

AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES OF INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

THIS AGREEMENT (hereafter Agreement) is made by and between the County of Santa Barbara, a political subdivision of the State of California (hereafter COUNTY) and Brown Armstrong Accountancy Corporation with an address at 4200 Truxtun Avenue, Suite 300, Bakersfield, California 93309 (hereafter CONTRACTOR) wherein CONTRACTOR agrees to provide and COUNTY agrees to accept the services specified herein.

WHEREAS, as outlined in All County Letter 19-65, COUNTY is now required to have FNS-209 Report Validation Review's completed by an external auditor outside the Social Services Agency, or an independent certified public accountant; and

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

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

1. DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE

Victor Zambrano, Department of Social Services Chief Financial officer at phone number (805)681-4464 is the representative of COUNTY and will administer this Agreement for and on behalf of COUNTY. Lindsey McGuire at phone number (661)324-4971 is the authorized representative for CONTRACTOR. Changes in designated representatives shall be made only after advance written notice to the other party.

2. NOTICES

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

To COUNTY: Victor Zambrano, Chief Financial Officer
Department of Social Services
234 Camino del Remedio,
Santa Barbara, CA 93110
V.Zambrano@sbcsocialserv.org

Copy:
Logan Schmidt, Accountant
Department of Social Services
234 Camino del Remedio,
Santa Barbara, CA 93110
L.Schmidt@sbcsocialserv.org

To CONTRACTOR: Brown Armstrong Accountancy Corporation
Lindsey McGuire
4200 Truxtun Avenue, Suite 300
Bakersfield, CA 93309
lmcguire@bacpas.com

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

3. SCOPE OF SERVICES

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

4. TERM

CONTRACTOR shall commence performance on November 5, 2019 and end performance upon completion, but no later than November 30, 2024 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. Furthermore, COUNTY shall have no right to control, supervise, or direct the manner or method by which CONTRACTOR shall perform its work and function. However, COUNTY shall retain the right to administer this Agreement so as to verify that CONTRACTOR is performing its obligations in accordance with the terms and conditions hereof. CONTRACTOR understands and acknowledges that it shall not be entitled to any of the benefits of a COUNTY employee, including but not limited to vacation, sick leave, administrative leave, health insurance, disability insurance, retirement, unemployment insurance, workers' compensation and protection of tenure. CONTRACTOR shall be solely liable and responsible for providing to, or on behalf of, its employees all legally-required employee benefits. In addition, CONTRACTOR shall be solely responsible and save COUNTY harmless from all matters relating to payment of CONTRACTOR's employees, including compliance with Social Security withholding and all other regulations governing such matters. It is acknowledged that during the term of this Agreement, CONTRACTOR may be providing services to others unrelated to the COUNTY or to this Agreement.

7. STANDARD OF PERFORMANCE

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

8. DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION

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

9. TAXES

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

10. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

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

11. OWNERSHIP OF DOCUMENTS AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

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

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

12. NO PUBLICITY OR ENDORSEMENT

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

13. COUNTY PROPERTY AND INFORMATION

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

14. RECORDS, AUDIT, AND REVIEW

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

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

15. INDEMNIFICATION AND INSURANCE

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

16. NONDISCRIMINATION

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

17. NONEXCLUSIVE AGREEMENT

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

18. NON-ASSIGNMENT

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

19. TERMINATION

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

20. SECTION HEADINGS

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

21. SEVERABILITY

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

22. REMEDIES NOT EXCLUSIVE

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

23. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE

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

24. NO WAIVER OF DEFAULT

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

25. ENTIRE AGREEMENT AND AMENDMENT

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

26. SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS

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

27. COMPLIANCE WITH LAW

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

28. CALIFORNIA LAW AND JURISDICTION

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

29. EXECUTION OF COUNTERPARTS

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

30. AUTHORITY

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

31. SURVIVAL

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

32. PRECEDENCE

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

33. STATE ENERGY CONSERVATION PLAN

CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency which are contained in the state energy conservation plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6201).

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

A. CONTRACTOR, by signing this Agreement, hereby certifies to the best of his, her or its knowledge and belief that:

1. 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.

2. 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, she or it 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

35. 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).

