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# ADDENDUM NUMBER 2 TO REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS NO. 2024-012 FOR AS-NEEDED LANGUAGE ASSISTANCE SERVICES

On November 21, 2024, the County of Los Angeles (County) Department of Public Health (Public Health) released a Request for Statement of Qualifications (RFSQ) for As-Needed Language Assistance Services.

This Addendum Number 2 is being issued to make modifications to the RFSQ.

Pursuant to RFSQ Section 4.0, County Rights & Responsibilities, DPH has the right to amend the RFSQ by written addendum. This Addendum Number 2 amends this RFSQ as indicated below (new RFSQ language in highlight and revised or deleted language in strikethrough for easy reference).

# **MODIFICATIONS TO RFSQ**

1. RFSQ, Section 1.0, **SOLICITATION INFORMATION TIMETABLE**, is amended as follows:

# 1.0 SOLICITATION INFORMATION TIMETABLE

| RFSQ TIMETABLE                                     |  |  |
|--|--|--|
| RFSQ Release Date                                  | November 21, 2024  |  |
| RFSQ Contact                                       | Norma Banuelos, via email: <a href="mailto:nbanuelos@ph.lacounty.gov">nbanuelos@ph.lacounty.gov</a> December 9, 2024 January 14, 2024 3:00 pm Pacific Standard Time (PT) |  |
| Solicitation Requirements Review (SRR) Request Due |  |  |

| Written Questions Due                       | December 9, 2024 January 14, 2025<br>3:00 pm PT                  |  |
|---|--|--|
| Questions and Answers Released via Addendum | <del>January 7, 2025</del> January 28, 2025                      |  |
| SOQ's Due                                   | <del>January 21, 2025</del> February 11, 2023 3:00 PM            |  |
| Anticipated Master Agreement<br>Term        | Date of Execution – June 30, 2030                                |  |
| Minimum Mandatory Requirements (MMRs)       | See Section 3.0 of this RFSQ for Minimum Mandatory Requirements. |  |

2. RFSQ, Section 3.0, **MINIMUM MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS**, Sub-section 3.3, is amended as follows:

# The following additional qualifications apply to Category 3:

- yendor must have a minimum of one (1) centralized calling center, either a physical or cloud-based site equipped and staffed locally or remotely, within the United States, with uninterruptible power supply, a toll-free access phone number, and fully redundant backup capabilities -and- one (1) free application or use a web application, with required log-in, hosted within the United States that resides on a secure server and a web browser, with no plug-ins or applets downloaded to the end User's computer with uninterruptible power supply and fully redundant backup capabilities that complies with County security protocols, Exhibit L J, Information Security and Privacy Requirements, of the Sample Master Agreement.
- 3. RFSQ, Appendix A, Sample Master Agreement, is amended to add the following Exhibits:

# Standard Exhibits:

Exhibit C - County's Administration

Exhibit D - Contractor's Administration

Exhibit E - Safely Surrendered Baby Law

Exhibit F - Contractor Acknowledgement and Confidentiality Agreement

# **Unique Exhibits:**

Exhibit G - Charitable Contributions Certification

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- Exhibit H Business Associate Agreement Under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA)
- Exhibit I Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act (HITECH)
- Exhibit J Information Security and Privacy Requirements
- 4. RFSQ, Appendix B, Required Forms, Exhibit 6, is amended and replaced with Exhibit B, Required Forms, Exhibit 6 (Revised) to revise Minimum Mandatory Requirement 3.3.
- 5. RFSQ, Appendix B.1, Required Forms, Exhibit 6.1, is amended and replaced with Exhibit B.1, Required Forms, Exhibit 6.1 (Revised) to revised Minimum Mandatory Requirement 3.3.
- 6. RFSQ, Appendix E (Exhibit A of Sample Master Agreement), Statement of Work for <u>Category 1: Document Translations and Other Written Services</u>, Section 4.0, **RESPONSIBILITIES**, <u>CONTRACTOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES</u>, Sub-section 4.3, **Personnel**, Sub-section 4.3.3.2, is amended as follows:
  - 4.3.3.2 Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 42, Part 2, confidentiality and nondisclosure agreements that address privacy of communications, confidentiality, personal responsibility, and protection of information belonging to Individuals and the Department. Signed acknowledgments and evidence of trainings to meet this requirement must be maintained in the personnel's file at Contractor's Los Angeles County office.
- 7. RFSQ, Appendix E (Exhibit A of Sample Master Agreement), Statement of Work for <u>Category 3: Telephonic and Video Remote Interpretation Services</u>, Section 4.0, **RESPONSIBILITIES**, <u>CONTRACTOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES</u>, Sub-section 4.3, Personnel, Subsection 4.3.3.2, is amended as follows:
  - 4.3.3.2 Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 42, Part 2, confidentiality and nondisclosure agreements that address privacy of communications, confidentiality, personal responsibility, and protection of information belonging to Individuals and the Department. Signed acknowledgments and evidence of trainings to meet this requirement must be maintained in the personnel's file at Contractor's Los Angeles County-office.

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- 8. RFSQ, Appendix E (Exhibit A of Sample Master Agreement), Statement of Work for Category 3: Telephonic and Video Remote Interpretation Services, Section 9.0, INFRASTRUCTURE OPERATIONS, Sub-section 9.4, is amended as follows:
  - 9.4 The centralized call center must be either a physical or cloud-based site equipped and staffed, locally or remotely to ensure connection to an interpreter for the requested language within the time generally promised to all their clients via publicly available materials or within 40 seconds but not longer, whichever is shorter.

Pursuant to RFSQ, Section 4.0, County's Rights and Responsibilities, Addendum Number 2 has been made available on the Department of Public Health Contracts and Grants website at <a href="http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/cg/index.htm">http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/cg/index.htm</a> and on the County's website at <a href="http://camisvr.co.la.ca.us/lacobids/BidLookUp/BidOpenStart.asp">http://camisvr.co.la.ca.us/lacobids/BidLookUp/BidOpenStart.asp</a>.

Thank you for your interest in contracting with the County of Los Angeles. Except for the revisions contained in Addendum Number 2, there are no other revisions to the RFSQ. All other terms and conditions of the RFSQ remain in full force and effect.

# **STANDARD EXHIBITS**

- A STATEMENTS OF WORK (REFER TO APPENDIX E OF THIS RFSQ)
- B PRICE SHEETS (REFER TO APPENDIX F OF THIS RFSQ)
- C COUNTY'S ADMINISTRATION
- D CONTRACTOR'S ADMINISTRATION
- E SAFELY SURRENDERED BABY LAW
- F CONTRACTOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT

# **UNIQUE EXHIBITS**

- G CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS CERTIFICATION
- H BUSINESS ASSOCIATE AGREEMENT UNDER THE HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 1996 (HIPAA)
- I HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY FOR ECONOMIC AND CLINICAL HEALTH ACT ("HITECH")
- J INFORMATION SECURITY AND PRIVACY REQUIREMENTS

# **COUNTY'S ADMINISTRATION**

MASTER AGREEMENT NO. Click or tap here to enter text.

# COUNTY'S MASTER AGREEMENT PROJECT DIRECTOR (MAPD):

| Name:      | Click or tap here to enter text. |
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# DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH MASTER AGREEMENT MANAGER:

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# DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES MASTER AGREEMENT MANAGER:

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# **CONTRACTOR'S ADMINISTRATION**

CONTRACTOR'S NAME: Click or tap here to enter text.

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# **CONTRACTOR'S PROJECT MANAGER:**

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# **CONTRACTOR'S AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL(S):**

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# **NOTICES TO CONTRACTOR:**

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Some parents of newborns can find themselves in difficult circumstances. Sadly, babies are sometimes harmed or abandoned by parents who feel that they're not ready or able to raise a child. Many of these mothers or fathers are afraid and don't know where to turn for help.

This is why California has a Safely Surrendered Baby Law, which gives parents the choice to legally leave their baby at any hospital or fire station in Los Angeles County.

## FIVE THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT BABY SAFE SURRENDER

- 1 Your newborn can be surrendered at any hospital or fire station in Los Angeles County up to 72 hours after birth.
- You must leave your newborn with a fire station or hospital employee.
- You don't have to provide your name.
- You will only be asked to voluntarily provide a medical history.
- You have 14 days to change your mind; a matching bracelet (parent) and anklet (baby) are provided to assist you if you change your mind.

No shame | No blame | No names



# ABOUT THE BABY SAFE SURRENDER PROGRAM

In 2002, a task force was created under the guidance of the Children's Planning Council to address newborn abandonment and to develop a strategic plan to prevent this tragedy.

Los Angeles County has worked hard to ensure that the Safely Surrendered Baby Law prevents babies from being abandoned. We're happy to report that this law is doing exactly what it was designed to do: save the lives of innocent babies. Visit BabySafeLA.org to learn more.

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ANY FIRE STATION. ANY HOSPITAL. ANY TIME. 1.877.222.9723 BabySafeLA.org





# FROM SURRENDER TO ADOPTION: ONE BABY'S STORY

Los Angeles County firefighter Ted and his wife Becki were already parents to two boys. But when they got the call asking if they would be willing to care for a premature baby girl who'd been safely surrendered at a local hospital, they didn't hesitate.

Baby Jenna was tiny, but Ted and Becki felt lucky to be able to take her home. "We had always wanted to adopt," Ted says, "but taking home a vulnerable safely surrendered baby was even better. She had no one, but now she had us. And, more importantly, we had her."

Baby Jenna has filled the longing Ted and Becki had for a daughter—and a sister for their boys. Because her birth parent safely surrendered her when she was born, Jenna is a thriving young girl growing up in a stable and loving family.

# **ANSWERS TO YOUR QUESTIONS**

### Who is legally allowed to surrender the baby?

Anyone with lawful custody can drop off a newborn within the first 72 hours of birth.

# Do you need to call ahead before surrendering a baby?

No. A newborn can be surrendered anytime, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, as long as the parent or guardian surrenders the child to an employee of the hospital or fire station.

### What information needs to be provided?

The surrendering adult will be asked to fill out a medical history form, which is useful in caring for the child. The form can be returned later and includes a stamped return envelope. No names are required.

### What happens to the baby?

After a complete medical exam, the baby will be released and placed in a safe and loving home, and the adoption process will begin.

### What happens to the parent or surrendering adult?

Nothing. They may leave at any time after surrendering the baby.

### How can a parent get a baby back?

Parents who change their minds can begin the process of reclaiming their baby within 14 days by calling the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services at (800) 540-4000.

### If you're unsure of what to do:

You can call the hotline 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and anonymously speak

# 1.877.222.9723 or BabySafeLA.org

English, Spanish and 140 other languages spoken.

