

**AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES OF INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR – ROBERT  
HALF INTERNATIONAL INC.**

**THIS AGREEMENT** (hereafter Agreement) is made by and between the County of Santa Barbara, a political subdivision of the State of California (hereafter COUNTY) and Robert Half International Inc., a Delaware corporation with an address at 1525 State Street, Suite 101, Santa Barbara, CA 95054 (hereafter CONTRACTOR) wherein CONTRACTOR agrees to provide and COUNTY agrees to accept the services specified herein.

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

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

1. DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE

Luis Hernandez at phone number 805-280-2611 and at the email [luhernandez@countyofsb.org](mailto:luhernandez@countyofsb.org) is the representative of COUNTY and will administer this Agreement for and on behalf of COUNTY. Alexandra Von Tiergarten at phone number 805-332-3081 and at the email [alexandra.vontiergarten@roberthalf.com](mailto:alexandra.vontiergarten@roberthalf.com) is the authorized representative for CONTRACTOR. Changes in designated representatives shall be made only after advance written notice to the other party.

2. NOTICES

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

To COUNTY: Luis Hernandez, County of Santa Barbara, Human Resources  
1226 Anacapa St  
Santa Barbara, CA, 93101  
[luhernandez@countyofsb.org](mailto:luhernandez@countyofsb.org)

To CONTRACTOR: Robert Half International Inc.  
Attn: Senior Vice President, Alexandra Von Tiergarten  
1525 State Street, Suite 101  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101  
[alexandra.vontiergarten@roberthalf.com](mailto:alexandra.vontiergarten@roberthalf.com)

w/ cc to: Robert Half International Inc.  
Attn: Client Contracts Department  
2613 Camino Ramon, San Ramon, CA 94583

or at such other address or to such other person that the parties may from time to time designate in accordance with this Notices section. If sent by first class mail, notices and consents under this section shall

be deemed to be received five (5) days following their deposit in the U.S. mail. This Notices section shall not be construed as meaning that either party agrees to service of process except as required by applicable law.

3. SCOPE OF SERVICES

CONTRACTOR agrees to provide temporary staffing support (“Assigned Individuals”) for services to COUNTY in accordance with EXHIBIT A attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

4. TERM

CONTRACTOR shall commence performance on **July 1, 2022** and end performance upon completion, but no later than **October 31, 2022** unless otherwise directed by COUNTY or unless earlier terminated.

5. COMPENSATION OF CONTRACTOR

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

6. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

It is mutually understood and agreed that CONTRACTOR (including any and all of its officers, agents, and employees), shall perform all of its services under this Agreement as an independent contractor as to COUNTY and not as an officer, agent, servant, employee, joint venturer, partner, or associate of COUNTY. CONTRACTOR shall remain the legal employer of the Assigned Individuals assigned to COUNTY for all purposes, including responsibility for disciplining, hiring and firing and paying all federal, state and local labor and employment taxes, calculation of wages, and unemployment and workers’ compensation insurance. However, COUNTY shall retain the right to administer this Agreement so as to verify that CONTRACTOR is performing its obligations in accordance with the terms and conditions hereof. CONTRACTOR understands and acknowledges that its Assigned Individuals shall not be entitled to any of the benefits of a COUNTY employee, including but not limited to vacation, sick leave, administrative leave, health insurance, disability insurance, retirement, unemployment insurance, workers’ compensation and protection of tenure. CONTRACTOR shall be solely liable and responsible for providing to, or on behalf of, its employees all legally-required employee benefits. In addition, CONTRACTOR shall be solely responsible and save COUNTY harmless from all matters relating to payment of CONTRACTOR’s employees, including compliance with Social Security withholding and all other regulations governing such matters. It is acknowledged that during the term of this Agreement, CONTRACTOR may be providing services to others unrelated to the COUNTY or to this Agreement.

7. STANDARD OF PERFORMANCE

CONTRACTOR represents that it has the skills, expertise, and licenses/permits necessary to perform the services required under this Agreement. Accordingly, CONTRACTOR shall perform all such services in the manner and according to the standards observed by a competent practitioner of the same profession in which CONTRACTOR is engaged. All products of whatsoever nature, which CONTRACTOR delivers to COUNTY pursuant to this Agreement, shall be prepared in a first class and workmanlike manner and shall conform to the standards of quality normally observed by a person practicing in the temporary staffing

industry. Applicable permits and/or licenses shall be obtained and maintained by CONTRACTOR without additional compensation.

8. DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION

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

9. TAXES

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

10. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

To the best of its knowledge, CONTRACTOR covenants that CONTRACTOR presently has no employment or interest and shall not acquire any employment or interest, direct or indirect, including any interest in any business, property, or source of income, which would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of services required to be performed under this Agreement. CONTRACTOR further covenants that in the performance of this Agreement, no person having any such interest shall be employed by CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR must promptly disclose to COUNTY, in writing, any potential conflict of interest. COUNTY

retains the right to waive a conflict of interest disclosed by CONTRACTOR if COUNTY determines it to be immaterial, and such waiver is only effective if provided by COUNTY to CONTRACTOR in writing.

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

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

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

#### 12. NO PUBLICITY OR ENDORSEMENT

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

#### 13. COUNTY PROPERTY AND INFORMATION

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

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

CONTRACTOR shall keep such business records pursuant to this Agreement as would be kept by a reasonably prudent practitioner of CONTRACTOR's profession and shall maintain such records for at least four (4) years

following the termination of this Agreement. All accounting records shall be kept in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. COUNTY shall have the right to audit and review all such documents and records at any time during CONTRACTOR's regular business hours or upon reasonable notice. In addition, if this Agreement exceeds ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00), CONTRACTOR shall be subject to the examination and audit of the California State Auditor, at the request of the COUNTY or as part of any audit of the COUNTY, for a period of three (3) years after final payment under the Agreement (Cal. Govt. Code Section 8546.7). CONTRACTOR shall participate in any audits and reviews, whether by COUNTY or the State, at no charge to COUNTY. This audit provision shall not apply to confidential information, including but not limited to, CONTRACTOR's employee's personnel files or the remuneration paid by CONTRACTOR to its employees and subcontractors.

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

#### 15. INDEMNIFICATION AND INSURANCE

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

#### 16. NONDISCRIMINATION

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

#### 17. NONEXCLUSIVE AGREEMENT

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

#### 18. NON-ASSIGNMENT

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

#### 19. TERMINATION

A. **By COUNTY.** COUNTY may, by written notice to CONTRACTOR, terminate this Agreement in whole or in part at any time, whether for COUNTY's convenience, for nonappropriation of funds, or because of the failure of CONTRACTOR to fulfill the obligations herein.

1. **For Convenience.** COUNTY may terminate this Agreement in whole or in part upon thirty (30) days written notice. During the thirty (30) day period, CONTRACTOR shall, as directed by COUNTY, wind down and cease its services as quickly and efficiently as reasonably possible, without performing unnecessary services or activities and by minimizing negative effects on COUNTY from such winding down and cessation of services.

2. **For Nonappropriation of Funds.** Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, in the event that no funds or insufficient funds are appropriated or budgeted by federal, state or COUNTY governments, or funds are not otherwise available for payments in the fiscal year(s) covered by the term of this Agreement, then COUNTY will notify CONTRACTOR of such occurrence and COUNTY may terminate or suspend this Agreement in whole or in part, with or without a prior notice period. Subsequent to termination of this Agreement under this provision, COUNTY shall have no obligation to make payments with regard to the remainder of the term.

3. **For Cause.** Should CONTRACTOR default in the performance of this Agreement or materially breach any of its provisions, COUNTY may, at COUNTY's sole option, terminate or suspend this Agreement in whole or in part by written notice. Upon receipt of notice, CONTRACTOR shall immediately discontinue all services affected (unless the notice directs otherwise) and notify COUNTY as to the status of its performance. The date of termination shall be the date the notice is received by CONTRACTOR, unless the notice directs otherwise.

B. **By CONTRACTOR.** Should COUNTY fail to pay CONTRACTOR all or any part of the payment set forth in EXHIBIT B, CONTRACTOR may, at CONTRACTOR's option terminate this Agreement if such failure is not remedied by COUNTY within thirty (30) days of written notice to COUNTY of such late payment.

C. Upon termination, CONTRACTOR shall deliver to COUNTY all data, estimates, graphs, summaries, reports, and all other property, records, documents or papers as may have been accumulated or produced by CONTRACTOR in performing this Agreement, whether completed or in process, except such items as COUNTY may, by written permission, permit CONTRACTOR to retain. Notwithstanding any other payment provision of this Agreement, COUNTY shall pay CONTRACTOR for all hourly services performed to the date of termination to include a prorated amount of compensation due hereunder less payments, if any, previously made. In no event shall CONTRACTOR be paid an amount in excess of the full price under this Agreement nor for profit on unperformed portions of service. CONTRACTOR shall furnish to COUNTY such financial information as in the judgment of COUNTY is necessary to determine the reasonable value of the services rendered by CONTRACTOR. The foregoing is cumulative and shall not affect any right or remedy which COUNTY may have in law or equity.

