



**INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR AGREEMENT
SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY**

Agreement ID# Agreement

Amount \$

PARTIES: COUNTY: County of San Joaquin
Purchasing & Support Services
44 N. San Joaquin Street, Suite 540
Stockton, CA 95202-2931

COUNTY DEPARTMENT: Public Works Department
Bridge Engineering Division
1810 E Hazelton St
Stockton, CA 95201

CONTRACTOR:

This Agreement is made and entered into this _____ day of _____, 2019, by and between _____, Inc., a _____ corporation, as an independent contractor (hereinafter "CONTRACTOR"), and County of San Joaquin, a political subdivision of the State of California for its Public Works Department, Bridge Engineering Division at the address referenced above (hereinafter "COUNTY").

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants, conditions, and promises contained herein, it is mutually agreed as follows:

I. THE PURPOSE OF THE AGREEMENT

The purpose of this Agreement is for CONTRACTOR to provide _____.

II. ORDER FOR PRECEDENCE

A. In the event of an inconsistency in this Agreement, the inconsistency shall be resolved by giving precedence in the following order:

1. Applicable Federal and State of California statutes and regulations;
2. COUNTY Request for Qualifications SJCDPW-RFQ-19-03 for On-Call Bridge Engineering Support Services.

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3. CONTRACTOR'S proposal ("hereinafter "Proposal"), attached hereto as Exhibit A.

III. THE SCOPE OF SERVICES

- A. CONTRACTOR agrees to provide design services during construction as outlined in Exhibit A.
- B. CONTRACTOR shall perform the CONTRACTOR'S work in accordance with currently approved methods and standards of practice in CONTRACTOR'S professional specialty.

IV. GENERAL PROVISIONS:

1. PERFORMANCE PERIOD:

- A. This Agreement shall go into effect when approved and signed by COUNTY.
- B. CONTRACTOR shall commence work after notification to proceed by COUNTY'S Contract Administrator. This Agreement shall end on _____, unless extended by written, mutually approved amendment.
- C. CONTRACTOR understands and acknowledges that any recommendation for agreement award is not binding on COUNTY.

2. Interpretation:

This Agreement shall not be interpreted in favor of any Party by virtue of said Party not having prepared this Agreement.

3. Allowable Costs And Payments:

- A. The method of payment for this Agreement will be based on actual cost plus a fixed fee. COUNTY will reimburse CONTRACTOR for actual costs (including labor costs, employee benefits, travel, equipment rental costs, overhead and other direct costs) incurred by

CONTRACTOR in performance of the work. CONTRACTOR will not be reimbursed for actual costs that exceed the estimated wage rates, employee benefits, travel, equipment rental, overhead, and other estimated costs set forth in the approved CONTRACTOR'S Cost Proposal, unless additional reimbursement is provided for by written amendment. In no event, will CONTRACTOR be reimbursed for overhead costs at a rate that exceeds COUNTY's approved overhead rate set forth in the Cost Proposal. In the event, that COUNTY determines that a change to the work from that specified in the Cost Proposal and agreement is required, the agreement time or actual costs reimbursable by COUNTY shall be adjusted by written amendment to accommodate the changed work. The maximum total cost as specified in Paragraph "H" shall not be exceeded, unless authorized by written amendment.

- B. In addition to the allowable incurred costs, COUNTY will pay CONTRACTOR a fixed fee of \$_____. The fixed fee is nonadjustable for the term of this Agreement, except in the event of a significant change in the scope of work and such adjustment is made by written amendment.
- C. Reimbursement for transportation and subsistence costs shall not exceed the rates specified in the approved Cost Proposal.
- D. When milestone cost estimates are included in the approved Cost Proposal, CONTRACTOR shall obtain prior written approval for a revised milestone cost estimate from the Contract Administrator before exceeding such cost estimate.
- E. Progress payments will be made monthly in arrears based on services provided and allowable incurred costs. A pro rata portion of CONTRACTOR's fixed fee will be included in the monthly progress payments. If CONTRACTOR fails to submit the required deliverable items according to the schedule set forth in the Statement of Work, COUNTY shall have the right to delay payment or terminate this Agreement in accordance with the provisions of Article VI Termination.
- F. No payment will be made prior to approval of any work, nor for any work performed prior to approval of this Agreement.
- G. CONTRACTOR will be reimbursed, as promptly as fiscal procedures will permit upon receipt by COUNTY's Contract Administrator of itemized invoices in triplicate. Invoices shall be submitted no later than 45 calendar days after the performance of work for which CONTRACTOR is billing. Invoices shall detail the work performed on each milestone and each project as applicable. Invoices shall follow the format stipulated for the approved Cost Proposal and shall reference this agreement number and project title. Final invoice must contain the final cost and all credits due COUNTY including any equipment purchased under the provisions of Item 4 - Equipment Purchase of this agreement. The final invoice should be submitted within 60 calendar days after completion of CONTRACTOR's work. Invoices shall be mailed to COUNTY's Contract Administrator at the following address:

