**

Section 5.1 Wages: All employees covered by this Agreement shall be classified in accordance with work performed and paid by the Contractors the hourly wage rates for those classifications in compliance with the applicable prevailing wage rate determination established pursuant to applicable law. If a prevailing rate increases under law, the Contractor shall pay that rate as of its effective date under the law. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, this Agreement does not relieve Signatory Contractors from paying all wages set forth in such then current Master Labor Agreements.

Section 5.2 Benefits:

5.2.1 Except as provided for in Section 5.2.1.1, below, Contractors shall pay contributions to the established employee benefit funds in the amounts designated in the appropriate MLA, on behalf of all employees and make all employee authorized deductions in the amounts designated in the appropriate MLA; provided, however, that such contributions shall not exceed the contribution amounts set forth in the applicable prevailing wage determination. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, Signatory Contractors are required to make all contributions set forth in the then current Master Labor Agreements without reference to the forgoing

5.2.1.1 A Contractor not signatory to an existing Master Labor Agreement with a Union that provides its construction craft core employees with company paid health care benefits under an established plan and/or company paid retirement benefits under an established ERISA qualified retirement plan may continue to make such payments into



such plans on behalf of its Core Workers. A Non-signatory Contractor may also pay hourly cash fringe benefits, in lieu of actual benefits, to its core employees in accordance with applicable laws.

5.2.2 The Contractor adopts and agrees to be bound by the written terms of the applicable, legally established, trust agreement(s) specifying the detailed basis on which payments are to be made into, and benefits paid out of, such trust funds for its employees, except as provided in section 5.2.1.1. The Contractor authorizes the Parties to such trust funds to appoint trustees and successor trustees to administer the trust funds and hereby ratifies and accepts the trustees so appointed as if made by the Contractor.

5.2.3 Each Contractor and subcontractor is required to certify to the Community Workforce Coordinator that it has paid all benefit contributions due and owing to the appropriate Trust(s) prior to the receipt of its final payment and/or retention. Further, upon timely notification by a Union to the Community Workforce Coordinator, the Community Workforce Coordinator shall work with any Contractor who is delinquent in payments to assure that proper benefit contributions are made.

Section 5.3 Wage Premiums: Wage premiums, including but not limited to pay based on height of work, hazard pay, scaffold pay, and special skills shall not be applicable to work under this Agreement, except to the extent provided for in any applicable prevailing wage determination.

Section 5.4 Compliance with Prevailing Wage Laws: The Parties agree that the Community Workforce Coordinator shall monitor the compliance by all Contractors and subcontractors with all applicable federal and state prevailing wage laws and regulations. All complaints regarding possible prevailing wage violations shall be referred to the Community Workforce Coordinator for processing, investigation, and resolution, and if not resolved within thirty (30) calendar days, may be referred by any party to the state labor commissioner.

## ARTICLE 6 WORK STOPPAGES AND LOCK-OUTS

Section 6.1 No Work Stoppages or Disruptive Activity: The Trades Council and the Unions agree that neither they (collectively or individually), nor their respective officers or agents or representatives, shall incite or encourage, condone or participate in any strike, walk-out, slow-down, picketing, observing picket lines, sick-out, or other activity of any nature or kind whatsoever, for any cause or dispute whatsoever with respect to or in any way related to Project Work, or which interferes with or otherwise disrupts Project Work, or with respect to or related to the County or Contractors or subcontractors, including, but not limited to economic strikes, unfair labor practice strikes, safety strikes, sympathy strikes and jurisdictional strikes whether or not the underlying dispute is subject to arbitration. Any such actions by the Trades Council, or Unions, or their members, agents, representatives or the employees they represent shall constitute a violation of this Agreement. The Trades Council and the Union shall take all steps necessary to obtain compliance with this Article and neither should be held liable for conduct for which it is not responsible.

Section 6.2 Employee Violations: The Contractor may discharge any employee violating Section 6.1 above and any such employee will not be eligible for rehire under this Agreement.

Section 6.3 Standing to Enforce: The County, the Community Workforce Coordinator, or any Contractor affected by an alleged violation of Section 6.1 shall have standing and the right to enforce the obligations established therein.

Section 6.4 Expiration of MLAs: If the MLA, or any local, regional, and other applicable collective bargaining agreements expire during the term of the Project Work, the Union(s) agree that there shall be no work disruption of any kind as described in Section 6.1 above as a result of the expiration of any such agreement(s) having application on this Project and/or failure of the involved Parties to that agreement to reach a new contract. Terms and conditions of employment established and set at the time of bid shall remain established and set for duration of the Project. Otherwise to the extent that such agreement does expire and the Parties to that agreement have failed to reach concurrence on a new contract, work will continue on the Project, for Signatory Contractors, on one of the following two (2) options, both of which will be offered by the Unions involved to the Signatory Contractors affected:

6.4.1 Each of the Unions with a contract expiring must offer to continue working on the Project under interim agreements that retain all the terms of the expiring contract, except that the Unions involved in such expiring contract may each propose wage rates and employer contribution rates to employee benefit funds under the prior contract different from what those wage rates and employer contributions rates were under the expiring contracts. The terms of the Union's interim agreement offered to Signatory Contractors will be no less favorable than the terms offered by the Union to any other employer or group of employers covering the same type of construction work in Santa Barbara County.

6.4.2 Each of the Unions with a contract expiring must offer to continue working on the Project under all the terms of the expiring contract, including the wage rates and employer contribution rates to the employee benefit funds, if the Signatory Contractor affected by that expiring contract agrees to the following retroactive provisions: if a new MLA, local, regional or other applicable labor agreement for the industry having application at the Project is ratified and signed during the term of this Agreement and if such new labor agreement provides for retroactive wage increases, then each affected Signatory Contractor shall pay to its employees who performed work covered by this Agreement at the Project during the hiatus between the effective dates of such expired and new labor agreements, an amount equal to any such retroactive wage increase established by such new labor agreement, retroactive to whatever date is provided by the new labor agreement for such increase to go into effect, for each employee's hours worked on the Project during the retroactive period. All Parties agree that such affected Signatory Contractors shall be solely responsible for any retroactive payment to its employees.

6.4.3 Some Signatory Contractors may elect to continue to work on the Project under the terms of the interim agreement option offered under paragraph 6.4.1, above and other Contractors may elect to continue to work on the Project under the retroactivity option offered under paragraph 6.4.2, above. To decide between the two options, Signatory Contractors will be

given one week after the particular labor agreement has expired or one week after the Union has personally delivered to the Signatory Contractors in writing its specific offer of terms of the interim agreement pursuant to paragraph (a) above, whichever is the later date. If the Signatory Contractor fails to timely select one of the two options, the Signatory Contractor shall be deemed to have selected the retroactivity option offered under paragraph 6.4.2, above.

Section 6.5 No Lockouts: Contractors shall not cause, incite, encourage, condone or participate in any lock-out of employees with respect to Project Work during the term of this Agreement. The term "lock-out" refers only to a Contractor's exclusion of employees in order to secure collective bargaining advantage, and does not refer to the discharge, termination or layoff of employees by the Contractor for any reason in the exercise of rights pursuant to any provision of this Agreement, or any other agreement, nor does "lock-out" include the County's decision to stop, suspend or discontinue any Project Work or any portion thereof for any reason.

