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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION**

**REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS
(RFSQ)
FOR**

**AS NEEDED
AQUATIC WEED AND ALGAE
GROWTH CONTROL SERVICES
MASTER AGREEMENT**



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1.0 GENERAL INFORMATION

1.1 Scope of Work

The County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation (Department) is seeking qualified companies to enter into Master Agreements with the County of Los Angeles (County) to provide a uniform approach to requesting as-needed aquatic weed and algae growth control services required by various Department facilities related to their aquatic areas and programs.

This solicitation will consolidate all lake-related as-needed aquatic weed and algae growth control services under a single agreement. This approach will enable the inclusion of specific lake related terms and conditions (e.g. pre- and post-treatment monitoring, treatment percentages, environmental compliance, etc.), provide multiple contractors to cover geographical areas of the County, and ensure the best pricing.

The County, through this Request for Statement of Qualifications (RFSQ), is seeking as-needed aquatic weed and algae growth control services. The Department may add additional lakes throughout the term of the agreement.

1.2 Overview of Solicitation Document

This Request for Statement of Qualifications (RFSQ) is composed of the following parts:

- **GENERAL INFORMATION:** Specifies the Contractor's minimum qualifications, provides information regarding some of the requirements of the Master Agreement and the solicitation process.
- **INSTRUCTIONS TO CONTRACTORS:** Contains instructions to Contractors in how to prepare and submit their Statement of Qualifications (SOQ).
- **STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS (SOQ) REVIEW/SELECTION QUALIFICATION PROCESS:** Explains how the SOQ will be reviewed, selected and qualified.
- **APPENDICES:**
 - A - **Required Forms:** Forms contained in this section must be completed and included in the SOQ.
 - B - **Transmittal Form to Request a Solicitation Requirements Review:** Transmittal sent to Department requesting a Solicitation Requirements Review.
 - C - **County of Los Angeles Policy of Doing Business with Small Business:** County Code.
 - D - **Jury Service Ordinance:** County Code.
 - E - **Listing of Contractors Debarred in Los Angeles County:** Contractors who are not allowed to contract with the County for a specific length of time.

- F - IRS Notice 1015:** Provides information on Federal Earned Income Credit.
- G - Safely Surrendered Baby Law:** County Program.
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- I - County's Non-Smoking Ban:** County Code
- J - Master Agreement:** The Master Agreement used for this solicitation. The terms and conditions shown in the Master Agreement are not negotiable.
- K - Scope of Services, General Information, and Locations:** Provides information on the locations, and as well as the services to be performed.

1.3 Terms and Definitions

Throughout this RFSQ, references are made to certain persons, groups, or Departments/agencies. For convenience, a description of specific definitions can be found in Appendix J, Master Agreement, Paragraph 2, Definitions.

1.4 Contractor's Minimum Qualifications

Interested and qualified Contractors who can successfully demonstrate their ability to provide these services and meet the minimum qualifications as stated hereinafter are invited to submit a SOQ.

1.4.1 The Contractor must have a minimum of three (3) years of experience within the last five (5) years providing as-needed aquatic weed and algae growth control services similar in nature and scope as described in Appendix B of this RFSQ.

1.4.2 The Contractor must have appropriate regulatory agency licenses in good standing with respective licensing agencies. Each Contractor must complete the information as indicated on Valid License/Permit Form (See Appendix A, Required Forms, Exhibit 15), and provide a copy of the following licenses:

- Aquatic Weed and Algae Growth Control
- Pest Control Business License
- Pest Control Advisor License – Category E
- Qualified Applicator License – Category F
- Los Angeles County Agriculture Commissioner Proof of Registration

The Contractors may also use microbes, manual, or mechanical removal in the performance of the as-needed aquatic weed and algae growth control services but must have the above licenses to apply chemicals.