## 20. SECTION HEADINGS

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

## 21. SEVERABILITY

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

22. REMEDIES NOT EXCLUSIVE

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

23. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE

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

24. NO WAIVER OF DEFAULT

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

25. ENTIRE AGREEMENT AND AMENDMENT

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

26. SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS

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

27. COMPLIANCE WITH LAW

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

28. CALIFORNIA LAW AND JURISDICTION

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

29. EXECUTION OF COUNTERPARTS

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

30. AUTHORITY

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

31. SURVIVAL

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

32. PRECEDENCE

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

33. PRIOR AGREEMENTS.

Upon execution, this Agreement supersedes all prior agreements between County and Contractor related to the scope of work contained in this Agreement and specifically as related to Board Contract BC 21098.

34. MANDATORY DISCLOSURE.

CONTRACTOR must disclose, in a timely manner, in writing to the COUNTY all of CONTRACTOR'S violations of Federal criminal law involving fraud, bribery, or gratuity violations potentially affecting the award. Contractor is required to report certain civil, criminal, or administrative proceedings to the System for Award Management (SAM) located at [www.sam.gov](http://www.sam.gov). Failure to make required disclosures can result in any of the remedies described in 2 CFR §200.338 Remedies for noncompliance, including suspension or debarment. (See also 2 CFR part 180 and 31 U.S.C. 3321.)

35. PROCUREMENT OF RECOVERED MATERIALS.

CONTRACTOR shall comply with section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. The requirements of Section 6002 include procuring only items designated in guidelines of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at 40 CFR Part 247 that contain the highest percentage of recovered materials practicable, consistent with maintaining a satisfactory level of competition, where the purchase price of the item exceeds \$10,000 or the value of the quantity acquired during the preceding fiscal year exceeded \$10,000; procuring solid waste management services in a manner that maximizes energy and resource recovery; and establishing an affirmative procurement program for procurement of recovered materials identified in the EPA guidelines.



36. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

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

- A. CONTRACTOR will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. CONTRACTOR will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following: Employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. CONTRACTOR agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.
- B. CONTRACTOR will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of CONTRACTOR, state that all qualified applicants will receive considerations for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.
- C. CONTRACTOR will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which he has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice to be provided advising the said labor union or workers' representatives of CONTRACTOR'S commitments under this section, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.
- D. CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, entitled "Equal Employment Opportunity," as amended by Executive Order 11375 of October 13, 1967, as supplemented in Department of Labor regulations (41 CFR Part 60) and all other applicable rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor. Title 41 CFR section 60.14 applies to this Agreement and is incorporated herein by this reference with the same force and effect as if the regulation were specifically set out herein and CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with said regulation.
- E. CONTRACTOR will furnish all information and reports required by Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and by rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor, or pursuant thereto, and will permit access to his books, records, and accounts by the administering agency and the Secretary of Labor for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and orders.
- F. In the event of CONTRACTOR'S noncompliance with the nondiscrimination clauses of this Agreement or with any of the said rules, regulations, or orders, this Agreement may be cancelled, terminated, or suspended in whole or in part and CONTRACTOR may be declared ineligible for further Government contracts or federally assisted construction contracts in accordance with procedures authorized in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and such other sanctions as may be imposed and remedies invoked as provided in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, or by rule, regulation, or order of the Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided by law.
- G. CONTRACTOR will include the portion of the sentence immediately preceding paragraph (A)

and the provisions of paragraphs (A) through (F) in every subcontract or purchase order related to the Services on this Agreement unless exempted by rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to section 204 of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor. CONTRACTOR will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as the administering agency may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for noncompliance: Provided, however, that in the event a contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction by the administering agency CONTRACTOR may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

**37. DOMESTIC PREFERENCES FOR PROCUREMENTS**

- A. As appropriate and to the extent consistent with law, the CONTRACTOR should, to the greatest extent practicable, provide a preference for the purchase, acquisition, or use of goods, products, or materials produced in the United States (including but not limited to iron, aluminum, steel, cement, and other manufactured products). The requirements of this section must be included in all subcontractor agreements.
- B. For purposes of this section:
  - i. "Produced in the United States" means, for iron and steel products, that all manufacturing processes, from the initial melting stage through the application of coatings, occurred in the United States.
  - ii. "Manufactured products" means items and construction materials composed in whole or in part of nonferrous metals such as aluminum; plastics and polymer-based products such as polyvinyl chloride pipe; aggregates such as concrete; glass, including optical fiber; and lumber.