Section 6.6 Best Efforts to End Violations:

6.6.1 If a Contractor contends that there is any violation of this Article or Section 7.3, it shall notify, in writing, the Executive Secretary of the Trades Council, the Senior Executive of the involved Union(s) and the Community Workforce Coordinator. The Executive Secretary and the leadership of the involved Union(s) will immediately instruct, order and use their best efforts to cause the cessation of any violation of the relevant Article.

6.6.2 If the Union contends that any Contractor has violated this Article, it will notify the Contractor and the Community Workforce Coordinator, setting forth the facts which the Union contends violate the Agreement, at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to invoking the procedures of Section 6.8. The Community Workforce Coordinator shall promptly order the involved Contractor(s) to cease any violation of the Article.

Section 6.7 Withholding of services for failure to pay wages and fringe benefits: Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement to the contrary, it shall not be a violation of this Agreement for any Union to withhold the services of its members (but not the right to picket) from a particular Contractor who fails to timely pay its weekly payroll; or fails to make timely payments to the Union's Joint Labor/Management Trust Funds in accordance with the provisions of the applicable Master Labor Agreement. Prior to withholding its members' services for the Contractor's failure to make timely payments to the Union's Joint Labor/Management Trust Funds, the Union shall give at least ten (10) days written notice of such failure to pay by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, and by electronic mail to the involved Contractor and the Community Workforce Coordinator. The Union will meet within the ten (10) day period to attempt to resolve the dispute.

6.7.1 Upon the payment of the delinquent Contractor of all monies due and then owing for wages and/or fringe benefit contributions, the Union shall direct its members to return to work and the Contractor shall return all such members back to work.

Section 6.8 Expedited Enforcement Procedure: Any party, including the County, which is an intended beneficiary of this Article, or the Community Workforce Coordinator, may institute the

following procedures, in lieu of or in addition to any other action at law or equity, when a breach of Section 6.1, 6.5 or Section 7.3 is alleged.

6.8.1 The party invoking this procedure shall notify Lou Zigman, or, if Mr. Zigman is unavailable, Sara Adler, who have been selected by the negotiating Parties, and whom the Parties agree shall be the permanent arbitrator and alternate arbitrator under this procedure. If the permanent arbitrator is unavailable at any time, the party invoking this procedure shall notify Sara Adler. Notice to the arbitrator shall be by the most expeditious means available, with notices to the Parties alleged to be in violation, and to the Trades Council if it is a Union alleged to be in violation, and to the County. For purposes of this Article, written notice may be given by electronic mail, hand-delivery or overnight mail and will be deemed effective upon receipt. County reserves the right to utilize an arbitrator from Conflict Solutions Services, JAMS or ADR Services, Inc. if the named arbitrators are unable or unwilling to provide services.

6.8.2 Upon receipt of said notice, the arbitrator named above, or his/her alternate shall sit and hold a hearing within twenty-four (24) hours if it is contended that the violation still exists, but not sooner than twenty-four (24) hours after notice has been dispatched to the County, the Trades Council of the involved Union(s) and/or Contractor.

6.8.3 The arbitrator shall notify the Parties of the place and time chosen for this hearing. Said hearing shall be completed in one session, which, with appropriate recesses at the arbitrator's discretion, shall not exceed twenty-four (24) hours unless otherwise agreed upon by all Parties. A failure of any Party or Parties to attend said hearings shall not delay the hearing of evidence or the issuance of any award by the arbitrator.

6.8.4 The sole issue at the hearing shall be whether or not a violation of Sections 6.1, 6.5 or Section 7.3 has in fact occurred. The arbitrator shall have no authority to consider any matter in justification, explanation or mitigation of such violation or to award damages. The Award shall be issued in writing within three (3) hours after the close of the hearing and may be issued without an opinion. If any party desires a written opinion, one shall be issued within fifteen (15) days, but its issuance shall not delay compliance with, or enforcement of, the Award. The arbitrator may order cessation of the violation of the Article and other appropriate relief, and such Award, upon issuance, shall be served on all Parties by hand or registered mail.

6.8.5 Such Award shall be final and binding on all Parties and may be enforced by any court of competent jurisdiction upon the filing of this Agreement and all other relevant documents referred to herein above in the following manner. Written notice of the filing of such enforcement proceedings shall be given to the other party. In any judicial proceeding to obtain a temporary order enforcing the arbitrator's Award as issued under this Article, all Parties waive the right to a hearing and agree that such proceedings may be ex parte. Such agreement does not waive any Party's right to participate in a hearing for a final order of enforcement. The court's order or orders enforcing the arbitrator's award shall be served on all Parties by hand or by delivery to their address as shown on this Agreement (for the Trade Council, a Union and the County), as shown in their business contract for work under this Agreement (for a Contractor) and to the representing Union (for an employee), by certified mail by the Party or Parties first alleging the violation.

6.8.6 Any rights created by statute or law governing arbitration proceedings inconsistent with the above procedure or which interfere with compliance hereto are hereby waived by the Parties to whom they accrue.

6.8.7 The fees and expenses of the arbitrator shall be equally divided between the party or Parties initiating this procedure and the respondent Party or Parties.

6.8.8 Liquidated Damages. If the arbitrator determines that a work stoppage, in violation of Sections 6.1 or 7.5 has occurred, the respondent Unions(s) shall, within eight (8) hours of receipt of the award, direct all the employees they represent on the project to immediately return to work. If the craft(s) involved does not return to work by the beginning of the next regularly scheduled shift following such eight (8) hour period after receipt of the arbitrator's award, and the respondent Union(s) have not complied with their obligation to immediately instruct, order, and use their best efforts to cause a cessation of the violation and return of the employees they represent to work, then the respondent Union(s) shall each pay a sum as liquidated damages in equal amounts to the County and the Contractor, and each shall pay an additional sum per shift for each shift thereafter on which the craft(s) has not returned to work.

Similarly, if the arbitrator determines that a lock-out, in violation of Section 6.5 has occurred, the respondent Contractor(s) shall, within eight (8) hours of receipt of the award, return all the affected employees to work on the Project, or otherwise correct the violation as found by the arbitrator. If the respondent Contractor(s) do not take such action by the beginning of the next regularly scheduled shift following the eight (8) hour period, each respondent Contractor shall pay a sum as liquidated damages in equal amounts to the County and to the affected Union(s) (with union amounts to be apportioned among the affected employees and the benefit funds to which contributions are made on their behalf, as appropriate and designated by the Arbitrator) and each shall pay an additional sum per shift for each shift thereafter in which compliance by the respondent Contractor(s) has not been completed.

The Arbitrator shall retain jurisdiction to determine compliance with this Section and to establish the appropriate sum of liquidated damages, which shall not be less than five thousand dollars (\$5,000) per shift, nor more than twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) per shift.

## **ARTICLE 7 WORK ASSIGNMENTS AND JURISDICTIONAL DISPUTES**

Section 7.1 Assignment of Work: The assignment of Project Work will be solely the responsibility of the Contractor performing the work involved; and such work assignments will be in accordance with the Plan for the Settlement of Jurisdictional Disputes in the Construction Industry (the "Plan") or any successor Plan.

Section 7.2 The Plan: All jurisdictional disputes on this Project between or among the building and construction trades Unions and the Employers parties to this Agreement, shall be settled and adjusted according to the present Plan established by the Building and Construction Trades Department or any other plan or method of procedure that may be adopted in the future

by the Building and Construction Trades Department. Decisions rendered shall be final, binding and conclusive on the Employers and Unions parties to this Agreement.