- 1.4.3 The Contractor's Project Manager must have a minimum of three (3) years' experience within the last five (5) years planning and supervising as-needed aquatic weed and algae growth control services.
- 1.4.4 The Contractor must provide two samples of reports where aquatic weed and algae growth control services were provided that the Contractor has produced and submitted to respective governing agencies within the previous 18 to 24 months of the date of this RFSQ. One sample should be of a report produced and submitted to a State of California regulatory agency. The other sample should be of a report produced and submitted to a County of Los Angeles regulatory agency.
- 1.4.5 The Contractor shall describe the approach as provided for in the SOQ Review/Selection/Qualification Process, Paragraph 2.7.2, Contractor's Approach to Provide Services.
- 1.4.6 The Contractor must declare its intent to comply with the terms and conditions of the Sample Master Agreement.
- 1.4.7 The Contractor must comply with the RFSQ format and requirements set forth in the Instructions to Contractors, Section 2.0, of this RFSQ when submitting its SOQ.
- 1.4.8 The Contractor must provide Proof of Insurability. A letter of commitment from an insurance company, acceptable to the County, setting forth that adequate insurance coverage (\$2,000,000 single limit for liabilities and as further described in the attached Sample Master Agreement, Appendix J) will be available at the time of the award of the Master Agreement. Letters of intent from insurance brokers will not be considered acceptable.
- 1.4.9 If Contractor's compliance with a County contract has been reviewed by the Department of the Auditor-Controller within the last 10 years, Contractor 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.

1.5 Master Agreement Process

The objective of this RFSQ process is to secure one or more qualified Contractors to provide as-needed aquatic weed and algae growth control services. Specific tasks, deliverables, etc. will be determined at the time that the Department requests Work Order bids.

- 1.5.1 Master Agreements will be executed with all Contractors determined to be qualified. The execution of a Master Agreement does not guarantee a Contractor any minimum amount of business.

- 1.5.2 Upon County's execution of these Master Agreements, the qualified Contractors will become County Contractors, and thereafter they will from time to time be solicited under competitive conditions to provide as-needed aquatic weed and algae growth control services under Work Orders to be issued by the Department accordance with Appendix J, Sample Master Agreement, Paragraph 3.0.
- 1.5.3 Work Orders shall include a Statement of Work, which shall describe in detail the particular project and the work required for the performance thereof. Payment for all work shall be either on a time and materials basis or on a fixed price per deliverable basis, subject to the Total Maximum Amount specified on each individual Work Order.
- 1.5.4 In each year of the Master Agreement, the total of all amounts to actually expended be by County may not exceed **Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000)**. The County has sole discretion to expend some, all, or none of such budgeted amounts.

1.6 Master Agreement Term

The proposed term of the Master Agreement that shall be recommended to the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors (Board) for approval shall be for a period of ten (10) years. The Master Agreement shall commence on the first day of the month following execution thereof by the Director.

The Department will be continuously accepting SOQs throughout the duration of the Master Agreement to qualify Vendors. The Master Agreement will become effective upon the date of its execution by the Director or his/her designee.

1.7 Days of Operation

The Contractor shall be required to provide as-needed aquatic weed and algae growth control services on an as needed basis Sunday through Saturday. Specific details regarding time and dates will be made as the services are needed.

1.8 County Rights and Responsibilities

The County has the right to amend the RFSQ by written addendum. The County is responsible only for that which is expressly stated in the solicitation document and any authorized written addenda thereto. Such addendum shall be made available to each person or organization which County records indicate has received this RFSQ. Should such addendum require additional information not previously requested, failure to address the requirements of such addendum may result in the SOQ not being considered, as determined in the sole discretion of the County. The County is not responsible for and shall not be bound by any representations otherwise made by any individual acting or purporting to act on its behalf.

1.9 Contact with County Personnel

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

Matthew Green, Contract Analyst
Contracts Division
1000 South Fremont Avenue, Unit #40
Building A-9 West, 2ND Floor
Alhambra, California 91803
Email: mgreen@parks.lacounty.gov

If it is discovered that a Contractor contacted and received information from any County personnel, other than the person specified above, regarding this solicitation, County, in its sole determination, may disqualify their SOQ from further consideration.

1.10 Mandatory Requirement to Register on County's WebVen

Prior to executing a Master Agreement, all potential Contractors must register in the County's WebVen. The WebVen contains the Contractor's business profile and identifies the goods/services the business provides. Registration can be accomplished online via the Internet by accessing the County's home page at <http://camisvr.co.la.ca.us/webven/>

1.11 County Option to Reject SOQs

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

1.12 Protest Process

1.12.1 Under Board Policy No. 5.055 (Services Contract Solicitation Protest), any prospective Contractor may request a review of the requirements under a solicitation for a Board-approved services contract, as described in Section 1.12.3 below. Additionally, any actual Contractor may request a review of a disqualification under such a solicitation, as described in the Sections below.