Public Works Department
 Bridge Engineering Division
 1810 E Hazelton Street
 Stockton, CA 95201

- H. The total amount payable by COUNTY including the costs and fixed fee shall not exceed _____ (\$_____).
- I. Salary increases will be reimbursable if the new salary is within the salary range identified in the approved Cost Proposal and is approved by COUNTY's Contract Administrator.

For personnel subject to prevailing wage rates as described in the California Labor Code, all salary increases, which are the direct result of changes in the prevailing wage rates are reimbursable.

4. Cost Principles and Administrative Requirements:

- A. CONTRACTOR agrees that the Contract Cost Principles and Procedures, 48 CFR, Federal Acquisition Regulations System, Chapter 1, Part 31.000 et seq., shall be used to determine the cost allowability of individual items.
- B. CONTRACTOR also agrees to comply with federal procedures in accordance with 49 CFR, Part 18, Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Government
- C. Any costs for which payment has been made to CONTRACTOR that are determined by subsequent audit to be unallowable under 49 CFR, Part 18 and 48 CFR, Federal Acquisition Regulations System, Chapter 1, Part 31.000 et seq., are subject to repayment by CONTRACTOR to COUNTY.

5. Equipment Purchase:

- A. Prior authorization in writing, by COUNTY's Contract Administrator shall be required before CONTRACTOR enters into any unbudgeted purchase order, or subcontract exceeding \$5,000 for supplies, equipment, or CONTRACTOR services. CONTRACTOR shall provide an evaluation of the necessity or desirability of incurring such costs.
- B. For purchase of any item, service or consulting work not covered in CONTRACTOR's Cost Proposal and exceeding \$5,000 prior authorization by COUNTY's Contract Administrator; three competitive quotations must be submitted with the request, or the absence of bidding must be adequately justified.
- C. Any equipment purchased as a result of this Agreement is subject to the following: "CONTRACTOR shall maintain an inventory of all nonexpendable property. Nonexpendable property is defined as having a useful life of at least two years and an acquisition cost of \$5,000 or more. If the purchased equipment needs replacement and is sold or traded in, COUNTY shall receive a proper refund or credit at the conclusion of the agreement, or if the agreement is terminated, CONTRACTOR may either keep the equipment and credit COUNTY in an amount equal to its fair market value, or sell such equipment at the best price obtainable at a public or private sale, in accordance with established COUNTY procedures; and credit COUNTY in an amount equal to the sales price. If CONTRACTOR elects to keep the equipment, fair market value shall be determined at CONTRACTOR's expense, on the basis of a competent independent appraisal of such equipment. Appraisals shall be obtained from an appraiser mutually agreeable to by COUNTY and CONTRACTOR, if it is determined to sell the equipment, the terms and conditions of such sale must be approved in advance

by COUNTY." 49 CFR, Part 18 requires a credit to Federal funds when participating equipment with a fair market value greater than \$5,000 is credited to the project.

6. CONTRACTOR'S Status:

In the performance of work, duties and obligations imposed by this Agreement, the CONTRACTOR and/or its employees are at all times acting as independent contractor(s) practicing his or her profession and not as an employee of COUNTY. **A copy of the CONTRACTOR'S current professional, local, state or other business licenses required to conduct the services stated herein, will be provided to the COUNTY.** CONTRACTOR shall not have any claim under this Agreement or otherwise against COUNTY for vacation, sick leave, retirement benefits, social security or workers' compensation benefits. CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for federal and state payroll taxes such as social security and unemployment. COUNTY will issue a Form 1099 at year-end for fees earned.