7.2.1 If a dispute arising under this Article involves the Southwest Regional Council of Carpenters or any of its subordinate bodies, an Arbitrator shall be chosen by the procedures specified in Article V, Section 5, of the Plan from a list composed of John Kagel, Thomas Angelo, Robert Hirsch, and Thomas Pagan, and the Arbitrator's hearing on the dispute shall be held at the offices of the applicable Building and Construction Trades Council within fourteen (14) days of the selection of the Arbitrator. All other procedures shall be as specified in the Plan.

Section 7.3 No Work Disruption Over Jurisdiction: All jurisdictional disputes shall be resolved without the occurrence of any strike, work stoppage, or slow-down of any nature, and the Employer's assignment shall be adhered to until the dispute is resolved. Individuals violating this section shall be subject to immediate discharge.

Section 7.4 Pre-Job Conferences: As provided in Article 14, each Employer will conduct a pre-job conference with the Council, the Unions and the Community Workforce Coordinator prior to commencing work. The Primary Employer and the Trades Council will be advised in advance of all such conferences set by the Community Workforce Coordinator and will participate. Pre-job conferences for different Employers may be held together.

Section 7.5 Resolution of Jurisdictional Disputes: If any actual or threatened strike, sympathy strike, work stoppage, slow down, sick-out, picketing, hand-billing or otherwise advising the public that a labor dispute exists, or interference with the progress of Project Work by reason of a jurisdictional dispute or disputes occurs, the Parties shall exhaust the expedited procedures set forth in the Plan, if such procedures are in the Plan then currently in effect, or otherwise as in Article 6 above.

## **ARTICLE 8 MANAGEMENT RIGHTS**

Section 8.1 Contractor and County Rights: The County and the Contractors retain the full and exclusive authority for the management of its operations, as set forth in this Article, unless expressly limited or required by the other Articles of this Agreement. In addition to the following and other rights of the Contractors enumerated in this Agreement, the Contractors expressly reserve their management rights and all the rights conferred upon them by law. The Contractors' rights include, but are not limited to, the right to:

8.1.1 Plan, direct and control operations of all work;

8.1.2 Hire, promote, transfer and layoff their own employees, respectively, as deemed appropriate to satisfy work and/or skill requirements;

8.1.3 Promulgate and require all employees to observe reasonable job rules and security and safety regulations;

8.1.4 Discharge, suspend or discipline their own employees for just cause;

8.1.5 Utilize, in accordance with County approval, any work methods, procedures or techniques, and select, use and install any types or kinds of materials, apparatus or equipment, regardless of source of manufacture or construction; assign and schedule work at their discretion; and

8.1.6 Assign overtime, determine when it will be worked, and the number and identity of employees engaged in such work, subject to such provisions in the applicable MLA(s) requiring such assignments be equalized or otherwise made in a nondiscriminatory manner.

Section 8.2 Specific County Rights: In addition to the following and other rights of the County enumerated in this Agreement, the County expressly reserves its management rights and all the rights conferred on it by law. The County's rights (and those of the Community Workforce Coordinator on its behalf) include but are not limited to the right to:

8.2.1 Inspect any construction site or facility to ensure that the Contractor follows the applicable safety, contract and other work requirements;

8.2.2 Require Contractors to establish a different work week or shift schedule for particular employees as required to meet the operational needs of the Project Work at particular locations;

8.2.3 At its sole option, terminate, delay and/or suspend any and all portions of the Project Work at any time; prohibit some or all work on certain days or during certain hours of the day to accommodate the ongoing operations of the County's facilities, programs, or services and/or to mitigate the effect of ongoing Project Work on businesses and residents in the neighborhood of the Project site; and/or require such other operational or schedule changes it deems necessary, in its sole judgment, to effectively maintain its primary mission and remain a good neighbor to those in the area of its facilities. (In order to permit the Contractors and Unions to make appropriate scheduling plans, the County will provide the Community Workforce Coordinator, and the affected Contractor(s) and Union(s) with reasonable notice of any changes it requires pursuant to this section; provided, however, that if notice is not provided in time to advise employees not to report for work, show-up pay shall be due pursuant to the provision of Article 6, Section 6.6);

8.2.4 Approve any work methods, procedures and techniques used by Contractors whether or not these methods, procedures or techniques are part of industry practices or customs, provided that nothing herein shall require such approval or extend any liability related to work performed by Contractors to the County;

8.2.5 Investigate and process complaints, through its Community Workforce Coordinator, in the matter set forth in Articles 6 and 9; and

8.2.6 Implement or cause to be implemented by a Contractor reasonable Project site safety, drug free workplace and/or site access rules.

Section 8.3 Use of Materials: There should be no limitations or restriction by Union upon a Contractor's choice of materials or design, nor, regardless of source or location, upon the full use and utilization, of equipment, machinery, packaging, precast, prefabricated, prefinished, or preassembled materials, tools or other labor saving devices, subject to the application of the California Public Contract and Labor Codes as required by law in reference to offsite construction. Generally, the onsite installation or application of such items shall be performed by the craft having jurisdiction over such work. The County and its Community Workforce Coordinator shall advise all Contractors of, and enforce as appropriate, the off-site application of the prevailing wage law as it affects Project Work.

Section 8.4 Special Equipment, Warranties and Guaranties:

8.4.1 The Parties recognize that the Contractor will initiate from time to time the use of new technology, equipment, machinery, tools, and other labor-savings devices and methods of performing Project Work. The Union agrees that they will not restrict the implementation of such devices or work methods. The Unions will accept and will not refuse to handle, install or work with any standardized and/or catalogue: parts, assemblies, accessories, prefabricated items, preassembled items, partially assembled items, or materials whatever their source of manufacture or construction.

8.4.2 If any disagreement between the Contractor and the Unions concerning the methods of implementation or installation of any equipment, or device or item, or method of work, arises, or whether a particular part or pre-assembled item is a standardized or catalog part or item, the work will precede as directed by the Contractor and the Parties shall immediately consult over the matter. If the disagreement is not resolved, the affected Union(s) shall have the right to proceed through the procedures set forth in Article 9.

## **ARTICLE 9 SETTLEMENT OF GRIEVANCES AND DISPUTES**

Section 9.1 Cooperation and Harmony on Site:

9.1.1 This Agreement is intended to establish and foster continued close cooperation between management and labor. The Trades Council shall assign a representative to this Project for the purpose of assisting the Unions, and working with the Community Workforce Coordinator, together with the Contractors, to complete the construction of the Project economically, efficiency, continuously and without any interruption, delays or work stoppages.

9.1.2 The Community Workforce Coordinator, the Contractors, Unions, and employees collectively and individually, realize the importance to all Parties of maintaining continuous and uninterrupted performance Project Work, and agree to resolve disputes in accordance with the grievance provisions set forth in this Article or, as appropriate, those of Article 6 or 7.

9.1.3 The Community Workforce Coordinator shall oversee the processing of grievances under this Article and Article 6, including the scheduling and arrangements of



facilities for meetings, selection of the arbitrator from the agreed-upon panel to hear the case, and any other administrative matters necessary to facilitate the timely resolution of any dispute; provided, however, it is the responsibility of the principal parties to any pending grievance to insure the time limits and deadlines are met.

