



**LOS ANGELES COUNTY
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

**REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS
(RFSQ)
FOR
FIREARMS AND TOOL MARK EXAMINATION AND/OR
TRAINING SERVICES**

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NOTICE TO RFSQ VENDORS

THIS BASE DOCUMENT INCLUDES THE REQUIREMENTS KNOWN TO COUNTY AS OF THE DATE OF ISSUANCE OF THIS RFSQ.

THIS DOCUMENT DOES NOT STAND ALONE AND MUST BE READ AND REVIEWED IN CONNECTION WITH ALL OTHER PARTS OF THIS RFSQ, INCLUDING ANY APPENDICES, EXHIBITS, AND ATTACHMENTS ATTACHED HERETO OR THERETO.

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1.0 GENERAL INFORMATION

1.1 Scope of Work

The County of Los Angeles Sheriff's Department (Department) is seeking qualified companies (Vendors) to enter into Master Agreements with the County of Los Angeles (County) to provide Firearms and Tool Mark Examination and/or Training Services.

These services will be provided to the Department primarily at the Firearms Identification Section of the Department's Scientific Services Bureau in Los Angeles. Vendor(s) determined to be qualified under this solicitation may be required to assist the Department in examining and solving firearms and/or tool mark cases as either a primary examiner or casework reviewer and/or may be required to provide training to Department personnel on the techniques and skills necessary to successfully examine firearms and tool mark cases.

1.2 Overview of Solicitation Document

This Request for Statement of Qualifications (RFSQ), including all Appendices, Exhibits, and Attachments, sets forth the County requirements for Firearms and Tool Mark Examination and/or Training Services. Vendors should formulate and base all responses solely from the information contained in this RFSQ. The individual documents do not stand alone and must be read and reviewed in connection with all other parts of this RFSQ. This RFSQ is composed of the following parts:

- **GENERAL INFORMATION:** Specifies Vendor's minimum mandatory qualifications, provides information regarding some of the requirements of the Master Agreement, and explains the solicitation process.
- **INSTRUCTIONS TO VENDORS:** Contains instructions to Vendors on how to prepare and submit their Statement of Qualifications (SOQ).
- **STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS (SOQ) REVIEW/QUALIFICATION/SELECTION/PROCESS:** Explains how SOQs will be reviewed, qualified, and selected.
- **APPENDICES:**
 - **A - MASTER AGREEMENT:** This document together with its Exhibits is the Master Agreement that will be executed with qualified Vendors. The terms and conditions of the Master Agreement are not negotiable.

- **B - STATEMENT OF WORK:** Explains in detail the required services to be performed by Vendors under the Master Agreement.
- **C - SAMPLE INVOICE:** Exhibit that accompanies the Master Agreement used for invoicing purposes.
- **D - REQUIRED FORMS:** Required Forms, Exhibits 1-14 contained in this Appendix must be completed and included in the SOQ.
- **E - TRANSMITTAL FORM TO REQUEST A SOLICITATION REQUIREMENTS REVIEW:** Transmittal sent to Department requesting a Solicitation Requirements Review.
- **F - COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES POLICY OF DOING BUSINESS WITH SMALL BUSINESS:** County policy.
- **G - LINK TO LISTING OF CONTRACTORS DEBARRED IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY:** Contractors who are not allowed to contract with County for a specific length of time.
- **H - JURY SERVICE ORDINANCE:** County Code.
- **I - SAFELY SURRENDERED BABY LAW:** County Program.
- **J - IRS NOTICE 1015:** Provides information on Federal Earned Income Credit.
- **K - DEFAULTED PROPERTY TAX REDUCTION PROGRAM:** County Code.

1.3 Terms and Definitions

Throughout this RFSQ, references are made to certain persons, groups, or departments/agencies. For convenience, the definitions of certain terms used in this RFSQ can be found in Appendix A, Master Agreement, Paragraph 2.0, Definitions. In addition, any terms with the initial letter capitalized, which are not defined herein, shall have the meanings given to them in Appendix A, Master Agreement, Paragraph 2.0, Definitions.

1.4 Vendor's Minimum Mandatory Qualifications

Interested and qualified Vendors that can demonstrate their ability to successfully provide the required services outlined in Appendix B, Statement of Work, of this RFSQ are invited to submit a Statement of Qualifications (SOQ), provided they meet the following Minimum Mandatory Qualifications.

- 1.4.1 Vendor must have at least ten (10) years of continuous full time experience in conducting firearms and tool mark examinations at a recognized crime laboratory that provides a full range of firearms and tool mark examination services comparable to that provided by the Department. Vendor's time spent in training will not be considered applicable towards the ten (10) years experience requirement. Vendor must provide references that verify this experience in Appendix D, Required Forms, Exhibit 2, Prospective Contractor References Form.
- 1.4.2 Vendor wishing to be considered for the Firearms/Tool Mark Examination Trainer assignment must have a minimum of two (2) years experience in successfully providing instruction to firearms and tool mark examiner trainees in a modular training program, such as a program provided by the Association of Firearm and Tool Mark Examiners (AFTE), to qualify for such assignment. The two (2) years instructor experience could be part of the ten (10) years of experience required in firearms and tool mark examinations as stated in Subparagraph 1.4.1. Vendor must provide references that verify this experience in Appendix D, Required Forms, Exhibit 2, Prospective Contractor References Form. Vendor who is not applying for training assignment duty does not need to meet this requirement.
- 1.4.3 Vendor must be a current and active full or distinguished member of the Association of Firearm and Tool Mark Examiners (AFTE) and provide proof of membership and copies of certificates of attendance for AFTE conferences in accordance with Subparagraph 2.6.3, Vendor's Qualifications (Section A).
- 1.4.4 Vendor must have experience testifying in court as an expert in the fields of firearms and tool mark examination. Vendor must provide summary detail of court experience in accordance with Subparagraph 2.6.3, Vendor's Qualifications (Section A).
- 1.4.5 Vendor must state on Exhibit D, Required Forms, Exhibit 1, Vendor's Organization Questionnaire/Affidavit that they agree to and understand that they must pass a test of technical competency in firearms and tool mark examination that will be issued and administered by the Department's Scientific Services Bureau prior to the award of a Master Agreement.

This test of technical competency will be generated by County Project Manager and will be a simulation of typical comparative analysis casework involving tool marks and expended ammunition components including, but not limited to, fired cartridge cases and fired bullets. The

test will be administered at the Department's crime laboratory facility. Although there is no charge for the test, any expenses, such as travel expenses, incurred for this testing will be the sole responsibility of Vendor. Vendor will be allowed a maximum of three (3) days, starting from the receipt of the test, to complete the test and report his or her written findings to the County Project Manager.

If an alternate testing venue (including appropriate test monitoring) acceptable to the County Project Manager can be identified, out-of-state Vendors may, at the discretion of the County Project Manager, be allowed to take the test at the approved alternate venue.

This test will only be administered to those Vendors who are determined to be qualified Vendors after completion of the review of the SOQ. If Vendor fails the competency test, a re-test may be issued at the discretion of the County Project Manager. In the event Vendor fails to pass the technical competency test after the second attempt, Vendor will be disqualified.

1.5 Vendor's Desirable Requirements

A bachelor's degree in forensic science or related natural science in a field appropriate to this functional area is highly desirable.

1.6 Master Agreement Process

The objective of this RFSQ process is to secure one (1) or more qualified Vendors to provide as-needed Firearms and Tool Mark Examination and/or Training Services for the Department.

- 1.6.1 Master Agreements will be executed with all Vendors that are determined to be qualified and meet the Minimum Mandatory Qualifications in Paragraph 1.4 of this RFSQ and that pass the test of technical competency in Subparagraph 1.4.5 of this RFSQ.
- 1.6.2 Upon the Department's execution of these Master Agreements, qualified Vendors will become County Contractors, and thereafter they may, on an as-needed basis, be required to provide firearms and tool mark Casework Examination and/or Casework Review and/or training services. The Casework Examination and Casework Review services will be distributed by County Project Manager on a rotating basis as case urgency and Contractor availability allow. Training services will be distributed by expertise.

- 1.6.3 The execution of a Master Agreement does not guarantee a Contractor any minimum amount of Work. The services are required on an as-needed basis; however, the total estimated amount of cases handled by Contractors under the current agreement is approximately one hundred sixty-five (165) cases per year. The training services are typically required when Firearms and Tool Mark Examiner Trainees are assigned to the Department's Scientific Services Bureau, and each training program is approximately two (2) years in length. At the discretion of the County Project Manager, training services may also be required to provide supplemental training to trained Firearms and Tool Mark Examiners. The above data is provided to give historical information, and County makes no representation or guarantee as to the amount of any future services required.

1.7 Master Agreement Term

- 1.7.1 Prior to commencement of any Master Agreement, the form of the Master Agreement must be approved by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors (Board). Master Agreements shall be effective upon execution by the Sheriff and shall terminate three (3) years from the date the Board approves the form of the Master Agreement. County shall have the option to extend the initial term of each Master Agreement for up to two (2) additional one-year periods, plus one (1) additional six (6) month period, in any increment, for a total Master Agreement term not to exceed five (5) years and six (6) months. Extension options shall be at the Sheriff's sole discretion.
- 1.7.2 County will be continuously accepting SOQ's throughout the duration of the Master Agreement, or until the needs of the Department are met, to qualify Vendors.

1.8 County Rights & Responsibilities

County has the right to amend the RFSQ by written addendum. County is responsible only for that which is expressly stated in the solicitation document and any authorized written addenda thereto. Such addendum shall be made available to each person or organization which Department's records indicate has received this RFSQ and also will be posted on the Department's website at:

http://www.lasd.org/lasd_contracts/info.html

Should such addendum require additional information not previously requested, failure to address the requirements of such addendum may result in the SOQ not being considered, as determined in the sole discretion of the Department. The Department is not responsible for and shall not be bound by any

representations otherwise made by any individual acting or purporting to act on its behalf.

1.9 Contact with County Personnel

Any contact regarding this RFSQ or any matter relating thereto must be in writing and may be mailed, e-mailed or faxed as follows:

Contracts Unit
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
4700 Ramona Boulevard, Rm 214
Monterey Park, California 91754
Attn: Rowena Asai
e-mail address: rwasai@lasd.org
fax #: (323) 415-1033

Vendors are specifically directed not to contact any other County person or agent for any matter related to this RFSQ. If it is discovered that a Vendor contacted and/or received information from any County person or agent, other than the person specified above, regarding this RFSQ, County, in its sole determination, may disqualify Vendor and their SOQ from further consideration.

1.10 Mandatory Requirement to Register on County's WebVen

Prior to executing a Master Agreement, all potential Vendors must register in the County's WebVen. The WebVen contains the Vendor's business profile and identifies the goods/services the business provides. Registration can be accomplished online via the Internet by accessing County's home page at http://lacounty.info/doing_business/main_db.htm. *There are underscores in the address between the words 'doing business' and 'main db'.*

1.11 County Option to Cancel and/or Reject SOQs

County may, at its sole discretion, cancel this RFSQ at anytime and/or reject any or all SOQs submitted in response to this solicitation. County shall not be liable for any cost incurred by a Vendor in connection with preparation and submittal of any SOQ. County reserves the right to waive inconsequential disparities in a submitted SOQ.

1.12 Protest Policy Review Process

Under Board Policy No. 5.055 (Services Contract Solicitation Protest), any prospective Vendor may request a review of the requirements under a solicitation for a Board-approved services contract, as described in

Subparagraph 1.12.1 below. Additionally, any Vendor that submits a SOQ may request a review of a disqualification, as described in Subparagraph 1.12.1 below.

Throughout the review process, County has no obligation to delay or otherwise postpone an award of contract based on a Vendor protest. In all cases, County reserves the right to make an award when it is determined to be in the best interest of the County to do so.

1.12.1 Grounds for Review

Unless state or federal statutes or regulations otherwise provide, the grounds for review of a solicitation for a Board-approved services contract provided for under Board Policy No. 5.055 (Services Contract Solicitation Protest) are limited to the following:

- Review of the Solicitation Requirements Review (Reference Paragraph 2.4 of this RFSQ)
- Review of a Disqualified SOQ (Reference Paragraph 3.2 of this RFSQ)

1.13 Notice to Vendors Regarding the Public Records Act

1.13.1 Responses to this RFSQ shall become the exclusive property of the County. At such time as when Department recommends the qualified Vendor(s) to the Board of Supervisors (Board) and such recommendation appears on the Board agenda, all SOQ's submitted in response to this RFSQ, become a matter of public record, with the exception of those parts of each SOQ which are justifiably defined and identified by Vendor as business or trade secrets, and plainly marked as "Trade Secret," "Confidential," or "Proprietary."

1.13.2 County shall not, in any way, be liable or responsible for the disclosure of any such record or any parts thereof, if disclosure is required or permitted under the California Public Records Act or otherwise by law. **A blanket statement of confidentiality or the marking of each page of the SOQ as confidential shall not be deemed sufficient notice of exception. Vendor must specifically label only those provisions of their respective SOQ which are "Trade Secrets," "Confidential," or "Proprietary" in nature.**

1.14 Indemnification and Insurance

Vendor shall be required to comply with the Indemnification provisions contained in Exhibit A, Additional Terms and Conditions, Paragraph 13.0, Indemnification and Insurance, of Appendix A, Master Agreement. Vendor shall procure, maintain, and provide to the County proof of insurance coverage for all the programs of insurance along with associated amounts specified in Exhibit A, Additional Terms and Conditions, Paragraph 13.3, Insurance Coverage, of Appendix A, Master Agreement.

1.15 Injury & Illness Prevention Program (IIPP)

Vendor shall be required to comply with the State of California's Cal OSHA's regulations. Section 3203 of Title 8 in the California Code of Regulations requires all California employers to have a written, effective Injury and Illness Prevention Program (IIPP) that addresses hazards pertaining to the particular workplace covered by the program.

1.16 Background and Security Investigations

- 1.16.1 At any time prior to or during the Term of the Master Agreement, all Contractor staff, subcontractors, and agents of Contractor (collectively herein "Contractor's staff") performing services under the Master Agreement may be required to undergo and pass a background investigation to the satisfaction of County as a condition of beginning and continuing to perform services under this Master Agreement. Such background investigation may include, but shall not be limited to, criminal conviction information obtained through fingerprints submitted to the California Department of Justice. The fees associated with the background investigation shall be at the expense of Contractor, regardless if the member of Contractor's staff passes or fails the background investigation.
- 1.16.2 If a member of Contractor's staff does not pass the background investigation, County may request that the member of Contractor's staff be immediately removed from performing services under the Master Agreement at any time during the term of the Master Agreement. County will not provide to Contractor or to Contractor's staff any information obtained through County's background investigation.
- 1.16.3 County, in its sole discretion, may immediately deny or terminate facility access to any member of Contractor's staff that does not pass such investigation to the satisfaction of the County or whose background or conduct is incompatible with County facility access.

- 1.16.4 Disqualification of any member of Contractor's staff shall not relieve Contractor of its obligation to complete all work in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Master Agreement.

1.17 Employee Acknowledgment and Confidentiality Agreement

Contractor shall be required to comply with the Confidentiality provision contained in Exhibit A, Additional Terms and Conditions, Paragraph 3.0, Confidentiality, and the Independent Contractor Status provision contained in Exhibit A, Additional Terms and Conditions, Paragraph 39.0, Independent Contractor Status, of Appendix A, Master Agreement. Contractor shall ensure that it obtains and submits to the Department, a signed "Contractor Employee Acknowledgement and Confidentiality Agreement" as specified in Exhibit D1 of the Master Agreement, for each employee performing services under any resultant Master Agreement, before work begins.

Contractor shall also ensure that it obtains and submits to the County, a signed "Contractor Non-Employee Acknowledgement and Confidentiality Agreement" as specified in Exhibit D2 of the Appendix A, Master Agreement, for each non-employee performing services under any resultant Master Agreement, before work begins.

1.18 County's Quality Assurance Plan

After Master Agreement award, the County or its agent, will evaluate the Contractor's performance under the Master Agreement on at least an annual basis. Such evaluation will include assessing Contractor's compliance with all terms in the Master Agreement and performance standards identified in Appendix B, Statement of Work. Contractor's deficiencies which the Department determines are severe or continuing and that may jeopardize performance of the Master Agreement will be reported to the Board. The report will include improvement/corrective action measures taken by the Department and Contractor. If improvement does not occur consistent with the corrective action measures, the Department may terminate the Master Agreement in whole or in part, or impose other penalties as specified in the Master Agreement.

1.19 County's Policy on Doing Business with Small Business

- 1.19.1 The County has multiple programs that address small businesses. The Board of Supervisors encourages small business participation in the County's contracting process by constantly streamlining and

simplifying our selection process and expanding opportunities for small businesses to compete for our business.

- 1.19.2 The Local Small Business Enterprise Preference Program requires the company to complete a certification process. This program and how to obtain certification are further explained in Paragraph 1.32 of this RFSQ.
- 1.19.3 The Jury Service Program provides exceptions to the Program if a company qualifies as a Small Business. It is important to note that each Program has a different definition for Small Business. You may qualify as a Small Business in one Program but not the other. Further explanation of the Jury Service Program is provided in Paragraph 1.25 of this RFSQ.
- 1.19.4 The County also has a Policy on Doing Business with Small Business that is stated in Appendix F.
- 1.19.5 Local Small Business Enterprise (SBE) Prompt Payment Program
It is the intent of the County that Certified Local SBEs receive prompt payment for services they provide to County departments. Prompt payment is defined as fifteen (15) calendar days after receipt of an undisputed invoice.

1.20 Notification to County of Pending Acquisitions/Mergers by Proposing Company

Vendor shall notify the County of any pending acquisitions/mergers of their company. This information shall be provided by the Vendor on Appendix D, Required Forms, Exhibit 1, Vendor's Organization Questionnaire/Affidavit. Failure of the Vendor to provide this information may eliminate its SOQ from any further consideration.

1.21 Conflict of Interest

No County employee whose position in the County enables him/her to influence the selection of a Contractor for this RFSQ, or any competing RFSQ, nor any spouse of economic dependent of such employees, shall be employed in any capacity by a Vendor or have any other direct or indirect financial interest in the selection of a Contractor. Vendor shall certify that he/she is aware of and has read Section 2.180.010 of the Los Angeles County Code as stated in Appendix D, Required Forms, Exhibit 5, Certification of No Conflict of Interest.

1.22 Determination of Vendor Responsibility

- 1.22.1 A responsible Vendor is a Vendor who has demonstrated the attribute of trustworthiness, as well as quality, fitness, capacity and experience to satisfactorily perform the Master Agreement. It is the County's policy to conduct business only with responsible Vendors.
- 1.22.2 Vendors are hereby notified that, in accordance with Chapter 2.202 of the County Code, the County may determine whether the Vendor is responsible based on a review of the Vendor's performance on any contracts, including but not limited to County contracts. Particular attention will be given to violations of labor laws related to employee compensation and benefits, and evidence of false claims made by the Vendor against public entities. Labor law violations which are the fault of the subcontractors and of which the Vendor had no knowledge shall not be the basis of a determination that the Vendor is not responsible.
- 1.22.3 The County may declare a Vendor to be non-responsible for purposes of this Master Agreement if the Board of Supervisors, in its discretion, finds that the Vendor has done any of the following: (1) violated a term of a contract with the County or a nonprofit corporation created by the County; (2) committed an act or omission which negatively reflects on the Vendor's quality, fitness or capacity to perform a contract with the County, any other public entity, or a nonprofit corporation created by the County, or engaged in a pattern or practice which negatively reflects on same; (3) committed an act or omission which indicates a lack of business integrity or business honesty; or (4) made or submitted a false claim against the County or any other public entity.
- 1.22.4 If there is evidence that the apparent highest ranked Vendor may not be responsible, the Department shall notify the Vendor in writing of the evidence relating to the Vendor's responsibility, and its intention to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that the Vendor be found not responsible. The Department shall provide the Vendor and/or the Vendor's representative with an opportunity to present evidence as to why the Vendor should be found to be responsible and to rebut evidence which is the basis for the Department's recommendation.
- 1.22.5 If the Vendor presents evidence in rebuttal to the Department, the Department shall evaluate the merits of such evidence, and based on that evaluation, make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. The final decision concerning the responsibility of the Vendor shall reside with the Board of Supervisors.

- 1.22.6 These terms shall also apply to proposed subcontractors of Vendors on County contracts.

1.23 Vendor Debarment

- 1.23.1 The Vendor is hereby notified that, in accordance with Chapter 2.202 of the County Code, the County may debar the Vendor from bidding or proposing on, or being awarded, and/or performing work on other County contracts for a specified period of time, which generally will not exceed five (5) years but may exceed five (5) years or be permanent if warranted by the circumstances, and the County may terminate any or all of the Vendor's existing contracts with County, if the Board of Supervisors finds, in its discretion, that the Vendor has done any of the following: (1) violated a term of a contract with the County or a nonprofit corporation created by the County; (2) committed an act or omission which negatively reflects on the Vendor's quality, fitness or capacity to perform an contract with the County, any other public entity, or a nonprofit corporation created by the County, or engaged in a pattern or practice which negatively reflects on same; (3) committed an act or offense which indicates a lack of business integrity or business honesty; or (4) made or submitted a false claim against the County or any other public entity.
- 1.23.2 If there is evidence that the apparent highest ranked Vendor may be subject to debarment, the Department shall notify the Vendor in writing of the evidence which is the basis for the proposed debarment, and shall advise the Vendor of the scheduled date for a debarment hearing before the Contractor Hearing Board.
- 1.23.3 The Contractor Hearing Board shall conduct a hearing where evidence on the proposed debarment is presented. The Vendor and/or Vendor's representative shall be given an opportunity to submit evidence at that hearing. After the hearing, the Contractor Hearing Board shall prepare a tentative proposed decision, which shall contain a recommendation regarding whether the Vendor should be debarred, and, if so, the appropriate length of time of the debarment. The Vendor and the Department shall be provided an opportunity to object to the tentative proposed decision prior to its presentation to the Board of Supervisors.
- 1.23.4 After consideration of any objections, or if no objections are received, a record of the hearing, the proposed decision and any other recommendation of the Contractor Hearing Board shall be presented to the Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisors shall have the right to modify, deny or adopt the proposed decision and recommendation of the Contractor Hearing Board.

- 1.23.5 If a Vendor has been debarred for a period longer than five (5) years, that Vendor may, after the debarment has been in effect for at least five (5) years, submit a written request for review of the debarment determination to reduce the period of debarment or terminate the debarment. The County may, in its discretion, reduce the period of debarment or terminate the debarment if it finds that the Vendor has adequately demonstrated one or more of the following: (1) elimination of the grounds for which the debarment was imposed; (2) a bona fide change in ownership or management; (3) material evidence discovered after debarment was imposed; or (4) any other reason that is in the best interests of the County.
- 1.23.6 The Contractor Hearing Board will consider requests for review of a debarment determination only where (1) the Vendor has been debarred for a period longer than five (5) years; (2) the debarment has been in effect for at least five (5) years; and (3) the request is in writing, states one or more of the grounds for reduction of the debarment period or termination of the debarment, and includes supporting documentation. Upon receiving an appropriate request, the Contractor Hearing Board will provide notice of the hearing on the request. At the hearing, the Contractor Hearing Board shall conduct a hearing where evidence on the proposed reduction of debarment period or termination of debarment is presented. This hearing shall be conducted and the request for review decided by the Contractor Hearing Board pursuant to the same procedures as for a debarment hearing.
- 1.23.7 The Contractor Hearing Board's proposed decision shall contain a recommendation on the request to reduce the period of debarment or terminate the debarment. The Contractor Hearing Board shall present its proposed decision and recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisors shall have the right to modify, deny, or adopt the proposed decision and recommendation of the Contractor Hearing Board.
- 1.23.8 These terms shall also apply to proposed subcontractors of Vendors on County contracts.
- 1.23.9 Appendix G is a link to a listing of Contractors that are currently on the Debarment List for Los Angeles County.

1.24 Gratuities

1.24.1 Attempt to Secure Favorable Treatment

It is improper for any County officer, employee or agent to solicit consideration, in any form, from a Vendor with the implication, suggestion or statement that the Vendor's provision of the consideration may secure more favorable treatment for the Vendor in the award of the Master Agreement or that the Vendor's failure to provide such consideration may negatively affect the County's consideration of the Vendor's submission. A Vendor shall not offer or give either directly or through an intermediary, consideration, in any form, to a County officer, employee or agent for the purpose of securing favorable treatment with respect to the award of the Master Agreement.

1.24.2 Vendor Notification to County

A Vendor shall immediately report any attempt by a County officer, employee or agent to solicit such improper consideration. The report shall be made either to the County manager charged with the supervision of the employee or to the County Auditor-Controller's Employee Fraud Hotline at (800) 544-6861. Failure to report such a solicitation may result in the Vendor's submission being eliminated from consideration.

1.24.3 Form of Improper Consideration

Among other items, such improper consideration may take the form of cash, discounts, services, the provision of travel or entertainment, or tangible gifts.

1.25 Jury Service Program

The prospective Master Agreement is subject to the requirements of the County's Contractor Employee Jury Service Ordinance ("Jury Service Program") (Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.203). Prospective Contractors should carefully read Appendix H, Jury Service Ordinance, and the pertinent jury service provisions of Appendix A, Master Agreement, Exhibit A, Additional Terms and Conditions, Paragraph 33.0, Compliance with Jury Service Program, both of which are incorporated by reference into and made a part of this RFSQ. SOQ's that fail to comply with the requirements of the Jury Service Program will be considered non-responsive and excluded from further consideration.

1.25.1 The Jury Service Program requires Contractors to have and adhere to a written policy that provides that its employees shall receive from the Contractor, on an annual basis, no less than five days of regular pay for actual jury service. The policy may provide that employees deposit any fees received for such jury service with the Contractor or that the Contractor deduct from the employee's regular pay the fees received

for jury service. For purposes of the Jury Service Program, “employee” means any California resident who is a full-time employee of a Contractor and “full-time” means 40 hours or more worked per week, or a lesser number of hours if: 1) the lesser number is a recognized industry standard as determined by the County, or 2) the Contractor has a long-standing practice that defines the lesser number of hours as full-time. Therefore, the Jury Service Program applies to all of a Contractor’s full-time California employees, even those not working specifically on the County project. Full-time employees providing short-term, temporary services of 90 days or less within a 12-month period are not considered full-time for purposes of the Jury Service Program.