36. MANDATORY DISCLOSURE

CONTRACTOR must disclose, in a timely manner, in writing to the COUNTY all violations of Federal criminal law involving fraud, bribery, or gratuity violations potentially affecting the award. Contractor is required to report certain civil, criminal, or administrative proceedings to the System for Award Management (SAM) located at www.sam.gov. Failure to make required disclosures can result in any of the remedies described in 2 CFR §200.338 OR 45 CFR §75.371. Remedies for noncompliance, including suspension or debarment. (See also 2 CFR part 180 and 376 and 31 U.S.C. 3321.)

37. PROCUREMENT OF RECOVERED MATERIALS

CONTRACTOR must 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.

38. DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE

CONTRACTOR must comply with drug-free workplace requirements in Subpart B of 2 CFR part 421, which adopts the Governmentwide implementation (2 CFR part 182) of sec. 5152-5158 of the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988 (Pub. L. 100-690, Title V, Subtitle D; 41 U.S.C. 701-707).

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Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor between the **County of Santa Barbara** and **Brown Armstrong Accountancy Corporation**.

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: _____
Steve Lavagnino, Chair Board of Supervisors

Date: _____

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL:

Department of Social Services

By: _____
Department Head

CONTRACTOR:

Brown Armstrong Accountancy Corporation

By: _____
Authorized Representative

Name: Lindsey McGuire

Title: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Michael C. Ghizzoni
County Counsel

By: _____
Deputy County Counsel

APPROVED AS TO ACCOUNTING FORM:

Betsy M. Schaffer , CPA
Auditor-Controller

By: _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Risk Management

By: _____
Risk Management

EXHIBIT A

STATEMENT OF WORK

I. BACKGROUND

On a quarterly basis, the Status of Claims Against Household Report (FNS-209 report) is completed by all County Welfare Departments on over-issuance claims establishment and collection activities in CalFresh. Pursuant to All County Letter Number 19-65 and 19-65E, counties are now required to submit annual or biennial FNS-209 Report Validation Reviews to the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to verify that the information beginning with the 2019 June quarter FNS-209 report, is accurate and can be supported with internal accounting records. All counties are required to submit an initial validation review of the FNS-209 report by the end of September 2019. Subsequently, all Performance Measurement Counties (PMC) will be required to submit either annual or biennial FNS-209 Report Validation Review starting in September 2020. Non-PMC counties, which includes Santa Barbara County, will be required to submit the report validation biennially after the initial submission. CDSS granted an extension to the Department of Social Services (DSS) until the end of November 2019.

II. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

A. CONTRACTOR shall:

- i. Conduct biennial FNS-209 Report Validation Reviews, using the FNS-209 Report Validation Review Methodology described below in Section III, FNS-209 REPORT VALIDATION REVIEW METHODOLOGY to verify that the information contained in the COUNTY's FNS-209 quarter reports, starting with the June 2019 FNS-209 quarter report, is accurate and can be supported with internal accounting records (i.e. traced to individual cases).
- ii. Complete the biennial FNS-209 Report Validation Reviews at least fifteen (15) business days prior to the last business day of September in the respective year, with the exception of 2019, which will be completed within 5 days prior to the last business day of November, 2019.
- iii. Provide a signed formal validation letter with each FNS-209 Report Validation Review that includes the following:
 1. When the audit was complete;
 2. A brief explanation of what program and/or test was utilized to complete the audit; and
 3. Any issues and/or discrepancies, if applicable.
- iv. Assure the annual or biennial FNS-209 Report Validation Reviews and the validation letters are completed by an independent certified public accountant.
- v. Notify the COUNTY DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE and COUNTY DSS Accountant in writing, through email, of the completion of each FNS-209 Report Validation Review and include:
 1. Completed FNS-209 Report Validation Review; and
 2. Validation letter.
- vi. CONTRACTOR shall use the Microsoft suite of products, including but not limited to Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Project and Visio Pro for all electronic deliverables.

B. COUNTY shall:

- i. Agree to cooperate with the CONTRACTOR in the CONTRACTOR's performance under this Agreement, including providing CONTRACTOR with timely access to the following:
 1. Information of which COUNTY is aware that is relevant to the performance of the biennial FNS-209 Report Validation Review;
 2. Additional information that CONTRACTOR may reasonably request for the purpose of performing the biennial FNS-209 Report Validation Reviews; and
 3. Access to persons within COUNTY that CONTRACTOR may reasonably requests to obtain information from relating to the performance of the biennial FNS-209 Report Validation Reviews.