Section 9.2 Processing Grievances: Any questions arising out of and during the term of this Agreement involving its interpretation and application, which includes applicable provisions of the MLAs, but not jurisdictional disputes or alleged violations of Section 6.1 and 6.5 and similar provisions, shall be considered a grievance and subject to resolution under the following procedures.

Step 1. Employee Grievances: When any employee subject to the provisions of this Agreement feels aggrieved by an alleged violation of this Agreement, the employee shall, through his/her Union business representative or, job steward, within ten (10) working days after the occurrence of the violation, give notice to the work site representative of the involved Contractor stating the provision(s) alleged to have been violated. A business representative of the Union or the job steward and the work site representative of the involved Contractor shall meet and endeavor to resolve the matter within ten (10) working days after timely notice has been given. If they fail to resolve the matter within the prescribed period, the grieving party may, within ten (10) working days thereafter, pursue Step 2 of this grievance procedure provided the grievance is reduced to writing and signed under penalty of perjury, setting forth the relevant information, including a short description thereof, the date on which the alleged violation occurred, and the provision(s) of the Agreement alleged to have been violated. Grievances and disputes settled at Step 1 shall be non-precedential except as to the parties directly involved.

Union or Contractor Grievances: Should the Union(s) or any Contractor have a dispute with the other Party(ies) and, if after conferring within ten (10) working days after the disputing Party knew or should have known of the facts or occurrence giving rise to the dispute, a settlement is not reached within five (5) working days, the dispute shall be reduced to writing and processed to Step 2 in the same manner as outlined above for the adjustment of an employee complaint.

Step 2. The business manager of the involved Union or his designee, together with the site representative of the involved Contractor, and the labor relations representative of the Community Workforce Coordinator, shall meet within seven (7) working days of the referral of the dispute to this second step to arrive at a satisfactory settlement thereof. If the Parties fail to reach an agreement, the dispute may be appealed in writing in accordance with the provisions of Step 3 within seven (7) working days after the initial meeting at Step 2.

Step 3. (a) If the grievance shall have been submitted but not resolved under Step 2, either the Union or Contractor may request in writing to the Community Workforce Coordinator (with copies to the other Party(ies)) within seven (7) calendar days after the initial Step 2 meeting, that the grievance be submitted to an arbitrator selected from the agreed upon list of experienced construction industry arbitrators below, on a rotational basis in the order listed. Those arbitrators are: (1) **Louis Zigman**; (2) **Sara Adler**; (3) **Fredric Horowitz**; (4) **Walt Daugherty**; and (5) **William Rule**. The decision of the arbitrator shall be final and binding on

all Parties and the fee and expenses of such arbitrations shall be borne equally by the involved Contractor(s) and the involved Union(s). County reserves the right to utilize an arbitrator from Conflict Solutions Services, JAMS or ADR Services, Inc. if the named arbitrators are unable or unwilling to provide services.

(b) Failure of the grieving Party to adhere to the time limits established herein shall render the grievance null and void. The time limits established herein may be extended only by written consent of the Parties involved at the particular step where the extension is agreed upon. The arbitrator shall have the authority to make decisions only on issues presented and shall not have the authority to change, amend, add to or detract from any of the provisions of this Agreement.

(c) The fees and expenses incurred by the arbitrator, as well as those jointly utilized by the Parties (e.g., conference room, court reporter, etc.) in arbitration, shall be divided equally by the Parties to the arbitration, including Union(s) and Contractor(s) involved.

Section 9.3 Limit on Use of Procedures: Procedures contained in this Article shall not be applicable to any alleged violation of Articles 6 or 7, with a single exception that any employee discharged for violation of Section 6.2, or Section 7.3, may resort to the procedures of this Article to determine only if he/she was, in fact, engaged in that violation.

Section 9.4 Notice: The Community Workforce Coordinator (and the County, in the case of any grievance regarding the Scope of this Agreement) shall be notified by the involved Contractor of all actions at Steps 2 and 3, and further, the Community Workforce Coordinator shall, upon its own request, be permitted to participate fully in all proceedings at such steps.

## **ARTICLE 10 REGULATORY COMPLIANCE**

Section 10.1 Compliance with All Laws: The Trades Council and all Unions, Contractors, subcontractors and their employed shall comply with all applicable federal and state laws, ordinances, resolutions and regulations including, but not limited to, those relating to safety and health, employment and applications for employment. All employees shall comply with the safety regulations established by the County and/or the Contractor. Workers must promptly report any injuries or accidents as required by applicable policy and/or law.

Section 10.2 Monitoring Compliance: The Parties agree that the County shall require, and that the Community Workforce Coordinator and Trades Council shall monitor, compliance by all Contractors and subcontractors with all federal and state law regulations that, from time to time may apply to Project Work. It shall be the responsibility of both the Trades Council and the Community Workforce Coordinator (on behalf of the County) to investigate or monitor compliance with these various laws and regulations and any suspected non-compliance observed by the Trades Council shall be immediately reported to the Community Workforce Coordinator. The Trades Council may recommend to the Community Workforce Coordinator and/or the County procedures to encourage and enforce compliance with these laws and regulations.

Section 10.3 Prevailing Wage Compliance: The Trades Council or Union shall refer all complaints regarding any potential prevailing wage violation to the Community Workforce Coordinator, who on its own, or with the assistance of the County's labor compliance program, shall process, investigate and resolve such complaints, consistent with Article 5, Section 5.4. The Trades Council or Union, as appropriate, shall be advised in a timely manner with regard to the facts and resolution, if any, of any complaint. It is understood that this Section does not restrict any individual rights as established under the California Labor Code, including the rights of an individual to file a complaint with the California Labor Commissioner or to file a grievance for such violation under the grievance procedure set forth in this Agreement.

Section 10.4 Violations of Law: Based upon a finding of violation by the County of a federal and/or state law, and upon notice to the Contractor that it or its subcontractors are in such violation, the County, in the absence of the Contractor or subcontractor remedying such violation, shall take such action as it is permitted by law or contract to encourage the Contractor to come into compliance, including, but not limited to, assessing fines and penalties, and/or removing the offending Contractor from Project Work. Additionally, in accordance with the Agreement between the County and the Contractor, the County may cause the Contractor to remove from Project Work any subcontractor who is in violation of state or federal law.

## **ARTICLE 11 SAFETY AND PROTECTION OF PERSON AND PROPERTY**

### Section 11.1 Safety:

11.1.1 It shall be the responsibility of each Contractor to ensure safe working conditions and employee compliance with any safety rules contained herein or established by the County and/or the Contractor. It is understood that employees have an individual obligation to use diligent care to perform their work in a safe manner and to protect themselves and the property of the Contractor and the County.

11.1.2 Employees shall be bound by the safety, security, and visitor rules established by the Contractor and/or the County. These rules will be published and posted. An employee's failure to satisfy his/her obligations under this section will subject him/her to discipline, up to and including discharge.

11.1.3 The Parties to this Agreement adopt the Tri Counties Building and Construction Trades Council Approved Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy, a copy of which is attached hereto as **Attachment "D,"** and which shall be the policy and procedure utilized under this Agreement.

Section 11.2 Suspension of Work for Safety: A Contractor may suspend all or a portion of the job to protect the life and safety of employees. In such cases, employees will be compensated only for the actual time worked; provided, however, that where the Contractor requests employees to remain at the site and be available for work, the employees will be compensated for stand-by time at their basic hourly rate of pay.