- 1.25.2 There are two ways in which a Contractor might not be subject to the Jury Service Program:
The first is if the Contractor does not fall within the Jury Service Program’s definition of “Contractor”. The Jury Service Program defines “Contractor” to mean a person, partnership, corporation of other entity which has a contract with the County or a subcontract with a County Contractor and has received or will receive an aggregate sum of \$50,000 or more in any 12-month period under one or more County contracts or subcontracts. The second is if the Contractor meets one of the two exceptions to the Jury Service Program. The first exception concerns small businesses and applies to Contractors that have 1) ten or fewer employees; and, 2) annual gross revenues in the preceding twelve months which, if added to the annual amount of this contract is less than \$500,000, and, 3) is not an “affiliate or subsidiary of a business dominant in its field of operation”. The second exception applies to Contractors that possess a collective bargaining agreement that expressly supersedes the provisions of the Jury Service Program. The Contractor is subject to any provision of the Jury Service Program not expressly superseded by the collective bargaining agreement.
- 1.25.3 If a Contractor does not fall within the Jury Service Program’s definition of “Contractor” or if it meets any of the exceptions to the Jury Service Program, then the Contractor must so indicate in the Contractor Employee Jury Service Program Certification Form and Application for Exception, Appendix D, Required Forms, Exhibit 10, and include with its submission all necessary documentation to support the claim such as tax returns or a collective bargaining agreement, if applicable. Upon reviewing the Contractor’s application, the County will determine, in its sole discretion, whether the Contractor falls within the definition of Contractor or meets any of the exceptions to the Jury Service Program. The County’s decision will be final.

1.26 Safely Surrendered Baby Law

Contractor shall notify and provide to its employees, and shall require each subcontractor to notify and provide to its employees, a fact sheet regarding the Safely Surrendered Baby Law, its implementation in Los Angeles County, and where and how to safely surrender a baby. The fact sheet is set forth in Appendix I, Safely Surrendered Baby Law, and is also available on the internet at <http://www.babysafela.org> for printing purposes.

1.27 Notice to Vendors Regarding the County Lobbyist Ordinance

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles has enacted an ordinance regulating the activities of persons who lobby County officials. This ordinance, referred to as the "Lobbyist Ordinance," defines a County Lobbyist and imposes certain registration requirements upon individuals meeting the definition. The complete text of the ordinance can be found in County Code Chapter 2.160. In effect, each person, corporation or other entity that seeks a County permit, license, franchise or contract must certify compliance with the ordinance. As part of this solicitation process, it will be the responsibility of each Vendor to review the ordinance independently as the text of said ordinance is not contained within this RFSQ. Thereafter, each person, corporation or other entity submitting a response to this solicitation, must certify that each County Lobbyist, as defined by Los Angeles County Code Section 2.160.010, retained by the Vendor is in full compliance with Chapter 2.160 of the Los Angeles County Code by completing and submitting the form as set forth in Appendix D, Required Forms, Exhibit 6, Familiarity of the County Lobbyist Ordinance Certification, as part of their SOQ.

1.28 Federal Earned Income Credit

Contractor shall notify its employees, and shall require each subcontractor to notify its employees, that they may be eligible for the Federal Earned Income Credit under the federal income tax laws. Such notice shall be provided in accordance with the requirements set forth in Appendix J, Internal Revenue Service Notice No. 1015, of this RFSQ.

1.29 Consideration of Hiring GAIN/GROW Program Participants

As a threshold requirement for consideration for contract award, Vendors shall demonstrate a proven record of hiring participants in the County's Department of Public Social Services Greater Avenues for Independence (GAIN) or General Relief Opportunity for Work (GROW) Programs or shall attest to a willingness to

consider GAIN/GROW participants for any future employment openings if the participants meet the minimum qualifications for that opening. Additionally, Vendors shall attest to a willingness to provide employed GAIN/GROW participants access to the Vendor's employee mentoring program, if available, to assist these individuals in obtaining permanent employment and/or promotional opportunities. Vendors who are unable to meet this requirement shall not be considered for contract award. Vendors shall complete and return the form as set forth in Appendix D, Required Forms, Exhibit 9, Attestation of Willingness to Consider GAIN/GROW Participants, with their SOQ.

1.30 Recycled-Content Paper

Vendor shall be required to comply with the County's policy on recycled-content paper as specified in Appendix A, Master Agreement, Exhibit A, Additional Terms and Conditions, Paragraph 32.0, Recycled-Content Paper.

1.31 Vendor's Adherence to County Child Support Compliance Program

Vendors shall 1) fully comply with all applicable State and Federal reporting requirements relating to employment reporting for its employees; and 2) comply with all lawfully served Wage and Earnings Assignment Orders and Notice of Assignment and continue to maintain compliance during the term of any contract that may be awarded pursuant to this solicitation. Failure to comply may be cause for termination of a contract or initiation of debarment proceedings against the non-compliant Contractor (County Code Chapter 2.202).

1.32 Local Small Business Enterprise Preference Program (if applicable)

1.32.1 County will give Local SBE preference to businesses that meet the definition of a Local Small Business Enterprise (Local SBE), consistent with Chapter 2.204.030C.1 of the Los Angeles County Code. A Local SBE is defined as: 1) A business certified by the State of California as a small business and; 2) has had its principal office located in Los Angeles County for a period of at least one year. The business must be certified by the Office of Affirmative Action Compliance as meeting the requirements set forth in 1 and 2 above prior to requesting the Local SBE Preference in a solicitation.

1.32.2 To apply for certification as a Local SBE, companies may register at the Office of Affirmative Action Compliance's website at:

<http://oaac.co.la.ca.us/contract/sbemain.html>

- 1.32.3 Certified Local SBEs must request the SBE Preference in each of their Bid responses and may not request the preference unless the certification process has been completed and certification affirmed. Sanctions and financial penalties may apply to a business that knowingly, and with intent to defraud, seeks to obtain or maintain certification as a certified Local SBE.
- 1.32.4 Information about the State's small business enterprise certification regulations is in the California Code of Regulations, Title 2, Subchapter 8, Section 1896 et seq., and is also available on the California Department of General Services Office of Small Business Certification and Resources Web site at <http://www.pd.dgs.ca.gov/smbus/default>

1.33 Transitional Job Opportunities Preference Program (if applicable)

- 1.33.1 County will give preference to businesses that are certified by the County as Transitional Job Opportunity vendors, consistent with Chapter 2.205 of the Los Angeles County Code. A Certified Transitional Job Opportunity vendor is, and has been such for three (3) years, an entity: 1) that is a non-profit organization recognized as tax exempt pursuant to section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Services Code; set forth, under penalty of perjury, such information as requested by the County on either electronic or hard copy forms, along with their application form and three most recent annual tax returns to the Department with their proposal response to the contracting solicitation for which they are competing; 2) has been in operation for at least one year providing transitional job and the related supportive services to program participants; and 3) provide a profile of their program with a description of their program components designed to assist program participants, number of past program participants, and any other information requested by a contracting Department
- 1.33.2 Transitional Job Opportunities vendors must request the preference in each of their Bid responses and may not receive the preference until their certification has been affirmed by the applicable Department. County must verify the Transitional Job Opportunity vendor certification prior to applying the preference. Sanctions and financial penalties may apply to a Vendor that knowingly and with intent to defraud seeks to obtain or maintain certification as a Transitional Job Opportunities vendor.

- 1.33.3 To request the Transitional Job Opportunities Preference, Vendor must complete Appendix D, Required Forms, Exhibit 11, Transitional Job Opportunities Preference Application, and submit it along with all supporting documentation with their SOQ.

1.34 Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program

- 1.34.1 The prospective Master Agreement is subject to the requirements of the County's Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program ("Defaulted Tax Program") (Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.206). Prospective Contractors should carefully read Appendix K, Defaulted Tax Program Ordinance, and the pertinent provisions in Appendix A, Master Agreement, Exhibit A, Additional Terms and Conditions, Paragraph 60.0 and Paragraph 61.0, all of which are incorporated by reference into and made a part of this solicitation. The Defaulted Tax Program applies to both Contractors and their subcontractors.
- 1.34.2 Vendors shall be required to certify that they are in full compliance with the provisions of the Defaulted Tax Program and shall maintain compliance during the term of any Master Agreement that may be awarded pursuant to this solicitation or shall certify that they are exempt from the Defaulted Tax Program by completing Appendix D, Required Forms, Exhibit 14, Certification of Compliance with the County's Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program. Failure to maintain compliance, or to timely cure defects, may be cause for termination of a Master Agreement or initiation of debarment proceedings against the non-compliant contractor (Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.202).
- 1.34.3 SOQs that fail to comply with the certification requirements of the Defaulted Tax Program will be considered non-responsive and excluded from further consideration.

1.35 SPARTA Program

A County program, known as 'SPARTA' (Service Providers, Artisan and Tradesman Activities) may be able to assist potential Contractors in obtaining affordable liability insurance. The SPARTA Program is administered by the County's insurance broker, Municipality Insurance Services, Inc. For additional information, Vendors may call Municipality Insurance Services at (800) 420-0555, or can access their website directly at www.2sparta.com.

2.0 INSTRUCTIONS TO VENDORS

This Section contains key project dates and activities as well as instructions to Vendors in how to prepare and submit their Statement of Qualifications (SOQ).

2.1 County Responsibility

The County is not responsible for representations made by any of its officers or employees prior to the execution of the Master Agreement unless such understanding or representation is included in the Master Agreement.

2.2 Truth and Accuracy of Representations

False, misleading, incomplete, or deceptively unresponsive statements in connection with an SOQ shall be sufficient cause for rejection of the SOQ. The evaluation and determination in this area shall be at the Sheriff's sole judgment and his judgment shall be final.

2.3 RFSQ Timetable

The timetable for this RFSQ is as follows:

- Release of RFSQ.....Refer to Bulletin #1
- Request for a Solicitation Requirements Review DueRefer to Bulletin #1
- Written Questions DueRefer to Bulletin #1
- Questions and Responses Released.....Refer to Bulletin #1
- SOQ dueRefer to Bulletin #1

The submittal date is an initial due date and those not received by that date may not be reviewed initially; however, they may be reviewed at a later date to determine if they meet the qualifications listed. The solicitation will remain open until the needs of the Department are met.

In the event the Department's needs are met and the solicitation is closed, the solicitation may be reopened any time during the term of the Master Agreement authorized by the County Board of Supervisors in order to meet any additional Department needs. In the event the solicitation is reopened, it will be publicized on the County's website.

2.4 Solicitation Requirements Review

Any person or entity may seek a Solicitation Requirements Review by submitting Appendix E, Transmittal Form to Request a Solicitation Requirements Review, to the Department conducting the solicitation as

described in this Paragraph. A request for a Solicitation Requirements Review may be denied, in the Department's sole discretion, if the request does not satisfy all of the following criteria:

1. The request for a Solicitation Requirements Review is made within ten (10) business days of the issuance of the solicitation document;
2. The request for a Solicitation Requirements Review includes documentation, which demonstrates the underlying ability of the person or entity to submit a SOQ.
3. The request for a Solicitation Requirements Review itemizes in appropriate detail, each matter contested and factual reasons for the requested review; and
4. The request for a Solicitation Requirements Review asserts either that:
 - a. application of the minimum requirements, evaluation criteria and/or business requirements unfairly disadvantages the person or entity; or,
 - b. due to unclear instructions, the process may result in the County not receiving the best possible responses from prospective Vendors.

The Solicitation Requirements Review shall be completed and the Department's determination shall be provided to the requesting person or entity, in writing, within a reasonable time prior to the due date of SOQs.

All Requests for a Solicitation Requirements Review shall be submitted to:

Mona Whittouck, Manager
Contracts Unit
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
4700 Ramona Boulevard, Room 214
Monterey Park, California 91754

2.5 Vendors' Questions

Vendor may submit written questions regarding this RFSQ by mail, fax, or e-mail to the Contract Analyst identified below. All questions must be received by the date in Bulletin #1. All questions, without identifying the submitting firm, will be compiled with the appropriate answers and issued as an addendum to the RFSQ via the following methods: the Department's website at http://www.lasd.org/lasd_contracts/info.html or email to Vendor if Vendor informed the Sheriff's Contracts Unit Analyst at rwasai@lasd.org of Vendor's name, mailing

and email address and fax and telephone number. The addendum will also be posted on the Department's website stated above.

When submitting questions, specify the RFSQ section number, paragraph number, and page number and quote the language that prompted the question. This will ensure that the language in question can be quickly found in the RFSQ. The Department reserves the right to group similar questions when providing answers.

Any questions regarding the application of minimum qualifications, review criteria and/or business requirements that would unfairly disadvantage Vendors or, due to unclear instructions, may result in the County not receiving the best possible responses from Vendors, should be addressed during the request for a Solicitation Requirements Review, Paragraph 2.4 above.

Written questions should be addressed to:

Contracts Unit
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
4700 Ramona Boulevard, Rm 214
Monterey Park, California 91754
Attn: Rowena Asai
Fax #: (323) 415-1033
e-mail address: wasai@lasd.org

2.6 Preparation and Format of the SOQ

All SOQs must be bound and submitted in the prescribed format. Any SOQ that deviates from this format may be rejected without review at the County's sole discretion. The content and sequence of the SOQ must be as follows:

- Vendor's Organization Questionnaire/Affidavit
- Table of Contents
- Vendor's Qualifications (Section A)
- Required Forms (Section B)
- Proof of Insurability (Section C)

Vendors must read this RFSQ carefully and follow all instructions, giving consideration to all requirements and requested documents as set forth herein when submitting their SOQs to ensure that errors or omissions do not cause Vendors to be eliminated from consideration.

Each SOQ must respond clearly and comprehensively to all requirements of the RFSQ. Any request lacking a response will be considered "non-responsive." Failure to comply with the SOQ instructions may disqualify the SOQ.

Noncompliant, inadequate, incomplete, or otherwise non-responsive SOQs may, in the County's sole discretion, result in disqualification or elimination.

County reserves the sole right to judge the content and presentation of the SOQs. Any SOQ that deviates from the format, sequence, content, or submission procedure may be rejected without review, in the County's sole discretion.

2.6.1 Vendor's Organization Questionnaire/Affidavit

Vendor shall complete, sign, and date the Vendor's Organization Questionnaire/Affidavit, Exhibit 1 as set forth in Appendix D, Required Forms. The person signing the form must be authorized to sign on behalf of the Vendor and to bind the Vendor in a Master Agreement. This is the first page of the SOQ.

2.6.2 Table of Contents

The Table of Contents must be a comprehensive listing of material included in the SOQ. This section must include a clear definition of the material, identified by sequential page numbers and by section reference numbers.

2.6.3 Vendor's Qualifications (Section A)

Vendor must provide sufficient detail and documentation to demonstrate that they meet the Minimum Mandatory Qualifications stated in Paragraph 1.4 and have the capability to perform the required services as required in Appendix B, Statement of Work. Vendor must indicate in this section all experience as it pertains to Paragraph 1.4 of this RFSQ. The following sections must be included:

A. Vendor's Background and Experience (A.1)

Vendor must provide a summary of relevant background information to demonstrate that they meet and/or exceed the Minimum Mandatory Qualifications stated in Paragraph 1.4 of this RFSQ and have the capability to perform the required services as a corporation or other entity. Vendor must also include the following information in the summary:

- Vendor must demonstrate the capacity to perform the required services.
- Vendor must provide summary detail of court experience.
- Vendor must provide proof of membership and copies of certificates of attendance for AFTE conferences.

- Vendor must provide the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of all persons authorized to represent and bind the Vendor.
- Vendor must furnish a copy of a valid driver's license in this section with the submission of the SOQ.

B. Vendor's References (Section A.2)

It is the Vendor's sole responsibility to ensure that the firm's name, point of contact's name, title, and telephone number for each reference is accurate and complete. The same references may be listed on both Appendix D, Required Forms, Exhibit 2, Prospective Contractor References, and Appendix D, Required Forms, Exhibit 3, Prospective Contractor List of Contracts.

1. County may disqualify a Vendor, in its sole discretion, if:
 - References fail to substantiate Vendor's description of the services provided; or
 - References fail to support that Vendor has a continuing pattern of providing capable, productive and skilled services; or
 - The Department is unable to reach the point of contact with reasonable effort (three [3] attempts). It is the Vendor's responsibility to inform the point of contact that reference checks will be conducted during normal business hours.
2. The Vendor must complete and include Appendix D, Required Forms, Exhibit 2, Prospective Contractor References, Exhibit 3, Prospective Contractor List of Contracts, and Exhibit 4, Prospective Contractor List of Terminated Contracts.
 - Prospective Contractor References, Exhibit 2
Vendor must provide at least three (3) references familiar with Vendor's technical qualifications and experience as they apply to the same or similar scope of services, as required in Appendix B, Statement of Work. At least one (1) of these references must verify that Vendor meets Minimum Mandatory Qualifications Subparagraph 1.4.1. If applying for a training assignment, at least one (1) reference must verify that Vendor meets Minimum Mandatory Qualifications Subparagraph 1.4.2. Use additional sheets if necessary.
 - Prospective Contractor List of Contracts, Exhibit 3

The list must include all public entities and County contracts for the last three (3) years. Use additional sheets if necessary.

- Prospective Contractor List of Terminated Contracts, Exhibit 4
The list must include contracts terminated within the past three (3) years with a reason for termination.

D. Vendor's Pending Litigation and Judgments (Section A.3)

Identify by name, case number, and court jurisdiction any pending litigation in which Vendor is involved, or judgments against Vendor in the past five (5) years. Provide a statement describing the size and scope of any pending or threatened litigation against the Vendor or principals of the Vendor.

If Vendor has no pending or threatened litigation or judgments, then a statement stating so must be provided in this section.

Failure or refusal to report pending litigation, threatened litigation, or judgments may result in Vendor being found non-responsive, and the SOQ may be eliminated from future review at County's absolute and sole discretion.

2.6.4 Required Forms (Section B)

The SOQ shall include the following forms as provided in Appendix D, Required Forms. Vendor shall complete, sign, and date all forms. The person signing all forms must be authorized to sign on behalf of the Vendor and to bind the Vendor in a Master Agreement. Forms may be expanded, as necessary, to provide complete responses.

- Exhibit 5 Certification of No Conflict of Interest
Vendor must certify that no employee who prepared or participated in the preparation of the SOQ is within the purview of County Code Section 2.180.010.
- Exhibit 6 County Lobbyist Ordinance Certification
Vendor must certify that Vendor is familiar with the requirements of the County Lobbyist Ordinance and that all persons acting on behalf of the Vendor comply with the ordinance during the RFSQ process and otherwise.

- Exhibit 7 Los Angeles County Community Business Enterprise (CBE) Program – Request for Local SBE Preference Program Consideration and CBE Firm/Organization Information Form
Vendor shall complete the form and attach it and the Local SBE Certification letter issued by the Los Angeles County Office of Affirmative Action Compliance. Note: Vendor must already be certified as a Local SBE prior to SOQ submission to be eligible to request consideration for the Prompt Payment Program.
- Exhibit 8 Vendor's Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Certification
Vendor must certify compliance with EEO laws, regulations and policies.
- Exhibit 9 Attestation of Willingness to Consider GAIN/GROW Participants
Vendor must demonstrate a proven record for hiring GAIN/GROW participants or shall attest to a willingness to consider GAIN/GROW participants for any future employment opening if they meet the minimum qualifications for that opening. Vendor shall also attest to a willingness to provide employed GAIN/GROW participants access to Vendor's employee mentoring program, if available.
- Exhibit 10 County of Los Angeles Contractor Employee Jury Service Program Certification Form and Application for Exception
Vendor shall complete and submit this form with the SOQ. If Vendor is requesting an exception to this program, Vendor shall submit all necessary documents to support the request.
- Exhibit 11 Transitional Job Opportunities Preference Application
If submitted, the Transitional Job Opportunities Preference Application must be completed and submitted with all required supporting documents.
- Exhibit 13 Signature Page of Master Agreement
Vendor's submission of a signed signature page constitutes acknowledgement and acceptance of, and a willingness to comply with all terms and conditions of Appendix A, Master Agreement, which are non-negotiable.
- Exhibit 14 Certification of Compliance with the County's Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program

2.6.5 Proof of Insurability (Section C)

Vendor must provide proof of insurability that meets all insurance requirements set forth in Appendix A, Master Agreement, Exhibit A, Additional Terms and Conditions, Paragraph 13.0, Indemnification and Insurance. If a Vendor does not currently have the required coverage, a letter from a qualified insurance carrier indicating a willingness to provide the required coverage should the Vendor be selected to receive a contract award should be submitted with the SOQ.

2.7 SOQ Submission

The original SOQ and three (3) numbered copies shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope, plainly marked in the upper left-hand corner with the name and address of the Vendor and bear the words: **“SOQ FOR FIREARMS AND TOOL MARK EXAMINATION AND/OR TRAINING SERVICES”**.

The SOQ and any related information shall be delivered or mailed to:

Contracts Unit
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
4700 Ramona Boulevard, Rm 214
Monterey Park, California 91754
Attn: Rowena Asai

It is the sole responsibility of the submitting Vendor to ensure that its SOQ is received before the submission deadline. Submitting Vendors shall bear all risks associated with delays in delivery by any person or entity, including the U.S. Mail. No facsimile (fax) or electronic mail (e-mail) copies will be accepted.

2.8 Acceptance of Terms and Conditions of Master Agreement

Vendors understand and agree that submission of the SOQ constitutes acknowledgement and acceptance of, and a willingness to comply with, all terms and conditions of Appendix A, Master Agreement. Signature by the authorized agent of the Vendor on the signature page of the Master Agreement constitutes acceptance by the Vendor to all the terms and conditions of the Master Agreement. The terms and conditions of the Master Agreement are not negotiable.

2.9 SOQ Withdrawals/Corrections

The Vendor may withdraw its SOQ at any time prior to the date and time which is set forth herein as the deadline for acceptance of SOQs, upon written request for same to:

Mona Whittouck, Manager
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
Contracts Unit
4700 Ramona Boulevard, Room 214
Monterey Park, California 91754

If County determines at any time that there are one or more errors (e.g. clerical or arithmetic errors) or missing information in any submitted SOQ, County, in its sole discretion, may request in writing that the particular Vendor submit a written correction of the applicable portions of its SOQ within a County-specified time period and in compliance with all County instructions as set forth in the request, including regarding content and format. Vendor understands and agrees that any such correction shall be limited to correcting errors or submitting missing information identified by County, shall comply with all County instructions as set forth in the request, and shall be considered part of the SOQ for all purposes including SOQ evaluation. If Vendor fails to submit such correction or missing information within the County-specified time period, the SOQ shall stand as written.

3.0 SOQ REVIEW/QUALIFICATION/SELECTION PROCESS

3.1 Review Process

County will conduct a comprehensive, fair, and impartial review of the SOQs received in response to this RFSQ. The review process will include the following steps:

3.1.1 Adherence to Minimum Mandatory Qualifications

County shall review Appendix D, Required Forms, Exhibit 1, Vendor's Organization Questionnaire/Affidavit, and the appropriate supporting documentation to determine if the Vendor meets the Minimum Mandatory Qualifications as outlined in Paragraph 1.4.

Failure of the Vendor to meet the Minimum Mandatory Qualifications may eliminate its SOQ from any further consideration. County may elect to waive any informality in a SOQ if the sum and substance of the SOQ is present.

Vendors that wish to re-submit a corrected SOQ, or correction to any component of the SOQ, must do so before the initial submission deadline stated in Paragraph 2.3, RFSQ Timetable. Resubmitted corrections to SOQs submitted after the initial deadline may not be reviewed initially, however, they may be reviewed at a later date to determine if they meet the qualifications listed in the RFSQ.

3.1.2 Vendor's Qualifications

County's review will include the following:

A review of Vendor's Background and Experience as provided in Section A.1 of the SOQ.

A review of Vendor's References as provided in Section A.2 of the SOQ. The review will include verification of references submitted, a review of the County's Contract Database, if applicable, reflecting past performance history on County contracts, and a review of terminated contracts.

A review to determine the magnitude of any threatened litigation, pending litigation, or judgments against the Vendor as provided in Section A.3 of the SOQ.

3.1.3 Required Forms

A review of all forms listed in Subparagraph 2.6.4 which must be included in Section B of the SOQ.

3.1.4 Proof of Insurability

Review the proof of insurability provided in Section C of the SOQ.

3.2 Disqualification Review

A Vendor may be disqualified from consideration because a Department determined it was non-responsive at any time during the review/evaluation process. If a Department determines that a Vendor is disqualified due to non-responsiveness, the Department shall notify the Vendor in writing.

Upon receipt of the written determination of non-responsiveness, the Vendor may submit a written request for a Disqualification Review within the timeframe specified in the written determination.

A request for a Disqualification Review may, in the Department's sole discretion, be denied if the request does not satisfy all of the following criteria:

1. The person or entity requesting a Disqualification Review is a Vendor that has submitted a SOQ;
2. The request for a Disqualification Review is submitted timely (i.e., by the date and time specified in the written determination); and
3. The request for a Disqualification Review asserts that the Department's determination of disqualification due to non-responsiveness was erroneous (e.g. factual errors, etc.) and provides factual support on each ground asserted as well as copies of all documents and other material that support the assertions.

The Disqualification Review shall be completed and the determination shall be provided to the requesting Vendor, in writing, prior to the conclusion of the evaluation process.

3.3 Selection/Qualification Process

The Department will generally select Vendors that meet the Minimum Mandatory Qualifications and that have experience in providing firearms and tool mark examination services and/or firearms and tool mark examination training services. However, in order to insure the Department has at its disposal a varied pool of qualified Contractors, the Department may offer Master Agreements to Vendors that offer a narrow scope of services in more highly specialized areas.

3.4 Master Agreement Award

Vendors who are notified by the Department that they appear to have the necessary qualifications and experience (i.e., they are qualified) may still not be recommended for a Master Agreement if other requirements necessary for award have not been met. Other requirements may include acceptance of the terms and conditions of the Master Agreement, pass a test of technical competency in firearms and tool mark examination, and/or satisfactory documentation that required insurance will be obtained. Only when all such matters have been demonstrated to the Department's satisfaction can a Vendor, which is otherwise deemed qualified, be regarded as "selected" for recommendation of a Master Agreement.

The Sheriff will execute Board of Supervisors-authorized Master Agreements with each selected vendor.

APPENDIX A
MASTER AGREEMENT



FIREARMS AND TOOL MARK EXAMINATION AND/OR TRAINING SERVICES
MASTER AGREEMENT

FOR

LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

BY AND BETWEEN

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

AND

[_____]

NOTICE TO RFSQ VENDORS

THIS DOCUMENT IS A MODEL MASTER AGREEMENT WHICH INCLUDES MANY OF COUNTY'S CONTRACTING REQUIREMENTS AS OF THE ISSUANCE OF THIS REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS (RFSQ). COUNTY MAKES NO REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY THAT ALL OF THE PROVISIONS IN THIS MODEL MASTER AGREEMENT WILL BE INCLUDED IN ANY RESULTANT MASTER AGREEMENT, THAT SUCH PROVISIONS WILL NOT BE MODIFIED IN ANY RESULTANT MASTER AGREEMENT, OR THAT OTHER PROVISIONS WILL NOT BE INCLUDED IN ANY RESULTANT MASTER AGREEMENT.