**38. PROHIBITION ON CERTAIN TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROHIBITION ON CERTAIN TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND VIDEO SURVEILLANCE SERVICES OR EQUIPMENT**

- A. CONTRACTOR is prohibited from obligating or expending loan or grant funds to:
  - i. Procure or obtain;
  - ii. Extend or renew a contract to procure or obtain; or
  - iii. Enter into a contract (or extend or renew a contract) to procure or obtain equipment, services, or systems that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system. As described in Public Law 115-232, section 889, covered telecommunications equipment is telecommunications equipment produced by Huawei Technologies Company or ZTE Corporation (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities).
- B. For the purpose of public safety, security of government facilities, physical security surveillance of critical infrastructure, and other national security purposes, video surveillance and telecommunications equipment produced by Hytera Communications

Corporation, Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology Company, or Dahua Technology Company (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities).

- C. Telecommunications or video surveillance services provided by such entities or using such equipment.
- D. Telecommunications or video surveillance equipment or services produced or provided by an entity that the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Director of the National Intelligence or the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, reasonably believes to be an entity owned or controlled by, or otherwise connected to, the government of a covered foreign country.
- E. In implementing the prohibition under Public Law 115-232, section 889, subsection (f), paragraph (1), heads of executive agencies administering loan, grant, or subsidy programs shall prioritize available funding and technical support to assist affected businesses, institutions and organizations as is reasonably necessary for those affected entities to transition from covered communications equipment and services, to procure replacement equipment and services, and to ensure that communications service to users and customers is sustained.
- F. See Public Law 115-232, section 889 for additional information.
- G. See also 2 CFR § 200.471.

**39. PROHIBITION OF EXPENDING LOCAL AGENCY STATE OR FEDERAL FUNDS FOR LOBBYING**

- a. CONTRACTOR, by signing its offer, hereby certifies to the best of his or her knowledge and belief that:
  - i. No state, federal or local agency appropriated funds have been paid, or will be paid by or on behalf of CONTRACTOR to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any state or federal agency; a Member of the State Legislature or United States Congress; an officer or employee of the Legislature or Congress; or any employee of a Member of the Legislature or Congress, in connection with the awarding of any state or federal contract; the making of any state or federal grant; the making of any state or federal loan; the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any state or federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
  - ii. If any funds other than federal appropriated funds have been paid, or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any federal agency; a Member of Congress; an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress; in connection with this federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement; CONTRACTOR shall complete and submit California State Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," to the COUNTY and in accordance with the instructions found therein.
- b. This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by Section 1352, Title 31, U.S. Code.

Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

- c. Contractor also agrees by signing this document that he or she shall require that the language of this certification be included in all lower-tier subcontracts, which exceed \$100,000 and that all such sub recipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

#### 40. CLEAN AIR ACT AND FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT

CONTRACTOR shall comply with all applicable standards, orders, or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q.) and pursuant to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251-1387). CONTRACTOR shall promptly disclose, in writing, to the COUNTY office, to the Federal Awarding Agency, and to the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), whenever, in connection with the award, performance, or closeout of this contract or any subcontract thereunder, the CONTRACTOR has credible evidence that a principal, employee, agent, or subcontractor of the CONTRACTOR has committed a violation of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q.) or the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251-1387).

#### 41. ADDITIONAL TERMS

- a. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, COUNTY shall supervise Assigned Individuals providing services to COUNTY. COUNTY shall not permit or require Assigned Individuals (i) to perform services outside of the scope of his or her assignment; (ii) to sign contracts or statements (including SEC documents); (iii) to make any management decisions; (iv) to make any final decisions regarding system design, software development or the acquisition of hardware or software; (v) to sign, endorse, wire, transport or otherwise convey cash, securities, checks, or any negotiable instruments or valuables; (vi) to perform services remotely (e.g., on premises other than COUNTY's or COUNTY's customer's premises); or to use computers, or other electronic devices, software or network equipment owned or licensed by Assigned Individual; (vii) to operate machinery (other than office machines) or automotive equipment. COUNTY agrees to hold in confidence CONTRACTOR'S Assigned Individuals' legally protected personal information. Since CONTRACTOR is not a professional accounting firm, COUNTY agrees that it will not permit or require an Assigned Individual (a) to render an opinion on behalf of CONTRACTOR or on COUNTY's behalf regarding financial statements; (b) to sign the name of CONTRACTOR on any document; or (c) to sign their own names on financial statements or tax returns.
- b. This Agreement is only applicable to, and the only Robert Half International Inc. branch and **practice group** obligated under this Agreement is the **administrative & customer support and finance & accounting practice groups** of the branch office located in Santa Barbara, CA.
- c. If **applicable**, CONTRACTOR shall comply with Section 35 of this Agreement, as applicable.

Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor between the **County of Santa Barbara** and Robert Half International Inc.

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

**ATTEST:**

Mona Miyasato  
County Executive Officer  
Clerk of the Board

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

**COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA:**

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

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

**RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL:**

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Human Resources Director

By:  \_\_\_\_\_  
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**CONTRACTOR:**

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

**EXHIBIT A**

## STATEMENT OF WORK

1. **PERFORMANCE.** Contractor shall provide temporary personnel (“Assigned Individuals”) as needed, at the time and place designated by County for the periods of time designated by County.
  - A. Contractor shall provide personnel who meet the qualifications as defined by the County. Contractor shall administer the employment of the personnel, including recruiting, selecting, arranging schedules, withholding proper taxes, paying wages including any applicable overtime, making employer contributions for FICA and federal and state unemployment taxes, performing background investigations and reviewing and assuring the maintenance of necessary licenses, health certificates, memberships and other qualifications necessary for the services to be provided.
  - B. Contractor shall comply with all state and federal laws applicable to the employment of temporary personnel assigned to County.
  - C. All temporary personnel assigned to County pursuant to this agreement shall, for the purposes of this agreement, be considered employees of Contractor. Contractor shall assume sole and exclusive responsibility for the payment of wages to its temporary personnel for services performed by them. Contractor shall, with respect to said temporary personnel, be responsible for withholding federal and state income taxes, paying Social Security taxes, unemployment insurance and maintaining compensation insurance coverage in an amount and under such terms as required by State law.
  
2. **Personnel Screening and Selection.**
  - A. Contractor shall match the skills and experience levels of its temporary personnel to the specific needs of County. General qualifications are described in Exhibit A-1. If requested by the County ordering department, Contractor shall provide resumes for review so that the ordering department may review and/or interview candidates for positions if the ordering department chooses to do so.
  - B. Contractor shall verify identity and work authority of each temporary personnel under applicable immigration laws.
  - C. Contractor shall interview, test, screen, conduct background checks and ensure compliance with legally required pre-employment obligations for all assigned employees as stated below. Background checks will include reference checks and, if requested, criminal convictions. Contractor shall verify a minimum of two previous employment references for every applicant before they will be considered eligible for placement.
  - D. Upon County’s written request, Contractor will conduct any of the following requested checks:

1. References. Contractor checks references of its Assigned Individuals only by asking specific questions to select past employers with regard to skills and work history before it places an individual on his or her first assignment.
2. To the extent permitted by applicable law, Contractor will have a third party vendor

(a) complete a seven (7) year criminal background investigation for all state felony convictions and state misdemeanor convictions for crimes of dishonesty or violence in every county where the Assigned Individual has resided or worked within the U.S. in the last seven (7) years as stated on his or her application,

(b) verify the highest degree earned from a U.S. or Canadian college or university as indicated on the professional's resume,

(c) perform a seven (7) year criminal background investigation by having the third party perform a search of its private database of U.S. national criminal records searching for felony convictions and misdemeanor convictions for crimes of dishonesty. Client understands and agrees that the third party vendor's database of U.S. national criminal records (i) is maintained by the third party vendor and not a governmental entity, (ii) is an incomplete aggregation of criminal records and (iii) will not reveal or identify all criminal convictions, and/or

(d) perform a credit check. County represents and warrants that any credit checks will be requested and used by County in accordance with applicable law and that the credit check is substantially related to the Assigned Individual's current or potential position with County and that the credit check is being requested because the position in which the Assigned Individual will work is a position that involves access to County's confidential business information.

Contractor will direct the Assigned Individuals to provide proof of vaccination status or comply with testing requirements, as outlined by the County's Employee COVID-19 Vaccination and Testing Policy dated August 31, 2021. County agrees to keep the Assigned Individual's vaccination status strictly confidential and use results for employment purposes only. The County and Contractor agree that each will comply with all applicable federal, state, provincial and local laws, including, but not limited to, offering exemptions to the vaccination requirement for individuals requiring reasonable accommodation for religious or medical purposes. The County may update its COVID-19 Vaccination and Testing Policy by sending Contractor a writing with the new requirements and policies.