Section 11.3 Water and Sanitary Facilities: The Contractor shall provide adequate supplies of drinking water and sanitary facilities for all employees as required by state law or regulation.

## **ARTICLE 12 TRAVEL AND SUBSISTENCE**

Section 12.1 Travel expenses, travel time, subsistence allowances, zone rates and parking reimbursements shall be paid in accordance with the applicable prevailing wage determination.

## **ARTICLE 13 APPRENTICES**

Section 13.1 Importance of Training: The Parties recognize the need to maintain continuing support of the programs designed to develop adequate numbers of competent workers in the construction industry, the obligation to capitalize on the availability of the local work force in the area served by the County, and the opportunities to provide continuing work under the construction program. To these ends, the Parties will facilitate, encourage, and assist local residents to commence and progress in an Approved Apprenticeship Programs and/or training programs in the construction industry leading to participation in such apprenticeship programs. The County, the Community Workforce Coordinator, and the Trades Council, will work cooperatively to identify, or establish and maintain, effective programs and procedures for persons interested in entering the construction industry and which will help prepare them for the formal joint Labor/Management apprenticeship programs maintained by the signatory Unions.

Section 13.2 Use of Apprentices:

13.2.1 Apprentices used on Projects under this Agreement shall be registered in Approved Apprenticeship Programs approved by the State of California and the Federal Department of Labor, to the extent required by any Project funding source. Apprentices may comprise up to thirty percent (30%) of each craft's work force at any time, unless the standards of the applicable joint apprenticeship committee confirmed by the Division of Apprenticeship Standards ("DAS"), establish a lower or higher maximum percentage, and where such is the case, the applicable Union should use its best efforts with its apprenticeship committee and, if necessary, the DAS to permit up to thirty percent (30%) apprentices on the Project.

13.2.2 The Unions agree to cooperate with the Contractor in furnishing apprentices as requested up to the maximum percentage. The apprentice ratio for each craft shall comply, at a minimum, with the applicable provisions of the California Labor Code relating to utilization of apprentices. The County shall encourage such utilization, and, both as to apprentices and the overall supply of experienced workers, the Community Workforce Coordinator will work with the Trades Council to assure appropriate and maximum utilization of apprentices and the continuing availability of both apprentices and journey persons.

13.2.3 The Parties agree that apprentices will not be dispatched to Contractors working under this Agreement unless there is a journeyman working on the project where the apprentice

is to be employed who is qualified to assist and oversee the apprentice's progress through the program in which he is participating.

13.2.4 All apprentices shall work under the direct supervision of a journeyman from the trade in which the apprentice is indentured. A journeyman shall be defined as set forth in the California Code of Regulations, Title 8 [apprenticeship], Section 205, which defines a journeyman as a person who has either completed an accredited apprenticeship in his or her craft, or has completed the equivalent of an apprenticeship in length and content of work experience and all other requirements in the craft which has workers classified as journeyman in the apprenticeship occupation. Should a question arise as to a journeyman's qualification under this subsection, the Contractor shall provide adequate proof evidencing the worker's qualification as a journeyman to the Community Workforce Coordinator.

#### **ARTICLE 14 PRE-JOB CONFERENCES**

Section 14.1 Each Prime Contractor will conduct a pre-job conference with the Unions for it and all of its subcontractors not later than fourteen (14) calendar days prior to commencing work. Each Contractor conducting a pre-job shall notify all subcontractors of all tiers, who shall participate in such conferences, ten (10) calendar days in advance of all such conferences. The purpose of the conference will be to, among other things, determine craft manpower needs, schedule of work for the contract and project work rules/owner rules. The Trades Council, the Community Workforce Coordinator, and the County shall be advised in advance of all such conferences and will participate. All work assignments shall be disclosed by the Prime Contractor and all Contractors at the pre-job conference. Any Union in disagreement with the proposed assignment shall notify the Contractor of its position in writing, with a copy to Community Workforce Coordinator, within seven (7) calendar days thereafter. Within seven (7) calendar days after the period allowed for Union notices of disagreement with the Contractor's proposed assignments, but prior to the commencement of any work, the Contractor shall make final assignments in writing with copies to the Trades Council and to the Community Workforce Coordinator.

#### **ARTICLE 15 SAVINGS AND SEPARABILITY**

Section 15.1 Savings Clause: It is not the intention of the County, the Community Workforce Coordinator, Contractor or the Union parties to violate any laws governing the subject matter of this Agreement. The Parties hereto agree that in the event any provision of this Agreement is finally held or determined to be illegal or void as being in contravention of any applicable law or regulation, the remainder of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect unless the part or parts so found to be void are wholly inseparable from the remaining portions of this Agreement. Further, the Parties agree that if and when any provision(s) of this Agreement is finally held or determined to be illegal or void by a court of competent jurisdiction, the Parties will promptly enter into negotiations concerning the substantive effect of such decision for the purposes of achieving conformity with the requirements of any applicable laws and the intent of the Parties hereto. If the legality of this Agreement is challenged and any form of injunctive relief is

granted by any court, suspending temporarily or permanently the implementation of this Agreement, then the Parties agree that all Project Work that would otherwise be covered by this Agreement should be continued to be bid and constructed without application of this Agreement so that there is no delay or interference with the ongoing planning, bidding and construction of any Project Work.

Section 15.2 Effect of Injunctions or Other Court Orders: The Parties recognize the right of the County to withdraw, at its absolute discretion, the utilization of the Agreement as part of any bid specification should a Court of competent jurisdiction issue any order, or any applicable statute prohibiting this Agreement become effective which could result, temporarily or permanently in delay of the bidding, awarding and/or construction on the Project. Notwithstanding such an action by the County, or such court order or statutory provision, the Parties agree that the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect on covered Project Work to the maximum extent legally possible.

## **ARTICLE 16 WAIVER**

Section 16.1 A waiver of or a failure to assert any provisions of this Agreement by any or all of the Parties hereto shall not constitute a waiver of such provision for the future. Any such waiver shall not constitute a modification of the Agreement or change in the terms and conditions of the Agreement and shall not relieve, excuse or release any of the Parties from any of their rights, duties or obligations hereunder.

## **ARTICLE 17 AMENDMENTS**

Section 17.1 The provisions of this Agreement can be renegotiated, supplemented, rescinded or otherwise altered only by mutual agreement in writing, hereafter signed by the negotiating Parties hereto.

## **ARTICLE 18 ENTIRE AGREEMENT**

Section 18.1 This Agreement represents the complete understanding of the Parties. The provisions of this Agreement shall apply to the Project Work covered by this Agreement.

Section 18.2 The parties agree that this Agreement covers all matters affecting wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment and that during the term of this Agreement the Parties will not be required to negotiate on any further matters affecting these or any other subject not specifically set forth in this Agreement except by mutual agreement of the Parties.

Section 18.3 This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, such that original signatures may appear on separate pages and when bound together all necessary signatures shall constitute an original. Facsimile or PDF signature pages transmitted to other parties to this Agreement shall be deemed the equivalent to original signatures.

**ARTICLE 19**  
**DURATION OF THE AGREEMENT**

Section 19.1 Duration:

19.1.1 This Agreement shall be effective from the date the Agreement is fully executed by the parties but no sooner than April 1, 2023 and shall remain in effect for a period of five (5) years from the date of adoption.