MASTER AGREEMENT
BETWEEN COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
AND
[_____]

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RECITALS

THIS MASTER AGREEMENT is entered into by and between the County of Los Angeles ("County") and [____], a [____] organized under the laws of [____], located at [____] ("Contractor"), to provide Firearms and Tool Mark Examination and/or Training Services for the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (the "Department").

WHEREAS, County, through the Department, desires to contract with private businesses to provide Firearms and Tool Mark Examination and/or Training Services for the Department; and

WHEREAS, Contractor represents that it possesses the necessary special skills, knowledge, and technical competence and sufficient staffing to provide such Firearms and Tool Mark Examination and/or Training Services; and

WHEREAS, the County has determined that the services are needed on an as-needed basis; and

WHEREAS, this Master Agreement (as defined below) is authorized pursuant to California Government Code Section 31000 and otherwise.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein and for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, County and Contractor agree as follows:

1. MASTER AGREEMENT AND INTERPRETATION

- 1.1 Master Agreement. This base document along with Exhibits A through H, any attachments attached hereto or thereto, and any executed Change Order or Amendment from time to time hereto or thereto collectively constitute and throughout and hereinafter are referred to as the "Master Agreement." This Master Agreement shall constitute the complete and exclusive statement of understanding between County and Contractor and supersedes any and all prior or contemporaneous agreements, written or oral, and all communications between the parties relating to the subject matter of this Master Agreement.
- 1.2 Interpretation. In the event of any conflict or inconsistency in the definition or interpretation of any word, responsibility, schedule, or the contents or description of any task, subtask, deliverable, goods, service, or other Work, or otherwise, such conflict or inconsistency shall be resolved by giving precedence first to this base document, and then to the Exhibits and any attachments thereto, according to the following priority:

1.2.1 Exhibit A – Additional Terms and Conditions

- 1.2.2 Exhibit B – Statement of Work
- 1.2.3 Exhibit C – Contractor's EEO Certification
- 1.2.4 Exhibit D1– Contractor's Employee Acknowledgement and Confidentiality Agreement
 - Exhibit D2 - Contractor's Non-Employee Acknowledgment and Confidentiality Agreement
- 1.2.5 Exhibit E - Jury Service Ordinance
- 1.2.6 Exhibit F - Safely Surrendered Baby Law
- 1.2.7 Exhibit G - Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program
- 1.2.8 Exhibit H - Invoice
- 1.3 Additional Terms and Conditions. Without limiting the generality of Subparagraph 1.1 (Master Agreement), attached hereto as Exhibit A (Additional Terms and Conditions), and incorporated by reference herein, are additional terms and conditions to this Master Agreement. Contractor acknowledges and agrees that it shall be bound by the additional terms and conditions enumerated in such Exhibit as if such terms and conditions were enumerated in the body of this base document.
- 1.4 Construction. The words "herein", "hereof", and "hereunder" and words of similar import used in this Master Agreement refer to this Master Agreement, including all annexes, attachments, Exhibits, and Schedules as the context may require. Wherever from the context it appears appropriate, each term stated in either the singular or plural shall include the singular and the plural. Whenever examples are used in this Master Agreement with the words "including", "for example", "e.g.", "such as", "etc.", or any derivation of such words, such examples are intended to be illustrative and not limiting. Captions and Paragraph headings used in the Master Agreement are for convenience only and are not a part of the Master Agreement and shall not be used in construing the Master Agreement. References in this Master Agreement to Federal, State and/or other governmental statutes, codes, rules, regulations, ordinances, guidelines, directives and/or policies, including those copies of which are attached to this Master Agreement, shall mean and shall be to such statutes, codes, rules, regulations, ordinances, guidelines, directives and/or policies as amended from time to time.

2. **DEFINITIONS**

The following terms and phrases in quotation marks and with initial letters capitalized shall have the following specific meaning when used in this Master Agreement.

- 2.1 “Amendment” has the meaning set forth in Paragraph 6 (Change Orders and Amendments).
- 2.2 “Board” means the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.
- 2.3 “Business Day” means Monday through Friday, excluding County observed holidays.
- 2.4 “Casework Examination” means laboratory examination of case-related submitted evidence.
- 2.5 “Casework Reviews” means technical and peer reviews defined and mandated by the Department crime laboratory’s Quality Assurance Program.
- 2.6 “Change Order” has the meaning set forth in Paragraph 6 (Change Orders and Amendments)
- 2.7 “Contractor Project Manager” has the meaning set forth in Subparagraph 4.1 (Contractor Project Manager).
- 2.8 “County” has the meaning set forth in the Recitals.
- 2.9 “County Counsel” means County’s Office of the County Counsel.
- 2.10 “County Project Director” has the meaning set forth in Subparagraph 3.1 (County Project Director).
- 2.11 “County Project Manager” has the meaning set forth in Subparagraph 3.2 (County Project Manager).
- 2.12 “Department” has the meaning set forth in the Recitals.
- 2.13 “Dispute Resolution Procedure” has the meaning set forth in Paragraph 2.0 (Dispute Resolution Procedure) of Exhibit A (Additional Terms and Conditions).
- 2.14 “Effective Date” means the first date on which this Master Agreement has been executed by all parties and approved by the Board.
- 2.15 “Firearms/Tool Mark Examiner Trainee” is a sworn or civilian County employee who has been accepted into the Scientific Services Bureau’s Firearms/Tool Mark Training Program and who is being trained to become a firearms and tool mark examiner.

- 2.16 "Firearms and Tool Mark Examination Trainer" means the Contractor assigned the duty of providing the Scientific Services Bureau, Firearms Identification Section's formal training program.
- 2.17 "Fiscal Year" means the twelve (12) month period beginning July 1st and ending the following June 30th.
- 2.18 "Infringement Claims" has the meaning set forth in Paragraph 14.0 (Intellectual Property Indemnification) of Exhibit A (Additional Terms and Conditions).
- 2.19 "Initial Term" has the meaning set forth in Paragraph 7 (Term).
- 2.20 "Jury Service Program" has the meaning set forth in Paragraph 33.0 (Compliance with Jury Service Program) of Exhibit A (Additional Terms and Conditions).
- 2.21 "Master Agreement" means generally County's standard agreement executed between County and individual contractors. It sets forth the terms and conditions for the issuance and performance of, and otherwise governs, subsequent Work. Specifically, Master Agreement has the meaning set forth in Subparagraph 1.1 (Master Agreement).
- 2.22 "Maximum Contract Sum" has the meaning set forth in Paragraph 8 (Prices and Fees).
- 2.23 "Option Term" has the meaning set forth in Paragraph 7 (Term).
- 2.24 "Sheriff" means the elected official who is the Sheriff of the County of Los Angeles.
- 2.25 "Statement of Work" or "SOW" means the Statement of Work, attached as Exhibit B (Statement of Work) to this Master Agreement, together with all attachments thereto, as the same may be amended by any approved Change Order or Amendment.
- 2.26 "Term" has the meaning set forth in Paragraph 7 (Term).
- 2.27 "Work" means any and all tasks, subtasks, deliverables, goods, and other services performed by or on behalf of Contractor including the work required pursuant to this Master Agreement, Exhibit B (Statement of Work), and all the Exhibits, and executed Change Orders and Amendments hereto.

3. ADMINISTRATION OF MASTER AGREEMENT – COUNTY

3.1 County Project Director.

- 3.1.1 "County Project Director" for this Master Agreement shall be the following person:

Dean Gialamas, Crime Lab Director
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
Scientific Services Bureau
1800 Paseo Rancho Castilla
Los Angeles, California 90032

- 3.1.2 County will notify Contractor in writing of any change in the name or address of County Project Director.
- 3.1.3 Except as set forth in Paragraph 6 (Change Orders and Amendments) of this Master Agreement, County Project Director is not authorized to make any changes in any of the terms and conditions of this Master Agreement and is not authorized to further obligate County in any respect whatsoever.
- 3.1.4 County Project Director shall have the right at all times to inspect any and all Work provided by or on behalf of Contractor.

3.2 County Project Manager.

- 3.2.1 "County Project Manager" for this Master Agreement shall be the following person:

Ruben Flores, Supervising Criminalist
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
Scientific Services Bureau
1800 Paseo Rancho Castilla
Los Angeles, California 90032

Unless otherwise specifically noted, whenever this Master Agreement calls for a notice, report, or other delivery to be made by Contractor (or any representative thereof) to County Project Manager, such notice, report, or other delivery shall be made to County Project Manager in accordance with the notice information set forth above or in accordance with such other notice information as County may notify Contractor from time to time pursuant to Subparagraph 3.2.2.

- 3.2.2 County shall notify Contractor in writing of any change in the name or address of the County Project Manager.
- 3.2.3 The County Project Manager shall be a resource for addressing the technical standards and requirements of this Master Agreement, shall interface regularly with Contractor, and further shall have the duties from time to time given to such person by County.

- 3.2.4 County Project Manager is not authorized to make any changes in any of the terms and conditions of this Agreement nor obligate County in any respect whatsoever.
- 3.2.5 County Project Manager shall advise County Project Director as to Contractor's performance in areas relating to technical requirements and standards, County policy, information requirements, and procedural requirements.
- 3.2.6 County Project Manager shall be responsible for assigning laboratory casework and/or training duties to Contractors.
- 3.2.7 County Project Manager shall provide direction and give final approval of training program content and details prior to delivery of training material to Firearms/Tool Mark Examiner Trainees.
- 3.3 Consolidation of Duties. County reserves the right to consolidate the duties of the County Project Director, which duties are enumerated in Subparagraph 3.1 (County Project Director), and the duties of the County Project Manager, which duties are enumerated in Subparagraph 3.2 (County Project Manager), into one County position, and to assign all such duties to one individual who will act as County's liaison in all matters relating to this Master Agreement. County will notify Contractor no later than five (5) days prior to exercising its rights pursuant to this Subparagraph 3.3.
- 3.4 County Personnel. All County personnel assigned to this Master Agreement shall be under the exclusive supervision of County. Contractor understands and agrees that all such County personnel are assigned only for the convenience of County.

4. ADMINISTRATION OF MASTER AGREEMENT – CONTRACTOR

- 4.1 Contractor Project Manager.
 - 4.1.1 "Contractor Project Manager" shall be the following person, who shall be a full-time employee of Contractor:

[_____]
 - 4.1.2 Contractor Project Manager shall be responsible for Contractor's day-to-day activities as related to this Master Agreement.
 - 4.1.3 From the Effective Date through the expiration of the Term, Contractor Project Manager shall be available to meet and confer with County, as necessary, in person or by phone.
 - 4.1.4 Contractor Project Manager shall notify County in writing of any change in the name or address of the Contractor Project Manager.

4.2 Approval of Contractor's Staff.

- 4.2.1 County Project Director has the right to approve or disapprove any proposed replacement for the Contractor Project Manager. If Contractor desires to replace, or if County, at its discretion, requires removal of, Contractor Project Manager, Contractor shall provide County with a resume of such proposed replacement, and an opportunity to interview such person prior to such person performing any Work hereunder. County shall not unreasonably delay its approval of a replacement of Contractor Project Manager.

5. **WORK; APPROVAL AND ACCEPTANCE**

Pursuant to the provisions of this Master Agreement, Contractor shall fully perform, complete, and deliver on time, all Work, tasks, deliverables, services, and other work as set forth herein.

Contractor acknowledges that, subject to this Paragraph 5 (Work; Approval and Acceptance), all Work performed under this Master Agreement, including pursuant to an executed change Order or Amendment, is payable on a monthly basis in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Master Agreement, including this Paragraph 5 (Work; Approval and Acceptance), Paragraph 8 (Compensation Rate), and Paragraph 10 (Invoices and Payments).

If Contractor provides any tasks, deliverables, goods, services, or other work, other than as specified in this Master Agreement and/or that exceeds the scope of the casework or training assignment distributed by the County Project Manager to Contractor, these shall be deemed to be a gratuitous effort on the part of Contractor, and Contractor shall have no claim whatsoever against County.

6. **CHANGE ORDERS AND AMENDMENTS**

No representative of either County or Contractor, including those named in this Master Agreement, is authorized to make any changes in any of the terms, obligations, or conditions of this Master Agreement, except through the procedures set forth in this Paragraph 6 (Change Orders and Amendments).

6.1 General

County reserves the right to change any portion of the Work required under this Master Agreement, or amend such other terms and conditions, as may become necessary. Any such revision shall be accomplished in the following manner:

- 6.1.1 For any change which does not materially affect the scope of Work, Term, period of performance, amount of payments, or any other term or condition included under this Master Agreement, a Change Order shall be executed by both the County Project Director and Contractor Project Manager.

- 6.1.2 The Board or County's Chief Executive Officer or designee may require the addition and/or change of certain terms and conditions in the Master Agreement during the term of this Master Agreement. County reserves the right to add and/or change such provisions as required by the Board or County's Chief Executive Officer. To implement such changes, an Amendment to the Master Agreement shall be prepared and executed by Contractor and by Sheriff.
- 6.1.3 For any change that materially affects the scope of Work, Term, period of performance, amount of payments, or any other term or condition included under this Master Agreement, then a negotiated Amendment to this Master Agreement shall be executed by the Board or its designee and Contractor.

7. TERM

The term of this Master Agreement shall commence upon the date of its execution by the Sheriff and shall continue for a period of three (3) years from the date of Board approval, unless terminated earlier in whole or in part, as provided in this Master Agreement (the "Initial Term"). The Sheriff has the option, at the Sheriff's discretion and upon notice to Contractor prior to the end of the current period of the Term, to extend the term of this Master Agreement for up to two (2) additional one (1) year periods, plus one (1) additional six (6) month period in any increment, ("Option Term") for a total Master Agreement term not to exceed five (5) years and six (6) months. As used herein, the "Term" shall mean the Initial Term and, if extended, each Option Term, as the case may be. Each such extension shall be in the form of a written Amendment pursuant to Subparagraph 6.1.3 above and executed by the Sheriff and Contractor.

Contractor shall notify the Department when this Master Agreement is within six (6) months from the expiration of the Term as provided for hereinabove. Upon occurrence of this event, Contractor shall send written notification to the County Project Director at the address herein provided in Subparagraph 3.1.1.

8. COMPENSATION RATE

8.1 General

The rate of compensation for this Master Agreement shall be the amount payable by County to Contractor for performing all examination/casework, tasks, deliverables, training services and any other Work required under this Master Agreement. The fixed hourly labor rate is seventy-five dollars (\$75) per hour which shall remain fixed and firm for the term of the Master Agreement. Contractor shall not be entitled to any payment by County under this Master Agreement except pursuant to fully executed and satisfactorily performed Work. Contractor shall not be entitled to payment or reimbursement for any tasks, deliverables, goods, services and any other Work, nor for any incidental or

administrative expenses whatsoever incurred in or incidental to performance hereunder, except as specified in this Master Agreement.

8.2 Maximum Contract Sum

In each year of this Master Agreement, the total of all amounts actually expended by County hereunder ("maximum annual expenditures"), either expressly or by implication, shall not exceed the sum allocated in that fiscal year's budget. The County has sole discretion to expend some, all, or none of such budgeted amounts. The sum of such annual expenditures for the duration of the Master Agreement is the "Maximum Contract Sum."

9. COUNTY'S OBLIGATION FOR FUTURE FISCAL YEARS

- 9.1 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Master Agreement, either expressly or by implication, County shall not be obligated for Contractor's performance hereunder or by any provision of this Master Agreement during any of County's future fiscal years unless and until the Board appropriates funds for this Master Agreement in County's budget for each such future fiscal year. In the event that funds are not appropriated for this Master Agreement, then this Master Agreement shall terminate as of June 30 of the last fiscal year for which funds were appropriated and such termination shall be deemed a termination for convenience pursuant to Paragraph 6.0 (Termination for Convenience) of Exhibit A (Additional Terms and Conditions). County shall endeavor to notify Contractor in writing of any such non-appropriation of funds at the earliest possible date.

10. INVOICES AND PAYMENTS

10.1 Approval of Invoices

All invoices submitted by Contractor for payment must have the written approval of the County Project Manager, as evidenced by the County Project Director's countersignature, prior to any payment thereof. In no event shall County be liable or responsible for any payment prior to such written approval.

10.2 Detail

Each invoice submitted by Contractor shall be submitted on the form provided in Exhibit H, Invoice, and shall conform to the requirements of, and provide the information requested on, Exhibit H, Invoice.

10.3 Submission of Invoices

Contractor shall submit an original and one (1) copy of each invoice to:

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
Scientific Services Bureau
1800 Paseo Rancho Castilla
Los Angeles, CA 90032
Attention: Ruben Flores, Supervising Criminalist

Copy to: Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
Accounts Payable Section – Contracts Billing
4700 Ramona Blvd., Room 326
Monterey Park, CA 91754

Contractor shall submit monthly invoice by the tenth (10th) Day of each month following the month in which services were rendered.

10.4 No Out-of-Pocket Expenses

Contractor acknowledges that out-of-pocket expenses, including travel, meal, and lodging expenses, are not reimbursable by County. Accordingly, Contractor's invoices shall not include out-of-pocket expenses.

10.5 Contractor Responsibility

Contractor is responsible for the accuracy of invoices submitted to County. Further, it is the responsibility of Contractor to reconcile or otherwise correct inaccuracies or inconsistencies in the invoices submitted by Contractor.

10.6 County's Right to Withhold

In addition to any rights of County provided in this Master Agreement, or at law or in equity, County may, upon notice to Contractor, withhold payment for any Work while Contractor is in default hereunder, or at any time that Contractor has not provided County approved Work.

11. LIQUIDATED DAMAGES

- 11.1 If, in the judgment of the County Project Director, Contractor is deemed to be non-compliant with the terms and obligations assumed hereby, the County Project Director, at his option, in addition to, or in lieu of, other remedies provided herein, may withhold the entire monthly payment or deduct pro rata from Contractor's invoice for Work not performed. Information regarding the Work not performed and the amount to be withheld or deducted from payments to the Contractor from County will be forwarded to Contractor by the County Project Director in a written notice describing the reasons for said action.
- 11.2 If the County Project Director determines that there are deficiencies in the performance of this Master Agreement that are correctable over a certain time span, the County Project Director will provide a written notice to Contractor to

correct the deficiency within specified time frames. Should Contractor fail to correct deficiencies within said time frame, the County Project Director may:

- 11.2.1 Deduct from Contractor's payment, pro rata, those applicable portions of the monthly contract sum; or
 - 11.2.2 Deduct liquidated damages. The parties agree that it will be impracticable or extremely difficult to fix the extent of actual damages resulting from the failure of Contractor to correct a deficiency within the specified time frame. The parties hereby agree that under the current circumstances a reasonable estimate of such damages is one hundred dollars (\$100) per day per infraction and that Contractor shall be liable to County for liquidated damages in the said amount. Said amount shall be deducted from County's payment to Contractor; and/or
 - 11.2.3 Upon giving five (5) days notice to Contractor for failure to correct the deficiencies, County may correct any and all deficiencies and the total costs incurred by County for completion of the Work by an alternate source, whether it be County forces or separate private contractor, will be deducted and forfeited from the payment to the Contractor from County, as determined by County.
- 11.3 The action noted in Subparagraph 11.2 shall not be construed as a penalty, but as an adjustment of payment to Contractor to recover County cost due to the failure of Contractor to complete or comply with the provisions of this Master Agreement.
- 11.4 This Subparagraph shall not, in any manner, restrict or limit County's right to damages for any breach of this Master Agreement provided by law, and shall not, in any manner, restrict or limit County's right to terminate the Master Agreement as agreed to herein.

12. NOTICES

All notices or demands required or permitted to be given or made under this Master Agreement, unless otherwise specified, shall be in writing and shall be addressed to the parties at the following addresses and delivered: (a) by hand with signed receipt; (b) by first-class registered or certified mail, postage prepaid; (c) by facsimile or electronic mail transmission followed within twenty-four (24) hours by a confirmation copy mailed by first-class registered or certified mail, postage prepaid; or (d) by overnight commercial carrier, with signed receipt. Notice is deemed given at the time of signed receipt in the case of hand delivery, three (3) days after deposit in the United States mail as set forth above, on the date of facsimile or electronic mail transmission if followed by timely confirmation mailing, or on the date of signature receipt by the receiving part of any overnight commercial carrier delivery. Addresses may be changed by either party giving ten (10) days prior notice in accordance with the procedures set forth above, to the other party.

To County: (1) Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
Scientific Services Bureau
1800 Paseo Rancho Castilla
Los Angeles, CA 90032
Attention: Ruben Flores

with a copy to:

(2) Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
Contracts Unit
4700 Ramona Boulevard, Room 214
Monterey Park, CA 91754-2169
Attention: Assistant Director, Contracts Unit
Facsimile: (323) 415-1047

To Contractor: [_____]
Attention: [_____]
Facsimile: [_____]

The County Project Director shall have the authority to issue all notices or demands, which are required or permitted by County under this Master Agreement.

13. INTENTIONALLY OMITTED

14. ARM'S LENGTH NEGOTIATIONS

This Master Agreement is the product of an arm's length negotiation between Contractor and County. Each party has had at all times the opportunity to receive advice from independent counsel of its own choosing. Accordingly, this Master Agreement is to be interpreted fairly as between the parties, and not strictly construed as against either party as drafter or creator.

15. NO GUARANTY OF WORK

This Master Agreement is intended to provide County with Firearms and Tool Mark Examination and/or Training Services on an "as-needed" basis. As such, County does not promise, guaranty, or warrant that it will utilize any particular level of Contractor services, or any services at all during the term of this Master Agreement. The determination as to the need for such services shall rest solely within the discretion of County.

16. SURVIVAL

The following Paragraphs of this Master Agreement shall survive its expiration or termination for any reason: 1. (Master Agreement and Interpretation), 2. (Definitions), 8. (Compensation Rate), 10. (Invoices and Payments), 12. (Notices), 14. (Arm's Length

Negotiations), 16. (Survival), and all the terms and conditions set forth in Exhibit A (Additional Terms and Conditions).

MASTER AGREEMENT
BETWEEN COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
AND
[_____]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the County of Los Angeles, by order of its Board of Supervisors, has caused this Master Agreement to be executed on its behalf by the Sheriff of the County of Los Angeles, and Contractor has caused this Master Agreement to be duly executed on its behalf by its authorized officer.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

By _____
Leroy D. Baca, Sheriff

Date _____

CONTRACTOR

Signature: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
ANDREA SHERIDAN ORDIN
COUNTY COUNSEL

By _____
Michele Jackson
Deputy County Counsel

EXHIBIT A

ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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EXHIBIT A

ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The following additional terms and conditions are applicable to, and form a part of, the Master Agreement. Capitalized terms not otherwise defined in this Exhibit A (Additional Terms and Conditions) as used herein (this "Exhibit") have the meanings given to such terms in the base document of the Master Agreement.

1.0 SUBCONTRACTING

1.1 General

County has relied, in entering into the Master Agreement, on the reputation of and on obtaining the personal performance of Contractor itself. Consequently, no performance of the Master Agreement, or any portion thereof, shall be subcontracted by Contractor. Any attempt by Contractor to subcontract any performance, obligation, or responsibility under the Master Agreement shall be null and void and shall constitute a material breach of the Master Agreement, upon which County may immediately terminate the Master Agreement.

2.0 DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCEDURE

2.1 General

Contractor and County agree to act immediately to resolve mutually any disputes that may arise with respect to the Master Agreement. All such disputes shall be subject to the provisions of this Paragraph 2.0 (Dispute Resolution Procedure) (such provisions are collectively referred to as the "Dispute Resolution Procedures"). Time is of the essence in the resolution of disputes.

2.2 Continued Work

Contractor and County agree that, the existence and details of a dispute notwithstanding, both parties shall continue without delay their performance hereunder, except for any performance, other than payment by County for approved Work, which the parties mutually determine should be delayed as a result of such dispute.

2.2.1 If Contractor fails to continue without delay its performance hereunder that County, in its discretion, determines should not be delayed as a result of such dispute, then any additional costs which may be incurred by Contractor or County as a result of Contractor's failure to continue to so perform shall be borne by Contractor, and Contractor shall make no claim whatsoever against County for such costs. Contractor shall

promptly reimburse County for such County costs, as determined by the County, or County may deduct or offset all such additional costs from any amounts due to Contractor from County.

- 2.2.2 If County fails to continue without delay to perform its responsibilities under the Master Agreement which County, in its discretion, determines should not be delayed as a result of such dispute, then any additional costs incurred by Contractor or County as a result of County's failure to continue to so perform shall be borne by County, and County shall make no claim whatsoever against Contractor for such costs. County shall promptly reimburse Contractor for all such additional Contractor costs subject to the approval of such costs by County.

2.3 Dispute Resolution Procedures

In the event of any dispute between the parties with respect to the Master Agreement, Contractor and County shall submit the matter as follows:

- 2.3.1 Contractor and County shall first submit the matter to their respective Project Managers for the purpose of endeavoring to resolve such dispute.
- 2.3.2 If the Project Managers are unable to resolve the dispute within a reasonable time, not to exceed five (5) Business Days from the date of submission of the dispute, then the matter immediately shall be submitted to the parties' respective Project Directors for further consideration and discussion to attempt to resolve the dispute.
- 2.3.3 If the Project Directors are unable to resolve the dispute within a reasonable time not to exceed five (5) Business Days from the date of submission of the dispute, then the matter shall be immediately submitted to Contractor's president or chief operating officer and the Sheriff. These persons shall have five (5) Business Days to attempt to resolve the dispute.
- 2.3.4 In the event that at these levels, there is not a resolution of the dispute acceptable to both parties, then each party may assert its other rights and remedies provided under the Master Agreement and its rights and remedies as provided by law.

2.4 Documentation of Dispute Resolution Procedures

All disputes utilizing the Dispute Resolution Procedure shall be documented in writing by each party and shall state the specifics of each alleged dispute and all actions taken. The parties shall act in good faith to resolve all disputes. At all three (3) levels described in Subparagraph 2.3 (Dispute Resolution Procedure),

the efforts to resolve a dispute shall be undertaken by conference between the parties' respective representatives, either orally, by face-to-face meeting or by telephone, or in writing by exchange of correspondence.

2.5 Not Applicable to County's Right to Terminate

Notwithstanding any other provision of the Master Agreement, County's right to terminate the Master Agreement pursuant to Paragraph 4.0 (Termination for Insolvency), Paragraph 5.0 (Termination for Default), Paragraph 6.0 (Termination for Convenience), or Paragraph 7.0 (Termination for Improper Consideration), in each case, of this Exhibit, or any other termination provision under this Master Agreement, shall not be subject to the Dispute Resolution Procedure. The preceding sentence is intended only as a clarification of County's rights, and shall not be deemed to impair any claims that Contractor may have against County or Contractor's rights to assert such claims after any such termination or such injunctive relief has been obtained.