C. Acceptance of biennial FNS-209 Report Validation Reviews:

i. Both parties:

1. Agree that the Acceptance Period for each FNS-209 Report Validation Review shall begin when CONTRACTOR receives from COUNTY a written receipt, via email, for such FNS-209 Report Validation Review, which the COUNTY shall provide within two (2) business days of receipt of the email, of the completion of each FNS-209 Report Validation Review.

ii. COUNTY shall:

1. Have a period of five (5) business days to determine the acceptability of each FNS-209 Report Validation Review provided by CONTRACTOR hereunder (the "Acceptance Period").
2. At any time within the Acceptance Period:
 - a. Provide to the CONTRACTOR written notice of acceptance via email; or
 - b. Provide to the CONTRACTOR written notice of non-acceptance with written comments regarding the deficiencies of the FNS-209 Report Validation Review. If the COUNTY requires changes or modifications to the FNS-209 Report Validation Review, CONTRACTOR shall have ten (10) business days to correct the deficiency noted therein and resubmit to the COUNTY via email. This begins a new Acceptance Period. This process shall not exceed two cycles.
3. Be deemed to have accepted the deliverable(s) upon occurrence of either of the following:
 - a. COUNTY submits written notice of acceptance of the FNS-209 Report Validation Review via email; or
 - b. COUNTY fails to notify CONTRACTOR of non-acceptance of the FNS-209 Report Validation Review within the Acceptance Period.

III. FNS-209 REPORT VALIDATION REVIEW METHODOLOGY

CONTRACTOR shall comply with the following:

A. Accountability Test 1 (FNS-209 Information):

- i. PURPOSE: to verify that the information reported on the FNS-209 reports is accurate and can be supported with internal accounting records (i.e. traced to individual cases).
- ii. PROCEDURE: Run system-generated case level reports supporting the data on lines 3b through 20b on the FNS-209 report for the each quarter of the respective year. These shall be system-generated individual monthly reports (e.g. for the June quarter the system-generated case report will contain reports from April, May, and June of the respective year, with combined totals) that show establishment and collection data by type of claim at the individual case level. The data should be broken down by type of claim: Intentional Program Violation (IPV), Inadvertent Household Error (IHE), or State Agency Error (AE), by client (case number and last name) and by dollar amount, with summary totals for each line item (lines 3b through 20b on the FNS-209 report) for the quarter ending June of the respective year.

For each line, compare the system-generated report totals to the amounts reported on each line of the FNS-209 report of the respective year. The comparison should demonstrate a direct data relations between actual CalFresh case records (the system generated report) and the data reported on the FNS-209 report. If the number of claims and dollar amounts agree, the data reported on the FNS-209 report can be traced to individual cases. If there are differences between the data from the system generated report and the data reported on the FNS-209 report of the respective year, the discrepancies should be researched and corrected/adjusted.

- iii. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTAITON: Provide an Excel spreadsheet (or similar documentation) showing the comparison of each line item (lines 3b through 20b of the FNS-209 report). Provide a narrative describing the results of the comparison and any corrective action. Maintain the system-generated reports by line item as these may be requested by the CDSS or the federal Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) if additional documentation is needed.

B. Accountability Test 2 (FNS-209 Balances):

- i. PURPOSE: to verify that the beginning/ending balances on the FNS-209 report are supported by automated claims management systems and paper records (i.e. traced to individual cases).
- ii. PROCEDURE: Run a system-generated case level report that will support either the beginning balance (line 3a) or ending balance (line 13) of the FNS-209 report of the respective year. If necessary, the system-generated case level report may be a combination of system-generated and manual reports. The system-generated case level report shall be a complete history of all claims in automated claims management system (simply verifying that the current months FNS-209 beginning balance matches the ending balance reported on the previous months FNS-209 is not sufficient). The data shall be broken down by type of claim (IPV, IHE, or AE), by client (case number and last name) and by dollar amount.

Compare the totals from the system-generated history report as of last quarter month (e.g. March, June, September, December) of the respective year to the corresponding beginning/ending balance reported on the respective FNS-209 report of the respective year. The comparison should demonstrate a direct data relationship between actual

CalFresh case records (the system-generated history report) and the data reported on the FNS-209. If the number of claims and dollar amounts agree, the data reported on the FNS-209 can be traced to individual cases. If the comparison shows any differences (ex: case numbers or amount from the history report that are not reflected on the June of the respective year FNS-209), the discrepancies should be researched and corrected/adjusted.