19.1.2 Any Project commenced during the term of this Agreement shall continue to be covered by the terms and conditions of this Agreement until the Project Work is completed.

Section 19.2 Turnover and Final Acceptance of Completed Work:

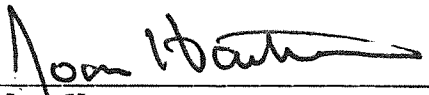
19.2.1 Construction of any phase, portion, section, or segment of a Project shall be deemed complete when such phase, portion, section or segment has been turned over to the County by the Contractor and the County has accepted such phase, portion, section, or segment. As areas and systems of the Project are inspected and construction-tested and/or approved and accepted by the County or third parties with the approval of the County, the Agreement shall have no further force or effect on such items or areas, except when the Contractor is directed by the County to engage and repairs or modifications required by its contract(s) with the County.

19.2.2 Notice of each final acceptance received by the Contractor will be provided to the Trades Council with the description of what phase, portion, section or segment, etc. has been accepted. Final acceptance may be subject to a “punch” list, and in such case, the Agreement will continue to apply to each such item on the list until it is completed to the satisfaction of the County and Notice of Acceptance is given by the County or its representative to the Contractor. At the request of the Union, complete information describing any “punch” list work, as well as any additional work required of a Contractor at the direction of the County, involving otherwise turned over and completed facilities which have been accepted by the County, will be available from the Community Workforce Coordinator.

IN WITNESS whereof the Parties have caused this Continuity of Work Agreement to be executed as of the date and year stated below.

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA;  
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY  
FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER  
CONSERVATION DISTRICT; SANTA  
BARBARA COUNTY WATER AGENCY;  
LAGUNA COUNTY SANITATION  
DISTRICT; and SANTA BARBARA  
COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

12-1-22  
TRI-COUNTIES BUILDING &  
CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL

By:   
Joan Hartmann  
Chair, Board of Supervisors  
Chair, Board of Directors

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Joshua Medrano  
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

Dated: 12-2-22

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

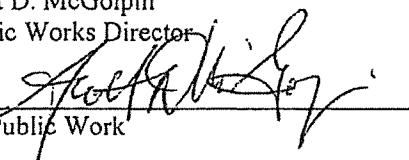
**ATTEST:**

Mona Miyasato  
County Executive Officer  
Clerk of the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors  
Ex Officio Clerk of the Santa Barbara County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, Santa  
Barbara County Water Agency, Laguna County Sanitation District, and Santa Barbara County Fire  
Protection District

By:   
Deputy Clerk

**RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL:**

Scott D. McGolpin  
Public Works Director

By:   
Public Work

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

Greg Milligan, ARM  
Risk Manager

By: Greg Milligan, Risk Manager Digitally signed by Greg Milligan,  
Risk Manager  
Date: 2022.11.29 16:16:05 -08'00'  
Risk Management

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

Rachel Van Mullem  
County Counsel

By:   
Deputy County Counsel



TRI-COUNTIES BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION  
TRADES COUNCIL CRAFT UNIONS AND DISTRICT COUNCILS

Asbestos Heat & Frost Insulators (Local 5)

Address for Notice:

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Boilermakers (Local 92)

Address for Notice:

\_\_\_\_\_

Bricklayers & Allied Craftworkers (Local 4)

Address for Notice:

\_\_\_\_\_

Cement Masons (Local 600)

Address for Notice:

\_\_\_\_\_

Electricians (Local 413)

Address for Notice:

\_\_\_\_\_

Elevator Constructors (Local 18)

Address for Notice:

\_\_\_\_\_

Iron Workers (Reinforced – Local 416)

Address for Notice:

\_\_\_\_\_

Iron Workers (Structural – Local 433)

Address for Notice:

\_\_\_\_\_

Laborers (Local 220)

Address for Notice:

\_\_\_\_\_

Operating Engineers (Local 12)

Address for Notice:

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Painters & Allied Trades DC 36

Address for Notice:

\_\_\_\_\_

U.A. D.C. 16

Address for Notice:

\_\_\_\_\_

Pipe Trades (Local 345)

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Address for Notice:

Pipe Trades (Sprinkler Fitters Local 669)

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Address for Notice:

Plasterers (Local 200)

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Address for Notice:

Roofers & Waterproofers (Local 36)

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Address for Notice:

Sheet Metal Workers (Local 104)

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Address for Notice:

Teamsters (Local 986)

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Address for Notice:

Southwest Regional Council of Carpenters

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Address for Notice:

**ATTACHMENT A  
LIST OF APPLICABLE MASTER LABOR AGREEMENTS  
[TO BE PROVIDED BY THE TRADES COUNCIL]**

<b>Union</b>	<b>MLA Term</b>
Asbestos Heat & Frost Insulators (Local 5)	_____
Boilermakers (Local 92)	_____
Bricklayers & Allied Craftworkers (Local 4)	_____
Cement Masons (Local 600)	_____
Electricians (Local 413)	_____
Elevator Constructors (Local 18)	_____
Iron Workers (Reinforced – Local 416)	_____
Iron Workers (Structural – Local 433)	_____
Laborers (Local 220)	_____
Operating Engineers (Local 12)	_____
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Painters & Allied Trades DC 36	_____
U.A. D.C. 16	_____
Pipe Trades (Local 345)	_____
Pipe Trades (Sprinkler Fitters Local 669)	_____
Plasterers (Local 200)	_____
Roofers & Waterproofers (Local 36)	_____
Sheet Metal Workers (Local 104)	_____
Teamsters (Local 986)	_____
Southwest Regional Council of Carpenters	_____

**ATTACHMENT B  
LETTER OF ASSENT**

To be signed by all contractors awarded work covered by the  
Community Workforce Agreement prior to commencing work.

[Contractor's Letterhead]

Community Workforce Coordinator  
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Attn: \_\_\_\_\_

Re: County of Santa Barbara Community Workforce Agreement - Letter of Assent

Dear Sir:

This is to confirm that [*name of company*] agrees to be party to and bound by the County of Santa Barbara Community Workforce Agreement ("Agreement") effective \_\_\_\_\_, 2022, as such Agreement may, from time to time, be amended by the negotiating parties or interpreted pursuant to its terms. Such obligation to be a party and bound by this Agreement shall extend to all work covered by the Agreement undertaken by this Company on the project and this Company shall require all of its contractors and subcontractors of whatever tier to be similarly bound for all work within the scope of the Agreement by signing and furnishing to you an identical Letter of Assent prior to their commencement of work.

Sincerely,

[Name of Construction Company]

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Contractor State License No. \_\_\_\_\_

Project: \_\_\_\_\_

[Copies of this letter must be submitted to the Tri-Counties Building and Construction Trades Council per Section 2.5.2]

**ATTACHMENT C**  
**COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA**  
**COMMUNITY WORKFORCE AGREEMENT**  
**CRAFT REQUEST FORM**

**TO THE CONTRACTOR:** Please complete and fax or email this form to the applicable union to request craft workers that fulfill the hiring requirements for this project. After faxing or emailing your request, please call the Union to verify receipt and substantiate their capacity to furnish workers as specified below. Please print your Fax Transmission Verification Reports or email and keep copies for your records.