3.0 CONFIDENTIALITY

3.1 General

3.1.1 Contractor shall maintain the confidentiality of all records and information, events or circumstances which occur during the course of Contractor's performance under the Master Agreement, in accordance with all applicable Federal, State, and local laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, guidelines, policies and procedures, and directives relating to confidentiality, including, without limitation, County policies concerning information technology security and the protection of confidential records and information.

3.1.2 Contractor shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless County, its officers, employees, and agents, from and against any and all claims, demands, damages, liabilities, losses, costs and expenses, including, without limitation, defense costs and legal, accounting and other expert, consulting, or professional fees, arising from, connected with, or related to any failure by Contractor, its officers, employees, agents, or subcontractors, to comply with this Paragraph 3.0, as determined by County in its sole judgment. Any legal defense pursuant to Contractor's indemnification obligations under this Paragraph 3.0 shall be conducted by Contractor and performed by counsel selected by Contractor and approved by County. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, County shall have the right to participate in any such defense at its sole cost and expense, except that in the event Contractor fails to provide County with a full and adequate defense, as determined by County in its sole judgment, County shall be entitled to retain its own counsel, including, without limitation, County Counsel, and reimbursement from Contractor for all

such costs and expenses incurred by County in doing so. Contractor shall not have the right to enter into any settlement, agree to any injunction, or make any admission, in each case, on behalf of County without County's prior written approval.

- 3.1.3 Contractor shall inform all of its directors, officers, shareholders, employees, and agents providing services hereunder of the confidentiality provisions of this Master Agreement. Contractor shall provide to County an executed Contractor's Employee Acknowledgment and Confidentiality Agreement (Exhibit D1 to the Master Agreement) for each of its employees performing Work under the Master Agreement and an executed Contractor Non-Employee Acknowledgment and Confidentiality Agreement (Exhibit D2 to the Master Agreement) for each non-employee performing Work under the Master Agreement. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, Contractor acknowledges and agrees that it is responsible for any breach of the obligations of confidentiality set forth herein by any person, or entity to which Contractor discloses such confidential information.

3.2 Disclosure of Information

- 3.2.1 With respect to any confidential information obtained by Contractor pursuant to the Master Agreement, Contractor shall: (a) not use any such records or information for any purpose whatsoever other than carrying out the express terms of the Master Agreement; (b) promptly transmit to County all requests for disclosure of any such records or information; (c) not disclose, except as otherwise specifically permitted by the Master Agreement, any such records or information to any person or organization other than County without County's prior written authorization that the records are, or information is, releasable; and (d) at the expiration or termination of the Master Agreement, return all such records and information to County or maintain such records and information according to the written procedures sent to Contractor by County for this purpose.
- 3.2.2 Without limiting the generality of Subparagraph 3.2.1 of this Exhibit, in the event Contractor receives any court or administrative agency order, service of process, or request by any person or entity (other than Contractor's professionals) for disclosure of any such details, Contractor shall immediately notify the County Project Director. Thereafter, Contractor shall comply with such order, process, or request only to the extent required by applicable law. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, to the extent permitted by law, Contractor shall delay such compliance and cooperate with County to obtain relief from such

obligations to disclose until County shall have been given a reasonable opportunity to obtain such relief.

3.3 Contractor Information

Any and all confidential or proprietary information which is developed or was originally acquired by Contractor outside the scope of this Master Agreement, which Contractor desires to use hereunder, and which Contractor considers to be proprietary or confidential, must be specifically identified by Contractor to the County Project Director as proprietary or confidential, and shall be plainly and prominently marked by Contractor as "proprietary" or "confidential." County shall undertake reasonably to maintain the confidentiality of materials marked by Contractor as "proprietary" or "confidential." Notwithstanding any other provision of this Master Agreement, County shall not be obligated in any way under this Master Agreement for:

- 3.3.1 Any of Contractor's proprietary and/or confidential materials not plainly and prominently marked with restrictive legends;
- 3.3.2 Any disclosure of any materials which County is required to make under the California Public Records Act or otherwise by law; and
- 3.3.3 Any materials indicating the volume, frequency and type of goods and services provided by Contractor, including, but not limited to use under Paragraph 25.0 (Resolicitation of Bids, Proposals, or Information).

3.4 Use of County Name

In recognizing Contractor's need to identify its services and related clients to sustain itself, County shall not inhibit Contractor from publishing its role under the Master Agreement within the following conditions:

- 3.4.1 Contractor shall develop all publicity material in a professional manner.
- 3.4.2 During the Term, Contractor shall not publish or disseminate any commercial advertisements, press releases, feature articles, or other materials using the name of County without the prior written consent of the County Project Director, which shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed.
- 3.4.3 Contractor may, without the prior written consent of County, indicate in its proposals and sales materials that it has been awarded the Master Agreement with County, provided that the requirements of this Subparagraph 3.4 (Use of County Name) (other than the requirements set forth in Subparagraph 3.4.2) shall apply.

- 3.4.4 Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, County reserves the right to object to any use of County's name and Contractor shall cure promptly and prospectively any use of County's name that has been objected to by County.

3.5 Injunctive Relief

Contractor acknowledges that a breach by Contractor of this Paragraph 3.0 (Confidentiality) may result in irreparable injury to County that may not be adequately compensated by monetary damages and that, in addition to County's other rights under the Master Agreement and at law and in equity, County shall have the right to injunctive relief to enforce the provisions of this Paragraph 3.0 (Confidentiality).

4.0 TERMINATION FOR INSOLVENCY

- 4.1 County may terminate the Master Agreement immediately at any time following the occurrence of any of the following:
- 4.1.1 Contractor has ceased to pay or has admitted in writing its inability to pay its debts for at least sixty (60) days in the ordinary course of business or cannot pay its debts as they become due, whether or not a petition has been filed under the United States Bankruptcy Code and whether or not Contractor is insolvent within the meaning of the United States Bankruptcy Code, provided that Contractor shall not be deemed insolvent if it has ceased in the normal course of business to pay debts that Contractor disputes in good faith;
 - 4.1.2 The filing of a voluntary or involuntary petition (which involuntary petition is not dismissed within sixty (60) days) regarding Contractor under the United States Bankruptcy Code;
 - 4.1.3 The appointment of a receiver or trustee for Contractor; or
 - 4.1.4 The execution by Contractor of a general assignment for the benefit of creditors other than in the course of arranging financial lines of credit.
- 4.2 The rights and remedies of County provided in this Paragraph 4.0 (Termination for Insolvency) shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided at law or in equity, or under the Master Agreement.
- 4.3 Contractor agrees that if Contractor as a debtor-in-possession, or if a trustee in bankruptcy, rejects the Master Agreement, County may elect to retain its rights under the Master Agreement, as provided under Section 365(n) of the United States Bankruptcy Code (11 U.S.C. Section 365(n)). Upon written request by County to Contractor or the trustee in bankruptcy, as applicable, Contractor or

such trustee shall allow County to exercise all of its rights and benefits under the Master Agreement. The foregoing shall survive the termination or expiration of the Master Agreement for any reason whatsoever.

5.0 TERMINATION FOR DEFAULT

- 5.1 County may, by written notice to Contractor, terminate the whole or any part of this Master Agreement, if, in the judgment of County's Project Director:
- Contractor has materially breached this Master Agreement; or
 - Contractor fails to timely provide and/or satisfactorily perform any task, deliverable, service, or other work required either under this Master Agreement; or
 - Contractor fails to demonstrate a high probability of timely fulfillment of performance requirements under this Master Agreement, or of any obligations of this Master Agreement and in either case, fails to demonstrate convincing progress toward a cure within five (5) working days (or such longer period as the County may authorize in writing) after receipt of written notice from the County specifying such failure.
- 5.2 In the event that County terminates this Master Agreement in whole or in part as provided in Subparagraph 5.1, County may procure, upon such terms and in such manner as County may deem appropriate, goods and services similar to those so terminated. Contractor shall be liable to County for any and all excess costs incurred by County, as determined by County, for such similar goods and services. Contractor shall continue the performance of this Master Agreement to the extent not terminated under the provisions of this Subparagraph.
- 5.3 If, after County has given notice of termination under the provisions of this Paragraph 5.0, it is determined by County that Contractor was not in default under the provisions of this Paragraph 5.0, the rights and obligations of the parties shall be the same as if the notice of termination had been issued pursuant to Paragraph 6.0 (Termination for Convenience).
- 5.4 The rights and remedies of County provided in this Paragraph 5.0 shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this Master Agreement.

6.0 TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE

6.1 Termination for Convenience

The Master Agreement may be terminated, in whole or in part from time to time, by County in its sole discretion for any reason. Termination of Work hereunder

shall be effected by delivery to Contractor of a notice of termination specifying the extent to which performance of Work is terminated and the date upon which such termination becomes effective. The date upon which such termination becomes effective shall be no less than thirty (30) days after notice.

6.2 No Prejudice; Sole Remedy

Nothing in this Paragraph 6.0 (Termination for Convenience) is deemed to prejudice any right of Contractor to make a claim against the County in accordance with this Master Agreement and applicable law and County procedures for payment for Work through the effective date of termination. Contractor, however, acknowledges that the rights and remedies set forth in this Subparagraph 6.2 shall be the only remedy available to Contractor in the event of a termination or suspension pursuant to this Paragraph 6.0 (Termination for Convenience) by County.

7.0 TERMINATION FOR IMPROPER CONSIDERATION

- 7.1 County may, upon written notice to Contractor, immediately terminate the right of Contractor to proceed under the Master Agreement if it is found that consideration, in any form, was offered or given by Contractor, either directly or through an intermediary, to any County officer, employee or agent with the intent of securing the Master Agreement or securing favorable treatment with respect to the award, amendment or extension of the Master Agreement or the making of any determinations with respect to Contractor's performance pursuant to the Master Agreement. In the event of such termination, County shall be entitled to pursue the same remedies against Contractor as it could pursue in the event of default by Contractor.
- 7.2 Contractor shall immediately report any attempt by a County officer or employee to solicit such improper consideration. The report shall be made either to the County manager charged with the supervision of the employee or to County Auditor-Controller's Employee Fraud Hotline at (800) 544-6861.
- 7.3 Among other items, such improper consideration may take the form of cash, discounts, service, the provision of travel or entertainment, or tangible gifts.

8.0 INTENTIONALLY OMITTED

9.0 EFFECT OF TERMINATION

9.1 Remedies

In the event that County terminates the Master Agreement in whole or in part as provided in Paragraph 4.0 (Termination for Insolvency), Paragraph 5.0 (Termination for Default), Paragraph 6.0 (Termination for Convenience),

Paragraph 7.0 (Termination for Improper Consideration), in each case, of this Exhibit, then:

- 9.1.1 Contractor shall (a) stop performing Work under the Master Agreement on the date and to the extent specified in such notice, (b) promptly transfer and deliver to County copies of all completed Work and Work that is in process, in a media reasonably requested by County, (c) promptly transfer and deliver all items previously paid for by County, and (d) complete performance of such part of the Work as shall not have been terminated by such notice;
- 9.1.2 Unless County has terminated the Master Agreement pursuant to Paragraph 6.0 (Termination for Convenience) of this Exhibit, County shall have the right to procure, upon such terms and in such a manner as County may determine appropriate, goods, services, and other Work, similar and competitive to those so terminated, and Contractor shall be liable to County for, and shall promptly pay to County by cash payment, any and all excess costs reasonably incurred by County, as determined by County, to procure and furnish such similar goods, services, and other Work;
- 9.1.3 Contractor shall promptly return to County any and all of County's confidential information that relates to that portion of the Master Agreement or Work terminated by County;
- 9.1.4 Contractor shall tender promptly payment to County, and shall continue to tender payment for the duration of any liquidated damages levied pursuant to Paragraph 11.0 (Liquidated Damages), of the body of the Master Agreement, to the extent applicable; and
- 9.1.5 Contractor and County shall continue the performance of the Master Agreement to the extent not otherwise terminated.

9.2 Transition Services

Contractor agrees that in the event of any termination of the Master Agreement, as a result of the breach hereof by either party, or for any other reason, including expiration, Contractor shall fully cooperate with County in the transition by County to a new contractor, toward the end that there be no interruption of the County's day to day operations due to the unavailability of the Work during such transition. Contractor agrees that if County terminates the Master Agreement pursuant to Paragraph 6.0 (Termination for Convenience) of this Exhibit or Subparagraph 5.3 of this Exhibit, Contractor shall perform transition services, and shall invoice County for such transition services determined in accordance with the rates specified in Paragraph 8, Compensation Rate of the Master Agreement, and the agreed upon maximum amount in accordance with a

transition plan to be agreed upon, in advance, by the County Project Director and the Contractor Project Manager. Contractor further agrees that in the event that County terminates the Master Agreement for any other breach by Contractor, Contractor shall perform transition services at no cost to County. In connection with the provision of any transition services pursuant to this Subparagraph 9.2 (Transition Services), Contractor shall provide to the County Project Director, upon request by the County Project Director, documentation that reasonably details the source and amount of the expenses Contractor purports to have incurred in the provision of such transition services.

9.3 Remedies Not Exclusive

The rights and remedies of County set forth in this Paragraph 9.0 (Effect of Termination) are not exclusive of any other rights and remedies available to County at law or in equity, or under the Master Agreement.

10.0 WARRANTY AGAINST CONTINGENT FEES

10.1 Contractor warrants that no person or selling agency has been employed or retained to solicit or secure the Master Agreement upon any agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee, excepting bona fide employees or bona fide established commercial or selling agencies maintained by Contractor for the purpose of securing business.

10.2 For breach of this warranty, County shall have the right to terminate the Master Agreement and, in its discretion, deduct from the Master Agreement price or consideration, or otherwise recover, the full amount of such commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee.

11.0 AUTHORIZATION WARRANTY

Contractor and the person executing the Master Agreement on behalf of Contractor hereby represent and warrant that the person executing the Master Agreement for Contractor is an authorized agent who has actual authority to bind Contractor to each and every term, condition, and obligation of the Master Agreement and that all requirements of Contractor have been fulfilled to provide such actual authority.

12.0 FURTHER WARRANTIES

In addition to the warranties elsewhere in this Master Agreement, Contractor represents, warrants and further covenants and agrees to the following:

12.1 All laboratory examinations, subsequent reports, and subsequent testimony (if required) shall conform to the laboratory standards to which all regularly employed firearms examiners are held and shall be subject to technical, peer

review, and monitoring as mandated by the laboratory Quality Assurance program and accreditation requirements/standards.

- 12.2 Contractor shall, in the performance of all Work, strictly comply with the descriptions and representations (including performance capabilities, accuracy, completeness, characteristics, specifications, configurations, standards, functions, and requirements) as set forth in this Master Agreement, including the Statement of Work.
- 12.3 All Work shall be performed in a timely and professional manner by qualified personnel.
- 12.4 Contractor and each of its personnel performing Work hereunder have all permits, licenses, and certifications necessary to perform Contractor's obligations under the Master Agreement.

13.0 INDEMNIFICATION AND INSURANCE

13.1 Indemnification

Contractor shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless County, its Special Districts, elected and appointed officers, employees, and agents from and against any and all liability, including but not limited to demands, claims, actions, fees, costs, and expenses (including attorney and expert witness fees), arising from or connected with Contractor's acts and/or omissions arising from and/or relating to this Master Agreement.

13.2 General Provisions for All Insurance Coverage

Without limiting Contractor's indemnification of County, and in the performance of this Master Agreement and until all of its obligations pursuant to this Master Agreement have been met, Contractor shall provide and maintain at its own expense insurance coverage satisfying the requirements specified in Subparagraphs 13.2 and 13.3 of this Master Agreement. These minimum insurance coverage terms, types and limits (the "Required Insurance") also are in addition to and separate from any other contractual obligation imposed upon Contractor pursuant to this Master Agreement. The County in no way warrants that the Required Insurance is sufficient to protect the Contractor for liabilities which may arise from or relate to this Master Agreement.

13.2.1 Evidence of Coverage and Notice to County

- Certificate(s) of insurance coverage (Certificate) satisfactory to County, and a copy of an Additional Insured endorsement confirming County and its Agents (defined below) has been given Insured status under the Contractor's General Liability policy, shall be delivered to

County at the address shown below and provided prior to commencing services under this Master Agreement.

- Renewal Certificates shall be provided to County not less than 10 days prior to Contractor's policy expiration dates. The County reserves the right to obtain complete, certified copies of any required Contractor and/or Sub-Contractor insurance policies at any time.
- Certificates shall identify all Required Insurance coverage types and limits specified herein, reference this Master Agreement by name or number, and be signed by an authorized representative of the insurer(s). The Insured party named on the Certificate shall match the name of the Contractor identified as the contracting party in this Master Agreement. Certificates shall provide the full name of each insurer providing coverage, its NAIC (National Association of Insurance Commissioners) identification number, its financial rating, the amounts of any policy deductibles or self-insured retentions exceeding fifty thousand (\$50,000.00) dollars, and list any County required endorsement forms.
- Neither the County's failure to obtain, nor the County's receipt of, or failure to object to a non-complying insurance certificate or endorsement, or any other insurance documentation or information provided by the Contractor, its insurance broker(s) and/or insurer(s), shall be construed as a waiver of any of the Required Insurance provisions.

Certificates and copies of any required endorsements shall be sent to:

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
4700 Ramona Boulevard, Room 214
Monterey Park, California 91754
Attention: Contract Monitoring Manager

Contractor also shall promptly report to County any injury or property damage accident or incident, including any injury to a Contractor employee occurring on County property, and any loss, disappearance, destruction, misuse, or theft of County property, monies or securities entrusted to Contractor. Contractor also shall promptly notify County of any third party claim or suit filed against Contractor or any of its Sub-Contractors which arises from or relates to this Master Agreement, and could result in the filing of a claim or lawsuit against Contractor and/or County.

13.2.2 Additional Insured Status and Scope of Coverage

The County of Los Angeles, its Special Districts, Elected Officials, Officers, Agents, Employees and Volunteers (collectively County and its Agents) shall be provided additional insured status under Contractor's General Liability policy with respect to liability arising out of Contractor's ongoing and completed operations performed on behalf of the County. County and its Agents additional insured status shall apply with respect to liability and defense of suits arising out of the Contractor's acts or omissions, whether such liability is attributable to the Contractor or to the County. The full policy limits and scope of protection also shall apply to the County and its Agents as an additional insured, even if they exceed the County's minimum Required Insurance specifications herein. Use of an automatic additional insured endorsement form is acceptable providing it satisfies the Required Insurance provisions herein.

13.2.3 Cancellation of Insurance

Except in the case of cancellation for non-payment of premium, Contractor's insurance policies shall provide, and Certificates shall specify, that County shall receive not less than thirty (30) days advance written notice by mail of any cancellation of the Required Insurance. Ten (10) days prior notice may be given to County in event of cancellation for non-payment of premium.

13.2.4 Failure to Maintain Insurance

Contractor's failure to maintain or to provide acceptable evidence that it maintains the Required Insurance shall constitute a material breach of the Master Agreement, upon which County immediately may withhold payments due to Contractor, and/or suspend or terminate this Master Agreement. County, at its sole discretion, may obtain damages from Contractor resulting from said breach.

13.2.5 Insurer Financial Ratings

Coverage shall be placed with insurers acceptable to the County with A.M. Best ratings of not less than A:VII unless otherwise approved by County.

13.2.6 Contractor's Insurance Shall Be Primary

Contractor's insurance policies, with respect to any claims related to this Master Agreement, shall be primary with respect to all other sources of coverage available to Contractor. Any County maintained insurance or

self-insurance coverage shall be in excess of and not contribute to any Contractor coverage.

13.2.7 Waivers of Subrogation

To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Contractor hereby waives its rights and its insurer(s)' rights of recovery against County under all the Required Insurance for any loss arising from or relating to this Master Agreement. The Contractor shall require its insurers to execute any waiver of subrogation endorsements which may be necessary to effect such waiver.

13.2.8 Sub-Contractor Insurance Coverage Requirements

Contractor shall include all Sub-Contractors as insureds under Contractor's own policies, or shall provide County with each Sub-Contractor's separate evidence of insurance coverage. Contractor shall be responsible for verifying each Sub-Contractor complies with the Required Insurance provisions herein, and shall require that each Sub-Contractor name the County and Contractor as additional insureds on the Sub-Contractor's General Liability policy. Contractor shall obtain County's prior review and approval of any Sub-Contractor request for modification of the Required Insurance.

13.2.9 Deductibles and Self-Insured Retentions (SIRs)

Contractor's policies shall not obligate the County to pay any portion of any Contractor deductible or SIR. The County retains the right to require Contractor to reduce or eliminate policy deductibles and SIRs as respects the County, or to provide a bond guaranteeing Contractor's payment of all deductibles and SIRs, including all related claims investigation, administration and defense expenses. Such bond shall be executed by a corporate surety licensed to transact business in the State of California.

13.2.10 Claims Made Coverage

If any part of the Required Insurance is written on a claims made basis, any policy retroactive date shall precede the effective date of this Master Agreement. Contractor understands and agrees it shall maintain such coverage for a period of not less than three (3) years following Master Agreement expiration, termination or cancellation.

13.2.11 Application of Excess Liability Coverage

Contractors may use a combination of primary, and excess insurance policies which provide coverage as broad as ("follow form" over) the underlying primary policies, to satisfy the Required Insurance provisions.

13.2.12 Separation of Insureds

All liability policies shall provide cross-liability coverage as would be afforded by the standard ISO (Insurance Services Office, Inc.) separation of insureds provision with no insured versus insured exclusions or limitations.

13.2.13 Alternative Risk Financing Programs

The County reserves the right to review, and then approve, Contractor use of self-insurance, risk retention groups, risk purchasing groups, pooling arrangements and captive insurance to satisfy the Required Insurance provisions. The County and its Agents shall be designated as an Additional Covered Party under any approved program.

13.2.14 County Review and Approval of Insurance Requirements

The County reserves the right to review and adjust the Required Insurance provisions, conditioned upon County's determination of changes in risk exposures.

13.3 INSURANCE COVERAGE

13.3.1 Commercial General Liability insurance (providing scope of coverage equivalent to ISO policy form CG 00 01), naming County and its Agents as an additional insured, with limits of not less than:

General Aggregate:	\$2 million
Products/Completed Operations Aggregate:	\$1 million
Personal and Advertising Injury:	\$1 million
Each Occurrence:	\$1 million

13.3.2 Automobile Liability insurance (providing scope of coverage equivalent to ISO policy form CA 00 01) with limits of not less than \$1 million for bodily injury and property damage, in combined or equivalent split limits, for each single accident. Insurance shall cover liability arising out of Contractor's use of autos pursuant to this Master Agreement, including

owned, leased, hired, and/or non-owned autos, as each may be applicable.

13.3.3 Workers Compensation and Employers' Liability insurance or qualified self-insurance satisfying statutory requirements, which includes Employers' Liability coverage with limits of not less than \$1 million per accident. If Contractor will provide leased employees, or, is an employee leasing or temporary staffing firm or a professional employer organization (PEO), coverage also shall include an Alternate Employer Endorsement (providing scope of coverage equivalent to ISO policy form WC 00 03 01 A) naming the County as the Alternate Employer, and the endorsement form shall be modified to provide that County will receive not less than thirty (30) days advance written notice of cancellation of this coverage provision. If applicable to Contractor's operations, coverage also shall be arranged to satisfy the requirements of any federal workers or workmen's compensation law or any federal occupational disease law.

13.3.4 Professional Liability/Errors and Omissions Insurance covering Contractor's liability arising from or related to this Agreement, with limits of not less than \$1 million per claim and \$2 million aggregate. Further, Contractor understands and agrees it shall maintain such coverage for a period of not less than three (3) years following this Agreement's expiration, termination or cancellation.

14.0 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY INDEMNIFICATION

14.1 Indemnification Obligation. Contractor shall indemnify, hold harmless and defend County, its Special Districts, elected and appointed officers, employees, and agents from and against any and all claims, demands, damages, liabilities, losses, costs and expenses, including, but not limited to, defense costs and legal, accounting and other expert, consulting or professional fees and attorney's fees, as such are incurred, for or by reason of any actual or alleged infringement of any third party's patent or copyright, or any actual or alleged unauthorized trade secret disclosure or misappropriation, arising from or related to the Software or other tasks, deliverables, goods, Services or other work licensed or acquired hereunder or the operation and utilization of Contractor's work under this Master Agreement (collectively in this Paragraph 14.0 "Infringement Claim(s)"). Any legal defense pursuant to Contractor's indemnification obligations under this Paragraph 14.0 shall be conducted by Contractor and performed by counsel selected by Contractor and approved in writing by County (which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld). Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, County shall have the right to participate in any such defense at its sole cost and expense, except that in the event Contractor fails to provide County with a full and adequate defense, as required by law or this Master Agreement, County shall be entitled to reimbursement for all such costs and expenses.

14.2 **Procedures.** County shall notify Contractor, in writing, as soon as practicable of any claim or action alleging such infringement or unauthorized disclosure. Upon such notice, Contractor shall, at no cost to County, as remedial measures, either: (i) procure the right, by license or otherwise, for County to continue to use the Software or other tasks, deliverables, goods, Services or other work licensed or acquired hereunder, or part(s) or component(s) thereof, to the same extent of County's license or ownership rights under this Master Agreement; or (ii) to the extent Contractor is unable to procure such right, replace or modify the Software or other tasks, deliverables, goods, Services or other work licensed or acquired hereunder, or part(s) or component(s) thereof, with another software or product of Services, or part(s) or component(s) thereof, of at least equivalent quality and performance capabilities, in County's determination, until it is determined by County that the Software or other tasks, deliverables, goods, Services or other work licensed or acquired hereunder and all parts and components become non-infringing, non-misappropriating and non-disclosing.

14.3 **Remedial Acts.** If Contractor fails to complete the remedial measures in Subparagraph 14.2 above within forty-five (45) days of the date of the written notice from County or County has not approved in writing (such approval not to be unreasonably withheld) Contractor's plan of completing such remediation, then, County shall have the right to take such remedial acts as County determines to be reasonable to mitigate any impairment of its use of the Software or damages or other costs or expenses (in this Subparagraph 14.3, "County's Remedial Acts"). Contractor shall indemnify County under Subparagraph 13.1 (Indemnification) for all amounts paid and all direct and indirect costs associated with County's Remedial Acts. Failure by Contractor to pay such amounts within ten (10) days of invoice by County shall, in addition to, and cumulative to all other remedies, entitle County to immediately withhold payments due to Contractor under this Master Agreement up to the total of the amounts paid in connection with County's Remedial Acts.