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

1.12.3 Grounds for Review

Unless state or federal statutes or regulations otherwise provide, the grounds for review of any Departmental determination or action should be limited to the following:

- Review of Solicitation Requirements Review (Reference Subparagraph 2.4 in the solicitation requirement review)
- Review of a Disqualified SOQ (Reference Subparagraph 3.2 in the SOQ Review/Selection/Qualification Process)

1.13 Notice to Contractor's Regarding Public Records Act

- 1.13.1 Responses to this RFSQ shall become the exclusive property of the County. At such time as when the Department recommends the qualified Contractor(s) to the Board of Supervisors (Board) and such recommendation appears on the Board agenda, all SOQ's submitted in response to this RFSQ, become a matter of public record, with the exception of those parts of each SOQ which are justifiably defined and identified by the Contractor as business or trade secrets, and plainly marked as "Trade Secret," "Confidential," or "Proprietary."
- 1.13.2 The County shall not, in any way, be liable or responsible for the disclosure of any such record or any parts thereof, if disclosure is required or permitted under the California Public Records Act or otherwise by law. **A blanket statement of confidentiality or the marking of each page of the SOQ as confidential shall not be deemed sufficient notice of exception. The Contractor must specifically label only those provisions of their respective SOQ which are "Trade Secrets," "Confidential," or "Proprietary" in nature.**

1.14 Indemnification and Insurance

Contractor shall be required to comply with the Indemnification provisions contained in Appendix J, Master Agreement, Subparagraph 8.20. Contractor shall procure, maintain, and provide to the County proof of insurance coverage for all the programs of insurance along with associated amounts specified in Appendix J, Master Agreement, Subparagraphs 8.21 and 8.22.

1.15 Injury and Illness Prevention Program (IIPP)

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

1.16 Background and Security Investigations

Background and security investigations of Contractor's staff may be required at the discretion of the County as a condition of beginning and continuing work

under any resulting agreement. The cost of background checks is the responsibility of the Contractor.

1.17 Confidentiality and Independent Contractor Status

As appropriate, Contractor shall be required to comply with the Confidentiality provision Subparagraph 7.6 and the Independent Contractor Status Subparagraph 8.19 in Appendix J, Master Agreement.

1.18 Conflict of Interest

No County employee whose position in the County enables him/her to influence the selection of a Contractor for this RFSQ, or any competing RFSQ, nor any spouse of economic dependent of such employees, shall be employed in any capacity by a Contractor or have any other direct or indirect financial interest in the selection of a Contractor. Contractor shall certify that he/she is aware of and has read Section 2.180.010 of the Los Angeles County Code as stated in Appendix A, Required Forms Exhibit 2, Certification of No Conflict of Interest.

1.19 Determination of Contractor Responsibility

- 1.19.1 A responsible Contractor is a Contractor who has demonstrated the attribute of trustworthiness, as well as quality, fitness, capacity and experience to satisfactorily perform the contract. It is the County's policy to conduct business only with responsible Contractors.
- 1.19.2 Contractors are hereby notified that, in accordance with Chapter 2.202 of the County Code, the County may determine whether the Contractor is responsible based on a review of the Contractor's performance on any contracts, including but not limited to County contracts. Particular attention will be given to violations of labor laws related to employee compensation and benefits, and evidence of false claims made by the Contractor against public entities. Labor law violations which are the fault of the subcontractors and of which the Contractor had no knowledge shall not be the basis of a determination that the Contractor is not responsible.
- 1.19.3 The County may declare a Contractor to be non-responsible for purposes of this Master Agreement if the Board of Supervisors, in its discretion, finds that the Contractor has done any of the following: (1) violated a term of a contract with the County or a nonprofit corporation created by the County; (2) committed an act or omission which negatively reflects on the Contractor's quality, fitness or capacity to perform a contract with the County, any other public entity, or a nonprofit corporation created by the County, or engaged in a pattern or practice which negatively reflects on same; (3) committed an act or omission which indicates a lack of business integrity or business honesty; or (4) made or submitted a false claim against the County or any other public entity.