The County of Santa Barbara Community Workforce Agreement establishes a goal that 50% of all of the construction labor hours worked on the Project shall be from qualified workers residing, as well as "Veterans," regardless of where they reside: First, Area Residents residing in the County of Santa Barbara; second, within San Luis Obispo and Ventura Counties. For Dispatch purposes, employees residing within either of these two (2) areas, as well as Veterans, regardless of where they reside, shall be referred to as Local Area Residents.

**TO THE UNION:** Please complete the "Union Use Only" section on the next page and fax this form back to the requesting Contractor. Be sure to retain a copy of this form for your records.

**CONTRACTOR USE ONLY**

**To:** Union Local # \_\_\_\_\_ **Fax#** ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Cc:** Community Workforce Coordinator  
**From:** Company: \_\_\_\_\_ **Issued By:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contact Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ **Contact Fax:** ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE PROVIDE ME WITH THE FOLLOWING UNION CRAFT WORKERS.**

Craft Classification (i.e., plumber, painter, etc.)	Journeyman or Apprentice	Local Area Resident or General Dispatch	Number of workers needed	Report Date	Report Time
<b>TOTAL WORKERS REQUESTED =</b> _____					

Please have worker(s) report to the following work address indicated below:

**Project Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Site:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Report to:** \_\_\_\_\_ **On-site Tel:** \_\_\_\_\_ **On-site Fax:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Comment or Special Instructions:** \_\_\_\_\_

**UNION USE ONLY**

Date dispatch request received:
Dispatch received by:
Classification of worker requested:
Classification of worker dispatched:

**WORKER REFERRED**

Name:		
Date worker was dispatched:		
Is the worker referred a:		(check all that apply)
JOURNEYMAN	Yes _____	No _____
APPRENTICE	Yes _____	No _____
LOCAL AREA RESIDENT	Yes _____	No _____
GENERAL DISPATCH FROM OUT OF WORK LIST	Yes _____	No _____

[This form is not intended to replace a Union's Dispatch or Referral Form normally given to the employee when being dispatched to the jobsite.]

**ATTACHMENT D**  
**TRI-COUNTIES BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION**  
**TRADES COUNCIL**  
**APPROVED**  
**DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING POLICY**

The Parties recognize the problems which drug and alcohol abuse have created in the construction industry and the need to develop drug and alcohol abuse prevention programs. Accordingly, the Parties agree that in order to enhance the safety of the workplace and to maintain a drug and alcohol-free work environment, individual Employers may require applicants or employees to undergo drug and alcohol testing.

1. It is understood that the use, possession, transfer or sale of illegal drugs, narcotics, or other unlawful substances, as well as being under the influence of alcohol and the possession or consuming alcohol is absolutely prohibited while employees are on the Employer's job premises or while working on any jobsite in connection with work performed under the Community Workforce Agreement ("CWA").
2. No Employer may implement a drug testing program which does not conform in all respects to the provisions of this Policy.
3. No Employer may implement drug testing at any jobsite unless written notice is given to the Union setting forth the location of the jobsite, a description of the project under construction, and the name and telephone number of the Project Supervisor. Said notice shall be addressed to the office of each Union signing the CWA. Said notice shall be sent by email or by registered mail before the implementation of drug testing. Failure to give such notice shall make any drug testing engaged in by the Employer a violation of the CWA, and the Employer may not implement any form of drug testing at such jobsite for the following six months.
4. An Employer who elects to implement drug testing pursuant to this Agreement shall require all employees on the Project to be tested. With respect to individuals who become employed on the Project subsequent to the proper implementation of a valid drug testing program, such test shall be administered upon the commencement of employment on the project, whether by referral from a Union Dispatch Office, transfer from another project, or another method. Individuals who were employed on the project prior to the proper implementation of a valid drug testing program may only be subjected to testing for the reasons set forth in paragraphs 5(g)(1) through 5(g)(3) and paragraphs 6(a) through 6(e) of this Policy. Refusal to undergo such testing shall be considered sufficient grounds to deny employment on the project.
5. The following procedure shall apply to all drug testing:

a. The Employer may request urine samples only. The applicant or employee shall not be observed when the urine specimen is given. An applicant or employee, at his or her sole option, shall, upon request, receive a blood test in lieu of a urine test. No employee of the Employer shall draw blood from a bargaining unit employee, touch or handle urine specimens, or in any way become involved in the chain of custody of urine or blood specimens. A Union Business Representative, subject to the approval of the individual applicant or employee, shall be permitted to accompany the applicant or employee to the collection facility to observe the collection, bottling, and sealing of the specimen.

b. An employer may request an applicant to perform an alcohol breathalyzer test, at a certified laboratory only and cutoff levels shall be those mandated by applicable state or federal law.

c. The testing shall be done by a laboratory approved by the Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), which is chosen by the Employer and the Union.

d. An initial test shall be performed using the Enzyme Multiplied Immunoassay Technique (EMIT). In the event a question or positive result arises from the initial test, a confirmation test must be utilized before action can be taken against the applicant or employee. The confirmation test will be by Gas Chromatography/Mass Spectrometry (GC/MS). Cutoff levels for both the initial test and confirmation test will be those established by SAMHSA. Should these SAMHSA levels be changed during the course of this Agreement or new testing procedures are approved, then these new regulations will be deemed as part of this existing Agreement. Confirmed positive samples will be retained by the testing laboratory in secured long-term frozen storage for a minimum of one year. Handling and transportation of each sample must be documented through strict chain of custody procedures.

e. In the event of a confirmed positive test result the applicant or employee may request, within forty-eight (48) hours, a sample of his/her specimen from the testing laboratory for purposes of a second test to be performed at a second laboratory, designated by the Union and approved by SAMHSA. The retest must be performed within ten (10) days of the request. Chain of custody for this sample shall be maintained by the Employer between the original testing laboratory and the Union's designated laboratory. Retesting shall be performed at the applicant's or employee's expense. In the event of conflicting test results the Employer may require a third test.

f. If, as a result of the above testing procedure, it is determined that an applicant or employee has tested positive, this shall be considered sufficient grounds to deny the applicant or employee his/her employment on the project.

g. No individual who tests negative for drugs pursuant to the above procedure and becomes employed on the project shall again be subjected to drug testing with the following exceptions:



1. Employees who are involved in industrial accidents resulting in damage to plant, property or equipment or injury to him/her or others may be tested for drug or alcohol pursuant to the procedures stated hereinabove.

2. The Employer may test employees following thirty (30) days advance written notice to the employee(s) to be tested and to the applicable Union. Notice to the applicable Union shall be as set forth in paragraph 3 above and such testing shall be pursuant to the procedures stated hereinabove.

3. The Employer may test an employee where the Employer has reasonable cause to believe that the employee is impaired from performing his/her job. Reasonable cause shall be defined as being aberrant or unusual behavior, the type of which is a recognized and accepted symptom of impairment (i.e., slurred speech, unusual lack of muscular coordination, etc.). Such behavior must be actually observed by at least two persons, one of whom shall be a supervisor who has been trained to recognize the symptoms of drug abuse or impairment and the other of whom shall be the Job Steward. If the Job Steward is unavailable or there is no Job Steward on the project the other person shall be a member of the applicable Union's bargaining unit. Testing shall be pursuant to the procedures stated hereinabove. Employees who are tested pursuant to the exceptions set forth in this paragraph and who test positive will be removed from the Employer's payroll.

h. Applicants or employees who do not test positive shall be paid for all time lost while undergoing drug testing. Payment shall be at the applicable wage and benefit rates set forth in the applicable Union's Master Labor Agreement. Applicants who have been dispatched from the Union and who are not put to work pending the results of a test will be paid waiting time until such time as they are put to work. It is understood that an applicant must pass the test as a condition of employment. Applicants who are put to work pending the results of a test will be considered probationary employees.