# **CONTRACTOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT**

| CONTRACTOR NAME  | Master Agreement No  |
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|  | ered into a Master Agreement with the County of Los Angeles to provide certain res the Corporation to sign this Contractor Acknowledgement and Confidentiality   |
| contractors (Contractor's Staff) that will prov<br>Contractor understands and agrees that Co   | the Contractor employees, consultants, Outsourced Vendors and independent ide services in the above referenced agreement are Contractor's sole responsibility. ntractor's Staff must rely exclusively upon Contractor for payment of salary and any of Contractor's Staff's performance of work under the above-referenced Master  |
| whatsoever and that Contractor's Staff do r<br>Los Angeles by virtue of my performance of  | ontractor's Staff are not employees of the County of Los Angeles for any purpose not have and will not acquire any rights or benefits of any kind from the County of work under the above-referenced Master Agreement. Contractor understands and the any rights or benefits from the County of Los Angeles pursuant to any agreement thy of Los Angeles.  |
| if so, Contractor and Contractor's Staff may be receiving services from the County. In a information supplied by other vendors doing protect all such confidential data and inform and welfare recipient records. Contractor are must ensure that Contractor and Contractor. | volved with work pertaining to services provided by the County of Los Angeles and, nave access to confidential data and information pertaining to persons and/or entities ddition, Contractor and Contractor's Staff may also have access to proprietary g business with the County of Los Angeles. The County has a legal obligation to ation in its possession, especially data and information concerning health, criminal, and Contractor's Staff understand that if they are involved in County work, the County is Staff, will protect the confidentiality of such data and information. Consequently, reement as a condition of work to be provided by Contractor's Staff for the County. |
| obtained while performing work pursuant to   | grees that they will not divulge to any unauthorized person any data or information to the above-referenced Master Agreement between Contractor and the County of Staff agree to forward all requests for the release of any data or information received  |
| information pertaining to persons and/or er<br>formats, documentation, Contractor proprie<br>Contractor and Contractor's Staff under the<br>protect these confidential materials against<br>the information. Contractor and Contractor                                       | keep confidential all health, criminal, and welfare recipient records and all data and attities receiving services from the County, design concepts, algorithms, programs, stary information and all other original materials produced, created, or provided to above-referenced Master Agreement. Contractor and Contractor's Staff agree to disclosure to other than Contractor or County employees who have a need to know r's Staff agree that if proprietary information supplied by other County vendors is intractor and Contractor's Staff must keep such information confidential.  |
| Contractor and Contractor's Staff agree to and/or by any other person of whom Contra   | report any and all violations of this agreement by Contractor and Contractor's Staff ctor and Contractor's Staff become aware.   |
|  | dge that violation of this agreement may subject Contractor and Contractor's Staff to nty of Los Angeles may seek all possible legal redress.  |
| SIGNATURE:   | DATE:  |
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# **CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS CERTIFICATION**

| Operation Maria |  |  |
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|                 | Vendor or Contractor has examined its activities and on now receive or raise charitable contributions reg Supervision of Trustees and Fundraisers for Charitable engages in activities subjecting it to those laws dur contract, it will timely comply with them and provide registration with the California State Attorney General Trusts when filed.  | ulated under California's<br>e Purposes Act. If Vendor<br>ing the term of a County<br>County a copy of its initial |
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|                 | Vendor or Contractor is registered with the California Registry of Charitable Trusts under the CT number listed above and is in compliance with its registration and reporting requirements under California law. Attached is a copy of its most recent filing with the Registry of Charitable Trusts as required by Title 11 California Code of Regulations, sections 300-301 and Government Code sections 12585-12586. |  |
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| Printe          | nted Name: Title:  |  |

# BUSINESS ASSOCIATE AGREEMENT UNDER THE HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 1996 ("HIPAA")

County is a Covered Entity as defined by, and subject to the requirements and prohibitions of, the Administrative Simplification provisions of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, Public Law 104-191 ("HIPAA"), and regulations promulgated thereunder, including the Privacy, Security, Breach Notification, and Enforcement Rules at 45 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) Parts 160 and 164 (collectively, the "HIPAA Rules").

Contractor performs or provides functions, activities or services to County that require Contractor in order to provide such functions, activities or services to create, access, receive, maintain, and/or transmit information that includes or that may include Protected Health Information, as defined by the HIPAA Rules. As such, Contractor is a Business Associate, as defined by the HIPAA Rules, and is therefore subject to those provisions of the HIPAA Rules that are applicable to Business Associates.

The HIPAA Rules require a written agreement ("Business Associate Agreement") between County and Contractor in order to mandate certain protections for the privacy and security of Protected Health Information, and these HIPAA Rules prohibit the disclosure to or use of Protected Health Information by Contractor if such an agreement is not in place.

This Business Associate Agreement and its provisions are intended to protect the privacy and provide for the security of Protected Health Information disclosed to or used by Contractor in compliance with the HIPAA Rules.

Therefore, the parties agree as follows:

# 1. **DEFINITIONS**

- 1.1 "Breach" has the same meaning as the term "breach" at 45 C.F.R. § 164.402.
- "Business Associate" has the same meaning as the term "business associate" at 45 C.F.R. § 160.103. For the convenience of the parties, a "business associate" is a person or entity, other than a member of the workforce of covered entity, who performs functions or activities on behalf of, or provides certain services to, a covered entity that involve access by the business associate to Protected Health Information. A "business associate" also is a subcontractor that creates, receives, maintains, or transmits Protected Health Information on behalf of another business associate. And in reference to the party to this Business Associate Agreement "Business Associate" will mean Contractor.

- 1.3 "Covered Entity" has the same meaning as the term "covered entity" at 45 C.F.R. § 160.103, and in reference to the party to this Business Associate Agreement, "Covered Entity" will mean County.
- 1.4 "Data Aggregation" has the same meaning as the term "data aggregation" at 45 C.F.R. § 164.501.
- 1.5 "De-identification" refers to the de-identification standard at 45 C.F.R. § 164.514.
- 1.6 "Designated Record Set" has the same meaning as the term "designated record set" at 45 C.F.R. § 164.501.
- 1.7 "Disclose" and "Disclosure" mean, with respect to Protected Health Information, the release, transfer, provision of access to, or divulging in any other manner of Protected Health Information outside Business Associate's internal operations or to other than its workforce. (See 45 C.F.R. § 160.103.)
- 1.8 "Electronic Health Record" means an electronic record of health-related information on an individual that is created, gathered, managed, and consulted by authorized health care clinicians and staff. (See 42 U.S. C. § 17921.)
- 1.9 "Electronic Media" has the same meaning as the term "electronic media" at 45 C.F.R. § 160.103. For the convenience of the parties, electronic media means (1) Electronic storage material on which data is or may be recorded electronically, including, for example, devices in computers (hard drives) and any removable/transportable digital memory medium, such as magnetic tape or disk, optical disk, or digital memory card; (2) Transmission media used to exchange information already in electronic storage media. Transmission media include, for example, the Internet, extranet or intranet, leased lines, dial-up lines, private networks, and the physical movement of removable/transportable electronic storage media. transmissions, including of paper, via facsimile, and of voice, via telephone, are not considered to be transmissions via electronic media if the information being exchanged did not exist in electronic form immediately before the transmission.
- 1.10 "Electronic Protected Health Information" has the same meaning as the term "electronic protected health information" at 45 C.F.R. § 160.103, limited to Protected Health Information created or received by Business Associate from or on behalf of Covered Entity. For the convenience of the parties, Electronic Protected Health Information means Protected Health Information that is (i) transmitted by electronic media; (ii) maintained in electronic media.

- 1.11 "Health Care Operations" has the same meaning as the term "health care operations" at 45 C.F.R. § 164.501.
- 1.12 "Individual" has the same meaning as the term "individual" at 45 C.F.R. § 160.103. For the convenience of the parties, Individual means the person who is the subject of Protected Health Information and will include a person who qualifies as a personal representative in accordance with 45 C.F.R. § 164.502 (g).
- 1.13 "Law Enforcement Official" has the same meaning as the term "law enforcement official" at 45 C.F.R. § 164.103.
- 1.14 "Minimum Necessary" refers to the minimum necessary standard at 45 C.F.R. § 164.502 (b).
- 1.15 "Protected Health Information" has the same meaning as the term "protected health information" at 45 C.F.R. § 160.103, limited to the information created or received by Business Associate from or on behalf of Covered Entity. For the convenience of the parties, Protected Health Information includes information that (i) relates to the past, present or future physical or mental health or condition of an Individual; the provision of health care to an Individual, or the past, present or future payment for the provision of health care to an Individual; (ii) identifies the Individual (or for which there is a reasonable basis for believing that the information can be used to identify the Individual); and (iii) is created, received, maintained, or transmitted by Business Associate from or on behalf of Covered Entity, and includes Protected Health Information that is made accessible to Business Associate by Covered Entity. "Protected Health Information" includes Electronic Protected Health Information.
- 1.16 "Required by Law" " has the same meaning as the term "required by law" at 45 C.F.R. § 164.103.
- 1.17 "Secretary" has the same meaning as the term "secretary" at 45 C.F.R. § 160.103
- 1.18 "Security Incident" has the same meaning as the term "security incident" at 45 C.F.R. § 164.304.
- 1.19 "Services" means, unless otherwise specified, those functions, activities, or services in the applicable underlying Agreement, Contract, Master Agreement, Work Order, or Purchase Order or other service arrangement, with or without payment, that gives rise to Contractor's status as a Business Associate.
- 1.20 "Subcontractor" has the same meaning as the term "subcontractor" at 45 C.F.R. § 160.103.

- 1.21 "Unsecured Protected Health Information" has the same meaning as the term "unsecured protected health information" at 45 C.F.R. § 164.402.
- 1.22 "Use" or "Uses" means, with respect to Protected Health Information, the sharing, employment, application, utilization, examination or analysis of such Information within Business Associate's internal operations. (See 45 C.F.R § 164.103.)
- 1.23 Terms used, but not otherwise defined in this Business Associate Agreement, have the same meaning as those terms in the HIPAA Rules.

# 2. <u>PERMITTED AND REQUIRED USES AND DISCLOSURES OF PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION</u>

- 2.1 Business Associate may only Use and/or Disclose Protected Health Information as necessary to perform Services, and/or as necessary to comply with the obligations of this Business Associate Agreement.
- 2.2 Business Associate may Use Protected Health Information for deidentification of the information if de-identification of the information is required to provide Services.
- 2.3 Business Associate may Use or Disclose Protected Health Information as Required by Law.
- 2.4 Business Associate will make Uses and Disclosures and requests for Protected Health Information consistent with the Covered Entity's applicable Minimum Necessary policies and procedures.
- 2.5 Business Associate may Use Protected Health Information as necessary for the proper management and administration of its business or to carry out its legal responsibilities.
- 2.6 Business Associate may Disclose Protected Health Information as necessary for the proper management and administration of its business or to carry out its legal responsibilities, provided the Disclosure is Required by Law or Business Associate obtains reasonable assurances from the person to whom the Protected Health Information is disclosed (i.e., the recipient) that it will be held confidentially and Used or further Disclosed only as Required by Law or for the purposes for which it was disclosed to the recipient and the recipient notifies Business Associate of any instances of which it is aware in which the confidentiality of the Protected Health Information has been breached

2.7 Business Associate may provide Data Aggregation services relating to Covered Entity's Health Care Operations if such Data Aggregation services are necessary in order to provide Services.

# 3. PROHIBITED USES AND DISCLOSURES OF PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION

- 3.1 Business Associate must not Use or Disclose Protected Health Information other than as permitted or required by this Business Associate Agreement or as Required by Law.
- 3.2 Business Associate must not Use or Disclose Protected Health Information in a manner that would violate Subpart E of 45 C.F.R. Part 164 if done by Covered Entity, except for the specific Uses and Disclosures set forth in Sections 2.5 and 2.6.
- 3.3 Business Associate must not Use or Disclose Protected Health Information for de-identification of the information except as set forth in section 2.2.

# 4. OBLIGATIONS TO SAFEGUARD PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION

- 4.1 Business Associate must implement, use, and maintain appropriate safeguards to prevent the Use or Disclosure of Protected Health Information other than as provided for by this Business Associate Agreement.
- 4.2 Business Associate must comply with Subpart C of 45 C.F.R Part 164 with respect to Electronic Protected Health Information, to prevent the Use or Disclosure of such information other than as provided for by this Business Associate Agreement.

# 5. REPORTING NON-PERMITTED USES OR DISCLOSURES, SECURITY INCIDENTS, AND BREACHES OF UNSECURED PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION

- 5.1 Business Associate must report to Covered Entity any Use or Disclosure of Protected Health Information not permitted by this Business Associate Agreement, any Security Incident, and/ or any Breach of Unsecured Protected Health Information as further described in Sections 5.1.1, 5.1.2, and 5.1.3.
  - 5.1.1 Business Associate must report to Covered Entity any Use or Disclosure of Protected Health Information by Business Associate, its employees, representatives, agents or Subcontractors not provided for by this Agreement of which Business Associate becomes aware.