15.0 **BUDGET REDUCTIONS**

In the event that the Board adopts, in any fiscal year, a County budget which provides for reductions in the salaries and benefits paid to the majority of County employees and imposes similar reductions with respect to County contracts, County reserves the right to reduce its payment obligation correspondingly for that fiscal year and any subsequent fiscal year during the term of this Master Agreement (including any extensions), and the services to be provided by Contractor under this Master Agreement shall also be reduced correspondingly. County's notice to Contractor regarding said reduction in payment obligation shall be provided within thirty (30) calendar days of the Board's approval of such actions. Except as set forth in the preceding sentences, Contractor shall continue to provide all of the services set forth in this Master Agreement.

16.0 FORCE MAJEURE

Except with respect to defaults of any subcontractors, Contractor shall not be liable for any such excess costs, if its failure to perform the Master Agreement arises out of fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, other natural occurrences, strikes, lockouts (other than a lockout by Contractor or any of Contractor's subcontractors), freight embargoes, or other similar acts to those described above, but in every such case the failure to perform must be totally beyond the control and without any fault or negligence of Contractor. If the failure to perform is caused by the default of a subcontractor, and if such default arises out of causes beyond the control of both Contractor and subcontractor, and without any fault or negligence of either of them, Contractor shall not be liable for any such excess costs for failure to perform, unless the goods or services to be furnished by the subcontractor were obtainable from other sources in sufficient time to permit Contractor to meet the required performance schedule. Contractor agrees to use commercially reasonable best efforts to obtain such goods or services from other sources, and to mitigate the damages and reduce the delay caused by any of the above mentioned *force majeure* events. As used in this Paragraph 16.0 (Force Majeure), the term "subcontractor" and "subcontractors" mean subcontractors at any tier

17.0 CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITY AND DEBARMENT

- 17.1 A responsible Contractor is a Contractor who has demonstrated the attribute of trustworthiness, as well as quality, fitness, capacity and experience to satisfactorily perform the Master Agreement. It is the County's policy to conduct business only with responsible Contractors.
- 17.2 Contractor is hereby notified that, in accordance with Chapter 2.202 of the Los Angeles County Code, if County acquires information concerning the performance of the Contractor on this or other contracts which indicates that the Contractor is not responsible, County may, in addition to other remedies provided in the Master Agreement, debar the Contractor from bidding or proposing on, or being awarded, and/or performing work on County contracts for a specified period of time, which will not exceed five (5) years, but may exceed five (5) years or be permanent if warranted by the circumstances, and terminate any or all existing contracts Contractor may have with County.
- 17.3 County may debar a Contractor if the Board finds, in its discretion, that Contractor has done any of the following: (a) violated a term of a contract, including this Master Agreement, with County or a nonprofit corporation created by County, (b) committed an act or omission which negatively reflects on Contractor's quality, fitness or capacity to perform a contract with County, any other public entity, or a nonprofit corporation created by County, or engaged in a pattern or practice which negatively reflects on same, (c) committed an act or offense which indicated a lack of business integrity or business honesty, or (d) made or submitted a false claim against County or any other public entity.

- 17.4 If there is evidence that Contractor may be subject to debarment, the Sheriff's Department will notify Contractor in writing of the evidence which is the basis for the proposed debarment and will advise Contractor of the scheduled date for a debarment hearing before the Contractor Hearing Board.
- 17.5 The Contractor Hearing Board will conduct a hearing where evidence on the proposed debarment is presented. Contractor and/or Contractor's representative shall be given an opportunity to submit evidence at that hearing. After the hearing, the Contractor Hearing Board shall prepare a tentative proposed decision, which shall contain a recommendation regarding whether Contractor should be debarred, and, if so, the appropriate length of time of the debarment. Contractor and the Sheriff's Department shall be provided an opportunity to object to the tentative proposed decision prior to its presentation to the Board.
- 17.6 After consideration of any objections, or if no objections are submitted, a record of the hearing, the proposed decision and any other recommendation of the Contractor Hearing Board shall be presented to the Board. The Board shall have the right to modify, deny or adopt the proposed decision and recommendation of the Contractor Hearing Board.
- 17.7 If a Contractor has been debarred for a period longer than five (5) years, that Contractor may, after the debarment has been in effect for at least five (5) years, submit a written request for review of the debarment determination to reduce the period of debarment or terminate the debarment. County may, in its discretion, reduce the period of debarment or terminate the debarment if it finds that Contractor has adequately demonstrated one or more of the following: (1) elimination of the grounds for which the debarment was imposed; (2) a bona fide change in ownership or management; (3) material evidence discovered after debarment was imposed; or (4) any other reason that is in the best interests of County.
- 17.8 The Contractor Hearing Board will consider a request for review of a debarment determination only where (1) Contractor has been debarred for a period longer than five (5) years; (2) the debarment has been in effect for at least five (5) years; and (3) the request is in writing, states one or more of the grounds for reduction of the debarment period or termination of the debarment, and includes supporting documentation. Upon receiving an appropriate request, the Contractor Hearing Board will provide notice of the hearing on the request. At the hearing, the Contractor Hearing Board shall conduct a hearing where evidence on the proposed reduction of debarment period or termination of debarment is presented. This hearing shall be conducted and the request for review decided by the Contractor Hearing Board pursuant to the same procedures as for a debarment hearing.

The Contractor Hearing Board's proposed decision shall contain a recommendation on the request to reduce the period of debarment or terminate the debarment. The Contractor Hearing Board shall present its proposed decision and recommendation to the Board. The Board shall have the right to modify, deny, or adopt the proposed decision and recommendation of the Contractor Hearing Board.

17.9 These terms shall also apply to subcontractors of County Contractors.

17.10 A listing of Contractors that are currently on the Debarment List for Los Angeles County may be found at the following website:

<http://camispnc.co.la.ca.us/contractsdatabase/reports/SpecializedReports.asp>

18.0 COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAW

18.1 In the performance of this Master Agreement, Contractor's shall comply with all applicable Federal, State, and local laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, guidelines, directives, policies and procedures, and all provisions required thereby to be included in this Master Agreement are hereby incorporated herein by reference. Unless provided otherwise under this Master Agreement, Contractor shall have up to fifteen (15) days to correct any noncompliance with County rules, regulations, ordinances, guidelines, policies and procedures, and directives following notice from County including written copies of such applicable rules, regulations, ordinances, guidelines, policies and procedures, and directives.

18.2 Contractor shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless County, its officers, employees, and agents, from and against any and all claims, demands, damages, liabilities, losses, costs, and expenses, including, without limitation, defense costs and legal, accounting and other expert, consulting or professional fees, arising from, connected with, or related to any failure by Contractor, its officers, employees, agents, or subcontractors, to comply with any such laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, directives, guidelines, policies, or procedures, as determined by County in its sole judgment. Any legal defense pursuant to Contractor's indemnification obligations under this Paragraph 18.0 shall be conducted by Contractor and performed by counsel selected by Contractor and approved by County. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, County shall have the right to participate in any such defense at its sole cost and expense, except that in the event Contractor fails to provide County with a full and adequate defense, as determined by County in its sole judgment, County shall be entitled to retain its own counsel, including, without limitation, County Counsel, and reimbursement from Contractor for all such costs and expenses incurred by County in doing so. Contractor shall not have the right to enter into any settlement, agree to any injunction or other equitable relief, or make any

admission, in each case, on behalf of County without County's prior written approval.

19.0 FAIR LABOR STANDARDS

Contractor shall comply with all applicable provisions of the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act, and shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless County, its officers, employees and agents from any and all liability, including damages, losses, wages, overtime pay, liquidated damages, penalties, court costs, fees and other expenses (including attorneys' fees) arising under any wage and hour law, including the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act for Work performed by Contractor's employees.

20.0 NONDISCRIMINATION, AFFIRMATIVE ACTION, AND ASSURANCES

Contractor certifies and agrees that all persons employed by it, its affiliates, subsidiaries, or holding companies are and will be treated equally as required by applicable laws and regulations without regard to or because of race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, sex, age, physical disability (including HIV and AIDS), mental disability, medical condition, and marital status, in compliance with all applicable Federal and State anti-discrimination laws and regulations.

- 20.1 Contractor shall certify to, and comply with, the provisions of Contractor's EEO certification, attached hereto as Exhibit C, Contractor's EEO Certification.
- 20.2 Contractor shall take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, sex, age, physical disability (including HIV and AIDS), mental disability, medical condition, and marital status, in compliance with all applicable Federal and State anti-discrimination laws and regulations. Such action shall include: employment, upgrading, demotion, transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff or termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation, and selection for training, including apprenticeship.
- 20.3 Contractor certifies and agrees that it will deal with its bidders, or vendors as required by applicable laws and regulations without regard to or because of race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, sex, age, or physical or mental handicap.
- 20.4 Contractor certifies and agrees that it, its affiliates, subsidiaries or holding companies, shall comply with all applicable Federal and State laws and regulations, including:
 - 20.4.1 Title VII, Civil Rights Act of 1964;
 - 20.4.2 Section 504, Rehabilitation Act of 1973;
 - 20.4.3 Age Discrimination Act of 1975;

- 20.4.4 Title IX, Education Amendments of 1973, as applicable;
- 20.4.5 Title 43, part 17, Code of Federal Regulations, subparts a & b; and
- 20.4.6 Fair Employment and Housing Act (California Government Code Section 12990 (a-f) et seq.) and the applicable regulations promulgated thereunder (California Code of Regulations, Title 2, Section 7285 et seq.)

And that no person shall, on the grounds of race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, sex, age, physical disability (including HIV and AIDS), mental disability, medical condition, or marital status, be unlawfully excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under the Master Agreement, or under any project, program, or activity supported by the Master Agreement.

- 20.5 Contractor shall, during regular business hours, allow County and State of California representatives access to Contractor's employment records during regular business hours to verify compliance with the provisions of this Paragraph 20.0 (Nondiscrimination, Affirmative Action, and Assurances) when so requested by County; provided that County's access to such employment records of Contractor shall be limited to access that does not constitute an unlawful invasion of the privacy rights of any such employee. If County finds that any of the provisions of this Paragraph 20.0 (Nondiscrimination, Affirmative Action, and Assurances) have been violated, such violation shall, at the election of County, constitute a material breach of the Master Agreement upon which County may immediately terminate the Master Agreement. While County reserves the right to determine independently that the anti-discrimination provisions of the Master Agreement have been violated, in addition, a determination by the California Fair Employment Practices Commission or the Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission that Contractor has violated State or Federal anti-discrimination laws or regulations such determination shall constitute a finding by County that Contractor has violated the anti-discrimination provisions of the Master Agreement. All determinations of violations made pursuant to this Subparagraph 20.5 shall be appealable by Contractor in accordance with applicable laws and regulations, and separately pursuant to the Dispute Resolution Procedures.
- 20.6 The parties agree that if Contractor violates the anti-discrimination provisions of the Master Agreement, County shall, at its option, be entitled to the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500) for each such violation pursuant to California Civil Code Section 1671 as liquidated damages in lieu of terminating the Master Agreement.

21.0 NONDISCRIMINATION IN SERVICES

Contractor shall not discriminate in the provision of services hereunder because of race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, sex, age, physical disability (including HIV and AIDS), mental disability, medical condition, or marital status, in accordance with all applicable requirements of Federal and State law. For the purpose of this Paragraph 21.0 (Nondiscrimination in Services), discrimination in the provision of services may include the following: (a) denying any person any service or benefit or the availability of the facility, (b) providing any service or benefit to any person which is not equivalent or is not provided in an equivalent manner or at an equivalent time to that provided to others, (c) subjecting any person to segregation or separate treatment in any manner related to the receipt of any service, (d) restricting any person in any way in the enjoyment of any advantage or privilege enjoyed by others receiving any service or benefit, and (e) treating any person differently from others in determining admission, enrollment quota, eligibility, membership, or any other requirements or conditions which persons must meet in order to be provided any service or benefit.

22.0 EMPLOYMENT ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION

22.1 Contractor warrants that it fully complies with all Federal and State statutes and regulations regarding the employment of aliens and others and that all its employees performing Work under the Master Agreement meet the citizenship or alien status requirements set forth in Federal and State statutes and regulations. Contractor shall obtain, from all employees performing Work hereunder, all verification and other documentation of employment eligibility status required by Federal statutes and regulations as they currently exist and as they may be hereafter amended. Contractor shall retain all such documentation for the period prescribed by law.

22.2 Contractor shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless County, its Special Districts, elected and appointed officers, employees, and agents from and against any and all liability (alleged or actual), including damages, losses, fees, costs, and expenses (including defense costs and legal, accounting and other expert witness, consulting or professional fees) arising out of or in connection with any employer sanctions and any other liability which may be assessed against Contractor or County in connection with any alleged violation of any Federal or State statutes or regulations pertaining to the eligibility for employment of any persons performing Work hereunder.

23.0 HIRING OF EMPLOYEES

Contractor and County agree that, during the Term and for a period of one (1) year thereafter, except with the prior written consent of the other party, neither party shall in any way intentionally induce or solicit any Project Director, Project Manager or other employee, of one party to become an employee or agent of the other party.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, County shall be entitled to make offers of employment to

employees of Contractor necessary or desirable to perform Work described in the Master Agreement, in the event that: (a) County has the right to terminate the Master Agreement pursuant to Paragraph 4.0 (Termination for Insolvency) of this Exhibit, (b) the Master Agreement is terminated by County due to Contractor's default pursuant to Paragraph 5.0 (Termination for Default) of this Exhibit, (c) without resolution acceptable to both parties, Contractor and County have followed the Dispute Resolution Procedures, or (d) Contractor either announces the withdrawal of support of, or otherwise no longer provides services County deems essential to, the ongoing support of the Work as applicable.

24.0 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

- 24.1 No County employee whose position with County enables such employee to influence the award of the Master Agreement or any competing agreement, and no spouse or economic dependent of such employee, shall be employed in any capacity by Contractor or have any other direct or indirect financial interest in the Master Agreement. No officer or employee of Contractor, who may financially benefit from the performance of Work hereunder, shall in any way participate in County's approval, or ongoing evaluation, of such Work, or in any way attempt to unlawfully influence County's approval or ongoing evaluation of such Work.
- 24.2 Contractor shall comply with all conflict of interest laws, ordinances and regulations now in effect or hereafter to be enacted during the Term of this Master Agreement. Contractor warrants that it is not now aware of any facts that do or could create a conflict of interest. If Contractor hereafter becomes aware of any facts that might reasonably be expected to create a conflict of interest, it shall immediately make full written disclosure of such facts to County. Full written disclosure shall include, but is not limited to, identification of all persons implicated and a complete description of all relevant circumstances. Failure to comply with the provisions of this Paragraph 24.0 shall be a material breach of this Master Agreement.

25.0 RESOLICITATION OF BIDS, PROPOSALS, OR INFORMATION

- 25.1 Contractor acknowledges that, prior to the expiration or earlier termination of the Master Agreement, County, in its discretion, may exercise its right to invite bids, request information, or request proposals for the continued provision of the goods and services delivered or contemplated under the Master Agreement. County shall make the determination to re-solicit bids, request information, or request proposals in accordance with applicable County policies.
- 25.2 Contractor acknowledges that County, in its discretion, may enter into a contract for the future provision of goods and services, based upon the bids, information, or proposals received, with a provider or providers other than Contractor. Further, Contractor acknowledges that it obtains no greater right to be selected

through any future invitation for bids, request for information, or request for proposals by virtue of its present status as Contractor.

26.0 TERMINATION FOR NON-ADHERENCE TO COUNTY LOBBYIST ORDINANCE

Contractor and each County Lobbyist or County Lobbying Firm as defined in Los Angeles County Code Section 2.160.010 retained by Contractor, shall fully comply with the County Lobbyist Ordinance, Los Angeles County Code Chapter 2.160. Failure on the part of Contractor or any County Lobbyist or County Lobbying Firm retained by Contractor to fully comply with County Lobbyist Ordinance shall constitute a material breach of the Master Agreement upon which County may immediately terminate or suspend the Master Agreement.

27.0 CONSIDERATION OF HIRING GAIN/GROW PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

Should Contractor require additional or replacement personnel after the Effective Date of this Master Agreement, Contractor shall give consideration for any such employment openings to participants in County's Department of Public Social Services' Greater Avenues for Independence (in this Paragraph, "GAIN") or General Relief Opportunity for Work (in this Paragraph, "GROW") programs who meet Contractor's minimum qualifications for the open position. For this purpose, consideration shall mean that Contractor will interview qualified candidates. County will refer GAIN participants by job category to Contractor. In the event that both laid-off County employees and GAIN/GROW participants are available for hiring, County employees shall be given first opportunity.

28.0 STAFF PERFORMANCE WHILE UNDER THE INFLUENCE

Subject to all applicable laws and regulations, Contractor shall use reasonable efforts to ensure that no employee will perform services hereunder while under the influence of any alcoholic beverage, medication, narcotic, or other substance, which might reasonably, or have been observed to, impair such person's physical or mental performance.

29.0 CONTRACTOR PERFORMANCE DURING CIVIL UNREST

Contractor recognizes that County provides services essential to the residents of the communities it serves, and that these services are of particular importance at the time of a riot, insurrection, civil unrest, natural disaster or similar event. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Exhibit or the Master Agreement, full performance by Contractor during any riot, insurrection, civil unrest, natural disaster or similar event is not excused if such performance remains physically possible without related danger to Contractor's employees or suppliers. During any such event in which the health or safety of any of Contractor's staff members would be endangered by performing their services on-site, such staff members may perform any or all of their services remotely. Failure to comply

with this requirement shall be considered a material breach of this Master Agreement by Contractor, for which County may immediately terminate this Master Agreement.

30.0 CONTRACTOR'S ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COUNTY'S COMMITMENT TO CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT

Contractor acknowledges that County places a high priority on the enforcement of child support laws and the apprehension of child support evaders. Contractor understands that it is County's policy to encourage all County Contractors to voluntarily post County's "L. A.'s Most Wanted: Delinquent Parents" poster in a prominent position at Contractor's place of business. County's Child Support Services Department (CSSD) will supply Contractor with the poster to be used.

The CSSD will maintain and periodically update the "L.A.'s Most Wanted: Delinquent Parents" list on the Internet. The list may be televised before and after Board meetings.

31.0 CONTRACTOR'S WARRANTY OF ADHERENCE TO COUNTY'S CHILD SUPPORT COMPLIANCE PROGRAM

31.1 Contractor acknowledges that County has established a goal of ensuring that all individuals who benefit financially from County through County contracts are in compliance with their court-ordered child, family, and spousal support obligations in order to mitigate the economic burden otherwise imposed upon County and its taxpayers.

31.2 As required by County's Child Support Compliance Program (Los Angeles County Code chapter 2.200) and without limiting Contractor's duty under the Master Agreement to comply with all applicable provisions of law, Contractor warrants that it is now in compliance and shall during the Term of this Master Agreement maintain compliance with employment and wage reporting requirements as required by the Federal Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. Section 653a) and California Unemployment Insurance Code Section 1088.55, and shall implement all lawfully served Wage and Earnings Withholding Orders or County's CSSD Notices of Wage and Earnings Assignment for Child, Family, or Spousal Support, pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure Section 706.031 and California Family Code Section 5246(b).

31.3 Failure of Contractor to maintain compliance with the requirements set forth in this Paragraph 31.0 (Contractor's Warranty of Adherence to County's Child Support Compliance Program) shall constitute a default under this Master Agreement. Without limiting the rights and remedies available to County under any other provision of this Master Agreement, failure of Contractor to cure such default within ninety (90) days of written notice shall be grounds upon which County may terminate this Master Agreement pursuant to Paragraph 5.0 (Termination for Default) and pursue debarment of Contractor, pursuant to County Code Chapter 2.202.

32.0 RECYCLED-CONTENT PAPER

Consistent with the Board's policy to reduce the amount of solid waste deposited at County landfills, Contractor agrees to use recycled-content paper to the maximum extent possible in Contractor's provision of Work pursuant to the Master Agreement.

33.0 COMPLIANCE WITH JURY SERVICE PROGRAM

33.1 Jury Service Program

This Master Agreement is subject to the provisions of County's ordinance entitled Contractor Employee Jury Service ("Jury Service Program") as codified in Sections 2.203.010 through 2.203.090 of the Los Angeles County Code, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit E and incorporated by reference into and made a part of this Master Agreement.

33.2 Written Employee Jury Service Policy

33.2.1 Unless Contractor has demonstrated to County's satisfaction either that Contractor is not a "Contractor" as defined under the Jury Service Program (Section 2.203.020 of the Los Angeles County Code) or that Contractor qualifies for an exception to the Jury Service Program (Section 2.203.070 of the Los Angeles County Code), Contractor shall have and adhere to a written policy that provides that its employees shall receive from Contractor, on an annual basis, no less than five (5) days of regular pay for actual jury service. The policy may provide that employees deposit any fees received for such jury service with Contractor or that Contractor deduct from the employees' regular pay the fees received for jury service.

33.2.2 For purposes of this Paragraph 33.0 (Compliance with Jury Service Program), "Contractor" means a person, partnership, corporation or other entity which has a contract with County or a subcontract with a County contractor and has received or will receive an aggregate sum of \$50,000 or more in any 12-month period under one or more County contracts or subcontracts. "Employee" means any California resident who is a full time employee of Contractor. "Full time" means 40 hours or more worked per week, or a lesser number of hours if: (a) the lesser number is a recognized industry standard as determined by County, or (b) Contractor has a long-standing practice that defines the lesser number of hours as full-time. Full-time employees providing short-term, temporary services of 90 days or less within a 12-month period are not considered full-time for purposes of the Jury Service Program. If Contractor uses any subcontractor to perform services for County under the Master Agreement, the subcontractor shall also be subject to the provisions of this Paragraph 33.0 (Compliance with Jury Service

Program). The provisions of this Paragraph 33.0 (Compliance with Jury Service Program) shall be inserted into any such subcontract agreement and a copy of the Jury Service Program shall be attached to the agreement.

- 33.2.3 If Contractor is not required to comply with the Jury Service Program when the Master Agreement commences, Contractor shall have a continuing obligation to review the applicability of its "exception status" from the Jury Service Program, and Contractor shall immediately notify County if Contractor at any time either comes within the Jury Service Program's definition of "Contractor" or if Contractor no longer qualifies for an exception to the Jury Service Program. In either event, Contractor shall immediately implement a written policy consistent with the Jury Service Program. County may also require, at any time during the Term and at its sole discretion, that Contractor demonstrate to County's satisfaction that Contractor either continues to remain outside of the Jury Service Program's definition of "Contractor" or that Contractor continues to qualify for an exception to the Jury Service Program.
- 33.2.4 Contractor's violation of this Paragraph 33.0 (Compliance with Jury Service Program) of this Exhibit may constitute a material breach of the Master Agreement. In the event of such material breach, County may, in its sole discretion, terminate the Master Agreement or bar Contractor from the award of future County contracts for a period of time consistent with the seriousness of the breach.

34.0 BACKGROUND AND SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS

- 34.1 At any time prior to or during the Term of this Master Agreement, all Contractor staff and agents of Contractor (collectively herein "Contractor's staff") performing services under this Master Agreement shall undergo and pass a background investigation to the satisfaction of County as a condition of beginning and continuing to perform services under this Master Agreement. Such background investigation may include, but shall not be limited to, criminal conviction information obtained through fingerprints submitted to the California Department of Justice. The fees associated with the background investigation shall be at the expense of Contractor, regardless if the member of Contractor's staff passes or fails the background investigation.
- 34.2 If a member of Contractor's staff does not pass the background investigation, County may request that the member of Contractor's staff be immediately removed from performing services under this Master Agreement at any time during the term of this Master Agreement. County will not provide to Contractor or to Contractor's staff any information obtained through County's background investigation.

- 34.3 County, in its sole discretion, may immediately deny or terminate facility access to any member of Contractor's staff that does not pass such investigation to the satisfaction of County or whose background or conduct is incompatible with County facility access.
- 34.4 Disqualification of any member of Contractor's staff pursuant to this Paragraph 34.0 shall not relieve Contractor of its obligation to complete all work in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Master Agreement.

35.0 ACCESS TO COUNTY FACILITIES

Contractor, its employees, and agents will be granted access to County facilities, subject to Contractor's prior notification to and approval by the County Project Director, for the purpose of executing Contractor's obligations hereunder. Contractor shall have no tenancy, or any other property or other rights in County facilities. While present at County facilities, Contractor's personnel shall be accompanied by County personnel at all times, unless this requirement is waived in writing prior to such event by the County Project Director.

36.0 DAMAGE TO COUNTY FACILITIES, BUILDINGS, OR GROUNDS

- 36.1 Contractor shall repair, or cause to be repaired, at its own cost, any and all damage to County facilities, buildings or grounds caused by Contractor or employees or agents of Contractor. Such repairs shall be made promptly after Contractor has become aware of such damage, but in no event later than thirty (30) calendar days after the occurrence.
- 36.2 If Contractor fails to make timely repairs, County may make any necessary repairs. All costs incurred by County, as determined by County, for such repairs shall be repaid by Contractor by cash payment upon demand, or without limitation of all County's other rights and remedies provided at law or equity, or under the Master Agreement, County may deduct such costs from any amounts due to Contractor from County under the Master Agreement.

37.0 FEDERAL EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT

Contractor shall notify its employees that they may be eligible for the Federal Earned Income Credit under the Federal income tax laws. Such notice shall be provided in accordance with the requirements set forth in Internal Revenue Service Notice 1015. Copies of the Notice can be obtained by calling 1-800-829-3676 or from the IRS website at www.irs.gov.

38.0 ASSIGNMENT BY CONTRACTOR

- 38.1 Contractor shall not assign its rights or delegate its duties under the Master Agreement, or both, whether in whole or in part, without the prior written consent

of County, in its discretion, and any attempted assignment or delegation without such consent shall be null and void. For purposes of this Subparagraph 38.1, County consent shall require a written amendment to the Master Agreement, which is formally approved and executed by the parties, and which may be executed by the Sheriff, on behalf of the County with the written concurrence of County Counsel. Any payments by County to any approved delegate or assignee on any claim under this Master Agreement shall be deductible, at County's discretion, against claims which Contractor may have against County.

- 38.2 Shareholders, partners, members, or other equity holders of Contractor may transfer, sell, exchange, assign, or divest themselves of any interest they may have therein. However, in the event any such sale, transfer, exchange, assignment, or divestment is effected in such a way as to give majority control of Contractor to any person, corporation, partnership, or legal entity other than the majority controlling interest therein at the time of execution of the Master Agreement, such disposition is an assignment requiring the prior written consent of County in accordance with Subparagraph 38.1 of this Exhibit.
- 38.3 Any assumption, assignment, delegation, or takeover of any of the Contractor's duties, responsibilities, obligations, or performance of same by any entity other than the Contractor, whether through assignment, subcontract, delegation, merger, buyout, or any other mechanism, with or without consideration for any reason whatsoever without County's express prior written approval, shall be a material breach of the Master Agreement which may result in the termination of the Master Agreement. In the event of such termination, County shall be entitled to pursue the same remedies against Contractor as it could pursue in the event of default by Contractor.