6. The Employers will be allowed to conduct periodic jobsite drug testing on the Project under the following conditions:

a. The entire jobsite must be tested, including any employee or subcontractor's employee who worked on that project three (3) working days before or after the date of the test;

b. Jobsite testing cannot commence sooner than fifteen (15) days after start of the work on the project;

c. Prior to start of periodic testing, a Business Representative will be allowed to conduct an educational period on company time to explain periodic jobsite testing program to affected employees;

d. Testing shall be conducted by a SAMHSA certified laboratory, pursuant to the

provisions set forth in paragraph 5 hereinabove.

e. Only two (2) periodic tests may be performed in a twelve (12) month period.

7. It is understood that the unsafe use of prescribed medication, or where the use of prescribed medication impairs the employee's ability to perform work, is a basis for the Employer to remove the employee from the jobsite.

8. Any grievance or dispute which may arise out of the application of this Agreement shall be subject to the grievance and arbitration procedures set forth in the CWA.

9. The establishment or operation of this Policy shall not curtail any right of any employee found in any law, rule or regulation. Should any part of this Agreement be found unlawful by a court of competent jurisdiction or a public agency having jurisdiction over the parties, the remaining portions of the Agreement shall be unaffected, and the parties shall enter negotiations to replace the affected provision.

10. Present employees, if tested positive, shall have the prerogative for rehabilitation program at the employee's expense. When such program has been successfully completed the Employer shall not discriminate in any way against the employee. If work for which the employee is qualified exists, he/she shall be reinstated.

11. The Employer agrees that results of urine and blood tests performed hereunder will be considered medical records held confidential to the extent permitted or required by law. Such records shall not be released to any persons or entities other than designated Employer representatives and the applicable Union. Such release to the applicable Union shall only be allowed upon the signing of a written release and the information contained therein shall not be used to discourage the employment of the individual applicant or employee on any subsequent occasion.

12. The Employer shall indemnify and hold the Union harmless against any and all claims, demands, suits, or liabilities that may arise out of the application of this Agreement and/or any program permitted hereunder.

13. Employees who seek voluntary assistance for substance abuse may not be disciplined for seeking such assistance. Requests from employees for such assistance shall remain confidential and shall not be revealed to other employees or management personnel without the employee's consent. Employees enrolled in substance abuse programs will be subject to all Employer rules, regulations and job performance standards with the understanding that an employee enrolled in such a program is receiving treatment for an illness.

14. The parties agree to develop and implement a drug abuse prevention and testing program for all apprentices entering the industry.

15. This Memorandum of Understanding shall constitute the only Agreement in effect between the parties concerning drug and alcohol abuse, prevention and testing. Any modifications thereto must be accomplished pursuant to collective bargaining negotiations between the parties.

## APPENDIX A: SPECIMEN REPORTING CRITERIA

Initial Test Analyte	Initial Test Cutoff <sup>1</sup>	Confirmatory Test Analyte	Confirmatory Test Cutoff Concentration
Marijuana metabolites (THCA) <sup>2</sup>	50 ng/ml <sup>3</sup>	THCA	15 ng/ml
Cocaine metabolite (Benzoylecgonine)	150ng/ml <sup>3</sup>	Benzoylecgonine	100 ng/ml
Codeine/ Morphine	2000 ng/ml	Codeine Morphine	2000 ng/ml 2000 ng/ml
Hydrocodone/ Hydromorphone	300 ng/ml	Hydrocodone Hydromorphone	100 ng/ml 100 ng/ml
Alcohol	0.02%	Ethanol	0.02%
Oxycodone/ Oxymorphone	100 ng/ml	Oxycodone Oxymorphone	100 ng/ml 100 ng/ml
6-Acetylmorphine	10 ng/ml	6-Acetylmorphine	10 ng/ml
Phencyclidine	25 ng/ml	Phencyclidine	25 ng/ml
Amphetamine/ Methamphetamine	500 ng/ml	Amphetamine Methamphetamine	250ng/ml 250 ng/ml

<sup>1</sup> For grouped analytes (i.e., two or more analytes that are in the same drug class and have the same initial test cutoff):

**Immunoassay:** The test must be calibrated with one analyte from the group identified as the target analyte. The cross-reactivity of the immunoassay to the other analyte(s) within the group must be 80 percent or greater; if not, separate immunoassays must be used for the analytes within the group.

**Alternate technology:** Either one analyte or all analytes from the group must be used for calibration, depending on the technology. At least one analyte within the group must have a concentration equal to or greater than the initial test cutoff or, alternatively, the sum of the analytes present (i.e., equal to or greater than the laboratory's validated limit of quantification) must be equal to or greater than the initial test cutoff.

<sup>2</sup> An immunoassay must be calibrated with the target analyte, 9-tetrahydrocannabinol-9- carboxylic acid (THCA).

<sup>3</sup> **Alternate technology (THCA and benzoylecgonine):** The confirmatory test cutoff must be used for an alternate technology initial test that is specific for the target analyte (i.e., 15 ng/ml for THCA, 100 ng/ ml for benzoylecgonine).

MDMA <sup>4</sup> /MDA <sup>5</sup>	500 ng/ml	MDMA MDA	250ng/ml 250 ng/ml
Initial Test Analyte	Initial Test Cutoff	Confirmatory Test Analyte	Confirmatory Test Cutoff Concentration
Barbiturates	300 ng/ml	Barbiturates	200 ng/ml
Benzodiazepines	300 ng/ml	Benzodiazepines	300 ng/ml
Methadone	300 ng/ml	Methadone	100 ng/ml
Methaqualone	300 ng/ml	Methaqualone	300 ng/ml
Propoxyphene	300 ng/ml	Propoxyphene	100 ng/ml

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<sup>4</sup> Methylenedioxymethamphetamine (MDMA)

<sup>5</sup> Methylenedioxyamphetamine (MDA)

SIDE LETTER OF AGREEMENT

**TESTING POLICY FOR DRUG ABUSE**

It is hereby agreed between the parties hereto that an Employer who has otherwise properly implemented drug testing, as set forth in the Testing Policy for Drug Abuse, shall have the right to offer an applicant or employee a "quick" drug screening test. This "quick" screen test shall consist either of the "ICUP" urine screen or similar test or an oral screen test. The applicant or employee shall have the absolute right to select either of the two "quick" screen tests, or to reject both and request a full drug test.

An applicant or employee who selects one of the "quick" screen tests, and who passes the test, shall be put to work immediately. An applicant or employee who fails the "quick" screen test, or who rejects the "quick" screen tests, shall be tested pursuant to the procedures set forth in the Testing Policy for Drug Abuse. The sample used for the "quick" screen test shall be discarded immediately upon conclusion of the test. An applicant or employee shall not be deprived of any rights granted to them by the Testing Policy for Drug Abuse as a result of any occurrence related to the "quick" screen test.