- 5.1.2 Business Associate must report to Covered Entity any Security Incident of which Business Associate becomes aware.
- 5.1.3. Business Associate must report to Covered Entity any Breach by Business Associate, its employees, representatives, agents, workforce members, or Subcontractors of Unsecured Protected Health Information that is known to Business Associate or, by exercising reasonable diligence, would have been known to Business Associate. Business Associate will be deemed to have knowledge of a Breach of Unsecured Protected Health Information if the Breach is known, or by exercising reasonable diligence would have been known, to any person, other than the person committing the Breach, who is an employee, officer, or other agent of Business Associate, including a Subcontractor, as determined in accordance with the federal common law of agency.
- 5.2 Except as provided in Section 5.3, for any reporting required by Section 5.1, Business Associate must provide, to the extent available, all information required by, and within the times frames specified in, Sections 5.2.1 and 5.2.2.
  - 5.2.1 Business Associate must make an immediate telephonic report upon discovery of the non-permitted Use or Disclosure of Protected Health Information, Security Incident or Breach of Unsecured Protected Health Information to (562) 940-3335 that minimally includes:
    - (a) A brief description of what happened, including the date of the non-permitted Use or Disclosure, Security Incident, or Breach and the date of Discovery of the non-permitted Use or Disclosure, Security Incident, or Breach, if known;
    - (b) The number of Individuals whose Protected Health Information is involved;
    - (c) A description of the specific type of Protected Health Information involved in the non-permitted Use or Disclosure, Security Incident, or Breach (such as whether full name, social security number, date of birth, home address, account number, diagnosis, disability code or other types of information were involved):
    - (d) The name and contact information for a person highly knowledge of the facts and circumstances of the non-

permitted Use or Disclosure of PHI, Security Incident, or Breach

- 5.2.2 Business Associate must make a written report without unreasonable delay and in no event later than three (3) business days from the date of discovery by Business Associate of the non-permitted Use or Disclosure of Protected Health Information, Security Incident, or Breach of Unsecured Protected Health Information and to the HIPAA Compliance Officer at: Hall of Records, County of Los Angeles, Chief Executive Office, Risk Management Branch-Office of Privacy, 320 W. Temple Street, 7th Floor, Los Angeles, California 90012, PRIVACY@ceo.lacounty.gov, that includes, to the extent possible:
  - (a) A brief description of what happened, including the date of the non-permitted Use or Disclosure, Security Incident, or Breach and the date of Discovery of the non-permitted Use or Disclosure, Security Incident, or Breach, if known;
  - (b) The number of Individuals whose Protected Health Information is involved;
  - (c) A description of the specific type of Protected Health Information involved in the non-permitted Use or Disclosure, Security Incident, or Breach (such as whether full name, social security number, date of birth, home address, account number, diagnosis, disability code or other types of information were involved);
  - (d) The identification of each Individual whose Unsecured Protected Health Information has been, or is reasonably believed by Business Associate to have been, accessed, acquired, Used, or Disclosed;
  - (e) Any other information necessary to conduct an assessment of whether notification to the Individual(s) under 45 C.F.R. § 164.404 is required;
  - (f) Any steps Business Associate believes that the Individual(s) could take to protect themselves from potential harm from the non-permitted Use or Disclosure, Security Incident, or Breach;
  - (g) A brief description of what Business Associate is doing to investigate, to mitigate harm to the Individual(s), and to protect against any further similar occurrences; and

- (h) The name and contact information for a person highly knowledge of the facts and circumstances of the nonpermitted Use or Disclosure of PHI, Security Incident, or Breach.
- 5.2.3 If Business Associate is not able to provide the information specified in Section 5.2.1 or 5.2.2 at the time of the required report, Business Associate must provide such information promptly thereafter as such information becomes available.
- 5.3 Business Associate may delay the notification required by Section 5.1.3, if a law enforcement official states to Business Associate that notification would impede a criminal investigation or cause damage to national security.
  - 5.3.1 If the law enforcement official's statement is in writing and specifies the time for which a delay is required, Business Associate must delay its reporting and/or notification obligation(s) for the time period specified by the official.
  - 5.3.2 If the statement is made orally, Business Associate must document the statement, including the identity of the official making the statement, and delay its reporting and/or notification obligation(s) temporarily and no longer than 30 days from the date of the oral statement, unless a written statement as described in Section 5.3.1 is submitted during that time.

# 6. WRITTEN ASSURANCES OF SUBCONTRACTORS

- 6.1 In accordance with 45 C.F.R. § 164.502 (e)(1)(ii) and § 164.308 (b)(2), if applicable, Business Associate must ensure that any Subcontractor that creates, receives, maintains, or transmits Protected Health Information on behalf of Business Associate is made aware of its status as a Business Associate with respect to such information and that Subcontractor agrees in writing to the same restrictions, conditions, and requirements that apply to Business Associate with respect to such information.
- 6.2 Business Associate must take reasonable steps to cure any material breach or violation by Subcontractor of the agreement required by Section 6.1.
- 6.3 If the steps required by Section 6.2 do not cure the breach or end the violation, Contractor must terminate, if feasible, any arrangement with Subcontractor by which Subcontractor creates, receives, maintains, or transmits Protected Health Information on behalf of Business Associate.

- 6.4 If neither cure nor termination as set forth in Sections 6.2 and 6.3 is feasible, Business Associate must immediately notify County.
- 6.5 Without limiting the requirements of Section 6.1, the agreement required by Section 6.1 (Subcontractor Business Associate Agreement) must require Subcontractor to contemporaneously notify Covered Entity in the event of a Breach of Unsecured Protected Health Information.
- 6.6 Without limiting the requirements of Section 6.1, agreement required by Section 6.1 (Subcontractor Business Associate Agreement) must include a provision requiring Subcontractor to destroy, or in the alternative to return to Business Associate, any Protected Health Information created, received, maintained, or transmitted by Subcontractor on behalf of Business Associate so as to enable Business Associate to comply with the provisions of Section 18.4.
- 6.7 Business Associate must provide to Covered Entity, at Covered Entity's request, a copy of any and all Subcontractor Business Associate Agreements required by Section 6.1.
- 6.8 Sections 6.1 and 6.7 are not intended by the parties to limit in any way the scope of Business Associate's obligations related to Subcontracts or Subcontracting in the applicable underlying Agreement, Contract, Master Agreement, Work Order, Purchase Order, or other services arrangement, with or without payment, that gives rise to Contractor's status as a Business Associate.

# 7. ACCESS TO PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION

- 7.1 To the extent Covered Entity determines that Protected Health Information is maintained by Business Associate or its agents or Subcontractors in a Designated Record Set, Business Associate must, within two (2) business days after receipt of a request from Covered Entity, make the Protected Health Information specified by Covered Entity available to the Individual(s) identified by Covered Entity as being entitled to access and must provide such Individuals(s) or other person(s) designated by Covered Entity with a copy the specified Protected Health Information, in order for Covered Entity to meet the requirements of 45 C.F.R. § 164.524.
- 7.2 If any Individual requests access to Protected Health Information directly from Business Associate or its agents or Subcontractors, Business Associate must notify Covered Entity in writing within two (2) days of the receipt of the request. Whether access will be provided or denied will be determined by Covered Entity.

7.3 To the extent that Business Associate maintains Protected Health Information that is subject to access as set forth above in one or more Designated Record Sets electronically and if the Individual requests an electronic copy of such information, Business Associate must provide the Individual with access to the Protected Health Information in the electronic form and format requested by the Individual, if it is readily producible in such form and format; or, if not, in a readable electronic form and format as agreed to by Covered Entity and the Individual.

# 8. AMENDMENT OF PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION

- 8.1 To the extent Covered Entity determines that any Protected Health Information is maintained by Business Associate or its agents or Subcontractors in a Designated Record Set, Business Associate must, within ten (10) business days after receipt of a written request from Covered Entity, make any amendments to such Protected Health Information that are requested by Covered Entity, in order for Covered Entity to meet the requirements of 45 C.F.R. § 164.526.
- 8.2 If any Individual requests an amendment to Protected Health Information directly from Business Associate or its agents or Subcontractors, Business Associate must notify Covered Entity in writing within five (5) days of the receipt of the request. Whether an amendment will be granted or denied will be determined by Covered Entity.

# 9. <u>ACCOUNTING OF DISCLOSURES OF PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION</u>

- 9.1 Business Associate must maintain an accounting of each Disclosure of Protected Health Information made by Business Associate or its employees, agents, representatives or Subcontractors, as is determined by Covered Entity to be necessary in order to permit Covered Entity to respond to a request by an Individual for an accounting of disclosures of Protected Health Information in accordance with 45 C.F.R. § 164.528.
  - 9.1.1 Any accounting of disclosures provided by Business Associate under Section 9.1 must include:
    - (a) The date of the Disclosure;
    - (b) The name, and address if known, of the entity or person who received the Protected Health Information;
    - (c) A brief description of the Protected Health Information Disclosed; and

- (d) A brief statement of the purpose of the Disclosure.
- 9.1.2 For each Disclosure that could require an accounting under Section 9.1, Business Associate must document the information specified in Section 9.1.1, and must maintain the information for six (6) years from the date of the Disclosure.
- 9.2 Business Associate must provide to Covered Entity, within ten (10) business days after receipt of a written request from Covered Entity, information collected in accordance with Section 9.1.1 to permit Covered Entity to respond to a request by an Individual for an accounting of disclosures of Protected Health Information in accordance with 45 C.F.R. § 164.528
- 9.3 If any Individual requests an accounting of disclosures directly from Business Associate or its agents or Subcontractors, Business Associate must notify Covered Entity in writing within five (5) days of the receipt of the request, and must provide the requested accounting of disclosures to the Individual(s) within 30 days. The information provided in the accounting must be in accordance with 45 C.F.R. § 164.528.

# 10. COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE HIPAA RULES

- 10.1 To the extent Business Associate is to carry out one or more of Covered Entity's obligation(s) under Subpart E of 45 C.F.R. Part 164, Business Associate must comply with the requirements of Subpart E that apply to Covered Entity's performance of such obligation(s).
- 10.2 Business Associate must comply with all HIPAA Rules applicable to Business Associate in the performance of Services.

# 11. AVAILABILITY OF RECORDS

- 11.1 Business Associate must make its internal practices, books, and records relating to the Use and Disclosure of Protected Health Information received from, or created or received by Business Associate on behalf of Covered Entity available to the Secretary for purposes of determining Covered Entity's compliance with the Privacy and Security Regulations.
- 11.2 Unless prohibited by the Secretary, Business Associate must immediately notify Covered Entity of any requests made by the Secretary and provide Covered Entity with copies of any documents produced in response to such request.

# 12. MITIGATION OF HARMFUL EFFECTS

12.1 Business Associate must mitigate, to the extent practicable, any harmful effect of a Use or Disclosure of Protected Health Information by Business Associate in violation of the requirements of this Business Associate Agreement that is known to Business Associate.

# 13. BREACH NOTIFICATION TO INDIVIDUALS

- 13.1 Business Associate must, to the extent Covered Entity determines that there has been a Breach of Unsecured Protected Health Information by Business Associate, its employees, representatives, agents or Subcontractors, provide breach notification to the Individual in a manner that permits Covered Entity to comply with its obligations under 45 C.F.R. § 164.404.
  - 13.1.1 Business Associate must notify, subject to the review and approval of Covered Entity, each Individual whose Unsecured Protected Health Information has been, or is reasonably believed to have been, accessed, acquired, Used, or Disclosed as a result of any such Breach.
  - 13.1.2 The notification provided by Business Associate must be written in plain language, will be subject to review and approval by Covered Entity, and must include, to the extent possible:
    - (a) A brief description of what happened, including the date of the Breach and the date of the Discovery of the Breach, if known;
    - (b) A description of the types of Unsecured Protected Health Information that were involved in the Breach (such as whether full name, social security number, date of birth, home address, account number, diagnosis, disability code, or other types of information were involved);
    - (c) Any steps the Individual should take to protect themselves from potential harm resulting from the Breach;
    - (d) A brief description of what Business Associate is doing to investigate the Breach, to mitigate harm to Individual(s), and to protect against any further Breaches; and

- (e) Contact procedures for Individual(s) to ask questions or learn additional information, including a toll-free telephone number, an e-mail address, Web site, or postal address.
- 13.2 Covered Entity, in its sole discretion, may elect to provide the notification required by Section 13.1 and/or to establish the contact procedures described in Section 13.1.2.
- 13.3 Business Associate must reimburse Covered Entity any and all costs incurred by Covered Entity, in complying with Subpart D of 45 C.F.R. Part 164, including but not limited to costs of notification, internet posting, or media publication, as a result of Business Associate's Breach of Unsecured Protected Health Information; Covered Entity will not be responsible for any costs incurred by Business Associate in providing the notification required by 13.1 or in establishing the contact procedures required by Section 13.1.2.

# 14. <u>INDEMNIFICATION</u>

- 14.1 Business Associate must indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Covered Entity, 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, expenses (including attorney and expert witness fees), and penalties and/or fines (including regulatory penalties and/or fines), arising from or connected with Business Associate's acts and/or omissions arising from and/or relating to this Business Associate Agreement, including, but not limited to, compliance and/or enforcement actions and/or activities, whether formal or informal, by the Secretary or by the Attorney General of the State of California.
- 14.2 Section 14.1 is not intended by the parties to limit in any way the scope of Business Associate's obligations related to Insurance and/or Indemnification in the applicable underlying Agreement, Contract, Master Agreement, Work Order, Purchase Order, or other services arrangement, with or without payment, that gives rise to Contractor's status as a Business Associate.