39.0 INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR STATUS

- 39.1 The Master Agreement is by and between County and Contractor and is not intended, and shall not be construed, to create the relationship of agent, servant, employee, partnership, joint venture, or association, as between County and Contractor. The employees and agents of one party shall not be, or be construed to be, the employees or agents of the other party for any purpose whatsoever. Contractor shall function as, and in all respects is, an independent Contractor.
- 39.2 Contractor shall be solely liable and responsible for providing to, or on behalf of, all persons performing Work pursuant to this Master Agreement all compensation and benefits. County shall have no liability or responsibility for the payment of any salaries, wages, unemployment benefits, disability benefits, Federal, State, or local taxes, or other compensation, benefits, or taxes for any personnel provided by or on behalf of Contractor.

- 39.3 Contractor understands and agrees that all persons performing Work pursuant to the Master Agreement are, for purposes of workers' compensation liability, the sole employees of Contractor and not employees of County. County shall have no obligation to furnish, or liability for, workers' compensation benefits to any person as a result of any injuries arising from or connected with any Work performed by or on behalf of Contractor pursuant to the Master Agreement.
- 39.4 Contractor shall adhere to the provisions stated in Paragraph 3.0 (Confidentiality).

40.0 RECORDS AND AUDITS

- 40.1 Contractor shall maintain accurate and complete financial records of its activities and operations relating to the Master Agreement, including any termination hereof, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Contractor shall also maintain accurate and complete employment and other records relating to its performance of the Master Agreement. Contractor agrees that County, State of California, or the Federal Government, or their authorized representatives, shall, during regular business hours, have access to and the right to examine, audit, excerpt, copy or transcribe any pertinent transaction, activity, or records of Contractor relating to the Master Agreement and to interview any employees who might reasonably have information related to such material. All such material, including all financial records, bank statements, cancelled checks or other proof of payment, timecards, sign-in/sign-out sheets, and other time and employment records, shall be kept and maintained by Contractor and shall be made available to County during the Term of this Master Agreement and for a period of five (5) years thereafter, unless County's written permission is given to dispose of any such material prior to such time. All such material shall be maintained by Contractor at a location in Los Angeles County, provided that if any such material is located outside Los Angeles County, then at Contractor's option, Contractor shall either (a) provide County with access to such material at a mutually agreed upon location inside Los Angeles County, or (b) pay County for travel, per diem, and other costs and expenses incurred by County to examine, audit, excerpt, copy or transcribe such material at such outside location.
- 40.2 If an audit is conducted of Contractor specifically regarding the Master Agreement by any Federal or State auditor, or by an auditor or accountant employed by Contractor or otherwise, then Contractor shall file a copy of such audit report with County's Auditor Controller and the County Project Director within thirty (30) days of Contractor's receipt thereof, unless otherwise provided by applicable federal or state law or under the Master Agreement.
- 40.3 If, at any time during or after the Term, representatives of County conduct an audit of Contractor, as and to the extent permitted hereunder, regarding the Work

performed under the Master Agreement, the results of such audit, including any final determination in respect of an underpayment or overpayment, if any by County under the Master Agreement, shall be provided in writing to Contractor. Contractor shall have thirty (30) days to review the findings contained in such audit and notify County of any objection to the same. Such notice must include, in reasonable detail, the basis for Contractor's objection and any supporting documentation and analysis for Contractor's objection. If the parties cannot agree, within fifteen (15) days of receipt of Contractor's objection to the findings contained in County's audit, on the amount of underpayment or overpayment, if any, by County to Contractor hereunder, then either party may submit such matter to the Dispute Resolution Procedure, provided such matter shall be submitted initially, directly to the County Project Director and the Contractor Project Manager. If Contractor fails to notify County of any objection it has to the findings of County's audit within the thirty (30) day period set forth above, Contractor waives any right to object to the findings of such audit, including any determination of overpayment by County. If such audit, whether initially following a waiver by Contractor of its right of objection or upon final determination pursuant to the Dispute Resolution Procedure, finds that County's dollar liability for any such Work is less than payments made by County to Contractor, then the difference, together with County's reasonable costs of audit, shall be either repaid by Contractor to County by cash payment upon demand or, at the discretion of the County Project Director, deducted from any amounts due to Contractor from County. If such audit finds that County's dollar liability for such Work is more than the payments made by County to Contractor, then the difference shall be paid to Contractor by County, but in no event shall County's payments to Contractor exceed the Maximum Contract Sum.

- 40.4 Failure on the part of Contractor to comply with any of the provisions of this Paragraph 40.0 shall constitute a material breach upon which County may terminate or suspend this Master Agreement.

41.0 LICENSES, PERMITS, REGISTRATIONS, ACCREDITATION, AND CERTIFICATES

Contractor shall obtain and maintain in effect during the Term all licenses, permits, registrations, accreditation, and certificates required by all Federal, State, and local laws, ordinances, rules, and regulations, which are applicable to Contractor's services under the Master Agreement. Contractor shall further ensure that all of its officers, employees, and agents who perform services hereunder, shall obtain and maintain in effect during the Term of this Master Agreement all licenses, permits, registrations, accreditation, and certificates which are applicable to their performance hereunder. If and to the extent requested by County, Contractor shall provide copy of each such license, permit, registration, accreditation, and certificate, in duplicate, to Contracts Manager, Sheriff's Department Contracts Administration, 4700 Ramona Boulevard, Monterey Park, CA 91754-2169.

42.0 NO THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARIES

Notwithstanding any other provision of the Master Agreement, Contractor and County do not in any way intend that any person or entity shall acquire any rights as a third party beneficiary of the Master Agreement, except that this Paragraph 42.0 (No Third Party Beneficiaries) shall not be construed to diminish Contractor's indemnification obligations hereunder.

43.0 MOST FAVORED PUBLIC ENTITY

If Contractor's prices decline, or should Contractor, at any time during the Term of this Master Agreement, provide the same goods and/or substantially similar services under similar quantity, delivery, and other applicable terms and conditions to the State of California or any county, municipality, public agency, or district within California at prices below those set forth in the Master Agreement, then such lower prices shall be extended immediately to County.

44.0 COUNTY'S QUALITY ASSURANCE PLAN

County or its agent will evaluate Contractor's performance under the Master Agreement on not less than an annual basis. Such evaluation will include assessing Contractor's compliance with the terms and conditions and performance standards of the Master Agreement. Contractor deficiencies which County determines are severe or continuing and that may place performance of the Master Agreement in jeopardy if not corrected will be reported to the Board. The report will include improvement and corrective action measures taken by County and Contractor. If improvement does not occur consistent with the corrective action measures, County may terminate the Master Agreement or impose other penalties as specified in the Agreement.

45.0 CONSIDERATION OF HIRING COUNTY EMPLOYEES TARGETED FOR LAYOFF/OR RE-EMPLOYMENT LIST

Should Contractor require additional or replacement personnel after the effective date of this Master Agreement to perform the services set forth herein, Contractor shall give first consideration for such employment openings to qualified, permanent County employees who are targeted for layoff or qualified, former County employees who are on a re-employment list during the life of this Master Agreement.

46.0 NO PAYMENT FOR SERVICES PROVIDED FOLLOWING EXPIRATION OR TERMINATION OF MASTER AGREEMENT

Contractor shall have no claim against County for payment of any money or reimbursement, of any kind whatsoever, for any service provided by Contractor under the Master Agreement, after the expiration or other termination of this Master Agreement. Should Contractor receive any such payment, it shall immediately notify County and shall immediately repay all such funds to County. Payment by County for

services rendered after expiration or termination of this Master Agreement shall not constitute a waiver of County's right to recover such payment from Contractor. This provision shall survive the expiration or other termination of this Master Agreement.

47.0 SAFELY SURRENDERED BABY LAW

47.1 Notice to Employees

Contractor shall notify and provide to its employees residing in or working in the State of California, to notify and provide to its employees residing in or working in the State of California, a fact sheet regarding the Safely Surrendered Baby Law, its implementation in Los Angeles County, and where and how to safely surrender a baby. The fact sheet is set forth in Exhibit F (Safely Surrendered Baby Law) of this Master Agreement and is also available on the Internet at www.babysafela.org for printing purposes.

47.2 Contractor's Acknowledgement of County's Commitment to the Safely Surrendered Baby Law

Contractor acknowledges that County places a high priority on the implementation of the Safely Surrendered Baby Law. Contractor understands that it is County's policy to encourage all County Contractors to voluntarily post County's "Safely Surrendered Baby Law" poster in a prominent position at Contractor's place of business. Contractor will also encourage its subcontractors, if any, to post this poster in a prominent position in the subcontractor's place of business. County's Department of Children and Family Services will supply Contractor with the poster to be used. Information on how to receive the poster can be found on the Internet at www.babysafela.org.

48.0 PROHIBITION AGAINST INDUCEMENT OR PERSUASION

Contractor and County agree that, during the term of this Master Agreement and for a period of one (1) year thereafter, neither party shall in any way intentionally induce or persuade any employee of one party to become an employee or agent of the other party. No bar exists against any hiring action initiated through a public announcement.

49.0 PUBLIC RECORDS ACT

49.1 Any documents submitted by Contractor, all information obtained in connection with County's right to audit and inspect Contractor's documents, books, and accounting records, pursuant to Paragraph 40.0 (Records and Audits) of this Exhibit; as well as those documents which were required to be submitted in response to the Request for Statement of Qualifications (RFSQ) used in the solicitation process for this Master Agreement, become the exclusive property of

County. All such documents become a matter of public record and shall be regarded as public records. Exceptions will be those elements in the California Government Code Section 6250 et seq. (Public Records Act) and which are marked "Trade Secret," "Confidential," or "Proprietary." County shall not in any way be liable or responsible for the disclosure of any such records including, without limitation, those so marked, if disclosure is required by law, or by an order issued by a court of competent jurisdiction.

- 49.2 In the event County is required to defend an action on a Public Records Act request for any of the aforementioned documents, information, books, records, and/or contents of a bid/proposal marked "Trade Secret," "Confidential," or "Proprietary," Contractor agrees to defend and indemnify County from all costs and expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees, in action or liability arising under the Public Records Act.

50.0 TRANSITIONAL JOB OPPORTUNITES PREFERENCE PROGRAM

This Master Agreement is subject to the provisions of the County's ordinance entitled Transitional Job Opportunities Preference Program, as codified in Chapter 2.205 of the Los Angeles County Code.

Contractor shall not knowingly and with the intent to defraud, fraudulently obtain, retain, attempt to obtain or retain, or aid another in fraudulently obtaining or retaining or attempting to obtain or retain certification as a Transitional Job Opportunity vendor.

Contractor shall not willfully and knowingly make a false statement with the intent to defraud, whether by affidavit, report, or other representation, to a County official or employee for the purpose of influencing the certification or denial of certification of any entity as a Transitional Job Opportunity vendor.

If Contractor has obtained County certification as a Transitional Job Opportunity vendor by reason of having furnished incorrect supporting information or by reason of having withheld information, and which knew, or should have known, the information furnished was incorrect or the information withheld was relevant to its request for certification, and which by reason of such certification has been awarded this contract to which it would not otherwise have been entitled, shall:

1. Pay to the County any difference between the contract amount and what the County's costs would have been if the contract had been properly awarded;
2. In addition to the amount described in subdivision (1), be assessed a penalty in an amount of not more than 10 percent (10%) of the amount of the contract; and
3. Be subjected to the provisions of Chapter 2.202 of the Los Angeles County Code (Determinations of Contractor Non-responsibility and Contractor Debarment).

The above penalties shall also apply to any entity that has previously obtained proper certification, however, as a result of a change in their status would no longer be eligible for certification, and fails to notify the certifying department of this information prior to responding to a solicitation or accepting a contract award.

51.0 WAIVER

No waiver by County of any breach of any provision of the Master Agreement shall constitute a waiver of any other breach or of such provision. Failure of County to enforce at any time, or from time to time, any provision of the Master Agreement shall not be construed as a waiver thereof. The rights and remedies set forth in the Master Agreement shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided at law or in equity, or under the Master Agreement.

52.0 GOVERNING LAW, JURISDICTION, AND VENUE

The Master Agreement shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the substantive and procedural laws of the State of California applicable to contracts made and to be performed within that state. Contractor agrees and consents to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of the State of California (except with respect to claims that are subject to exclusive Federal subject matter jurisdiction, as to which Contractor agrees and consents to the exclusive jurisdiction of the United States District Court of the Central District of California) for all purposes regarding the Master Agreement and further agrees and consents that venue of any action brought hereunder shall be exclusively in the Central District of the Superior Court for the County of Los Angeles, California.

53.0 SEVERABILITY

If any provision of the Master Agreement is adjudged void or invalid for any reason whatsoever, but would be valid if part of the wording thereof were deleted or changed, then such provision shall apply with such modifications as may be necessary to make it valid and effective. In the event that one or more of the provisions of the Master Agreement is found to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, such provision shall be deleted here from and the validity, legality, and enforceability of the remaining provisions contained herein shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby, unless the Master Agreement fails of its essential purpose because of such deletion.

54.0 RIGHTS AND REMEDIES

The rights and remedies of County provided in any given Paragraph, as well as throughout the Master Agreement, including throughout this Exhibit, are non-exclusive and cumulative with any and all other rights and remedies under this Master Agreement, at law, or in equity.

55.0 NON EXCLUSIVITY

Nothing herein is intended nor shall be construed as creating any exclusive arrangement with the Contractor. This Master Agreement shall not restrict County or the Department from acquiring similar, equal or like goods and/or services from other entities or sources.

56.0 FACSIMILE

Except for the parties initial signatures to the Master Agreement, which must be provided in "original" form, and not by facsimile, County and Contractor hereby agree to regard facsimile representations of original signatures of authorized officials of each party, when appearing in appropriate places on change notices or in other correspondence, notices, etc. requiring signatures, and received via communications facilities, as legally sufficient evidence that such original signatures have been affixed thereto, such that the parties need not follow up facsimile transmissions of such documents with subsequent (non-facsimile) transmission of "original" versions of such documents.

57.0 LOCAL SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (SBE) PREFERENCE PROGRAM

- 57.1 This Master Agreement is subject to the provisions of the County's ordinance entitled Local Small Business Enterprise Preference Program, as codified in Chapter 2.204 of the Los Angeles County Code.
- 57.2 Contractor shall not knowingly and with the intent to defraud, fraudulently obtain, retain, attempt to obtain or retain, or aid another in fraudulently obtaining or retaining or attempting to obtain or retain certification as a Local Small Business Enterprise.
- 57.3 Contractor shall not willfully and knowingly make a false statement with the intent to defraud, whether by affidavit, report, or other representation, to a County official or employee for the purpose of influencing the certification or denial of certification of any entity as a Local Small Business Enterprise.
- 57.4 If Contractor has obtained certification as a Local Small Business Enterprise by reason of having furnished incorrect supporting information or by reason of having withheld information, and which knew, or should have known, the information furnished was incorrect or the information withheld was relevant to its request for certification, and which by reason of such certification has been awarded this contract to which it would not otherwise have been entitled, shall:
1. Pay to County any difference between the contract amount and what County's costs would have been if the contract had been properly awarded;

2. In addition to the amount described in subdivision (1), be assessed a penalty in an amount of not more than 10 percent (10%) of the amount of the contract; and
3. Be subject to the provisions of Chapter 2.202 of the Los Angeles County Code (Determinations of Contractor Non-responsibility and Contractor Debarment).

The above penalties shall also apply to any business that has previously obtained proper certification, however, as a result of a change in their status would no longer be eligible for certification, and fails to notify the state and OAAC of this information prior to responding to a solicitation or accepting a contract award.

58.0 LOCAL SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (SBE) PROMPT PAYMENT PROGRAM

Certified Local SBEs will receive prompt payment for services they provide to County departments. Prompt payment is defined as fifteen (15) calendar days after receipt of an undisputed invoice.

59.0 TERMINATION FOR NON APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Master Agreement, County shall not be obligated for Contractor's performance hereunder or by any provision of this Master Agreement during any of County's future fiscal years unless and until County's Board of Supervisors appropriates funds for this Master Agreement in County's Budget for each such future fiscal year. In the event that funds are not appropriated for this Master Agreement, then this Master Agreement shall terminate as of June 30 of the last fiscal year for which funds were appropriated. County shall notify Contractor in writing of any such non-allocation of funds at the earliest possible date.

60.0 WARRANTY OF COMPLIANCE WITH COUNTY'S DEFAULTED PROPERTY TAX REDUCTION PROGRAM

Contractor acknowledges that County has established a goal of ensuring that all individuals and businesses that benefit financially from County through contract are current in paying their property tax obligations (secured and unsecured roll) in order to mitigate the economic burden otherwise imposed upon County and its taxpayers.

Unless Contractor qualifies for an exemption or exclusion, Contractor warrants and certifies that to the best of its knowledge it is now in compliance, and during the term of this Master Agreement will maintain compliance, with Los Angeles County Code Chapter 2.206.

61.0 TERMINATION FOR BREACH OF WARRANTY TO MAINTAIN COMPLIANCE WITH COUNTY'S DEFAULTED PROPERTY TAX REDUCTION PROGRAM

Failure of Contractor to maintain compliance with the requirements set forth in Paragraph 60.0 (Warranty of Compliance with County's Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program) shall constitute default under this Master Agreement. Without limiting the rights and remedies available to County under any other provision of this Master Agreement, failure of Contractor to cure such default within ten (10) days of notice shall be grounds upon which County may terminate this Agreement and/or pursue debarment of Contractor, pursuant to County Code Chapter 2.206.

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EXHIBIT B

STATEMENT OF WORK

NOT ATTACHED TO SAMPLE

EXHIBIT C

CONTRACTOR'S EEO CERTIFICATION

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Contractor Name

Address

Internal Revenue Service Employer Identification Number**GENERAL CERTIFICATION**

In accordance with Section 4.32.010 of the Code of the County of Los Angeles, the contractor, supplier, or vendor certifies and agrees that all persons employed by such firm, its affiliates, subsidiaries, or holding companies are and will be treated equally by the firm without regard to or because of race, religion, ancestry, national origin, or sex and in compliance with all anti-discrimination laws of the United States of America and the State of California.

CONTRACTOR'S SPECIFIC CERTIFICATIONS

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| 1. | The Contractor has a written policy statement prohibiting discrimination in all phases of employment. | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. | The Contractor periodically conducts a self analysis or utilization analysis of its work force. | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. | The Contractor has a system for determining if its employment practices are discriminatory against protected groups. | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. | Where problem areas are identified in employment practices, the Contractor has a system for taking reasonable corrective action, to include establishment of goals or timetables. | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |

Authorized Official's Printed Name and Title

Authorized Official's Signature

Date

EXHIBIT D1
CONTRACTOR'S EMPLOYEE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND
CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT

AND

EXHIBIT D2
CONTRACTOR'S NON-EMPLOYEE ACKNOWLEDGMENT
AND CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT

CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT

(Note: This certification is to be executed and returned to County with Contractor's executed Contract. Work cannot begin on the Contract until County receives this executed document.)

Contractor Name _____ Contract No. _____

Employee Name _____

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Your employer referenced above has entered into a contract with the County of Los Angeles to provide certain services to the County. The County requires your signature on this Contractor Employee Acknowledgement and Confidentiality Agreement.

EMPLOYEE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

I understand and agree that the Contractor referenced above is my sole employer for purposes of the above-referenced contract. I understand and agree that I must rely exclusively upon my employer for payment of salary and any and all other benefits payable to me or on my behalf by virtue of my performance of work under the above-referenced contract.

I understand and agree that I am not an employee of the County of Los Angeles for any purpose whatsoever and that I do not have and will not acquire any rights or benefits of any kind from the County of Los Angeles by virtue of my performance of work under the above-referenced contract. I understand and agree that I do not have and will not acquire any rights or benefits from the County of Los Angeles pursuant to any agreement between any person or entity and the County of Los Angeles.

I understand and agree that I may be required to undergo a background and security investigation(s). I understand and agree that my continued performance of work under the above-referenced contract is contingent upon my passing, to the satisfaction of the County, any and all such investigations. I understand and agree that my failure to pass, to the satisfaction of the County, any such investigation shall result in my immediate release from performance under this and/or any future contract.

CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT:

I may be involved with work pertaining to services provided by the County of Los Angeles and, if so, I may have access to confidential data and information pertaining to persons and/or entities receiving services from the County. In addition, I may also have access to proprietary information supplied by other vendors doing business with the County of Los Angeles. The County has a legal obligation to protect all such confidential data and information in its possession, especially data and information concerning health, criminal, and welfare recipient records. I understand that if I am involved in County work, the County must ensure that I, too, will protect the confidentiality of such data and information. Consequently, I understand that I must sign this agreement as a condition of my work to be provided by my employer for the County. I have read this agreement and have taken due time to consider it prior to signing.

I hereby agree that I will not divulge to any unauthorized person any data or information obtained while performing work pursuant to the above-referenced contract between my employer and the County of Los Angeles. I agree to forward all requests for the release of any data or information received by me to my immediate supervisor.

I agree to keep confidential all health, criminal, and welfare recipient records and all data and information pertaining to persons and/or entities receiving services from the County, design concepts, algorithms, programs, formats, documentation, Contractor proprietary information and all other original materials produced, created, or provided to or by me under the above-referenced contract. I agree to protect these confidential materials against disclosure to other than my employer or County employees who have a need to know the information. I agree that if proprietary information supplied by other County vendors is provided to me during this employment, I shall keep such information confidential.

I agree to report to my immediate supervisor any and all violations of this agreement by myself and/or by any other person of whom I become aware. I agree to return all confidential materials to my immediate supervisor upon completion of this contract or termination of my employment with my employer, whichever occurs first.

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: ____/____/____

PRINTED NAME: _____

POSITION: _____

CONTRACTOR NON-EMPLOYEE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT

(Note: This certification is to be executed and returned to County with Contractor's executed Contract. Work cannot begin on the Contract until County receives this executed document.)

Contractor Name _____ Contract No. _____

Non-Employee Name _____

GENERAL INFORMATION:

The Contractor referenced above has entered into a contract with the County of Los Angeles to provide certain services to the County. The County requires your signature on this Contractor Non-Employee Acknowledgement and Confidentiality Agreement.

NON-EMPLOYEE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

I understand and agree that the Contractor referenced above has exclusive control for purposes of the above-referenced contract. I understand and agree that I must rely exclusively upon the Contractor referenced above for payment of salary and any and all other benefits payable to me or on my behalf by virtue of my performance of work under the above-referenced contract.

I understand and agree that I am not an employee of the County of Los Angeles for any purpose whatsoever and that I do not have and will not acquire any rights or benefits of any kind from the County of Los Angeles by virtue of my performance of work under the above-referenced contract. I understand and agree that I do not have and will not acquire any rights or benefits from the County of Los Angeles pursuant to any agreement between any person or entity and the County of Los Angeles.

I understand and agree that I may be required to undergo a background and security investigation(s). I understand and agree that my continued performance of work under the above-referenced contract is contingent upon my passing, to the satisfaction of the County, any and all such investigations. I understand and agree that my failure to pass, to the satisfaction of the County, any such investigation shall result in my immediate release from performance under this and/or any future contract.

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I may be involved with work pertaining to services provided by the County of Los Angeles and, if so, I may have access to confidential data and information pertaining to persons and/or entities receiving services from the County. In addition, I may also have access to proprietary information supplied by other vendors doing business with the County of Los Angeles. The County has a legal obligation to protect all such confidential data and information in its possession, especially data and information concerning health, criminal, and welfare recipient records. I understand that if I am involved in County work, the County must ensure that I, too, will protect the confidentiality of such data and information. Consequently, I understand that I must sign this agreement as a condition of my work to be provided by the above-referenced Contractor for the County. I have read this agreement and have taken due time to consider it prior to signing.

I hereby agree that I will not divulge to any unauthorized person any data or information obtained while performing work pursuant to the above-referenced contract between the above-referenced Contractor and the County of Los Angeles. I agree to forward all requests for the release of any data or information received by me to the above-referenced Contractor.

I agree to keep confidential all health, criminal, and welfare recipient records and all data and information pertaining to persons and/or entities receiving services from the County, design concepts, algorithms, programs, formats, documentation, Contractor proprietary information, and all other original materials produced, created, or provided to or by me under the above-referenced contract. I agree to protect these confidential materials against disclosure to other than the above-referenced Contractor or County employees who have a need to know the information. I agree that if proprietary information supplied by other County vendors is provided to me, I shall keep such information confidential.

I agree to report to the above-referenced Contractor any and all violations of this agreement by myself and/or by any other person of whom I become aware. I agree to return all confidential materials to the above-referenced Contractor upon completion of this contract or termination of my services hereunder, whichever occurs first.

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: ____/____/____

PRINTED NAME: _____

POSITION: _____

EXHIBIT E

JURY SERVICE ORDINANCE

NOT ATTACHED TO SAMPLE

EXHIBIT F

SAFELY SURRENDERED BABY LAW

NOT ATTACHED TO SAMPLE

EXHIBIT G

DEFAULTED PROPERTY TAX REDUCTION PROGRAM

NOT ATTACHED TO SAMPLE

EXHIBIT H

SAMPLE INVOICE

NOT ATTACHED TO SAMPLE

APPENDIX B

STATEMENT OF WORK

FIREARMS AND TOOL MARK EXAMINATION AND/OR TRAINING SERVICES

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STATEMENT OF WORK

1.0 SCOPE OF WORK

This Statement of Work (SOW) defines the specific tasks and responsibilities of Contractor(s) in providing Firearms and Tool Mark Examination and/or Training Services to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (Department). These services shall be provided on a part time, as needed basis. Capitalized terms used in this SOW without definition have the meanings given to such terms in the Agreement.

2.0 WORK LOCATION

The primary work location shall be:

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
Scientific Services Bureau
1800 Paseo Rancho Castilla
Los Angeles, California 90032

County reserves the right to change the Work location throughout the Term of this Agreement as determined by the Department at the sole discretion of County Project Director. Such change shall be accomplished through a Change Order to the Agreement executed by County Project Director and Contractor Project Manager pursuant to Paragraph 6, Changes Orders and Amendments, Subparagraph 6.1 of the Agreement.

3.0 DAYS AND HOURS OF OPERATION, SCHEDULE, HOLIDAYS

Training shall usually be conducted during Business Days, normal business hours. County Project Manager will arrange the training schedule with Contractor(s) based upon County's needs. Firearms and tool mark Casework Examinations and Casework Reviews must be completed and meet deadlines set by County Project Manager. Contractor(s) may be requested to provide services on holidays or on an emergency basis at other than normal Business Days and hours.

4.0 SERVICE REQUIREMENTS

County requires the services of independent contractor(s) to provide (1) technical firearms and tool mark Casework Examinations, (2) technical firearms and tool mark Casework Reviews, including but not limited to reviews of reports, examination results, and all case related notes and documentation, and/or (3) firearms and tool mark examiner training support to the Department's Scientific Services Bureau, Firearms Identification Section.