7. Subcontracting:

- A. Nothing contained in this agreement or otherwise, shall create any contractual relation between COUNTY and any subcontractor(s), and no subcontract shall relieve CONTRACTOR of its responsibilities and obligations hereunder. CONTRACTOR agrees to be as fully responsible to COUNTY for the acts and omissions of its subcontractor(s) and of persons either directly or indirectly employed by any of them as it is for the acts and omissions of persons directly employed by CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR's obligation to pay its subcontractor(s) is an independent obligation from COUNTY'S obligation to make payments to the CONTRACTOR.
- B. CONTRACTOR shall perform the work contemplated with resources available within its own organization and no portion of the work pertinent to this agreement shall be subcontracted without written authorization by COUNTY's Contract Administrator, except that, which is expressly identified in the approved Cost Proposal.
- C. CONTRACTOR shall pay its subcontractors within ten (10) calendar days from receipt of each payment made to CONTRACTOR by COUNTY.
- D. All subcontracts entered into as a result of this agreement shall contain all the provisions stipulated in this contract to be applicable to subcontractors.
- E. Any substitution of subcontractor(s) must be approved in writing by COUNTY's Contract Administrator prior to the start of work by the subcontractor(s)

8. Non Exclusive Rights:

- A. Inasmuch as this Agreement is intended to secure the specialized services of CONTRACTOR, CONTRACTOR may not assign, transfer, delegate or subcontract its obligation herein without the prior written consent of COUNTY. Any such assignment, transfer, delegation or subcontract without the prior written consent shall be considered null and void.

11. Statement of Compliance:

- A. CONTRACTOR's signature affixed herein, and dated, shall constitute a certification under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that CONTRACTOR has, unless exempt, complied with, the nondiscrimination program requirements of Government Code Section 12990 and Title 2, California Administrative Code, Section 8103.
- B. During the performance of this Agreement, CONTRACTOR and its subcontractors shall not unlawfully discriminate, harass, or allow harassment against any employee or applicant for employment because of sex, race, color, ancestry, religious creed, national origin, physical disability (including HIV and AIDS), mental disability, medical condition (e.g., cancer), age (over 40), marital status, and denial of family care leave. CONTRACTOR and subcontractors shall insure that the evaluation and treatment of their employees and applicants for employment are free from such discrimination and harassment. CONTRACTOR and subcontractors shall comply with the provisions of the Fair Employment and Housing Act (Gov. Code §12990 (a-f) et seq.) and the applicable regulations promulgated there under (California Code of Regulations, Title 2, Section 7285 et seq.). The applicable regulations of the Fair Employment and Housing Commission implementing Government Code Section 12990 (a-f), set forth in Chapter 5 of Division 4 of Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations, are incorporated into this Agreement by reference and made a part hereof as if set forth in full CONTRACTOR and its subcontractors shall give written notice of their obligations under this clause to labor organizations with which they have a collective bargaining or other Agreement.
- C. The CONTRACTOR shall comply with regulations relative to Title VI (nondiscrimination in federally-assisted programs of the Department of Transportation – Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 21 - Effectuation of Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act). Title VI provides that the recipients of federal assistance will implement and maintain a policy of nondiscrimination in which no person in the state of California shall, on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, disability, be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of or subject to discrimination under any program or activity by the recipients of federal assistance or their assignees and successors in interest.
- D. The CONTRACTOR, with regard to the work performed by it during the Agreement shall act in accordance with Title VI. Specifically, the CONTRACTOR shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, or disability in the selection and retention of Subcontractors, including procurement of materials and leases of equipment. The CONTRACTOR shall not participate either directly or indirectly in the discrimination prohibited by Section 21.5 of the U.S. DOT's Regulations, including employment practices when the Agreement covers a program whose goal is employment.

12. ADA Compliance:

CONTRACTOR shall comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability, as well as all applicable regulations and guidelines issued pursuant to the ADA. (42 U.S.C. Sections 12101 et seq.)