# 15. OBLIGATIONS OF COVERED ENTITY

15.1 Covered Entity will notify Business Associate of any current or future restrictions or limitations on the Use or Disclosure of Protected Health Information that would affect Business Associate's performance of the Services, and Business Associate must thereafter restrict or limit its own Uses and Disclosures accordingly.

15.2 Covered Entity will not request Business Associate to Use or Disclose Protected Health Information in any manner that would not be permissible under Subpart E of 45 C.F.R. Part 164 if done by Covered Entity, except to the extent that Business Associate may Use or Disclose Protected Health Information as provided in Sections 2.3, 2.5, and 2.6.

# 16. TERM

- 16.1 Unless sooner terminated as set forth in Section 17, the term of this Business Associate Agreement will be the same as the term of the applicable underlying Agreement, Contract, Master Agreement, Work Order, Purchase Order, or other service arrangement, with or without payment, that gives rise to Contractor's status as a Business Associate.
- 16.2 Notwithstanding Section 16.1, Business Associate's obligations under Sections 11, 14, and 18 will survive the termination or expiration of this Business Associate Agreement.

# 17. TERMINATION FOR CAUSE

- 17.1 In addition to and notwithstanding the termination provisions set forth in the applicable underlying Agreement, Contract, Master Agreement, Work Order, Purchase Order, or other services arrangement, with or without payment, that gives rise to Contractor's status as a Business Associate, if either party determines that the other party has violated a material term of this Business Associate Agreement, and the breaching party has not cured the breach or ended the violation within the time specified by the non-breaching party, which must be reasonable given the nature of the breach and/or violation, the non-breaching party may terminate this Business Associate Agreement.
- 17.2 In addition to and notwithstanding the termination provisions set forth in the applicable underlying Agreement, Contract, Master Agreement, Work Order, Purchase Order, or other services arrangement, with or without payment, that gives rise to Contractor's status as a Business Associate, if either party determines that the other party has violated a material term of this Business Associate Agreement, and cure is not feasible, the non-breaching party may terminate this Business Associate Agreement immediately.

# 18. <u>DISPOSITION OF PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION UPON TERMINATION OR EXPIRATION</u>

18.1 Except as provided in Section 18.3, upon termination for any reason or expiration of this Business Associate Agreement, Business

Associate must return or, if agreed to by Covered entity, must destroy as provided for in Section 18.2, all Protected Health Information received from Covered Entity, or created, maintained, or received by Business Associate on behalf of Covered Entity, that Business Associate, including any Subcontractor, still maintains in any form. Business Associate will retain no copies of the Protected Health Information.

- 18.2 Destruction for purposes of Section 18.2 and Section 6.6 will mean that media on which the Protected Health Information is stored or recorded has been destroyed and/or electronic media have been cleared, purged, or destroyed in accordance with the use of a technology or methodology specified by the Secretary in guidance for rendering Protected Health Information unusable, unreadable, or indecipherable to unauthorized individuals.
- 18.3 Notwithstanding Section 18.1, in the event that return or destruction of Protected Health Information is not feasible or Business Associate determines that any such Protected Health Information is necessary for Business Associate to continue its proper management and administration or to carry out its legal responsibilities, Business Associate may retain that Protected Health Information for which destruction or return is infeasible or that Protected Health Information which is necessary for Business Associate to continue its proper management and administration or to carry out its legal responsibilities and must return or destroy all other Protected Health Information.
  - 18.3.1 Business Associate must extend the protections of this Business Associate Agreement to such Protected Health Information, including continuing to use appropriate safeguards and continuing to comply with Subpart C of 45 C.F.R Part 164 with respect to Electronic Protected Health Information, to prevent the Use or Disclosure of such information other than as provided for in Sections 2.5 and 2.6 for so long as such Protected Health Information is retained, and Business Associate must not Use or Disclose such Protected Health Information other than for the purposes for which such Protected Health Information was retained.
  - 18.3.2 Business Associate must return or, if agreed to by Covered entity, destroy the Protected Health Information retained by Business Associate when it is no longer needed by Business Associate for Business Associate's proper management and administration or to carry out its legal responsibilities.

18.4 Business Associate must ensure that all Protected Health Information created, maintained, or received by Subcontractors is returned or, if agreed to by Covered entity, destroyed as provided for in Section 18.2.

# 19. AUDIT, INSPECTION, AND EXAMINATION

- 19.1 Covered Entity reserves the right to conduct a reasonable inspection of the facilities, systems, information systems, books, records, agreements, and policies and procedures relating to the Use or Disclosure of Protected Health Information for the purpose determining whether Business Associate is in compliance with the terms of this Business Associate Agreement and any non-compliance may be a basis for termination of this Business Associate Agreement and the applicable underlying Agreement, Contract, Master Agreement, Work Order, Purchase Order or other services arrangement, with or without payment, that gives rise to Contractor's status as a Business Associate, as provided for in section 17.
- 19.2 Covered Entity and Business Associate will mutually agree in advance upon the scope, timing, and location of any such inspection.
- 19.3 At Business Associate's request, and to the extent permitted by law, Covered Entity will execute a nondisclosure agreement, upon terms and conditions mutually agreed to by the parties.
- 19.4 That Covered Entity inspects, fails to inspect, or has the right to inspect as provided for in Section 19.1 does not relieve Business Associate of its responsibility to comply with this Business Associate Agreement and/or the HIPAA Rules or impose on Covered Entity any responsibility for Business Associate's compliance with any applicable HIPAA Rules.
- 19.5 Covered Entity's failure to detect, its detection but failure to notify Business Associate, or its detection but failure to require remediation by Business Associate of an unsatisfactory practice by Business Associate, will not constitute acceptance of such practice or a waiver of Covered Entity's enforcement rights under this Business Associate Agreement or the applicable underlying Agreement, Contract, Master Agreement, Work Order, Purchase Order or other services arrangement, with or without payment, that gives rise to Contractor's status as a Business Associate.
- 19.6 Section 19.1 is not intended by the parties to limit in any way the scope of Business Associate's obligations related to Inspection and/or Audit and/or similar review in the applicable underlying Agreement, Contract, Master Agreement, Work Order, Purchase

Order, or other services arrangement, with or without payment, that gives rise to Contractor's status as a Business Associate.

# 20. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

- 20.1 <u>Disclaimer.</u> Covered Entity makes no warranty or representation that compliance by Business Associate with the terms and conditions of this Business Associate Agreement will be adequate or satisfactory to meet the business needs or legal obligations of Business Associate.
- 20.2 <u>HIPAA Requirements.</u> The Parties agree that the provisions under HIPAA Rules that are required by law to be incorporated into this Amendment are hereby incorporated into this Agreement.
- 20.3 <u>No Third Party Beneficiaries</u>. Nothing in this Business Associate Agreement will confer upon any person other than the parties and their respective successors or assigns, any rights, remedies, obligations, or liabilities whatsoever.
- 20.4 <u>Construction.</u> In the event that a provision of this Business Associate Agreement is contrary to a provision of the applicable underlying Agreement, Contract, Master Agreement, Work Order, Purchase Order, or other services arrangement, with or without payment, that gives rise to Contractor's status as a Business Associate, the provision of this Business Associate Agreement will control. Otherwise, this Business Associate Agreement will be construed under, and in accordance with, the terms of the applicable underlying Agreement, Contract, Master Agreement, Work Order, Purchase Order or other services arrangement, with or without payment, that gives rise to Contractor's status as a Business Associate.
- 20.5 <u>Regulatory References</u>. A reference in this Business Associate Agreement to a section in the HIPAA Rules means the section as in effect or as amended.
- 20.6 <u>Interpretation</u>. Any ambiguity in this Business Associate Agreement will be resolved in favor of a meaning that permits the parties to comply with the HIPAA Rules.
- 20.7 <u>Amendment</u>. The parties agree to take such action as is necessary to amend this Business Associate Agreement from time to time as is necessary for Covered Entity or Business Associate to comply with the requirements of the HIPAA Rules and any other privacy laws governing Protected Health Information.

# CONTRACTOR'S OBLIGATIONS AS A "BUSINESS ASSOCIATE" UNDER THE HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 1996 (HIPAA)

## AND

# HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY FOR ECONOMIC AND CLINICAL HEALTH ACT (HITECH)

Under this Agreement, Contractor ("Business Associate") provides services ("Services") to County ("Covered Entity") and Business Associate receives, has access to or creates Protected Health Information in order to provide those Services.

Covered Entity is subject to the Administrative Simplification requirements of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, Public Law 104-191 ("HIPAA"), and regulations promulgated thereunder, including the Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information ("Privacy Regulations") and the Health Insurance Reform: Security Standards ("the Security Regulations") at 45 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) Parts 160 and 164 (together, the "Privacy and Security Regulations require Covered Entity to enter into a contract with Business Associate ("Business Associate Agreement") in order to mandate certain protections for the privacy and security of Protected Health Information, and those Regulations prohibit the disclosure to or use of Protected Health Information by Business Associate if such a contract is not in place.

Further, pursuant to the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act, Public Law 111-005 ("HITECH Act"), effective February 17, 2010, certain provisions of the HIPAA Privacy and Security Regulations apply to Business Associates in the same manner as they apply to Covered Entity and such provisions must be incorporated into the Business Associate Agreement.

This Business Associate Agreement and the following provisions are intended to protect the privacy and provide for the security of Protected Health Information disclosed to or used by Business Associate in compliance with HIPAA's Privacy and Security Regulations and the HITECH Act, as they now exist or may hereafter be amended.

Therefore, the parties agree as follows:

# **DEFINITIONS**

- 1.1 "Breach" has the same meaning as the term "breach" in 45 C.F.R. § 164.402.
- 1.2 "<u>Disclose</u>" and "<u>Disclosure</u>" mean, with respect to Protected Health Information, the release, transfer, provision of access to, or divulging in any other manner of Protected Health Information outside Business Associate's internal operations or to other than its employees.
- 1.3 "Electronic Health Record" has the same meaning as the term "electronic

health record" in the HITECH Act, 42 U.S.C. section 17921. Electronic Health Record means an electronic record of health-related information on an individual that is created, gathered, managed, and consulted by authorized health care clinicians and staff.

"Electronic Media" has the same meaning as the term "electronic media" in 45 C.F.R. § 160.103. Electronic Media means (1) Electronic storage media including memory devices in computers (hard drives) and any removable/transportable digital memory medium, such as magnetic tape or disk, optical disk, or digital memory card; or (2) Transmission media used to exchange information already in electronic storage media. Transmission media include, for example, the internet (wide-open), extranet (using internet technology to link a business with information accessible only to collaborating parties), leased lines, dial-up lines, private networks, and the physical movement of removable/transportable electronic storage media. Certain transmissions, including of paper, via facsimile, and of voice, via telephone, are not considered to be transmissions via electronic media, because the information being exchanged did not exist in electronic form before the transmission.

The term "Electronic Media" draws no distinction between internal and external data, at rest (that is, in storage) as well as during transmission.

- 1.5 "<u>Electronic Protected Health Information</u>" has the same meaning as the term "electronic protected health information" in 45 C.F.R. § 160.103. Electronic Protected Health Information means Protected Health Information that is (i) transmitted by electronic media; (ii) maintained in electronic media.
- 1.6 "Individual" means the person who is the subject of Protected Health Information and shall include a person who qualifies as a personal representative in accordance with 45 C.F.R. § 164.502(g).
- 1.7 "Minimum Necessary" refers to the minimum necessary standard in 45 C.F.R. §162.502 (b) as in effect or as amended.
- 1.8 "Privacy Rule" means the Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information at 45 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) Parts 160 and 164, also referred to as the Privacy Regulations.
- "Protected Health Information" has the same meaning as the term "protected health information" in 45 C.F.R. § 160.103, limited to the information created or received by Business Associate from or on behalf of Covered Entity. Protected Health Information includes information that (i) relates to the past, present or future physical or mental health or condition of an Individual; the provision of health care to an Individual, or the past, present or future payment for the provision of health care to an Individual; (ii) identifies the Individual (or for which there is a reasonable basis for believing that the information can be used to identify the Individual); and (iii) is received by Business Associate from or on behalf of Covered Entity, or is

- created by Business Associate, or is made accessible to Business Associate by Covered Entity. "Protected Health Information" includes Electronic Health Information.
- 1.10 "Required By Law" means a mandate contained in law that compels an entity to make a Use or Disclosure of Protected Health Information and that is enforceable in a court of law. Required by law includes, but is not limited to, court orders and court-ordered warrants; subpoenas or summons issued by a court, grand jury, a governmental or tribal inspector general, or any administrative body authorized to require the production of information; a civil or an authorized investigative demand; Medicare conditions of participation with respect to health care providers participating in the program; and statutes or regulations that require the production of information, including statutes or regulations that require such information if payment is sought under a government program providing benefits.
- 1.11 "Security Incident" means the attempted or successful unauthorized access, Use, Disclosure, modification, or destruction of information in, or interference with system operations of, an Information System which contains Electronic Protected Health Information. However, Security Incident does not include attempts to access an Information System when those attempts are not reasonably considered by Business Associate to constitute an actual threat to the Information System.
- 1.12 "Security Rule" means the Security Standards for the Protection of Electronic Health Information also referred to as the Security Regulations at 45 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) Part 160 and 164.
- 1.13 "Services" has the same meaning as in the body of this Agreement.
- 1.14 "<u>Unsecured Protected Health Information</u>" has the same meaning as the term "unsecured protected health information" in 45 C.F.R. § 164.402.
- 1.15 "<u>Use</u>" or "<u>Uses</u>" mean, with respect to Protected Health Information, the sharing, employment, application, utilization, examination or analysis of such Information within Business Associate's internal operations.
- 1.16 Terms used, but not otherwise defined in this Business Associate Agreement shall have the same meaning as those terms in the HIPAA Regulations and HITECH Act.