As the Department's crime laboratory is laboratory accredited through the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors/Laboratory Accreditation Board (ASCLD/LAB), Contractor(s) shall be responsible to work within and comply with any and all accreditation standards as detailed in all Department and crime laboratory policy and procedure manuals. County Project Manager will provide Contractor(s) with access to all applicable policy and procedure manuals.

5.0 SPECIFIC TASKS (CASEWORK EXAMINATION/CASEWORK REVIEW)

The tasks outlined below are specific tasks that Contractor(s) shall perform as specified in applicable Department, bureau, and section manuals. Access to these manuals will be provided by County Project Manager. Contractor(s) shall conduct Casework Examination and/or Casework Reviews as assigned by County Project Manager primarily on a rotating basis as case urgencies and Contractor availability allow. These tasks include, but are not limited to:

- 5.1 Microscopic examination of ammunition components to determine if fired from a particular firearm or type of firearm. These components include both bullets and cartridge cases that retain microscopic markings upon firing. Contractor(s) will microscopically examine this evidence to ascertain whether there are sufficient unique characteristics to identify this evidence to a particular firearm.
- 5.2 Classification of bullets and cartridge cases for investigative lead information. Bullets may provide enough information so that the examiner can determine the type of weapon that may have been used.
- 5.3 Identification of ammunition and components.
- 5.4 Muzzle-to-target distance determination, utilizing procedures specified in the Firearms Identification Procedure Manual. These tests are to show how far a firearm was from the target surface at the time of discharge. County Project Manager will provide Contractor(s) with access to all applicable policy and procedure manuals.
- 5.5 Chemical testing for fired bullet residues of lead, copper, or nickel. These tests may assist in identifying bullet holes or damage.
- 5.6 Tool mark comparison to determine if tool marks were generated by a particular tool.
- 5.7 Examinations, observations, and conclusions shall be documented utilizing approved and authorized report formats, worksheets, and other documentary methods. When necessary, Contractor(s) may be required to communicate expert opinions to investigators or to provide expert

testimony during court proceedings. All documents and reports including, but not limited to, those listed in this Subparagraph 5.7, shall remain the property of County and will be kept at the Department's Scientific Services Bureau.

- 5.8 Perform technical and peer Casework Reviews of reports and examinations.
- 5.9 Provide report of casework and/or tasks performed to County Project Manager as requested.
- 5.10 Complete and pass a yearly firearms proficiency test, and if required by County Project Manager, tool mark proficiency test. Both of these tests will be administered by County. Results are provided to County Project Manager. Failure to pass either test may result in termination of the Agreement.

6.0 SPECIFIC TASKS (TRAINING)

The tasks outlined below are the specific tasks that Contractor(s) qualified for and assigned to conduct training in firearms and tool mark services shall perform. These tasks are in addition to other Work to be performed under this Agreement and are not limited to the following:

- 6.1 At the direction of County Project Manager, Contractor(s) shall provide instruction to Firearms/Tool Mark Examiner Trainees in fundamental firearms knowledge, technical methods of firearms examination, and correct documentation of observations and reporting of conclusions. This training includes the implementation and documentation of the AFTE (Association of Firearm and Tool Mark Examiners) training syllabus or other similar firearms training syllabus (as approved by County Project Manager), all practical exercises and competency tests, all oral boards, and moot courts.
- 6.2 At the direction of County Project Manager, Contractor(s) shall provide tool mark examination training to Firearms/Tool Mark Examiner Trainees depending on the needs of the Department's Scientific Services Bureau, Firearms Identification Section, as determined by County Project Manager.

- 6.3 Contractor(s) shall identify and recommend outside training opportunities, such as factory tours, for Firearms/Tool Mark Examiner Trainees. Upon approval by County Project Manager, Contractor(s) may be called upon to provide appropriate contacts and scheduling for such recommended training. Required funding for outside training for Firearms/Tool Mark Examiner Trainees will be the responsibility of County and is subject to availability. County is not responsible for any travel/training expenses incurred by Contractor(s).
- 6.4 Contractor(s) shall provide County Project Manager with monthly progress reports for each Firearms/Tool Mark Examiner Trainee. These monthly reports shall minimally include the following information for each Firearms/Tool Mark Examiner Trainee: summary evaluation of progress and performance, outside training completed, results of oral and/or written examinations, and expectations for the following month. Additional information may be requested by County Project Manager as needed.
- 6.5 At the direction of County Project Manager, Contractor(s) may also be required to provide instruction in firearms and tool mark to the Department's trained firearms and tool mark examiners. Such activities include making training presentations, developing informal and formal training curriculum, interpreting scientific material, and evaluating any test results submitted by, or work completed by, firearms and tool mark examiners.

APPENDIX C

SAMPLE INVOICE

FIREARMS AND TOOL MARK EXAMINATION AND/OR TRAINING SERVICES

APPENDIX C, SAMPLE INVOICE

LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
FIREARMS AND TOOL MARK EXAMINATION AND/OR TRAINING SERVICES
MASTER AGREEMENT
INVOICE

(FIXED HOURLY RATE)

(CONTRACTOR NAME)

Master Agreement No. _____

Invoice Date: _____

Period of Performance: _____

County Project Director: Dean Gialamas

County Project Manager: Ruben Flores

I. GENERAL

Contractor shall satisfactorily perform all the tasks and provide all the services detailed in Exhibit B, Statement of Work, at a fixed hourly rate of \$75 per hour, in compliance with the terms and conditions of the Firearms and Tool Mark Examination and/or Training Services Master Agreement.

II. PAYMENT

A. County shall pay Contractor for all Work based on the number of hours multiplied by the fixed hourly rate of \$75. List the date(s) worked and hours worked on that date(s) (may be listed per day or week) below.

Date(s) Worked

Hours Worked

Total Hours Worked: _____

B. Attach a separate page with the details of each day worked. If providing Casework Examination or Casework Review services, include the date, start time, end time, hours worked, Sheriff's file number, and any other relevant information. If providing training services, include a daily activity log which shall include the date, hours worked, student roster, and details of training provided. If providing court testimony, include a copy of the subpoena, the date and times of the court appearance, and the prosecutor's name and contact information. In the event a copy of the subpoena is not available, provide the following information: date and times of the court appearance, the court location and department/division, court case number, and the prosecutor's name and contact information. Any mileage and/or travel expenses incurred by Contractor will not be reimbursed by County. Submitted court appearance hours shall be subject to the approval of County Project Manager.

C. Total Invoice Amount

_____ X \$ 75.00/hr. = _____
(Total Hours Worked) (Total Invoice Amount)

D. Contractor shall submit an original and one (1) copy of each Invoice to:

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
Scientific Services Bureau
1800 Paseo Rancho Castilla
Los Angeles, California 90032
Attention: Ruben Flores, Supervising Criminalist

Copy to: Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
Accounts Payable Section – Contracts Billing
4700 Ramona Blvd., Room 326
Monterey Park, CA 91754

Contractor's signature on this Invoice confirms Contractor's awareness of and agreement with the provisions of Paragraph 5 of the Master Agreement, which establish that Contractor shall not be entitled to any compensation whatsoever for any task, deliverable, service, or other work that is not specified in the Agreement or that exceeds the scope of the casework or training assignment distributed by the County Project Manager to Contractor, **regardless of any oral promise made to Contractor by any County personnel whatsoever.**

CONTRACTOR

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

By: _____

By: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____

APPENDIX D

REQUIRED FORMS

FIREARMS AND TOOL MARK EXAMINATION AND/OR TRAINING SERVICES

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REQUIRED FORMS - EXHIBIT 1
VENDOR'S ORGANIZATION QUESTIONNAIRE/AFFIDAVIT

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Please complete, date and sign this form and place it as the **first page** of your SOQ. The person signing the form must be authorized to sign on behalf of the Vendor and to bind the applicant in an Agreement. (Additional instructions may be found on page 3 of this Affidavit.)

1. If your firm is a corporation or limited liability company (LLC), state its legal name (as found in your Articles of Incorporation) and State of incorporation:

_____	_____	_____
Name	State	Year Inc.

2. If your firm is a partnership or a sole proprietorship, state the name of the proprietor or managing partner:

3. If your firm is doing business under one or more DBA's, please list all DBA's and the County(s) of registration:
- | | | |
|------|------------------------|-----------------|
| Name | County of Registration | Year became DBA |
|------|------------------------|-----------------|

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

4. Is your firm wholly or majority owned by, or a subsidiary of, another firm? ____ If yes,

Name of parent firm: _____

State of incorporation or registration of parent firm: _____

5. Please list any other names your firm has done business as within the last five (5) years.

Name	Year of Name Change
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_____	_____
_____	_____

6. Indicate if your firm is involved in any pending acquisition/merger, including the associated company name. If not applicable, so indicate below.

Vendor acknowledges and certifies that it meets and will comply with all of the Minimum Mandatory Qualifications listed in Paragraph 1.4 - Minimum Mandatory Qualifications, of this Request for Statement of Qualifications, as listed below.

Check the appropriate boxes:

- 1.4.1 Vendor must have at least ten (10) years of continuous full time experience in conducting firearms and tool mark examinations at a recognized crime laboratory that provides a full range of firearms and tool mark examination services comparable to that provided by the Department. The time spent in training will not be considered applicable towards the ten (10) years experience requirement.

☐ Yes ☐ No

- 1.4.2 Vendor wishing to be considered for the Firearms/Tool Mark Examination Trainer assignment must have a minimum of two (2) years experience in successfully providing instruction to firearms and tool mark examiner trainees in a modular training program, such as a program provided by the Association of Firearms and Tool Mark Examiners (AFTE), to qualify for such assignment. The two (2) years instructor experience could be part of the ten (10) years of experience required in firearms and tool mark examinations as stated in Subparagraph 1.4.1.

☐ Yes ☐ No

- 1.4.3. Vendor must be a current and active full or distinguished member of the Association of Firearm and Tool Mark Examiners (AFTE) and provide proof of membership and copies of certificates of attendance for AFTE conferences in accordance with Subparagraph 2.6.3, Vendor's Qualifications (Section A).

☐ Yes ☐ No

- 1.4.4 Vendor must have experience of testifying in court as an expert in the fields of firearms and tool mark examination. Vendor must provide summary detail of court experience in accordance with Subparagraph 2.6.3, Vendor's Qualifications (Section A).

☐ Yes ☐ No

- 1.4.5 Vendor must state that they agree to and understand that they must pass a test of technical competency in firearms and tool mark examination that will be issued and administered by the Department's Scientific Services Bureau prior to the award of a Master Agreement.

☐ Yes ☐ No

Vendor further acknowledges that if any false, misleading, incomplete, or deceptively unresponsive statements in connection with this SOQ are made, the proposal may be rejected. The evaluation and determination in this area shall be at the Sheriff's sole judgment and his/her judgment shall be final.

Vendor's Name: _____

Address: _____

E-mail address: _____ Telephone number: _____

Fax number: _____

On behalf of _____ (Vendor's name), I _____
(Name of Vendor's authorized representative), certify that the information contained in this Vendor's Organization Questionnaire/Affidavit is true and correct to the best of my information and belief.

Signature

Internal Revenue Service
Employer Identification Number

Title

California Business License Number

Date County WebVen Number

Additional Instructions:

Taking into account the structure of the Vendor's organization, Vendor shall determine which of the below referenced supporting documents the County requires. If the Vendor's organization does not fit into one of these categories, upon receipt of the Vendor or at some later time, the County may, in its discretion, request additional documentation regarding the Vendor's business organization and authority of individuals to sign Agreements.

If the below referenced documents are not available at the time of proposal submission, Vendor must request the appropriate documents from the California Secretary of State and provide a statement on the status of the request.

Required Support Documents:

Corporations or Limited Liability Company (LLC):

The Vendor must submit the following documentation with the proposal:

1. A copy of a "Certificate of Good Standing" with the state of incorporation/organization
2. A conformed copy of the most recent "Statement of Information" as filed with the California Secretary of State listing corporate officers or members and managers.

Limited Partnership:

The Vendor must submit a conformed copy of the Certificate of Limited Partnership or Application for Registration of Foreign Limited Partnership as filed with the California Secretary of State and any amendments.

REQUIRED FORMS - EXHIBIT 2
PROSPECTIVE CONTRACTOR REFERENCES

Contractor's Name: _____

List at least three (3) references from three different companies where the same or similar scope of services as described in this solicitation were provided in order to meet the Minimum Mandatory Qualifications as stated in Paragraph 1.4 of this RFSQ. Please indicate under Type of Service if experience is for providing training as described in Subparagraph 1.4.2. Please use additional sheets if necessary.

1. Name of Firm	Address of Firm	Contact Person	Telephone # ()	Fax # ()
Name or Contract No.	# of Years / Term of Contract		Type of Service	Dollar Amt.
2. Name of Firm	Address of Firm	Contact Person	Telephone # ()	Fax # ()
Name or Contract No.	# of Years / Term of Contract		Type of Service	Dollar Amt.
3. Name of Firm	Address of Firm	Contact Person	Telephone # ()	Fax # ()
Name or Contract No.	# of Years / Term of Contract		Type of Service	Dollar Amt.
4. Name of Firm	Address of Firm	Contact Person	Telephone # ()	Fax # ()
Name or Contract No.	# of Years / Term of Contract		Type of Service	Dollar Amt.

REQUIRED FORMS - EXHIBIT 3
PROSPECTIVE CONTRACTOR LIST OF CONTRACTS

Contractor's Name: _____

List of all public entities and County contracts for which the Contractor has provided service within the last three (3) years. Use additional sheets if necessary.

1. Name of Firm	Address of Firm	Contact Person	Telephone # ()	Fax # ()
Name or Contract No.	# of Years / Term of Contract	Type of Service	Dollar Amt.	
2. Name of Firm	Address of Firm	Contact Person	Telephone # ()	Fax # ()
Name or Contract No.	# of Years / Term of Contract	Type of Service	Dollar Amt.	
3. Name of Firm	Address of Firm	Contact Person	Telephone # ()	Fax # ()
Name or Contract No.	# of Years / Term of Contract	Type of Service	Dollar Amt.	
4. Name of Firm	Address of Firm	Contact Person	Telephone # ()	Fax # ()
Name or Contract No.	# of Years / Term of Contract	Type of Service	Dollar Amt.	
5. Name of Firm	Address of Firm	Contact Person	Telephone # ()	Fax # ()
Name or Contract No.	# of Years / Term of Contract	Type of Service	Dollar Amt.	

REQUIRED FORMS - EXHIBIT 4
PROSPECTIVE CONTRACTOR LIST OF TERMINATED CONTRACTS

Contractor's Name:_____

List of all contracts that have been terminated within the past three (3) years.

1. Name of Firm	Address of Firm	Contact Person	Telephone # ()	Fax # ()
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Name or Contract No.	Reason for Termination:			
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2. Name of Firm	Address of Firm	Contact Person	Telephone # ()	Fax # ()
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Name or Contract No.	Reason for Termination:			
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3. Name of Firm	Address of Firm	Contact Person	Telephone # ()	Fax # ()
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Name or Contract No.	Reason for Termination:			
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4. Name of Firm	Address of Firm	Contact Person	Telephone # ()	Fax # ()
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Name or Contract No.	Reason for Termination:			
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REQUIRED FORMS - EXHIBIT 5
CERTIFICATION OF NO CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The Los Angeles County Code, Section 2.180.010, provides as follows:

CONTRACTS PROHIBITED

Notwithstanding any other section of this Code, the County shall not contract with, and shall reject any SOQs submitted by, the persons or entities specified below, unless the Board of Supervisors finds that special circumstances exist which justify the approval of such contract:

1. Employees of the County or of public agencies for which the Board of Supervisors is the governing body;
2. Profit-making firms or businesses in which employees described in Number 1 serve as officers, principals, partners, or major shareholders;
3. Persons who, within the immediately preceding 12 months, came within the provisions of Number 1, and who:
 - a. Were employed in positions of substantial responsibility in the area of service to be performed by the contract; or
 - b. Participated in any way in developing the contract or its service specifications; and
4. Profit-making firms or businesses in which the former employees, described in Number 3, serve as officers, principals, partners, or major shareholders.

Contracts submitted to the Board of Supervisors for approval or ratification shall be accompanied by an assurance by the submitting department, district or agency that the provisions of this section have not been violated.

Vendor Name

Vendor Official Title

Official's Signature

REQUIRED FORMS - EXHIBIT 6

FAMILIARITY WITH THE COUNTY LOBBYIST ORDINANCE CERTIFICATION

The Vendor certifies that:

- 1) it is familiar with the terms of the County of Los Angeles Lobbyist Ordinance, Los Angeles Code Chapter 2.160;
- 2) that all persons acting on behalf of the Vendor's organization have and will comply with it during the bid process; and
- 3) it is not on the County's Executive Office's List of Terminated Registered Lobbyists.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

REQUIRED FORMS – EXHIBIT 7

County of Los Angeles – Community Business Enterprise Program (CBE)

Request for Local SBE Preference Program Consideration and CBE Firm/Organization Information Form

INSTRUCTIONS: All vendors responding to this solicitation must complete and return this form for proper consideration of the proposal/bid.

I. LOCAL SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PREFERENCE PROGRAM:

FIRM NAME: _____

☐ **I AM NOT** ☐ A Local SBE certified by the County of Los Angeles Office of Affirmative Action Compliance as of the date of this proposal/bids submission.

☐ **I AM** _____
As an eligible Local SBE, I request this proposal/bid be considered for the Local SBE Preference.

My County (WebVen) Vendor Number : _____

II. FIRM/ORGANIZATION INFORMATION: The information requested below is for statistical purposes only. On final analysis and consideration of award, contractor/vendor will be selected without regard to race/ethnicity, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, sexual orientation or disability.

Business Structure: <input type="checkbox"/> Sole Proprietorship <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Profit <input type="checkbox"/> Franchise <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please Specify) _____						
Total Number of Employees (including owners): _____						
Race/Ethnic Composition of Firm. Please distribute the above total number of individuals into the following categories:						
Race/Ethnic Composition	Owners/Partners/ Associate Partners		Managers		Staff	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Black/African American						
Hispanic/Latino						
Asian or Pacific Islander						
American Indian						
Filipino						
White						

III. PERCENTAGE OF OWNERSHIP IN FIRM: Please indicate by percentage (%) how ownership of the firm is distributed.

	Black/African American	Hispanic/Latino	Asian or Pacific Islander	American Indian	Filipino	White
Men	%	%	%	%	%	%
Women	%	%	%	%	%	%

IV. CERTIFICATION AS MINORITY, WOMEN, DISADVANTAGED, AND DISABLED VETERAN BUSINESS ENTERPRISES:

If your firm is currently certified as a minority, women, disadvantaged or disabled veteran owned business enterprise by a public agency, complete the following and attach a copy of your proof of certification. (Use back of form, if necessary.)

Agency Name	Minority	Women	Dis- advantaged	Disabled Veteran	Expiration Date

V. DECLARATION: I DECLARE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS TRUE AND ACCURATE.

Print Authorized Name	Authorized Signature	Title	Date

REQUIRED FORMS - EXHIBIT 8

VENDOR'S EEO CERTIFICATION

Company Name

Address

Internal Revenue Service Employer Identification Number

GENERAL

In accordance with provisions of the County Code of the County of Los Angeles, the Vendor certifies and agrees that all persons employed by such firm, its affiliates, subsidiaries, or holding companies are and will be treated equally by the firm without regard to or because of race, religion, ancestry, national origin, or sex and in compliance with all anti-discrimination laws of the United States of America and the State of California.

CERTIFICATION	YES	NO
1. Vendor has written policy statement prohibiting discrimination in all phases of employment.	()	()
2. Vendor periodically conducts a self-analysis or utilization analysis of its work force.	()	()
3. Vendor has a system for determining if its employment practices are discriminatory against protected groups.	()	()
4. When problem areas are identified in employment practices, Vendor has a system for taking reasonable corrective action to include establishment of goal and/or timetables.	()	()

Signature

Date

Name and Title of Signer (please print)

REQUIRED FORMS - EXHIBIT 9
ATTESTATION OF WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER
GAIN/GROW PARTICIPANTS

As a threshold requirement for consideration for contract award, Vendor shall demonstrate a proven record for hiring GAIN/GROW participants or shall attest to a willingness to consider GAIN/GROW participants for any future employment opening if they meet the minimum qualifications for that opening. Additionally, Vendor shall attest to a willingness to provide employed GAIN/GROW participants access to the Vendor's employee mentoring program, if available, to assist these individuals in obtaining permanent employment and/or promotional opportunities.

Vendors unable to meet this requirement shall not be considered for contract award.

Vendor shall complete all of the following information, sign where indicated below, and return this form with their proposal.

A. Vendor has a proven record of hiring GAIN/GROW participants.

_____YES (subject to verification by County) _____NO

B. Vendor is willing to consider GAIN/GROW participants for any future employment openings if the GAIN/GROW participant meets the minimum qualifications for the opening. "Consider" means that Vendor is willing to interview qualified GAIN/GROW participants.

_____YES _____NO

C. Vendor is willing to provide employed GAIN/GROW participants access to its employee-mentoring program, if available.

_____YES _____NO _____N/A (Program not available)

Vendor Organization: _____

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Title: _____ Date: _____

Tel.#: _____ Fax #: _____

REQUIRED FORMS - EXHIBIT 10

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEE JURY SERVICE PROGRAM CERTIFICATION FORM AND APPLICATION FOR EXCEPTION

The County's solicitation for this Request for Statement of Qualifications is subject to the County of Los Angeles Contractor Employee Jury Service Program (Program), Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.203. **Refer to Exhibit A, Additional terms and Conditions, Paragraph 33.0, Compliance with Jury Service Program. All Vendors, whether a contractor or subcontractor, must complete this form to either certify compliance or request an exception from the Program requirements.** Upon review of the submitted form, the County department will determine, in its sole discretion, whether the Vendor is excepted from the Program.

Company Name:		
Company Address:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Telephone Number:		
Solicitation For _____ Services:		

If you believe the Jury Service Program does not apply to your business, check the appropriate box in Part I (attach documentation to support your claim); or, complete Part II to certify compliance with the Program. Whether you complete Part I or Part II, please sign and date this form below.

Part I: Jury Service Program is Not Applicable to My Business

- ☐ My business does not meet the definition of "contractor," as defined in the Program, as it has not received an aggregate sum of \$50,000 or more in any 12-month period under one or more County contracts or subcontracts (this exception is not available if the contract itself will exceed \$50,000). I understand that the exception will be lost and I must comply with the Program if my revenues from the County exceed an aggregate sum of \$50,000 in any 12-month period.
- ☐ My business is a small business as defined in the Program. It 1) has ten or fewer employees; and, 2) has annual gross revenues in the preceding twelve months which, if added to the annual amount of this contract, are \$500,000 or less; and, 3) is not an affiliate or subsidiary of a business dominant in its field of operation, as defined below. I understand that the exception will be lost and I must comply with the Program if the number of employees in my business and my gross annual revenues exceed the above limits.

"Dominant in its field of operation" means having more than ten employees and annual gross revenues in the preceding twelve months, which, if added to the annual amount of the contract awarded, exceed \$500,000.

"Affiliate or subsidiary of a business dominant in its field of operation" means a business which is at least 20 percent owned by a business dominant in its field of operation, or by partners, officers, directors, majority stockholders, or their equivalent, of a business dominant in that field of operation.

- ☐ My business is subject to a Collective Bargaining Agreement (attach agreement) that expressly provides that it supersedes all provisions of the Program.

OR

Part II: Certification of Compliance

- ☐ My business has and adheres to a written policy that provides, on an annual basis, no less than five days of regular pay for actual jury service for full-time employees of the business who are also California residents, or my company will have and adhere to such a policy prior to award of the contract.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information stated above is true and correct.

Print Name:	Title:
Signature:	Date:

REQUIRED FORMS – EXHIBIT 11

TRANSITIONAL JOB OPPORTUNITIES PREFERENCE APPLICATION

COMPANY NAME:		
COMPANY ADDRESS:		
CITY:	STATE:	ZIP CODE:

I hereby certify that I meet all the requirements for this program:

My business is a non-profit corporation qualified under Internal Revenue Services Code - Section 501(c)(3) and has been such for 3 years (*attach IRS Determination Letter*);

I have submitted my three most recent annual tax returns with my application;

I have been in operation for at least one year providing transitional job and related supportive services to program participants; and

I have submitted a profile of our program; including a description of its components designed to help the program participants, number of past program participants and any other information requested by the contracting department.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information herein is true and correct.

PRINT NAME:	TITLE:
SIGNATURE:	DATE:

REVIEWED BY COUNTY:

SIGNATURE OF REVIEWER	APPROVED	DISAPPROVED	DATE

REQUIRED FORMS – EXHIBIT 12

INTENTIONALLY OMITTED

REQUIRED FORMS – EXHIBIT 13
MASTER AGREEMENT
BETWEEN COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
AND
[_____]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the County of Los Angeles, by order of its Board of Supervisors, has caused this Master Agreement to be executed on its behalf by the Sheriff of the County of Los Angeles, and Contractor has caused this Agreement to be duly executed on its behalf by its authorized officer.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

By _____
Leroy D. Baca, Sheriff

Date _____

CONTRACTOR

Signature: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
ANDREA SHERIDAN ORDIN
County Counsel

By _____
Michele Jackson
Deputy County Counsel

REQUIRED FORMS - EXHIBIT 14

CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE COUNTY'S DEFAULTED PROPERTY TAX REDUCTION PROGRAM

Company Name:		
Company Address:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Telephone Number:	Email address:	
Solicitation/Contract For _____ Services:		

Vendor certifies that:

- ☐ It is familiar with the terms of the County of Los Angeles Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program, Los Angeles County Code Chapter 2.206; **AND**

To the best of its knowledge, after a reasonable inquiry, Vendor is not in default, as that term is defined in Los Angeles County Code Section 2.206.020.E, on any Los Angeles County property tax obligation; **AND**

Vendor agrees to comply with the County's Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program during the term of any awarded contract.

- OR -

- ☐ I am exempt from the County of Los Angeles Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program, pursuant to Los Angeles County Code Section 2.206.060, for the following reason:

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information stated above is true and correct.

Print Name:	Title:
Signature:	Date:

Date: _____

APPENDIX E

TRANSMITTAL FORM TO REQUEST A SOLICITATION REQUIREMENTS REVIEW

FIREARMS AND TOOL MARK EXAMINATION AND/OR TRAINING SERVICES

TRANSMITTAL FORM TO REQUEST A SOLICITATION REQUIREMENTS REVIEW

***A Solicitation Requirements Review must be received by the County
within 10 business days of issuance of the solicitation document***

Vendor Name:	Date of Request:
Project Title:	Project No.