13. Notices:

Any notice required to be given pursuant to the terms and conditions hereof shall be in writing, and shall be effected by one of the following methods: personal delivery, prepaid Certified

First-Class Mail, or prepaid Priority Mail with delivery confirmation. Unless otherwise designated in writing by either party, such notice shall be mailed to the addresses shown on page one (1) of this Agreement.

14. Termination:

- A. COUNTY reserves the right to terminate this agreement upon thirty (30) calendar days written notice to CONTRACTOR with the reasons for termination stated in the notice.
- B. COUNTY may terminate this Agreement with CONTRACTOR should CONTRACTOR fail to perform the covenants herein contained at the time and in the manner herein provided. In the event of such termination, COUNTY may proceed with the work in any manner deemed proper by COUNTY. If COUNTY terminates this agreement with CONTRACTOR, COUNTY shall pay CONTRACTOR the sum due to CONTRACTOR under this agreement prior to termination, unless the cost of completion to COUNTY exceeds the funds remaining in the agreement. In which case the overage shall be deducted from any sum due CONTRACTOR under this agreement and the balance, if any, shall be paid to CONTRACTOR upon demand.
- C. The maximum amount for which the COUNTY shall be liable if this agreement is terminated is \$_____dollars.

15. Conflict of Interest Statement:

- A. CONTRACTOR shall disclose any financial, business, or other relationship with COUNTY that may have an impact upon the outcome of this agreement, or any ensuing COUNTY construction project. CONTRACTOR shall also list current clients who may have a financial interest in the outcome of this agreement, or any ensuing COUNTY construction project, which will follow.
- B. CONTRACTOR hereby certifies that it does not now have, nor shall it acquire any financial or business interest that would conflict with the performance of services under this agreement.
- C. CONTRACTOR hereby certifies that neither CONTRACTOR, nor any firm affiliated with CONTRACTOR will bid on any construction agreement, or on any agreement to provide construction inspection for any construction project resulting from this agreement. An affiliated firm is one, which is subject to the control of the same persons through joint-ownership, or otherwise
- D. Except for subcontractors whose services are limited to providing surveying or materials testing information, no subcontractor who has provided design services in connection with this agreement shall be eligible to bid on any construction contract, or on any contract to provide construction inspection for any construction project resulting from this agreement.

16. Rebates, Kickbacks Or Other Unlawful Consideration:

CONTRACTOR warrants that this agreement was not obtained or secured through rebates kickbacks or other unlawful consideration, either promised or paid to any COUNTY employee. For breach or violation of this warranty, COUNTY shall have the right in its discretion; to terminate the agreement without liability; to pay only for the value of the work actually performed;

or to deduct from the agreement price; or otherwise recover the full amount of such rebate, kickback or other unlawful consideration

17. Prohibition Of Lobbying using County, State, Or Federal Funds

A. CONTRACTOR certifies to the best of his or her 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 agreement; 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 Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying", in accordance with its instructions.

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.

18. Drug Free Workplace

CONTRACTOR shall comply with the provisions of California Government Code Section 8350 et seq., otherwise known as the Drug-Free Workplace Act.

19. Force Majeure:

It is agreed that neither party shall be responsible for delays in delivery, acceptance of delivery, or failure to perform when such delay or failure is attributable to Acts of God, war, strikes, riots, lockouts, accidents, rules or regulations of any governmental agencies or other matters or conditions beyond the control of either CONTRACTOR or COUNTY.

20. Compliance

A. CONTRACTOR shall comply with all federal, state and local laws, regulations and requirements necessary for the provision of contracted services. Furthermore, CONTRACTOR shall comply with all laws applicable to wages and hours of employment, occupational safety, fire safety, health and sanitation. CONTRACTOR shall maintain current

throughout the life of this Agreement, all permits, licenses, certificates and insurances that are necessary for the provision of contracted services.

- B. CONTRACTOR shall comply with Assembly Bill 1522, known as the Healthy Workplaces, Healthy Families Act of 2014, codified at California Labor Code Section 245-249. With a few exceptions, the new law requires all employers to provide employees performing work in California with paid sick leave, beginning on July 1, 2015.