# **OBLIGATIONS OF BUSINESS ASSOCIATE**

- 2.1 <u>Permitted Uses and Disclosures of Protected Health Information</u>. Business Associate:
  - (a) shall Use and Disclose Protected Health Information only as necessary to perform the Services, and as provided in Sections 2.4, 2.5, 2.6, 2.7, 2.8, 2.9, 2.10, 4.3 and 5.2 of this Agreement;(b) shall Disclose Protected Health Information to Covered Entity upon request; (c) may, as necessary for the proper management and administration of its business or to carry out its legal responsibilities:

- (i) Use Protected Health Information; and
- (ii) Disclose Protected Health Information if the Disclosure is Required by Law. Business Associate shall not Use or Disclose Protected Health Information for any other purpose or in any manner that would constitute a violation of the Privacy Regulations or the HITECH Act if so Used or Disclosed by Covered Entity.
- 2.2 <u>Prohibited Uses and Disclosures of Protected Health Information</u>. Business Associate:
  - (a) shall not Use or Disclose Protected Health Information for fundraising or marketing purposes.
  - (b) shall not disclose Protected Health Information to a health plan for payment or health care operations purposes if the Individual has requested this special restriction and has paid out of pocket in full for the health care item or service to which the Protected Health Information solely relates.
  - c) shall not directly or indirectly receive payment in exchange for Protected Health Information, except with the prior written consent of Covered Entity and as permitted by the HITECH Act. This prohibition shall not effect payment by Covered Entity to Business Associate. Covered Entity shall not provide such written consent except upon express approval of the departmental privacy officer and only to the extent permitted by law, including HIPAA and the HITECH Act.
- 2.3 Adequate Safeguards for Protected Health Information. Business Associate:
  - (a) shall implement and maintain appropriate safeguards to prevent the Use or Disclosure of Protected Health Information in any manner other than as permitted by this Business Associate Agreement. Business Associate agrees to limit the Use and Disclosure of Protected Health Information to the Minimum Necessary in accordance with the Privacy Regulation's minimum necessary standard as in effect or as amended.
  - (b) as to Electronic Protected Health Information, shall implement and maintain administrative, physical, and technical safeguards that reasonably and appropriately protect the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of Electronic Protected Health Information; effective February 17, 2010, said safeguards shall be in accordance with 45 C.F.R. Sections 164.308, 164.310, and 164.312, and shall comply with the Security Rule's policies and procedure and documentation requirements.
- 2.4 <u>Reporting Non-Permitted Use or Disclosure and Security Incidents and</u> Breaches of Unsecured Protected Health Information. Business Associate
  - (a) shall report to Covered Entity each Use or Disclosure of Protected Health Information that is made by Business Associate, its employees, representatives, Agents, subcontractors, or other parties under Business Associate's control with access to Protected Health Information but which is

not specifically permitted by this Business Associate Agreement or otherwise required by law.

- (b) shall report to Covered Entity each Security Incident of which Business Associate becomes aware.
- (c) shall notify Covered Entity of each Breach by Business Associate, its employees, representatives, agents or subcontractors of Unsecured Protected Health Information that is known to Business Associate or, by exercising reasonable diligence, would have been known to Business Associate. Business Associate shall be deemed to have knowledge of a Breach of Unsecured Protected Health Information if the Breach is known, or by exercising reasonable diligence would have been known, to any person, other than the person committing the Breach, who is an employee, officer, or other agent of the Business Associate as determined in accordance with the federal common law of agency.
- 2.4.1 <u>Immediate Telephonic Report.</u> Except as provided in Section 2.4.3, notification shall be made immediately upon discovery of the non-permitted Use or Disclosure of Protected Health Information, Security Incident or Breach of Unsecured Protected Health Information by telephone call to (562) 940-3335.
- 2.4.2 Written Report. Except as provided in Section 2.4.3, the initial telephonic notification shall be followed by written notification made without unreasonable delay and in no event later than three (3) business days from the date of discovery of the non-permitted Use or Disclosure of Protected Health Information, Security Incident, or Breach by the Business Associate to the Chief Privacy Officer at: Hall of Records, County of Los Angeles, Chief Executive Office, Risk Management Branch-Office of Privacy, 320 W. Temple Street, 7th Floor, Los Angeles, California 90012, PRIVACY@ceo.lacounty.gov.
- (a) The notification required by section 2.4 shall include, to the extent possible, the identification of each Individual whose Unsecured Protected Health Information has been, or is reasonably believed by the Business Associate to have been, accessed, acquired, Used, or Disclosed; and
- (b) the notification required by section 2.4 shall include, to the extent possible, all information required to provide notification to the Individual under 45 C.F.R.164.404(c), including:
  - (i) A brief description of what happened, including the date of the Breach and the date of the discovery of the Breach, if known;
  - (ii) A description of the types of Unsecured Protected Health Information that were involved in the Breach (such as whether full name, social security number, date of birth, home address, account number, diagnosis, disability code, or other types of information were involved);
  - (iii) Any other details necessary to conduct an assessment of whether there is a risk of harm to the Individual;

- (iv) Any steps Business Associate believes that the Individual could take to protect him or herself from potential harm resulting from the breach;
- (v) A brief description of what Business Associate is doing to investigate the Breach, to mitigate harm to the Individual, and to protect against any further Breaches; and
- (vi) The name and contact information for the person most knowledge regarding the facts and circumstances of the Breach. If Business Associate is not able to provide the information specified in section 2.3.2 or (b) at the time of the notification required by section 2.4.2, Business Associate shall provide such information promptly thereafter as such information becomes available.
- 2.4.3 Request for Delay by Law Enforcement. Business Associate may delay the notification required by section 2.4 if a law enforcement official states to Business Associate that notification would impede a criminal investigation or cause damage to national security. If the law enforcement official's statement is in writing and specifies the time for which a delay is required, Business Associate shall delay notification, notice, or posting for the time period specified by the official; if the statement is made or ally, Business Associate shall document the statement, including the identity of the official making the statement, and delay the notification, notice, or posting temporarily and no longer than 30 days from the date of the oral statement, unless a written statement as described in paragraph (a) of this section is submitted during that time.
- 2.5 <u>Mitigation of Harmful Effect</u>. Business Associate agrees to mitigate, to the extent practicable, any harmful effect that is known to Business Associate of a Use or Disclosure of Protected Health Information by Business Associate in violation of the requirements of this Business Associate Agreement.
- 2.6 <u>Breach Notification</u>. Business Associate shall, to the extent Covered Entity determines that there has been a Breach of Unsecured Protected Health Information, provide Breach notification for each and every Breach of Unsecured Protected Health Information by Business Associate, its employees, representatives, agents or subcontractors, in a manner that permits Covered Entity to comply with its obligations under Subpart D, Notification in the Case of Breach of Unsecured PHI, of the Privacy and Security Regulations, including:
  - (a) Notifying each Individual who's Unsecured Protected Health Information has been, or is reasonably believed to have been, accessed, acquired, Used, or Disclosed as a result of such Breach;
  - (b) The notification required by paragraph (a) of this Section 2.6 shall include, to the extent possible:
    - (i) A brief description of what happened, including the date of the

Breach and the date of the discovery of the Breach, if known;

- (ii) A description of the types of Unsecured Protected Health Information that were involved in the Breach (such as whether full name, social security number, date of birth, home address, account number, diagnosis, disability code, or other types of information were involved);
- (iii) Any steps the Individual should take to protect him or herself from potential harm resulting from the Breach;
- (iv) A brief description of what Business Associate is doing to investigate the Breach, to mitigate harm to individuals, and to protect against any further Breaches; and
- (v) Contact procedures for Individual(s) to ask questions or learn additional information, which shall include a toll-free telephone number, an e-mail address, Web site, or postal address.
- (vi) The notification required by paragraph (a) of this section shall be written in plain language Covered Entity, in its sole discretion, may elect to provide the notification required by this Section 2.6, and Business Associate shall reimburse Covered Entity any and all costs incurred by Covered Entity, including costs of notification, internet posting, or media publication, as a result of Business Associate's Breach of Unsecured Protected Health Information.
- Availability of Internal Practices, Books and Records to Government Agencies. Business Associate agrees to make its internal practices, books and records relating to the Use and Disclosure of Protected Health Information available to the Secretary of the federal Department of Health and Human Services for purposes of determining Covered Entity's compliance with the Privacy and Security Regulations. Business Associate shall immediately notify Covered Entity of any requests made by the Secretary and provide Covered Entity with copies of any documents produced in response to such request.
- 2.8 Access to Protected Health Information. Business Associate shall, to the extent Covered Entity determines that any Protected Health Information constitutes a "designated record set" as defined by 45 C.F.R. § 164.501, make the Protected Health Information specified by Covered Entity available to the Individual(s) identified by Covered Entity as being entitled to access and copy that Protected Health Information. Business Associate shall provide such access for inspection of that Protected Health Information within two (2) business days after receipt of request from Covered Entity. Business Associate shall provide copies of that Protected Health Information within five (5) business days after receipt of request from Covered Entity. If Business Associate maintains an Electronic Health Record, Business Associate shall provide such information in electronic format to enable Covered Entity to fulfill its obligations under the HITECH Act.

- 2.9 Amendment of Protected Health Information. Business Associate shall, to the extent Covered Entity determines that any Protected Health Information constitutes a "designated record set" as defined by 45 C.F.R. § 164.501, make any amendments to Protected Health Information that are requested by Covered Entity. Business Associate shall make such amendment within ten
- (10) business days after receipt of request from Covered Entity in order for Covered Entity to meet the requirements under 45 C.F.R. § 164.526.
- Accounting of Disclosures. Upon Covered Entity's request, Business Associate shall provide to Covered Entity an accounting of each Disclosure of Protected Health Information made by Business Associate or its employees, agents, representatives or subcontractors, in order to permit Covered Entity to respond to a request by an Individual for an accounting of disclosures of Protected Health Information in accordance with 45 C.F.R. § 164.528 and/or the HITECH Act which requires an Accounting of Disclosures of Protected Health Information maintained in an Electronic Health Record for treatment, payment, and health care operations.
- Any accounting provided by Business Associate under this Section 2.10 shall include: (a) the date of the Disclosure; (b) the name, and address if known, of the entity or person who received the Protected Health Information; (c) a brief description of the Protected Health Information disclosed; and (d) a brief statement of the purpose of the Disclosure. For each Disclosure that could require an accounting under this Section 2.10, Business Associate shall document the information specified in (a) through (d), above, and shall securely maintain the information for six (6) years from the date of the Disclosure. Business Associate shall provide to Covered Entity, within ten (10) business days after receipt of request from Covered Entity, information collected in accordance with this Section 2.10 to permit Covered Entity to respond to a request by an Individual for an accounting of disclosures of Protected Health Information in accordance with 45 C.F.R. § 164.528. If Business Associate maintains an Electronic Health Record, Business Associate shall provide such information in electronic format to enable Covered Entity to fulfill its obligations under the HITECH Act.
- 2.11 <u>Indemnification</u>. Business Associate shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Covered Entity, including its elected and appointed officers, employees, and agents, from and against any and all liability, including but not limited to demands, claims, actions, fees, costs, penalties and fines (including regulatory penalties and/or fines), and expenses (including attorney and expert witness fees), arising from or connected with Business Associate's acts and/or omissions arising from and/or relating to this Business Associate Agreement; Business Associate's obligations under this provision extend to compliance and/or enforcement actions and/or activities, whether formal or informal, of Secretary of the federal Department of Health and Human Services and/or Office for Civil Rights.