If County requests a copy of the results of the foregoing checks (the "Report"), County agrees to keep the Report strictly confidential and to use the Report for employment purposes only.

- E. Contractor's temporary personnel shall report to their designated County supervisor before beginning work. County will determine if temporary personnel needs HIPAA training and will provide HIPAA training onsite during orientation.
- F. County may reject any personnel offered from time to time upon notice to Contractor. In the event a temporary employee fails to meet the quality of work performance required, the temporary employee will be dismissed. Contractor will be notified within the first four hours and no charges may be assessed for the last four hours reported by that temporary employee. Contractor shall replace a temporary employee who is determined

to be unsatisfactory at no charge, when Contractor is notified within the first four hours of the temporary placement.

**3. Length of Employment.**

- A. County shall notify Contractor of the approximate number of hours a temporary employee will be needed. In the event a temporary employee is requested initially to work a full day and is released before working four hours, due to circumstances other than quality of performance, County shall be billed for four hours.
- B. 90 Day Limit – “Temporary services” are limited under California Government Code section 31000.4 which limits temporary employment to a period not to exceed 90 calendar days for any single position. County and Contractor will comply with any future amendments to Government Code section 31000.4. Contractor will notify County departmental contact and the County Human Resources Department contact specified in the Agreement Section 2, in writing, ten (10) days prior to reaching this limit. Any violations of this Code will be Contractor’s responsibility.
- C. The County is under no obligation to request, utilize or employ any certain extent or number of services, nor is the County restricted, by reason of this contract, from employing personnel for County’s needs by contracting with other temporary help suppliers.

**4. County Hiring Process.**

- A. Due to the fact that County has a civil service system, County is unable to hire temporary employees directly to regular positions. A temporary employee who wishes to be considered for a regular County position must apply with the County and go through the competitive recruitment process for that position. Given the competitive nature and length of this recruitment process the County will not be responsible for any fees or penalties associated with the appointment of a temporary employee to a regular County position. The foregoing does not apply to County’s extra-help appointments, any applicable conversion fee will be negotiated on case-by-case basis. County agrees that temporary employees will not be offered extra-help positions until the temporary employee has met the 90 calendar day limit set forth in Government Code section 31000.4.

**5. Pricing.**

- A. Pricing. It is understood that the position descriptions in Exhibit A-1 are to be construed broadly when County requests particular skills. For example, requesting that a word processor have experience in PowerPoint should not incur any additional cost. However, it is anticipated that from time to time, County may require a person with a skill set that is so far outside any of the descriptions in Exhibit A-1 that it would be unreasonable for County to expect Contractor to fill the position at no extra charge. In



such cases, rates will be negotiated between parties on a case-by-case basis, in accordance with Exhibit B and B-1.

- B. Adjustment Clause. Fees, as reflected in Exhibit B-1 or as otherwise agreed upon for other positions, shall be the maximum charged for the period of the contract including any periods in which the contract is extended. Contractor may increase the rates set forth herein in proportion to any statutory increases which may be required by federal, state or local law commencing upon the effective date of such increase including any increase which may be necessary due to the passage of any federal or state law mandating benefits for temporary employees. These charges include, but are not restricted to, Workers' Compensation Insurance, FICA, SUI and FUI increases. Such increases will be limited to the amounts or percentages common to the industry in the Santa Barbara area, and will not be allowed to the extent Contractor's experience rating exceeds the industry average for the Santa Barbara County area. Contractor will not increase the quoted prices during the term of the Agreement. No increase of any kind will be allowed without the advance written consent of County, upon written request and rationale by Contractor.