- iii. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION: Provide the **summary page** from automated claims management system case level history report that shows the **total** number and **total** dollar amount of claims by type of claim (IPV, IHE, or AE). Also provide the below tables showing the comparison of the history report and the FNS-209 report (number of claims and dollar amount of claims). Include a narrative describing the results and if corrective action is required.

Claims #	IPV (#)	IHE (#)	AE (#)	Total (#)
History report:				
June (Year) FNS-209:				
Difference:				

Claim amounts \$	IPV (\$)	IHE (\$)	AE (\$)	Total (\$)
History report:				
June (Year) FNS-209:				
Difference:				

IV. PERFORMANCE MEASURES

- A. CONTRACTOR shall conduct biennial FNS-209 Report Validation Reviews, utilizing the review methodology described in Section III, FNS-209 REPORT VALIDATION REVIEW METHODOLOGY to verify that the information contained in the COUNTY’s June FNS-209 quarter reports are accurate and can be supported with internal accounting records.
- B. CONTRACTOR shall complete the biennial FNS-209 Report Validation Reviews at least fifteen (15) business days prior to the last business day of September in the respective year, with the exception of 2019, which will be completed within 5 days prior to the last business day of November, 2019.
- C. CONTRACTOR shall provide a signed formal validation letter with each FNS-209 Report Validation Review that includes the following:
 - i. When FNS-209 Report Validation Review was complete;
 - ii. A brief explanation of what program and/or test was utilized to complete the FNS-209 Report Validation Review; and
 - iii. Any issues and/or discrepancies discovered in the FNS-209 report, if applicable.
- D. CONTRACTOR shall assure the biennial FNS-209 Report Validation Reviews and the validation letters are completed by an independent certified public accountant.

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EXHIBIT B

PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS Compensation Upon Completion

- A. For CONTRACTOR services to be rendered under this Agreement, CONTRACTOR shall be paid a total contract amount, including cost reimbursements, not to exceed \$ **9,000**.

Unit of Service: CONTRACTOR shall be paid an all-inclusive, fixed fee of \$3,000 for each completed Status of Claims Against Household Report (FNS-209 Report Validation Review).

- B. Payment for services and /or reimbursement of costs shall be made upon CONTRACTOR's satisfactory performance, based upon the scope and methodology contained in **EXHIBIT A** as determined by COUNTY.
- 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 COUNTY DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE and Accountant an invoice or certified claim on the County Treasury for the service performed. This invoice or claim must cite the assigned Board Contract Number. COUNTY DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE shall evaluate the quality of the service performed and/or the item(s) delivered and if found to be satisfactory shall initiate payment processing. COUNTY shall pay invoices or claims for satisfactory work within 30 days of receipt of correct and complete invoices or claims from CONTRACTOR.
- D. Six-Month Billing Limit: Unless otherwise determined by state or federal regulations all original invoices under this Agreement must be received by COUNTY within six (6) months from the date of service to avoid possible payment reduction or denial for late billing.
- E. COUNTY's failure to discover or object to any unsatisfactory work or billings prior to payment will not constitute a waiver of COUNTY's right to require CONTRACTOR to correct such work or billings or seek any other legal remedy.

EXHIBIT C

Indemnification and Insurance Requirements (For Professional Contracts)

INDEMNIFICATION

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

NOTIFICATION OF ACCIDENTS AND SURVIVAL OF INDEMNIFICATION PROVISIONS

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

INSURANCE

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

A. Minimum Scope of Insurance

Coverage shall be at least as broad as:

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

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

B. Other Insurance Provisions

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

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

- ii. Insurance must be maintained and evidence of insurance must be provided for at least five (5) years after completion of contract work.
- iii. If coverage is canceled or non-renewed, and not replaced with another claims-made policy form with a Retroactive Date prior to the contract effective date, the CONTRACTOR must purchase "extended reporting" coverage for a minimum of five (5) years after completion of contract work.

11. **Special Risks or Circumstances** – COUNTY reserves the right to modify these requirements, including limits, based on the nature of the risk, prior experience, insurer, coverage, or other special circumstances.

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

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