### **OBLIGATION OF COVERED ENTITY**

3.1 <u>Obligation of Covered Entity</u>. Covered Entity shall notify Business Associate of any current or future restrictions or limitations on the use of Protected Health Information that would affect Business Associate's performance of the Services, and Business Associate shall thereafter restrict or limit its own uses and disclosures accordingly.

### **TERM AND TERMINATION**

- 4.1 <u>Term.</u> The term of this Business Associate Agreement shall be the same as the term of this Agreement. Business Associate's obligations under Sections 2.1 (as modified by Section 4.2), 2.4, 2.5, 2.6, 2.7, 2.8, 2.9, 2.10, 4.3 and 5.2 shall survive the termination or expiration of this Agreement.
- 4.2 <u>Termination for Cause</u>. In addition to and notwithstanding the termination provisions set forth in this Agreement, upon either party's knowledge of a material breach by the other party, the party with knowledge of the other party's breach shall:
  - (a) Provide an opportunity for the breaching party to cure the breach or end the violation and terminate this Agreement if the breaching party does not cure the breach or end the violation within the time specified by the non-breaching party;
  - (b) Immediately terminate this Agreement if a party has breached a material term of this Agreement and cure is not possible; or
  - (c) If neither termination nor cure is feasible, report the violation to the Secretary of the federal Department of Health and Human Services.
- 4.3 Disposition of Protected Health Information Upon Termination or Expiration.
  - (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, upon termination for any reason or expiration of this Agreement, Business Associate shall return or destroy all Protected Health Information received from Covered Entity, or created or received by Business Associate on behalf of Covered Entity. This provision shall apply to Protected Health Information that is in the possession of subcontractors or agents of Business Associate. Business Associate shall retain no copies of the Protected Health Information.
  - (b) In the event that Business Associate determines that returning or destroying the Protected Health Information is infeasible, Business Associate shall provide to Covered Entity notification of the conditions that make infeasible. If return or destruction is infeasible, Business Associate shall extend the protections of this Business Associate Agreement to such Protected Health Information and limit further Uses and Disclosures of such Protected Health Information to those purposes that make the return or destruction infeasible, for so long as Business Associate maintains such Protected Health Information.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

- 5.1 <u>No Third Party Beneficiaries</u>. Nothing in this Business Associate Agreement shall confer upon any person other than the parties and their respective successors or assigns, any rights, remedies, obligations, or liabilities whatsoever.
- 5.2 <u>Use of Subcontractors and Agents</u>. Business Associate shall require each of its agents and subcontractors that receive Protected Health Information from Business Associate, or create Protected Health Information for Business Associate, on behalf of Covered Entity, to execute a written agreement obligating the agent or subcontractor to comply with all the terms of this Business Associate Agreement.
- 5.3 Relationship to Services Agreement Provisions. In the event that a provision of this Business Associate Agreement is contrary to another provision of this Agreement, the provision of this Business Associate Agreement shall control. Otherwise, this Business Associate Agreement shall be construed under, and in accordance with, the terms of this Agreement.
- 5.4 <u>Regulatory References</u>. A reference in this Business Associate Agreement to a section in the Privacy or Security Regulations means the section as in effect or as amended.
- 5.5 <u>Interpretation</u>. Any ambiguity in this Business Associate Agreement shall be resolved in favor of a meaning that permits Covered Entity to comply with the Privacy and Security Regulations.
- 5.6 <u>Amendment</u>. The parties agree to take such action as is necessary to amend this Business Associate Agreement from time to time as is necessary for Covered Entity to comply with the requirements of the Privacy and Security Regulations and other privacy laws governing Protected Health Information.

# INFORMATION SECURITY AND PRIVACY REQUIREMENTS EXHIBIT

The County of Los Angeles ("County") is committed to safeguarding the Integrity of the County systems, Data, Information and protecting the privacy rights of the individuals that it serves. This Information Security and Privacy Requirements Exhibit ("Exhibit") sets forth the County and the Contractor's commitment and agreement to fulfill each of their obligations under applicable state or federal laws, rules, or regulations, as well as applicable industry standards concerning privacy, Data protections, Information Security, Confidentiality, Availability, and Integrity of such Information. The Information Security and privacy requirements and procedures in this Exhibit are to be established by the Contractor before the Effective Date of the Contract and maintained throughout the term of the Contract.

These requirements and procedures are a minimum standard and are in addition to the requirements of the underlying base agreement between the County and Contractor (the "Contract") and any other agreements between the parties. However, it is the Contractor's sole obligation to: (i) implement appropriate and reasonable measures to secure and protect its systems and all County Information against internal and external Threats and Risks; and (ii) continuously review and revise those measures to address ongoing Threats and Risks. Failure to comply with the minimum requirements and procedures set forth in this Exhibit will constitute a material, non-curable breach of Contract by the Contractor, entitling the County, in addition to the cumulative of all other remedies available to it at law, in equity, or under the Contract, to immediately terminate the Contract. To the extent there are conflicts between this Exhibit and the Contract, this Exhibit will prevail unless stated otherwise.

#### 1. DEFINITIONS

Unless otherwise defined in the Contract, the definitions herein contained are specific to the uses within this exhibit.

- a. **Availability:** the condition of Information being accessible and usable upon demand by an authorized entity (Workforce Member or process).
- b. **Confidentiality:** the condition that Information is not disclosed to system entities (users, processes, devices) unless they have been authorized to access the Information.
- c. **County Information:** all Data and Information belonging to the County.
- d. **Data:** a subset of Information comprised of qualitative or quantitative values.
- e. **Incident:** a suspected, attempted, successful, or imminent Threat of unauthorized electronic and/or physical access, use, disclosure, breach, modification, or destruction of information; interference with Information Technology operations; or significant violation of County policy.
- f. **Information:** any communication or representation of knowledge or understanding such as facts, Data, or opinions in any medium or form, including electronic, textual, numerical, graphic, cartographic, narrative, or audiovisual.
- g. **Information Security Policy:** high level statements of intention and direction of an organization used to create an organization's Information Security Program as formally expressed by its top management.

- h. **Information Security Program:** formalized and implemented Information Security Policies, standards and procedures that are documented describing the program management safeguards and common controls in place or those planned for meeting the County's information security requirements.
- i. **Information Technology:** any equipment or interconnected system or subsystem of equipment that is used in the automatic acquisition, storage, manipulation, management, movement, control, display, switching, interchange, transmission, or reception of Data or Information.
- j. **Integrity**: the condition whereby Data or Information has not been improperly modified or destroyed and authenticity of the Data or Information can be ensured.
- k. **Mobile Device Management (MDM):** software that allows Information Technology administrators to control, secure, and enforce policies on smartphones, tablets, and other endpoints.
- I. **Privacy Policy:** high level statements of intention and direction of an organization used to create an organization's Privacy Program as formally expressed by its top management.
- m. **Privacy Program:** A formal document that provides an overview of an organization's privacy program, including a description of the structure of the privacy program, the resources dedicated to the privacy program, the role of the organization's privacy official and other staff, the strategic goals and objectives of the Privacy Program, and the program management controls and common controls in place or planned for meeting applicable privacy requirements and managing privacy risks.
- n. **Risk:** a measure of the extent to which the County is threatened by a potential circumstance or event, Risk is typically a function of: (i) the adverse impacts that would arise if the circumstance or event occurs; and (ii) the likelihood of occurrence.
- o. **Threat:** any circumstance or event with the potential to adversely impact County operations (including mission, functions, image, or reputation), organizational assets, individuals, or other organizations through an Information System via unauthorized access, destruction, disclosure, modification of Information, and/or denial of service.
- p. **Vulnerability:** a weakness in a system, application, network or process that is subject to exploitation or misuse.
- q. Workforce Member: employees, volunteers, and other persons whose conduct, in the performance of work for Los Angeles County, is under the direct control of Los Angeles County, whether or not they are paid by Los Angeles County. This includes, but may not be limited to, full and part time elected or appointed officials, employees, affiliates, associates, students, volunteers, and staff from third party entities who provide service to the County.

## 2. INFORMATION SECURITY AND PRIVACY PROGRAMS

a. **Information Security Program.** The Contractor must maintain a company-wide Information Security Program designed to evaluate Risks to the Confidentiality, Availability, and Integrity of the County Information covered under this Contract.

Contractor's Information Security Program must include the creation and maintenance of Information Security Policies, standards, and procedures. Information Security Policies, standards, and procedures will be communicated to all Contractor employees in a relevant, accessible, and understandable form and will be regularly reviewed and evaluated to ensure operational effectiveness, compliance with all applicable laws and regulations, and addresses new and emerging Threats and Risks.

The Contractor must exercise the same degree of care in safeguarding and protecting County Information that the Contractor exercises with respect to its own Information and Data, but in no event less than a reasonable degree of care. The Contractor will implement, maintain, and use appropriate administrative, technical, and physical security measures to preserve the Confidentiality, Integrity, and Availability of County Information.

The Contractor's Information Security Program must:

- Protect the Confidentiality, Integrity, and Availability of County Information in the Contractor's possession or control;
- Protect against any anticipated Threats or hazards to the Confidentiality, Integrity, and Availability of County Information;
- Protect against unauthorized or unlawful access, use, disclosure, alteration, or destruction of County Information;
- Protect against accidental loss or destruction of, or damage to, County Information; and
- Safeguard County Information in compliance with any applicable laws and regulations which apply to the Contractor.
- b. **Privacy Program.** The Contractor must establish and maintain a company-wide Privacy Program designed to incorporate Privacy Policies and practices in its business operations to provide safeguards for Information, including County Information. The Contractor's Privacy Program must include the development of, and ongoing reviews and updates to Privacy Policies, guidelines, procedures and appropriate workforce privacy training within its organization. These Privacy Policies, guidelines, procedures, and appropriate training will be provided to all Contractor employees, agents, and volunteers. The Contractor's Privacy Policies, guidelines, and procedures must be continuously reviewed and updated for effectiveness and compliance with applicable laws and regulations, and to appropriately respond to new and emerging Threats and Risks. The Contractor's Privacy Program must perform ongoing monitoring and audits of operations to identify and mitigate privacy Threats.

The Contractor must exercise the same degree of care in safeguarding the privacy of County Information that the Contractor exercises with respect to its own Information, but in no event less than a reasonable degree of care. The Contractor will implement, maintain, and use appropriate privacy practices and protocols to preserve the Confidentiality of County Information.

The Contractor's Privacy Program must include:

- A Privacy Program framework that identifies and ensures that the Contractor complies with all applicable laws and regulations;
- External Privacy Policies, and internal privacy policies, procedures and controls to support the privacy program;
- Protections against unauthorized or unlawful access, use, disclosure, alteration, or destruction of County Information;
- A training program that covers Privacy Policies, protocols and awareness;
- A response plan to address privacy Incidents and privacy breaches; and

Ongoing privacy assessments and audits.

#### 3. CONTRACTOR'S USE OF COUNTY INFORMATION

The Contractor may use County Information only as necessary to carry out its obligations under this Contract. The Contractor must collect, maintain, or use County Information only for the purposes specified in the Contract and, in all cases, in compliance with all applicable local, state, and federal laws and regulations governing the collection, maintenance, transmission, dissemination, storage, use, and destruction of County Information, including, but not limited to, (i) any state and federal law governing the protection of personal Information, (ii) any state and federal security breach notification laws, and (iii) the rules, regulations and directives of the Federal Trade Commission, as amended from time to time.

#### 4. SHARING COUNTY INFORMATION AND DATA

The Contractor must not share, release, disclose, disseminate, make available, transfer, or otherwise communicate orally, in writing, or by electronic or other means, County Information to a third party for monetary or other valuable consideration.