21. State Prevailing Wage Rates:

- A. CONTRACTOR shall comply with the State of California's General Prevailing Wage Rate requirements in accordance with California Labor Code, Section 1770, and all Federal, State, and local laws and ordinances applicable to the work.
- B. Any subcontract entered into as a result of this agreement, if for more than \$25,000 for public works construction or more than \$15,000 for the alteration, demolition, repair, or maintenance of public works, shall contain all of the provisions of this Article, unless the awarding agency has an approved labor compliance program by the Director of Industrial Relations.
- C. When prevailing wages apply to the services described in the scope of work, transportation and subsistence costs shall be reimbursed at the minimum rates set by the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) as outlined in the applicable Prevailing Wage Determination. See <http://www.dir.ca.gov>.

22. Governing Law and Venue

The laws of the State of California shall govern this Agreement. Venue is San Joaquin County. The provision of this paragraph shall survive expiration or other termination of this Agreement regardless of the cause of such termination.

23. Public Record

All bids and proposal information is property of COUNTY. All such documents, including this Agreement, are public records per the requirements of the California Government Code, Sections 6250-6270, "California Public Records Act". CONTRACTOR'S Proprietary material must be clearly marked as such, but even so marked, it does not guarantee non-disclosure and may still be subject to disclosure pursuant to law. Pricing and service elements of the successful bid and/or proposal may not be considered proprietary information.

COUNTY will treat all information submitted in a bid/proposal as available for public inspection once the COUNTY has an agreement finalized with the selected contractor. If CONTRACTOR believes that it has a legally justifiable basis under the California Public Records Act (Government Section 6250 et. seq.) for protecting the confidentiality of any information contained within its bid, Proposal, this Agreement, it must identify any such information, together with the legal basis of your claim to COUNTY. CONTRACTOR agrees to defend and indemnify COUNTY for any liability, costs, and expenses incurred in asserting such confidentiality to protect documents from public disclosure. The final determination as to whether COUNTY will assert your claim of confidentiality on your behalf shall be sole discretion of COUNTY.

24. Audit Review Procedures:

- A. Any dispute concerning a question of fact arising under an interim or post audit of this agreement that is not disposed of by agreement, shall be reviewed by COUNTY'S Chief Financial Officer.
- B. Not later than 30 days after issuance of the final audit report, CONTRACTOR may request a review by COUNTY'S Chief Financial Officer of unresolved audit issues. The request for review will be submitted in writing.
- C. Neither the pendency of a dispute nor its consideration by COUNTY will excuse CONTRACTOR from full and timely performance, in accordance with the terms of this agreement.

25. Retention of Records/Audit

For the purpose of determining compliance with Public Contract Code 10115, et seq. and Title 21, California Code of Regulations, Chapter 21, Section 2500 et seq., when applicable and other matters connected with the performance of the agreement pursuant to Government Code 8546.7; CONTRACTOR, subcontractors, and COUNTY shall maintain and make available for inspection all books, documents, papers, accounting records, and other evidence pertaining to the performance of the agreement, including but not limited to, the costs of administering the agreement. All parties shall make such materials available at their respective offices at all reasonable times during the agreement period and for three years from the date of final payment under the agreement. The state, State Auditor, COUNTY, FHWA, or any duly authorized representative of the Federal Government shall have access to any books, records, and documents of CONTRACTOR and it's certified public accountants (CPA) work papers that are pertinent to the agreement and indirect cost rates (ICR) for audit, examinations, excerpts, and transactions, and copies thereof shall be furnished if requested.

26. Documents:

All drawings, specifications, documents and other memoranda or writings relating to the work and services hereunder, shall remain or become the property of COUNTY whether executed by or for CONTRACTOR for COUNTY, or otherwise by or for CONTRACTOR, or by or for a subcontractor operating under CONTRACTOR'S supervision, or direction, and all such documents and copies thereof shall be returned or transmitted to COUNTY forthwith upon COUNTY written demand, termination or completion of the work under this Agreement.

27. San Joaquin County Green Purchasing Policy:

- a. COUNTY has a Green Purchasing Policy; please click on the link to view.:
<http://www.sjgov.org/SupportServ/dynamic.aspx?id=10128>
- b. COUNTY has adopted an Environmentally Preferable Purchasing (EPP) Policy. EPP refers to the procurement of goods and services that lessen or reduce negative effect on human health and the environment when compared with competing goods and services that serve the same purpose. This comparison takes into consideration such things as: raw materials acquisition; production; manufacturing; packaging; distribution; reuse; disposal; energy efficiency; performance; safety and cost.