A **Solicitation Requirements Review** is being requested because the Vendor asserts that they are being unfairly disadvantaged for the following reason(s): *(check all that apply)*

- ☐ Application of **Minimum Requirements**
- ☐ Application of **Business Requirements**
- ☐ Due to **unclear instructions**, the process may result in the County not receiving the best possible responses

I understand that this request must be received by the County within **10 business days** of issuance of the solicitation document.

For each area contested, Vendor must explain in detail the factual reasons for the requested review.
(Attach additional pages and supporting documentation as necessary.)

Request submitted by:

(Name)

(Title)

For County use only

Date Transmittal Received by County: _____ Date Solicitation Released: _____

Reviewed by: _____

Results of Review - Comments:

Date Response sent to Vendor: _____

APPENDIX F

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES POLICY ON DOING BUSINESS WITH SMALL BUSINESS

FIREARMS AND TOOL MARK EXAMINATION AND/OR TRAINING SERVICES

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES POLICY ON DOING BUSINESS WITH SMALL BUSINESS

Forty-two percent of businesses in Los Angeles County have five or fewer employees. Only about four percent of businesses in the area exceed 100 employees. According to the Los Angeles Times and local economists, it is not large corporations, but these small companies that are generating new jobs and helping move Los Angeles County out of its worst recession in decades.

WE RECOGNIZE. . . .

The importance of small business to the County. . .

- in fueling local economic growth
- providing new jobs
- creating new local tax revenues
- offering new entrepreneurial opportunity to those historically under-represented in business

The County can play a positive role in helping small business grow. . .

- as a multi-billion dollar purchaser of goods and services
- as a broker of intergovernmental cooperation among numerous local jurisdictions
- by greater outreach in providing information and training
- by simplifying the bid/proposal process
- by maintaining selection criteria which are fair to all
- by streamlining the payment process

WE THEREFORE SHALL:

1. Constantly seek to streamline and simplify our processes for selecting our vendors and for conducting business with them.
2. Maintain a strong outreach program, fully-coordinated among our departments and districts, as well as other participating governments to: a) inform and assist the local business community in competing to provide goods and services; b) provide for ongoing dialogue with and involvement by the business community in implementing this policy.
3. Continually review and revise how we package and advertise solicitations, evaluate and select prospective vendors, address subcontracting and conduct business with our vendors, in order to: a) expand opportunity for small business to compete for our business; and b) to further opportunities for all businesses to compete regardless of size.
4. Insure that staff who manage and carry out the business of purchasing goods and services are well trained, capable and highly motivated to carry out the letter and spirit of this policy.

APPENDIX G

LISTING OF CONTRACTORS DEBARRED IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY

FIREARMS AND TOOL MARK EXAMINATION AND/OR TRAINING SERVICES

LISTING OF CONTRACTORS DEBARRED IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY

List of Debarred Contractors in Los Angeles County may be obtained by going to the following website:

http://lacounty.info/doing_business/DebarmentList.htm

APPENDIX H

CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEE JURY SERVICE ORDINANCE

FIREARMS AND TOOL MARK EXAMINATION AND/OR TRAINING SERVICES

Title 2 ADMINISTRATION
Chapter 2.203.010 through 2.203.090
CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEE JURY SERVICE

2.203.010 Findings.

The board of supervisors makes the following findings. The county of Los Angeles allows its permanent, full-time employees unlimited jury service at their regular pay. Unfortunately, many businesses do not offer or are reducing or even eliminating compensation to employees who serve on juries. This creates a potential financial hardship for employees who do not receive their pay when called to jury service, and those employees often seek to be excused from having to serve. Although changes in the court rules make it more difficult to excuse a potential juror on grounds of financial hardship, potential jurors continue to be excused on this basis, especially from longer trials. This reduces the number of potential jurors and increases the burden on those employers, such as the county of Los Angeles, who pay their permanent, full-time employees while on juror duty. For these reasons, the county of Los Angeles has determined that it is appropriate to require that the businesses with which the county contracts possess reasonable jury service policies. (Ord. 2002-0015 § 1 (part), 2002)

2.203.020 Definitions.

The following definitions shall be applicable to this chapter:

- A. "Contractor" means a person, partnership, corporation or other entity which has a contract with the county or a subcontract with a county contractor and has received or will receive an aggregate sum of \$50,000 or more in any 12-month period under one or more such contracts or subcontracts.
- B. "Employee" means any California resident who is a full-time employee of a contractor under the laws of California.
- C. "Contract" means any agreement to provide goods to, or perform services for or on behalf of, the county but does not include:
 - 1. A contract where the board finds that special circumstances exist that justify a waiver of the requirements of this chapter; or
 - 2. A contract where federal or state law or a condition of a federal or state program mandates the use of a particular contractor; or
 - 3. A purchase made through a state or federal contract; or
 - 4. A monopoly purchase that is exclusive and proprietary to a specific manufacturer, distributor, or reseller, and must match and inter-member with existing supplies, equipment or systems maintained by the county pursuant to the Los Angeles County Purchasing Policy and Procedures Manual, Section P-3700 or a successor provision; or
 - 5. A revolving fund (petty cash) purchase pursuant to the Los Angeles County Fiscal Manual, Section 4.4.0 or a successor provision; or
 - 6. A purchase card purchase pursuant to the Los Angeles County Purchasing Policy and Procedures Manual, Section P-2810 or a successor provision; or
 - 7. A non-agreement purchase with a value of less than \$5,000 pursuant to the Los Angeles County Purchasing Policy and Procedures Manual, Section A-0300 or a successor provision; or
 - 8. A bona fide emergency purchase pursuant to the Los Angeles County Purchasing Policy and Procedures Manual, Section PP-1100 or a successor provision.

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- D. "Full time" means 40 hours or more worked per week, or a lesser number of hours if:
1. The lesser number is a recognized industry standard as determined by the chief administrative officer, or
 2. The contractor has a long-standing practice that defines the lesser number of hours as full time.
- E. "County" means the county of Los Angeles or any public entities for which the board of supervisors is the governing body. (Ord. 2002-0040 § 1, 2002: Ord. 2002-0015 § 1 (part), 2002)

2.203.030 Applicability.

This chapter shall apply to contractors who enter into contracts that commence after July 11, 2002. This chapter shall also apply to contractors with existing contracts which are extended into option years that commence after July 11, 2002. Contracts that commence after May 28, 2002, but before July 11, 2002, shall be subject to the provisions of this chapter only if the solicitations for such contracts stated that the chapter would be applicable. (Ord. 2002-0040 § 2, 2002: Ord. 2002-0015 § 1 (part), 2002)

2.203.040 Contractor Jury Service Policy.

A contractor shall have and adhere to a written policy that provides that its employees shall receive from the contractor, on an annual basis, no less than five days of regular pay for actual jury service. The policy may provide that employees deposit any fees received for such jury service with the contractor or that the contractor deduct from the employees' regular pay the fees received for jury service. (Ord. 2002-0015 § 1 (part), 2002)

2.203.050 Other Provisions.

- A. Administration. The chief administrative officer shall be responsible for the administration of this chapter. The chief administrative officer may, with the advice of county counsel, issue interpretations of the provisions of this chapter and shall issue written instructions on the implementation and ongoing administration of this chapter. Such instructions may provide for the delegation of functions to other county departments.
- B. Compliance Certification. At the time of seeking a contract, a contractor shall certify to the county that it has and adheres to a policy consistent with this chapter or will have and adhere to such a policy prior to award of the contract. (Ord. 2002-0015 § 1 (part), 2002)

2.203.060 Enforcement and Remedies.

For a contractor's violation of any provision of this chapter, the county department head responsible for administering the contract may do one or more of the following:

1. Recommend to the board of supervisors the termination of the contract; and/or,
2. Pursuant to chapter 2.202, seek the debarment of the contractor. (Ord. 2002-0015 § 1 (part), 2002)

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2.203.070. Exceptions.

- A. Other Laws. This chapter shall not be interpreted or applied to any contractor or to any employee in a manner inconsistent with the laws of the United States or California.
- B. Collective Bargaining Agreements. This chapter shall be superseded by a collective bargaining agreement that expressly so provides.
- C. Small Business. This chapter shall not be applied to any contractor that meets all of the following:
 - 1. Has ten or fewer employees during the contract period; and,
 - 2. Has annual gross revenues in the preceding twelve months which, if added to the annual amount of the contract awarded, are less than \$500,000; and,
 - 3. Is not an affiliate or subsidiary of a business dominant in its field of operation.

“Dominant in its field of operation” means having more than ten employees and annual gross revenues in the preceding twelve months which, if added to the annual amount of the contract awarded, exceed \$500,000.

“Affiliate or subsidiary of a business dominant in its field of operation” means a business which is at least 20 percent owned by a business dominant in its field of operation, or by partners, officers, directors, majority stockholders, or their equivalent, of a business dominant in that field of operation. (Ord. 2002-0015 § 1 (part), 2002)

2.203.090. Severability.

If any provision of this chapter is found invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect. (Ord. 2002-0015 § 1 (part), 2002)

APPENDIX I

SAFELY SURRENDERED BABY LAW

FIREARMS AND TOOL MARK EXAMINATION AND/OR TRAINING SERVICES

Safely Surrendered



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Safely Surrendered Baby Law

What is the Safely Surrendered Baby Law?

California's Safely Surrendered Baby Law allows parents or other persons, with lawful custody, which means anyone to whom the parent has given permission to confidentially surrender a baby. As long as the baby is three days (72 hours) of age or younger and has not been abused or neglected, the baby may be surrendered without fear of arrest or prosecution.

How does it work?

A distressed parent who is unable or unwilling to care for a baby can legally, confidentially, and safely surrender a baby within three days (72 hours) of birth. The baby must be handed to an employee at a hospital or fire station in Los Angeles County. As long as the baby shows no sign of abuse or neglect, no name or other information is required. In case the parent changes his or her mind at a later date and wants the baby back, staff will use bracelets to help connect them to each other. One bracelet will be placed on the baby, and a matching bracelet will be given to the parent or other surrendering adult.

What if a parent wants the baby back?

Parents who change their minds can begin the process of reclaiming their baby within 14 days. These parents should call the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services at 1-800-540-4000.

Can only a parent bring in the baby?

No. While in most cases a parent will bring in the baby, the Law allows other people to bring in the baby if they have lawful custody.

Does the parent or surrendering adult have to call before bringing in the baby?

No. A parent or surrendering adult can bring in a baby anytime, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, as long as the parent or surrendering adult surrenders the baby to someone who works at the hospital or fire station.

Does the parent or surrendering adult have to tell anything to the people taking the baby?

No. However, hospital or fire station personnel will ask the surrendering party to fill out a questionnaire designed to gather important medical history information, which is very useful in caring for the baby. The questionnaire includes a stamped return envelope and can be sent in at a later time.

What happens to the baby?

The baby will be examined and given medical treatment. Upon release from the hospital, social workers immediately place the baby in a safe and loving home and begin the adoption process.

What happens to the parent or surrendering adult?

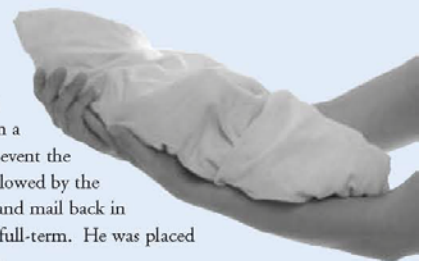
Once the parent or surrendering adult surrenders the baby to hospital or fire station personnel, they may leave at any time.

Why is California doing this?

The purpose of the Safely Surrendered Baby Law is to protect babies from being abandoned, hurt or killed by their parents. You may have heard tragic stories of babies left in dumpsters or public bathrooms. Their parents may have been under severe emotional distress. The mothers may have hidden their pregnancies, fearful of what would happen if their families found out. Because they were afraid and had no one or nowhere to turn for help, they abandoned their babies. Abandoning a baby is illegal and places the baby in extreme danger. Too often, it results in the baby's death. The Safely Surrendered Baby Law prevents this tragedy from ever happening again in California.

A baby's story

Early in the morning on April 9, 2005, a healthy baby boy was safely surrendered to nurses at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center. The woman who brought the baby to the hospital identified herself as the baby's aunt and stated the baby's mother had asked her to bring the baby to the hospital on her behalf. The aunt was given a bracelet with a number matching the anklet placed on the baby; this would provide some identification in the event the mother changed her mind about surrendering the baby and wished to reclaim the baby in the 14-day period allowed by the Law. The aunt was also provided with a medical questionnaire and said she would have the mother complete and mail back in the stamped return envelope provided. The baby was examined by medical staff and pronounced healthy and full-term. He was placed with a loving family that had been approved to adopt him by the Department of Children and Family Services.



Ley de Entrega de Bebés *Sin Peligro*



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Ley de Entrega de Bebés Sin Peligro

¿Qué es la Ley de Entrega de Bebés sin Peligro?

La Ley de Entrega de Bebés sin Peligro de California permite la entrega confidencial de un recién nacido por parte de sus padres u otras personas con custodia legal, es decir cualquier persona a quien los padres le hayan dado permiso. Siempre que el bebé tenga tres días (72 horas) de vida o menos, y no haya sufrido abuso ni negligencia, pueden entregar al recién nacido sin temor de ser arrestados o procesados.

Cada recién nacido se merece la oportunidad de tener una vida saludable. Si alguien que usted conoce está pensando en abandonar a un recién nacido, infórmele que tiene otras opciones. Hasta tres días (72 horas) después del nacimiento, se puede entregar un recién nacido al personal de cualquier hospital o cuartel de bomberos del condado de Los Angeles.

¿Cómo funciona?

El padre/madre con dificultades que no pueda o no quiera cuidar de su recién nacido puede entregarlo en forma legal, confidencial y segura dentro de los tres días (72 horas) del nacimiento. El bebé debe ser entregado a un empleado de cualquier hospital o cuartel de bomberos del Condado de Los Angeles. Siempre que el bebé no presente signos de abuso o negligencia, no será necesario suministrar nombres ni información alguna. Si el padre/madre cambia de opinión posteriormente y desea recuperar a su bebé, los trabajadores utilizarán brazaletes para poder vincularlos. El bebé llevará un brazalete y el padre/madre o el adulto que lo entregue recibirá un brazalete igual.

¿Qué pasa si el padre/madre desea recuperar a su bebé?

Los padres que cambien de opinión pueden comenzar el proceso de reclamar a su recién nacido dentro de los 14 días. Estos padres deberán llamar al Departamento de Servicios para Niños y Familias (Department of Children and Family Services) del Condado de Los Angeles al 1-800-540-4000.

¿Sólo los padres podrán llevar al recién nacido?

No. Si bien en la mayoría de los casos son los padres los que llevan al bebé, la ley permite que otras personas lo hagan si tienen custodia legal.

¿Los padres o el adulto que entrega al bebé deben llamar antes de llevar al bebé?

No. El padre/madre o adulto puede llevar al bebé en cualquier momento, las 24 horas del día, los 7 días de la semana, siempre y cuando entreguen a su bebé a un empleado del hospital o cuartel de bomberos.

¿Es necesario que el padre/madre o adulto diga algo a las personas que reciben al bebé?

No. Sin embargo, el personal del hospital o cuartel de bomberos le pedirá a la persona que entregue al bebé que llene un cuestionario con la finalidad de recabar antecedentes médicos importantes, que resultan de gran utilidad para cuidar bien del bebé. El cuestionario incluye un sobre con el sello postal pagado para enviarlo en otro momento.

¿Qué pasará con el bebé?

El bebé será examinado y le brindarán atención médica. Cuando le den el alta del hospital, los trabajadores sociales inmediatamente ubicarán al bebé en un hogar seguro donde estará bien atendido, y se comenzará el proceso de adopción.

¿Qué pasará con el padre/madre o adulto que entregue al bebé?

Una vez que los padres o adulto hayan entregado al bebé al personal del hospital o cuartel de bomberos, pueden irse en cualquier momento.

¿Por qué se está haciendo esto en California? ?

La finalidad de la Ley de Entrega de Bebés sin Peligro es proteger a los bebés para que no sean abandonados, lastimados o muertos por sus padres. Usted probablemente haya escuchado historias trágicas sobre bebés abandonados en basureros o en baños públicos. Los padres de esos bebés probablemente hayan estado pasando por dificultades emocionales graves. Las madres pueden haber ocultado su embarazo, por temor a lo que pasaría si sus familias se enteraran. Abandonaron a sus bebés porque tenían miedo y no tenían nadie a quien pedir ayuda. El abandono de un recién nacido es ilegal y pone al bebé en una situación de peligro extremo. Muy a menudo el abandono provoca la muerte del bebé. La Ley de Entrega de Bebés sin Peligro impide que vuelva a suceder esta tragedia en California.

Historia de un bebé

A la mañana temprano del día 9 de abril de 2005, se entregó un recién nacido saludable a las enfermeras del Harbor-UCLA Medical Center. La mujer que llevó el recién nacido al hospital se dio a conocer como la tía del bebé, y dijo que la madre le había pedido que llevara al bebé al hospital en su nombre. Le entregaron a la tía un brazalete con un número que coincidía con la pulsera del bebé; esto serviría como identificación en caso de que la madre cambiara de opinión con respecto a la entrega del bebé y decidiera recuperarlo dentro del período de 14 días que permite esta ley. También le dieron a la tía un cuestionario médico, y ella dijo que la madre lo llenaría y lo enviaría de vuelta dentro del sobre con franqueo pagado que le habían dado. El personal médico examinó al bebé y se determinó que estaba saludable y a término. El bebé fue ubicado con una buena familia que ya había sido aprobada para adoptarlo por el Departamento de Servicios para Niños y Familias.



APPENDIX J

IRS NOTICE 1015

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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Notice 1015

(Rev. December 2007)

Have You Told Your Employees About the Earned Income Credit (EIC)?

What Is the EIC?

The EIC is a refundable tax credit for certain workers.

Which Employees Must I Notify About the EIC?

You must notify each employee who worked for you at any time during the year and from whom you did not withhold income tax. However, you do not have to notify any employee who claimed exemption from withholding on Form W-4, Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate.

Note. You are encouraged to notify each employee whose wages for 2007 are less than \$39,783 that he or she may be eligible for the EIC.

How and When Must I Notify My Employees?

You must give the employee one of the following:

- The IRS Form W-2, Wage and Tax Statement, which has the required information about the EIC on the back of Copy B.
- A substitute Form W-2 with the same EIC information on the back of the employee's copy that is on Copy B of the IRS Form W-2.
- Notice 797, Possible Federal Tax Refund Due to the Earned Income Credit (EIC).
- Your written statement with the same wording as Notice 797.

If you are required to give Form W-2 and do so on time, no further notice is necessary if the Form W-2 has the required information about the EIC on the back of the employee's copy. If a substitute Form W-2 is given on time but does not have the required information, you must notify the employee within 1 week of the date the substitute Form W-2 is given. If Form W-2 is required but is not given on time, you must give the employee Notice 797 or your written statement by the date Form W-2 is required to be given. If Form W-2 is not required, you must notify the employee by February 7, 2008.

You must hand the notice directly to the employee or send it by First-Class Mail to the employee's last known address. You will not meet the notification requirements by posting Notice 797 on an employee bulletin board or sending it through office mail. However, you may want to post the notice to help inform all employees of the EIC. You can get copies of the notice from the IRS website at www.irs.gov or by calling 1-800-829-3676.

How Will My Employees Know If They Can Claim the EIC?

The basic requirements are covered in Notice 797. For more detailed information, the employee needs to see the 2007 instructions for Form 1040, 1040A, 1040EZ, or Pub. 596, Earned Income Credit (EIC).

How Do My Employees Claim the EIC?

Eligible employees claim the EIC on their 2007 tax return. Even employees who have no tax withheld from their pay or owe no tax can claim the EIC and get a refund, but they must file a tax return to do so. For example, if an employee has no tax withheld in 2007 and owes no tax but is eligible for a credit of \$825, he or she must file a 2007 tax return to get the \$825 refund.

How Do My Employees Get Advance EIC Payments?

Eligible employees who expect to have a qualifying child for 2008 can get part of the credit with their pay during the year by giving you a completed Form W-5, Earned Income Credit Advance Payment Certificate. You must include advance EIC payments with wages paid to these employees, but the payments are not wages and are not subject to payroll taxes. Generally, the payments are made from withheld income, social security, and Medicare taxes. For details, see Pub. 15 (Circular E), Employer's Tax Guide.

Notice 1015 (Rev. 12-2007)
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APPENDIX K

DEFAULTED PROPERTY TAX REDUCTION PROGRAM

FIREARMS AND TOOL MARK EXAMINATION AND/OR TRAINING SERVICES

Chapter 2.206 DEFAULTED PROPERTY TAX REDUCTION PROGRAM

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The Board of Supervisors finds that significant revenues are lost each year as a result of taxpayers who fail to pay their tax obligations on time. The delinquencies impose an economic burden upon the County and its taxpayers. Therefore, the Board of Supervisors establishes the goal of ensuring that individuals and businesses that benefit financially from contracts with the County fulfill their property tax obligation. (Ord. No. 2009-0026 § 1 (part), 2009.)

2.206.020 Definitions.

The following definitions shall be applicable to this chapter:

- A. "Contractor" shall mean any person, firm, corporation, partnership, or combination thereof, which submits a bid or proposal or enters into a contract or agreement with the County.
- B. "County" shall mean the county of Los Angeles or any public entities for which the Board of Supervisors is the governing body.
- C. "County Property Taxes" shall mean any property tax obligation on the County's secured or unsecured roll; except for tax obligations on the secured roll with respect to property held by a Contractor in a trust or fiduciary capacity or otherwise not beneficially owned by the Contractor.
- D. "Department" shall mean the County department, entity, or organization responsible for the solicitation and/or administration of the contract.
- E. "Default" shall mean any property tax obligation on the secured roll that has been deemed defaulted by operation of law pursuant to California Revenue and Taxation Code section 3436; or any property tax obligation on the unsecured roll that remains unpaid on the applicable delinquency date pursuant to California Revenue and Taxation Code section 2922; except for any property tax obligation dispute pending before the Assessment Appeals Board.
- F. "Solicitation" shall mean the County's process to obtain bids or proposals for goods and services.
- G. "Treasurer-Tax Collector" shall mean the Treasurer and Tax Collector of the County of Los Angeles. (Ord. No. 2009-0026 § 1 (part), 2009.)

2.206.030 Applicability.

This chapter shall apply to all solicitations issued 60 days after the effective date of the ordinance codified in this chapter. This chapter shall also apply to all new, renewed, extended, and/or amended contracts entered into 60 days after the effective date of the ordinance codified in this chapter. (Ord. No. 2009-0026 § 1 (part), 2009.)

2.206.040 Required solicitation and contract language.

All solicitations and all new, renewed, extended, and/or amended contracts shall contain language which:

- A. Requires any Contractor to keep County Property Taxes out of Default status at all times during the term of an awarded contract;
- B. Provides that the failure of the Contractor to comply with the provisions in this chapter may prevent the Contractor from being awarded a new contract; and
- C. Provides that the failure of the Contractor to comply with the provisions in this chapter may constitute a material breach of an existing contract, and failure to cure the breach within 10 days of notice by the County by paying the outstanding County Property Tax or making payments in a manner agreed to and approved by the Treasurer-Tax Collector, may subject the contract to suspension and/or termination. (Ord. No. 2009-0026 § 1 (part), 2009.)

2.206.050 Administration and compliance certification.

A. The Treasurer-Tax Collector shall be responsible for the administration of this chapter. The Treasurer-Tax Collector shall, with the assistance of the Chief Executive Officer, Director of Internal Services, and County

Counsel, issue written instructions on the implementation and ongoing administration of this chapter. Such instructions may provide for the delegation of functions to other departments.

B. Contractor shall be required to certify, at the time of submitting any bid or proposal to the County, or entering into any new contract, or renewal, extension or amendment of an existing contract with the County, that it is in compliance with this chapter is not in Default on any County Property Taxes or is current in payments due under any approved payment arrangement. (Ord. No. 2009-0026 § 1 (part), 2009.)

2.206.060 Exclusions/Exemptions.

A. This chapter shall not apply to the following contracts:

1. Chief Executive Office delegated authority agreements under \$50,000;
2. A contract where federal or state law or a condition of a federal or state program mandates the use of a particular contractor;
3. A purchase made through a state or federal contract;
4. A contract where state or federal monies are used to fund service related programs, including but not limited to voucher programs, foster care, or other social programs that provide immediate direct assistance;
5. Purchase orders under a master agreement, where the Contractor was certified at the time the master agreement was entered into and at any subsequent renewal, extension and/or amendment to the master agreement.
6. Purchase orders issued by Internal Services Department under \$100,000 that is not the result of a competitive bidding process.
7. Program agreements that utilize Board of Supervisors' discretionary funds;
8. National contracts established for the purchase of equipment and supplies for and by the National Association of Counties, U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance, or any similar related group purchasing organization;
9. A monopoly purchase that is exclusive and proprietary to a specific manufacturer, distributor, reseller, and must match and inter-member with existing supplies, equipment or systems maintained by the county pursuant to the Los Angeles Purchasing Policy and Procedures Manual, section P-3700 or a successor provision;
10. A revolving fund (petty cash) purchase pursuant to the Los Angeles County Fiscal Manual, section 4.6.0 or a successor provision;
11. A purchase card purchase pursuant to the Los Angeles County Purchasing Policy and Procedures Manual, section P-2810 or a successor provision;
12. A non-agreement purchase worth a value of less than \$5,000 pursuant to the Los Angeles County Purchasing Policy and Procedures Manual, section A-0300 or a successor provision; or
13. A bona fide emergency purchase pursuant to the Los Angeles County Purchasing Policy and Procedures Manual section P-0900 or a successor provision;
14. Other contracts for mission critical goods and/or services where the Board of Supervisors determines that an exemption is justified.

B. Other laws. This chapter shall not be interpreted or applied to any Contractor in a manner inconsistent with the laws of the United States or California. (Ord. No. 2009-0026 § 1 (part), 2009.)

2.206.070 Enforcement and remedies.

A. The information furnished by each Contractor certifying that it is in compliance with this chapter shall be under penalty of perjury.

B. No Contractor shall willfully and knowingly make a false statement certifying compliance with this chapter for the purpose of obtaining or retaining a County contract.

C. For Contractor's violation of any provision of this chapter, the County department head responsible for administering the contract may do one or more of the following:

1. Recommend to the Board of Supervisors the termination of the contract; and/or,
2. Pursuant to chapter 2.202, seek the debarment of the contractor; and/or,
3. Recommend to the Board of Supervisors that an exemption is justified pursuant to Section 2.206.060.A.14 of this chapter or payment deferral as provided pursuant to the California Revenue and Taxation Code. (Ord. No. 2009-0026 § 1 (part), 2009.)

2.206.080 Severability.

If any provision of this chapter is found invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect. (Ord. No. 2009-0026 § 1 (part), 2009.)