## 5. CONFIDENTIALITY

- a. **Confidentiality of County Information.** The Contractor agrees that all County Information is Confidential and proprietary to the County regardless of whether such Information was disclosed intentionally or unintentionally, or marked as "confidential".
- b. Disclosure of County Information. The Contractor may disclose County Information only as necessary to carry out its obligations under this Contract, or as required by law, and is prohibited from using County Information for any other purpose without the prior express written approval of the County's contract administrator in consultation with the County's Chief Information Security Officer and/or Chief Privacy Officer. If required by a court of competent jurisdiction or an administrative body to disclose County Information, the Contractor must notify the County's contract administrator immediately and prior to any such disclosure, to provide the County an opportunity to oppose or otherwise respond to such disclosure, unless prohibited by law from doing so.
- c. **Disclosure Restrictions of Non-Public Information.** While performing work under the Contract, the Contractor may encounter County Non-public Information ("NPI") in the course of performing this Contract, including, but not limited to, licensed technology, drawings, schematics, manuals, sealed court records, and other materials described and/or identified as "Internal Use", "Confidential" or "Restricted" as defined in <u>Board of Supervisors Policy 6.104 Information Classification Policy</u> as NPI. The Contractor must not disclose or publish any County NPI and material received or used in performance of this Contract. This obligation is perpetual.
- d. Individual Requests. The Contractor must acknowledge any request or instructions from the County regarding the exercise of any individual's privacy rights provided under applicable federal or state laws. The Contractor must have in place appropriate policies and procedures to promptly respond to such requests and comply with any request or instructions from the County within seven (7) calendar days. If an individual makes a request directly to the Contractor involving County Information, the Contractor must notify the County within five (5) calendar days and the County will coordinate an appropriate response, which may include instructing the Contractor to assist in fulfilling the request. Similarly, if the Contractor receives a privacy or security complaint from an individual regarding County Information, the Contractor must notify the County as described in Section 11, SECURITY AND PRIVACY INCIDENTS, and the County will coordinate an appropriate response.

e. **Retention of County Information.** The Contractor must not retain any County Information for any period longer than necessary for the Contractor to fulfill its obligations under the Contract and applicable law, whichever is longest.

## 6. SUBCONTRACTORS AND THIRD PARTIES

The County acknowledges that in the course of performing its services, the Contractor may desire or require the use of goods, services, and/or assistance of Subcontractors or other third parties or suppliers. The terms of this Exhibit will also apply to all Subcontractors and third parties. The Contractor or third party will be subject to the following terms and conditions: (i) each Subcontractor and third party must agree in writing to comply with and be bound by the applicable terms and conditions of this Exhibit, both for itself and to enable the Contractor to be and remain in compliance with its obligations hereunder, including those provisions relating to Confidentiality, Integrity, Availability, disclosures, security, and such other terms and conditions as may be reasonably necessary to effectuate the Contract including this Exhibit; and (ii) the Contractor will be and remain fully liable for the acts and omissions of each Subcontractor and third party, and fully responsible for the due and proper performance of all Contractor obligations under this Contract.

The Contractor must obtain advanced approval from the County's Chief Information Security Officer and/or Chief Privacy Officer prior to subcontracting services subject to this Exhibit.

#### 7. STORAGE AND TRANSMISSION OF COUNTY INFORMATION

All County Information must be rendered unusable, unreadable, or indecipherable to unauthorized individuals. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Contractor will encrypt all workstations, portable devices (such as mobile, wearables, tablets,) and removable media (such as portable or removable hard disks, floppy disks, USB memory drives, CDs, DVDs, magnetic tape, and all other removable storage media) that store County Information in accordance with Federal Information Processing Standard (FIPS) 140-2 or otherwise approved by the County's Chief Information Security Officer.

The Contractor will encrypt County Information transmitted on networks outside of the Contractor's control with Transport Layer Security (TLS) or Internet Protocol Security (IPSec), at a minimum cipher strength of 128 bit or an equivalent secure transmission protocol or method approved by County's Chief Information Security Officer.

In addition, the Contractor must not store County Information in the cloud or in any other online storage provider without written authorization from the County's Chief Information Security Officer. All mobile devices storing County Information must be managed by a Mobile Device Management system. Such system must provide provisions to enforce a password/passcode on enrolled mobile devices. All workstations/Personal Computers (including laptops, 2-in-1s, and tablets) will maintain the latest operating system security patches, and the latest virus definitions. Virus scans must be performed at least monthly. Request for less frequent scanning must be approved in writing by the County's Chief Information Security Officer.

## 8. PHYSICAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SECURITY

All Contractor facilities that process County Information will be located in secure areas and protected by perimeter security such as barrier access controls (e.g., the use of guards and entry badges) that provide a physically secure environment from unauthorized access, damage, and interference.

All Contractor facilities that process County Information will be maintained with physical and environmental controls (temperature and humidity) that meet or exceed hardware manufacturer's specifications.

## 9. OPERATIONAL MANAGEMENT, BUSINESS CONTINUITY, AND DISASTER RECOVERY

The Contractor must: (i) monitor and manage all of its Information processing facilities, including, without limitation, implementing operational procedures, change management, and Incident response procedures consistent with Section 11, SECURITY AND PRIVACY INCIDENTS; and (ii) deploy adequate anti-malware software and adequate back-up systems to ensure essential business Information can be promptly recovered in the event of a disaster or media failure; and (iii) ensure its operating procedures are adequately documented and designed to protect Information and computer media from theft and unauthorized access.

The Contractor must have business continuity and disaster recovery plans. These plans must include a geographically separate back-up data center and a formal framework by which an unplanned event will be managed to minimize the loss of County Information and services. The formal framework includes a defined back-up policy and associated procedures, including documented policies and procedures designed to: (i) perform back-up of data to a remote back-up data center in a scheduled and timely manner; (ii) provide effective controls to safeguard backed-up data; (iii) securely transfer County Information to and from back-up location; (iv) fully restore applications and operating systems; and (v) demonstrate periodic testing of restoration from back-up location. If the Contractor makes backups to removable media (as described in Section 7, STORAGE AND TRANSMISSION OF COUNTY INFORMATION), all such backups must be encrypted in compliance with the encryption requirements noted above in Section 7, STORAGE AND TRANSMISSION OF COUNTY INFORMATION.

## 10. ACCESS CONTROL

Subject to and without limiting the requirements under Section 7, STORAGE AND TRANSMISSION OF COUNTY INFORMATION, County Information (i) may only be made available and accessible to those parties explicitly authorized under the Contract or otherwise expressly approved by the County Project Director or Project Manager in writing; and (ii) if transferred using removable media (as described in Section 7, STORAGE AND TRASNMISSION OF COUNTY INFORMATION PREFERENCE SOURCE NOT TRANSMISSION OF COUNTY INFORMATION) must be sent via a bonded courier and protected using encryption technology designated by the Contractor and approved by the County's Chief Information Security Officer in writing. The foregoing requirements will apply to back-up media stored by the Contractor at off-site facilities.

The Contractor must implement formal procedures to control access to County systems, services, and/or Information, including, but not limited to, user account management procedures and the following controls:

- a. Network access to both internal and external networked services must be controlled, including, but not limited to, the use of industry standard and properly configured firewalls;
- b. Operating systems will be used to enforce access controls to computer resources including, but not limited to, multi-factor authentication, use of virtual private networks (VPN), authorization, and event logging;
- c. The Contractor will conduct regular, no less often than semi-annually, user access reviews to ensure that unnecessary and/or unused access to County Information is removed in a timely manner;

- d. Applications will include access control to limit user access to County Information and application system functions;
- e. All systems will be monitored to detect deviation from access control policies and identify suspicious activity. The Contractor must record, review and act upon all events in accordance with Incident response policies set forth in Section 11, SECURITY AND PRIVACY INCIDENTS; and
- f. In the event any hardware, storage media, or removable media (as described in Section 7, STORAGE AND TRANSMISSION OF COUNTY INFORMATION) must be disposed of or sent off-site for servicing, the Contractor must ensure all County Information, has been eradicated from such hardware and/or media using industry best practices as discussed in Section 7, STORAGE AND TRANSMISSION OF COUNTY INFORMATION.

#### 11. SECURITY AND PRIVACY INCIDENTS

In the event of a Security or Privacy Incident, the Contractor must:

a. Promptly notify the County's Chief Information Security Officer, the Departmental Information Security Officer, and the County's Chief Privacy Officer of any Incidents involving County Information, within twenty-four (24) hours of detection of the Incident. All notifications must be submitted via encrypted email and telephone.

County Chief Information Security Officer and Chief Privacy Officer email <a href="mailto:CISO-CPO">CISO-CPO</a> Notify@lacounty.gov

## **Chief Information Security Officer:**

Jeffrey Aguilar Chief Information Security Officer 320 W Temple, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor Los Angeles, CA 90012 (213) 253-5600

## **Chief Privacy Officer:**

Lillian Russell Chief Privacy Officer 320 W Temple, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor Los Angeles, CA 90012 (213) 351-5363

## **Departmental Information Security Officer:**

Sasha Schleuman
Departmental Information Security Officer
5555 Ferguson Dr.
Commerce, CA 90022
(213) 251-6703
SSchleumer@ph.lacounty.gov

- b. Include the following Information in all notices:
  - i. The date and time of discovery of the Incident,
  - ii. The approximate date and time of the Incident,
  - iii. A description of the type of County Information involved in the reported Incident, and

- iv. A summary of the relevant facts, including a description of measures being taken to respond to and remediate the Incident, and any planned corrective actions as they are identified.
- v. The name and contact information for the organizations official representative(s), with relevant business and technical information relating to the incident.
- c. Cooperate with the County to investigate the Incident and seek to identify the specific County Information involved in the Incident upon the County's written request, without charge, unless the Incident was caused by the acts or omissions of the County. As Information about the Incident is collected or otherwise becomes available to the Contractor, and unless prohibited by law, the Contractor must provide Information regarding the nature and consequences of the Incident that are reasonably requested by the County to allow the County to notify affected individuals, government agencies, and/or credit bureaus.
- d. Immediately initiate the appropriate portions of their Business Continuity and/or Disaster Recovery plans in the event of an Incident causing an interference with Information Technology operations.
- e. Assist and cooperate with forensic investigators, the County, law firms, and and/or law enforcement agencies at the direction of the County to help determine the nature, extent, and source of any Incident, and reasonably assist and cooperate with the County on any additional disclosures that the County is required to make as a result of the Incident.
- f. Allow the County or its third-party designee at the County's election to perform audits and tests of the Contractor's environment that may include, but are not limited to, interviews of relevant employees, review of documentation, or technical inspection of systems, as they relate to the receipt, maintenance, use, retention, and authorized destruction of County Information.

Notwithstanding any other provisions in this Contract and Exhibit, The Contractor will be (i) liable for all damages and fines, (ii) responsible for all corrective action, and (iii) responsible for all notifications arising from an Incident involving County Information caused by the Contractor's weaknesses, negligence, errors, or lack of Information Security or privacy controls or provisions.

## 12. NON-EXCLUSIVE EQUITABLE REMEDY

The Contractor acknowledges and agrees that due to the unique nature of County Information there can be no adequate remedy at law for any breach of its obligations hereunder, that any such breach may result in irreparable harm to the County, and therefore, that upon any such breach, the County will be entitled to appropriate equitable remedies, and may seek injunctive relief from a court of competent jurisdiction without the necessity of proving actual loss, in addition to whatever remedies are available within law or equity. Any breach of Section 5, CONFIDENTIALITY, will constitute a material breach of this Contract and be grounds for immediate termination of this Contract in the exclusive discretion of the County.

## 13. AUDIT AND INSPECTION

a. Self-Audits. The Contractor must periodically conduct audits, assessments, testing of the system of controls, and testing of Information Security and privacy procedures, including penetration testing, intrusion detection, and firewall configuration reviews. These periodic audits will be conducted by staff certified to perform the specific audit in question at Contractor's sole cost and expense through either (i) an internal independent audit function, (ii) a nationally recognized, external, independent auditor, or (iii) another independent auditor approved by the County.

The Contractor must have a process for correcting control deficiencies that have been identified in the periodic audit, including follow up documentation providing evidence of such corrections. The Contractor must provide the audit results and any corrective action documentation to the County promptly upon its completion at the County's request. With respect to any other report, certification, or audit or test results prepared or received by the Contractor that contains any County Information, the Contractor must promptly provide the County with copies of the same upon the County's reasonable request, including identification of any failure or exception in the Contractor's Information systems, products, and services, and the corresponding steps taken by the Contractor to mitigate such failure or exception. Any reports and related materials provided to the County pursuant to this Section must be provided at no additional charge to the County.

b. County Requested Audits. At its own expense, the County, or an independent third-party auditor commissioned by the County, will have the right to audit the Contractor's infrastructure, security and privacy practices, Data center, services and/or systems storing or processing County Information via an onsite inspection at least once a year. Upon the County's request the Contractor must complete a questionnaire regarding Contractor's Information Security and/or program. The County will pay for the County requested audit unless the auditor finds that the Contractor has materially breached this Exhibit, in which case the Contractor must bear all costs of the audit; and if the audit reveals material non-compliance with this Exhibit, the County may exercise its termination rights underneath the Contract.