**EXHIBIT A-1  
GENERAL JOB DESCRIPTION**

1. Receptionist – Greets and directs visitors. Operates a small telephone system and performs very light clerical duties. May include typing labels or filing. Accurate message taking, good communication and human relations skills required.
2. General Clerk – Performs a variety of basic clerical duties that do not required special knowledge of systems and procedures. Among these are photocopying, stuffing and addressing envelopes, filing, sorting, and distribution of mail, counting, recording and labeling inventory.
3. Account Clerk – Must be proficient on calculator and have basic computer knowledge. Responsible for routine accounting duties in a large accounting department. May include checking, verifying and posting to accounts payable or receivable ledgers or journals. Performs calculations such as addition, subtraction, multiplication, division and percentages. May also process invoices for payment or apply cash to open items.
4. Data Entry Operator – Experience entering data through a terminal. Dependent on the type of computer system and the types of applications used.
5. Financial Office Professional – Types 55+ words per minute. Duties include setting up and typing final drafts or manuscripts, business letters, briefs, proposals and manuals. Some desktop publishing may be required along with simple calculations, record keeping and filing.
6. Administrative Office Professional – Performs secretarial and clerical duties in a large office or department with one or more supervisors. May be responsible for full range of typing, telephone, and general clerical duties, such as: setting up and typing business letters, memos, summaries, reports, and scheduling appointments, meetings, and travel for one or more people. Excellent spelling, grammar, and punctuation knowledge required. A thorough knowledge of the word processing system specified upon request will be required. May also include some light accounting. Shorthand or machine transcribing not included.
7. Account Technician – Must have the skills of a full-charge bookkeeper, through trial balance. Performs all basic accounting calculations such as percentages, discounts, and amortization. Proficient on 10-key calculator and spreadsheet applications.
8. Junior Accountant – Must possess a 4-year degree in Accounting or a business related field. Assists in the preparation of complex financial statements, audits, cost analysis and other complicated accounting procedures. Must have at least one year's experience in addition to degree.
9. Senior Accountant – Must hold a Certified Public Accountant certification. Prepares complex financial statements, audits, cost analysis, and other complicated accounting procedures. Must have knowledge of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and have the ability and experience to apply them in practice.

**EXHIBIT B**  
**PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS**

- A. For CONTRACTOR services to be rendered under this Agreement, CONTRACTOR shall be paid a total contract amount, including cost reimbursements, not to exceed (“Not-to-Exceed”) **\$200,000** for duration of the contract. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement: (i) CONTRACTOR may at any time, in its sole discretion, discontinue performance of the services once the Not-to-Exceed Amount has been attained (even if CONTRACTOR continued to provide services after the Not-To-Exceed Amount was reached); (ii) COUNTY shall have sole responsibility for monitoring fees charged in relation to the Not-to-Exceed Amount; (iii) COUNTY will either terminate the assignment or increase the Not-to-Exceed Amount prior to attainment of the Not-to-Exceed Amount; and (iv) COUNTY shall be responsible for all charges (including charges in excess of the Not-To-Exceed Amount) in the event COUNTY fails to notify CONTRACTOR of termination of the assignment or fails to increase the Not-to-Exceed Amount.
- B. Payment for services and /or reimbursement of costs shall be made upon CONTRACTOR’s hourly performance, based upon the scope and methodology contained in **EXHIBIT A** as determined by COUNTY.
- C. Upon completion of the work detailed in **EXHIBIT A** and/or delivery to COUNTY of item(s) specified therein, CONTRACTOR shall submit to the ordering County department a weekly invoice or certified claim on the County Treasury for the service performed. This invoice or claim must cite the assigned Board Contract Number. Assigned Individual will present a time sheet or an electronic time record to COUNTY for verification and approval at the end of each week. COUNTY shall pay invoices or claims for satisfactory work within 30 days of receipt of correct and complete invoices or claims from CONTRACTOR.
- D. COUNTY’s failure to discover or object to any unsatisfactory work or billings prior to payment will not constitute a waiver of COUNTY’s right to require CONTRACTOR to correct such work or billings or seek any other legal remedy.

**EXHIBIT B-1  
SCHEDULE OF RATES**

The following Bill Rates are included for descriptive purposes only and, as such are not restrictive to all positions. The Bill Rates are offered only as an aid to hiring Managers. On a case by case basis, parties may negotiate Bill Rates for other classifications.

<b>Title/Classification</b>	<b>Maximum Bill Rate</b>
Receptionist	\$25.99 - \$35.99
General Clerk	\$25.99 - \$35.99
Account Clerk	\$25.99 - \$35.99
Data Entry Operator	\$25.99 - \$35.99
Financial Office Professional	\$29.99 - \$44.99
Administrative Office Professional	\$29.99 - \$44.99
Account Technician	\$29.99 - \$44.99
Junior Accountant	\$39.99 - \$49.99
Senior Accountant	\$54.00 - \$77.00

1. Non-Clerical/Non-Accounting Classifications – 50% mark-up Maximum

**EXHIBIT C  
INDEMNIFICATION AND INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS  
(FOR PROFESSIONAL CONTRACTS)**

1. INDEMNIFICATION

Contractor agrees to indemnify, defend (with counsel reasonably approved by County) and hold harmless County and its officers, officials, employees, and agents ("County Indemnitees") from and against any and all claims, actions, losses, damages, judgments and/or liabilities arising out of this Agreement from Contractor's or Contractor's violation of applicable law, negligence, or willful misconduct. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, Contractor shall not be liable for, or have any duty of defense or indemnification with respect to any negligence or willful misconduct of County Indemnitees. If COUNTY elects to, COUNTY may, at its own expense, retain its own counsel to ensure its rights are protected.