- c. A primary goal of this policy is to encourage contractors/suppliers and departments to consider products and services that help minimize environmental impacts with price, performance and aesthetic considerations being equal. Contractors/suppliers are encouraged to offer products and services that meet legitimate “green” standards, e.g. products that possess independent third party certifications such as Energy Star, Green Seal, EcoLogo, EPEAT or FEMP (Federal Energy Management Program) standards. The County also encourages offers of products made with minimal virgin materials and maximum use of recycled materials – again, price and performance essentially being equal.

28. Work Product:

COUNTY and CONTRACTOR acknowledge and agree that “Work Product”, and all components of it, provided or developed by CONTRACTOR hereunder or in connection herewith shall constitute “works made for hire” within the meaning of Title 17 United States Code Section 101 et seq. (the “Copyright Act”), and all right, title, and interest in and to the Custom Products shall vest in COUNTY immediately upon development. To the extent any such Custom Products may not be the sole and exclusive property of COUNTY and/or may not be a “work made for hire” as defined in the Copyright Act upon development, then CONTRACTOR agrees to and hereby does sell, transfer, grant and assign to COUNTY all copyrights, patents, trade secrets, inventions, and other proprietary rights, title, and interest in and to such Custom Products upon development. On all written material, whether in print, electronic, or any media form, constituting “Work Product”, CONTRACTOR shall place or cause to be placed the following legend preferably in the lower right corner:

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29. Data Security – Confidentiality

- A. **Acknowledgment of access to information characterized as covered data:** CONTRACTOR acknowledges that this Agreement may allow CONTRACTOR access to confidential COUNTY information or COUNTY provided information including, but not limited to, personal information, records, data, or financial information (“Covered Data”) notwithstanding the manner in which or from whom it is received by CONTRACTOR, which is subject to state laws that restrict the use and disclosure of the COUNTY information, including the California Information Practices Act (California Civil Code Section 1798 et seq.), California Constitution Article 1, Section 1, and other existing relative or future adopted State and/or Federal requirements. CONTRACTOR shall maintain the privacy of, and shall not release, Covered Data without full compliance with all applicable state and federal laws, the provisions of this Agreement and prior written consent of COUNTY. CONTRACTOR agrees that it will include all of the terms and conditions contained in this clause in all subcontractor or agency contracts providing services under this Agreement. Where a federal, state or local law, ordinance, rule or regulation is required to be made applicable to this Agreement, it shall be deemed to be incorporated herein without written amendment to this Agreement.
- B. **Prohibition on unauthorized use or disclosure of Covered Data:** CONTRACTOR agrees to hold Covered Data received from or created on behalf of COUNTY in strictest confidence. CONTRACTOR shall not use or disclose Covered Data except as permitted or required by this Agreement or as otherwise authorized in writing by COUNTY. If required by a court of competent jurisdiction or an administrative body to disclose Covered Data,

CONTRACTOR will notify COUNTY in writing prior to any disclosure in order to give COUNTY an opportunity to oppose any such disclosure. Any work using, or transmission or storage of, Covered Data outside the United States is subject to prior written authorization by COUNTY.