Such audit will be conducted during the Contractor's normal business hours with reasonable advance notice, in a manner that does not materially disrupt or otherwise unreasonably and adversely affect the Contractor's normal business operations. The County's request for the audit will specify the scope and areas (e.g., Administrative, Physical, and Technical) that are subject to the audit and may include, but are not limited to physical controls inspection, process reviews, policy reviews, evidence of external and internal Vulnerability scans, penetration test results, evidence of code reviews, and evidence of system configuration and audit log reviews. It is understood that the results may be filtered to remove the specific Information of other Contractor customers such as IP address, server names, etc. The Contractor must cooperate with the County in the development of the scope and methodology for the audit, and the timing and implementation of the audit. This right of access will extend to any regulators with oversight of the County. The Contractor agrees to comply with all reasonable recommendations that result from such inspections, tests, and audits within reasonable timeframes.

When not prohibited by regulation, the Contractor will provide to the County a summary of: (i) the results of any security audits, security reviews, or other relevant audits, conducted by the Contractor or a third party; and (ii) corrective actions or modifications, if any, the Contractor will implement in response to such audits.

### 14. PRIVACY AND SECURITY INDEMNIFICATION

In addition to the indemnification provisions in the Contract, the Contractor agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the County, its Special Districts, elected and appointed officers, agents, employees, and volunteers from and against any and all claims, demands liabilities, damages, judgments, awards, losses, costs, expenses or fees including reasonable attorneys' fees, accounting and other expert, consulting or professional fees, and amounts paid in any settlement arising from, connected with, or relating to:

• The Contractor's violation of any federal and state laws in connection with its accessing, collecting, processing, storing, disclosing, or otherwise using County Information;

- The Contractor's failure to perform or comply with any terms and conditions of this Contract or related agreements with the County; and/or,
- Any Information loss, breach of Confidentiality, or Incident involving any County Information that
  occurs on the Contractor's systems or networks (including all costs and expenses incurred by
  the County to remedy the effects of such loss, breach of Confidentiality, or Incident, which may
  include (i) providing appropriate notice to individuals and governmental authorities, (ii)
  responding to individuals' and governmental authorities' inquiries, (iii) providing credit
  monitoring to individuals, and (iv) conducting litigation and settlements with individuals and
  governmental authorities).

Notwithstanding the preceding sentences, the County will 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 will be entitled to retain its own counsel, including, without limitation, County Counsel, and to reimbursement from contractor for all such costs and expenses incurred by County in doing so. Contractor will 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.

## **VENDORS'S AFFIDAVIT OF ADHERENCE TO MINIMUM MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS**

Vendor must demonstrate that they meet the Minimum Mandatory Requirements by the date on which statement of qualifications (SOQ) are due to qualify in one (1) or more of the As-needed Language Assistance Services categories identified in Section 2.3 and outlined in Appendix E (Statements of Work) of the RFSQ. Vendor should document all relative experience and qualifications in order to demonstrate compliance with the Vendor's Minimum Mandatory Requirements. Vendor acknowledges and certifies that firm meets and will comply with the Minimum Mandatory Requirements as stated in Paragraph 3.0 of the RFSQ, as listed below.

**Note:** The minimum mandatory requirements may not be met through any collaboration or a subcontract relationship between two (2) or more organizations.

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| Category 2: O   | ral Interpretation Services   |  |  |  |
| Category 3: Te  | elephonic and Video Remote Interpretation Services  |  |  |  |
| Category 4: Si  | ign Language Interpretation and Other Services for Deaf and Hard of Hearing   |  |  |  |
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| <b>Check the appropriate boxes</b> (Vendor must check a box under each Section below. Failure to check any boxes or provide required responsive information may result in disqualification of the SOQ as non-responsive.) |   |  |  |  |
| MMR 3.1 provid  | for must have three (3) years of experience within the last five (5) years ding services in each category for which they are attempting to qualify as ified in Section 2.3 and outlined in Appendix E (Statements of Work). |  |  |  |
| ☐ <b>Yes.</b> Vendor does meet the requirement stated above.  |   |  |  |  |

| ☐ Category 1: Document Translation and Other Written Services ☐ Not Applicable |                                     |                   |                |                 | licable         |
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| ☐ Category 2: Oral Interpretation Services ☐ Not Applicable   |                 |         |        | licable |        |
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| Vendor must indicate the number of years of experience and clearly demonstrates ability to meet the above-referenced requirement. |                 |         |        |         |        |
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| ☐ Category 3                    | : Telephonic and Vid                     | leo Remote Int               | erpretation Servi | ces  Not Applica | able         |
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| Category 4                   | : Sign Language Ir<br>for Deaf and Har  | nterpretation and | Other Services | ☐ Not Applical | ole    |  |
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| Vendor must i to meet the ab | Vendor must indicate the number of years of experience and clearly demonstrates ability to meet the above-referenced requirement. |                   |                |                |        |  |
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| MMR 3.2             | If Vendor's compliance with a County contract has been reviewed by the Department of the Auditor-Controller within the last 10 years, Vendor must not have unresolved questioned costs identified by the Auditor-Controller, in an amount over \$100,000.00, that are confirmed to be disallowed costs by the contracting County department, and remain unpaid for six months or more from the date of disallowance, unless such disallowed costs are the subject of current good faith negotiations to resolve the disallowed costs, in the opinion of the County.  County will verify that Vendor does not have unresolved disallowed costs.   |
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| ☐ Vendor does not   | have any unresolved disallowed costs as explained above.   |
| ☐ Vendor has unres  | solved disallowed costs as explained above.  |
| The following addit | onal qualifications apply to Category 3 ONLY:  |
| MMR 3.3             | Vendor must have a minimum of one (1) centralized calling center, either a physical or cloud-based site and staff either locally or remotely, within the United States, with uninterruptible power supply, a toll-free access phone number, and fully redundant backup capabilities -and- one (1) free application or use a web application, with required log-in, hosted within the United States that resides on a secure server and a web browser, with no plug-ins or applets downloaded to the end User's computer with uninterruptible power supply and fully redundant backup capabilities that complies with County security protocols, Exhibit \( \mathbb{L} \), Information Security and Privacy Requirements, of the Sample Master Agreement. |
| Check the appropri  | ate box:   |
| Yes. Vendor does    | s meet the requirement stated above.   |
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| Vendor must document their experience the above-referenced requirement. | ce below that clearly demonstrates ability to meet |
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| The following additional qualifications apply to Categories 2 and 4:   |  |  |  |  |  |
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| MMR 3.4  | Vendor must have an administrative office located within the geographic boundaries of Los Angeles County.          |  |  |  |  |
| Check the a  | appropriate box:   |  |  |  |  |
|  | ☐ <b>Yes.</b> Vendor does meet the requirement stated above. (If yes, provide address of office(s) location below) |  |  |  |  |
| ☐ <b>No.</b> Ver   | ndor does not meet the requirement stated above.   |  |  |  |  |
| N/A. No  | t Applicable   |  |  |  |  |
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| Vendor further acknowledges that any false, misleading, incomplete, or deceptively unresponsive statements in connection with this SOQ may be cause for rejecting the SOQ. The evaluation and determination in this area will be at the Public Health Director's sole judgment, which will be final. |  |  |  |  |  |
| On behalf o  | of (Vendor's Name):  |  |  |  |  |
| I, (Vendor's Authorized Representative):   |  |  |  |  |  |
| hereby certif<br>belief.   | fy that this Vendor's Affidavit is true and correct to the best of my information and                              |  |  |  |  |
| Signature  | Title  |  |  |  |  |

## **VENDORS'S AFFIDAVIT OF ADHERENCE TO MINIMUM MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS**

Vendor must demonstrate that they meet the Minimum Mandatory Requirements to qualify in one (1) or more of the As-needed Language Assistance Services categories identified in Section 2.3 and outlined in Appendix E (Statements of Work) of the RFSQ. Vendor should document all relative experience and qualifications in order to demonstrate compliance with the Vendor's Minimum Mandatory Requirements. Vendor acknowledges and certifies that firm meets and will comply with the Minimum Mandatory Requirements as stated in Paragraph 3.0 of the RFSQ, as listed below.

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| ☐ Category 3   | : Telephonic and Video Remote Interpretation Services   |  |
| ☐ Category 4   | : Sign Language Interpretation and Other Services for Deaf and Hard of Hearing  |  |
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| Vendor must have three (3) years of experience within the last five (5) years providing services in each category for which they are attempting to qualify as identified in Section 2.3 and outlined in Appendix E (Statements of Work). |   |  |
| ☐ <b>Yes.</b> Vendor does meet the requirement stated above.   |   |  |

| ☐ Category 1:                | : Document Trans                    | lation and Other  | Written Service | s Not App     | licable         |
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| ☐ Category 2  | : Oral Interpretation | Services         |                | ☐ Not Appl       | icable          |
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| ☐ Category 3  | : Telephonic and Vid                      | deo Remote Inte            | erpretation Servic | ces  Not App  | licable         |
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| Vendor must i | indicate the number<br>pove-referenced re | er of years of cauirement. | experience and     | clearly demon | strates ability |
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| Category 4:                  |                 | Interpretation ar<br>ard of Hearing Pe | nd Other Services | Not Ap       | plicable         |
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| Vendor must into meet the ab |                 | ber of years of                        | experience and    | clearly demo | nstrates ability |
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| MMR 3.2  | If Vendor's compliance with a County contract has been reviewed by the Department of the Auditor-Controller within the last 10 years, Vendor must not have unresolved questioned costs identified by the Auditor-Controller, in an amount over \$100,000.00, that are confirmed to be disallowed costs by the contracting County department, and remain unpaid for six months or more from the date of disallowance, unless such disallowed costs are the subject of current good faith negotiations to resolve the disallowed costs, in the opinion of the County.  County will verify that Vendor does not have unresolved disallowed costs. |  |  |  |
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| ☐ Vendor does not  | have any unresolved disallowed costs as explained above.   |  |  |  |
| ☐ Vendor has unre  | solved disallowed costs as explained above.  |  |  |  |
| The following addit  | ional qualifications apply to Category 3 ONLY:   |  |  |  |
| Vendor must have a minimum of one (1) centralized calling center, either a physical or cloud-based site equipped and staffed locally or remotely, within the United States, with uninterruptible power supply, a toll-free access phone number, and fully redundant backup capabilities -and- one (1) free application or use a web application, with required log-in, hosted within the United States that resides on a secure server and a web browser, with no plug-ins or applets downloaded to the end User's computer with uninterruptible power supply and fully redundant backup capabilities that complies with County security protocols, Exhibit LJ, Information Security and Privacy Requirements, of the Sample Master Agreement. |  |  |  |  |
| Check the appropriate box:   |  |  |  |  |
| Yes. Vendor does meet the requirement stated above.  |  |  |  |  |
| No. Vendor does not meet the requirement stated above.   |  |  |  |  |
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| Vendor must document their experience below that clearly demonstrates ability to meet the above-referenced requirement. |             |  |
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| The following additional qualifications apply to Categories 2 and 4:   |   |  |
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| MMR 3.4  | Vendor must have an administrative office located within the geographic boundaries of Los Angeles County. |  |
| Check the appropriate box:   |   |  |
|  | ndor does meet the requirement stated above. (If yes, provide address of office(s) ation below)           |  |
| ☐ <b>No.</b> Ver   | ndor does not meet the requirement stated above.  |  |
| N/A. No  | t Applicable  |  |
| Street Address   |   |  |
| City and Zip Code  |   |  |
| Vendor further acknowledges that any false, misleading, incomplete, or deceptively unresponsive statements in connection with this SOQ may be cause for rejecting the SOQ. The evaluation and determination in this area will be at the Public Health Director's sole judgment, which will be final. |   |  |
| On behalf of (Vendor's Name):  |   |  |
| I, (Vendor's<br>Representat  |   |  |
| hereby certify that this Vendor's Affidavit is true and correct to the best of my information and belief.  |   |  |
| Signature  | Title   |  |