2. NOTIFICATION OF ACCIDENTS AND SURVIVAL OF INDEMNIFICATION PROVISIONS

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

3. INSURANCE

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

A. Minimum Scope of Insurance

Coverage shall be at least as broad as:

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

If the Contractor maintains higher limits than the minimums shown above, the County requires and shall be entitled to coverage for the higher limits maintained by the Contractor. Any available insurance proceeds in excess of the specified minimum limits of insurance and coverage shall be available to the County.

## B. Other Insurance Provisions

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

- i. **Additional Insured** – County, its officers, officials, employees, and agents and volunteers are to be covered as additional insureds on the CGL policy with respect to liability arising out of work or operations performed by or on behalf of the Contractor including materials, parts, or equipment furnished in connection with such work or operations. General liability coverage can be provided in the form of an endorsement to the Contractor’s insurance at least as broad as ISO Form CG 20 10 11 85 or both CG 20 10, CG 20 26, CG 20 33, or CG 20 38; **and** CG 20 37 forms if later revisions used).
- ii. **Primary Coverage** – For any claims related to this Agreement, the Contractor’s insurance coverage shall be primary insurance primary coverage at least as broad as ISO CG 20 01 04 13 as respects the County, its officers, officials, employees, agents and volunteers. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the County, its officers, officials, employees, agents or volunteers shall be excess of the Contractor’s insurance and shall not contribute with it.
- iii. **Notice of Cancellation** – Contractor warrants that it shall not cancel or materially change the required insurance coverage, except with at least 30 days of notice to the County.
- iv. **Waiver of Subrogation Rights** – Contractor hereby grants to County a waiver of any right to subrogation which any insurer of said Contractor may acquire against the County by virtue of the payment of any loss under such insurance. Contractor agrees to obtain any endorsement that may be necessary to effect this waiver of subrogation, but this provision applies regardless of whether or not the County has received a waiver of subrogation endorsement from the insurer.
- v. **Deductibles and Self-Insured Retention** – Any deductibles or self-insured retentions must be declared to and approved by the County. The County may require the Contractor to purchase coverage with a lower deductible or retention or provide proof of ability to pay losses and related investigations, claim administration, and defense expenses within the retention.
- vi. **Acceptability of Insurers** – Unless otherwise approved by Risk Management, insurance shall be written by insurers authorized to do business in the State of California and with a minimum A.M. Best’s Insurance Guide rating of “A- VII-”.
- vii. **Verification of Coverage** – Contractor shall furnish the County with proof of insurance, original certificates and amendatory endorsements as required by this Agreement. The proof of insurance, certificates and endorsements are to be received and approved by the County before work commences. However, failure to obtain the required documents prior to the work beginning shall not waive the Contractor’s obligation to provide them. The Contractor shall furnish evidence of renewal of coverage throughout the term of the Agreement.
- viii. **Failure to Procure Coverage** – In the event that any policy of insurance required under this Agreement does not comply with the requirements, is not procured, or is canceled and not replaced, County has the right but not the obligation or duty to terminate the Agreement. Maintenance of required insurance coverage is a material element of the Agreement and failure to maintain or renew such coverage or to provide evidence of renewal may be treated by County as a material breach of contract.

- ix. **Subcontractors** – Contractor shall require and verify that all subcontractors maintain insurance meeting all the requirements stated herein, and Contractor shall ensure that County is an additional insured on insurance required from subcontractors.
- x. **Claims Made Policies** – If any of the required policies provide coverage on a claims-made basis:
  - a) The Retroactive Date must be shown and must be before the date of the contract or the beginning of contract work.
  - b) Insurance must be maintained and evidence of insurance must be provided for at least five (5) years after completion of contract work.
  - c) If coverage is canceled or non-renewed, and not replaced with another claims-made policy form with a Retroactive Date prior to the contract effective date, the Contractor must purchase “extended reporting” coverage for a minimum of five (5) years after completion of contract work.
- xi. **Special Risks or Circumstances** – County reserves the right to modify these requirements, including limits, based on the nature of the risk, prior experience, insurer, coverage, or other special circumstances.

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

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