- C. **Safeguard standard:** CONTRACTOR agrees that it will protect the Covered Data according to commercially acceptable standards and no less rigorously than it protects its own confidential information, but in no case less than reasonable care. CONTRACTOR shall develop, implement, maintain and use appropriate administrative, technical and physical security measures which may include but not be limited to encryption techniques, to preserve the confidentiality, integrity and availability of all such Covered Data.
- D. **Return or destruction of Covered Data:** Upon termination, cancellation, expiration or other conclusion of this Agreement, CONTRACTOR shall return the Covered Data to COUNTY unless COUNTY requests that such data be destroyed. This provision shall also apply to all Covered Data that is in the possession of subcontractors or agents of CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR shall complete such return or destruction not less than thirty (30) calendar days after the conclusion or termination of this Agreement. Within this thirty (30) day period, CONTRACTOR shall certify in writing to the COUNTY that the return or destruction has been completed.
- E. **Reporting of unauthorized disclosures or misuse of Covered Data:** CONTRACTOR shall report, either orally or in writing, to COUNTY any use or disclosure of Covered Data not authorized by this Agreement or in writing by COUNTY, including any reasonable belief that an unauthorized individual has accessed Covered Data. CONTRACTOR shall make the report to COUNTY immediately upon discovery of the unauthorized disclosure, but in no event more than two (2) business days after CONTRACTOR reasonably believes there has been unauthorized use or disclosure. CONTRACTOR'S report shall identify: (i) the nature of the unauthorized use or disclosure, (ii) Covered Data used or disclosed, (iii) who made the unauthorized use or received the unauthorized disclosure, (iv) what CONTRACTOR has done or shall do to mitigate any deleterious effect of the unauthorized use or disclosure, and (v) what corrective action CONTRACTOR has taken or shall take to prevent future similar unauthorized use or disclosure.
- F. **Examination of records:** COUNTY and, if the applicable contract or grant so provides, the other contracting party or grantor (and if that be the United States, or an agency or instrumentality thereof, then the Controller General of the United States) shall have access to and the right to examine any pertinent books, documents, papers, and records of CONTRACTOR involving transactions and work related to this Agreement until the expiration of five years after final payment hereunder. CONTRACTOR shall retain project records for a period of five years from the date of final payment.
- G. **Assistance in litigation or administrative proceedings:** CONTRACTOR shall make itself and any employees, subcontractors, or agents assisting CONTRACTOR in the performance of its obligations under this Agreement available to COUNTY, at no cost, to testify as witnesses, or otherwise, in the event of litigation or administrative proceedings against COUNTY, its directors, officers, agents or employees based upon a claimed violation of laws relating to security and privacy and arising out of this Agreement.

H. **No third-party rights:** Nothing in this Agreement is intended to make any person or entity who is not signatory to the Agreement a third-party beneficiary of any right created by this Agreement or by operation of law.

30. Attorney's Fee:

In any action brought by a party to enforce the terms of this Agreement, the prevailing party shall be entitled to reasonable attorney's fees and costs, including the reasonable value of any services provided by in-house counsel. The reasonable value of services provided by in-house counsel shall be capped at the hourly rate charged by Deputy County Counsel IV attorneys in the office of the County Counsel of San Joaquin County, California.

31. Debarment And Suspension Certification:

- A. CONTRACTOR's signature affixed herein, shall constitute a certification under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California, that CONTRACTOR has complied with Title 2 CFR, Part 180, "OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Government wide Debarment and Suspension (nonprocurement)", which certifies that he/she or any person associated therewith in the capacity of owner, partner, director, officer, or manager, is not currently under suspension, debarment, voluntary exclusion, or determination of ineligibility by any federal agency; has not been suspended, debarred, voluntarily excluded, or determined ineligible by any federal agency within the past three (3) years; does not have a proposed debarment pending; and has not been indicted, convicted, or had a civil judgment rendered against it by a court of competent jurisdiction in any matter involving fraud or official misconduct within the past three (3) years. Any exceptions to this certification must be disclosed to COUNTY.
- B. Exceptions will not necessarily result in denial of recommendation for award, but will be considered in determining CONTRACTOR responsibility. Disclosures must indicate to whom exceptions apply, initiating agency, and dates of action.

Exceptions to the Federal Government Excluded Parties List System maintained by the General Services Administration are to be determined by the Federal highway Administration.

32. Entire Agreement and Modification:

This Agreement and all documents incorporated by reference supersedes all previous Agreements either oral or in writing and constitutes the entire understanding of the parties hereto. No changes, amendments or alterations shall be effective unless in writing and signed by both parties.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, COUNTY and CONTRACTOR have executed this Agreement effective on the day and year first written above.

COUNTY OF SAN JOAQUIN, a political subdivision of the State of California

CONTRATOR
Address
City, CA Zip Code

By: _____
Jon Drake, C.P.M
Director
Purchasing & Support Services
Date: _____

By: _____
Signature, Authorized Agent
By: Print Name
Date: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM
Office of County Counsel

By: _____
Lawrence P. Meyers
Deputy County Counsel

Buyer of Record: RC