- 1.19.4 If there is evidence that the Contractor may not be responsible, the Department shall notify the Contractor in writing of the evidence relating to the Contractor's responsibility, and its intention to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that the Contractor be found not responsible. The Department shall provide the Contractor and/or the Contractor's representative with an opportunity to present evidence as to why the Contractor should be found to be responsible and to rebut evidence which is the basis for the Department's recommendation.
- 1.19.5 If the Contractor presents evidence in rebuttal to the Department, the Department shall evaluate the merits of such evidence, and based on that evaluation, make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. The final decision concerning the responsibility of the Contractor shall reside with the Board of Supervisors.
- 1.19.6 These terms shall also apply to proposed subcontractors of Contractors on County contracts.

1.20 Contractor Debarment

- 1.20.1 Contractor is hereby notified that, in accordance with Chapter 2.202 of the County Code, the County may debar the Contractor from bidding or proposing on, or being awarded, and/or performing work on other County contracts for a specified period of time, which generally will not exceed five (5) years but may exceed five (5) years or be permanent if warranted by the circumstances, and the County may terminate any or all of the Contractor's existing contracts with County, if the Board of Supervisors finds, in its discretion, that the Contractor has done any of the following: (1) violated a term of a contract with the County or a nonprofit corporation created by the County; (2) committed an act or omission which negatively reflects on the Contractor's quality, fitness or capacity to perform a contract with the County, any other public entity, or a nonprofit corporation created by the County, or engaged in a pattern or practice which negatively reflects on same; (3) committed an act or offense which indicates a lack of business integrity or business honesty; or (4) made or submitted a false claim against the County or any other public entity.
- 1.20.2 If there is evidence that the apparent highest ranked Contractor may be subject to debarment, the Department shall notify the Contractor in writing of the evidence which is the basis for the proposed debarment and shall advise the Contractor of the scheduled date for a debarment hearing before the Contractor Hearing Board.
- 1.20.3 The Contractor Hearing Board shall conduct a hearing where evidence on the proposed debarment is presented. The Contractor and/or Contractor's representative shall be given an opportunity to submit evidence at that hearing. After the hearing, the Contractor Hearing Board shall prepare a tentative proposed decision, which shall contain a

recommendation regarding whether the Contractor should be debarred, and, if so, the appropriate length of time of the debarment. The Contractor and the Department shall be provided an opportunity to object to the tentative proposed decision prior to its presentation to the Board of Supervisors.

- 1.20.4 After consideration of any objections, or if no objections are received, a record of the hearing, the proposed decision and any other recommendation of the Contractor Hearing Board shall be presented to the Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisors shall have the right to modify, deny or adopt the proposed decision and recommendation of the Contractor Hearing Board.
- 1.20.5 If a Contractor has been debarred for a period longer than five (5) years, that Contractor may, after the debarment has been in effect for at least five (5) years, submit a written request for review of the debarment determination to reduce the period of debarment or terminate the debarment. The County may, in its discretion, reduce the period of debarment or terminate the debarment if it finds that the Contractor has adequately demonstrated one or more of the following: (1) elimination of the grounds for which the debarment was imposed; (2) a bona fide change in ownership or management; (3) material evidence discovered after debarment was imposed; or (4) any other reason that is in the best interests of the County.
- 1.20.6 The Contractor Hearing Board will consider requests for review of a debarment determination only where (1) the Contractor has been debarred for a period longer than five (5) years; (2) the debarment has been in effect for at least five (5) years; and (3) the request is in writing, states one or more of the grounds for reduction of the debarment period or termination of the debarment and includes supporting documentation. Upon receiving an appropriate request, the Contractor Hearing Board will provide notice of the hearing on the request. At the hearing, the Contractor Hearing Board shall conduct a hearing where evidence on the proposed reduction of debarment period or termination of debarment is presented. This hearing shall be conducted and the request for review decided by the Contractor Hearing Board pursuant to the same procedures as for a debarment hearing.
- 1.20.7 The Contractor Hearing Board's proposed decision shall contain a recommendation on the request to reduce the period of debarment or terminate the debarment. The Contractor Hearing Board shall present its proposed decision and recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisors shall have the right to modify, deny, or adopt the proposed decision and recommendation of the Contractor Hearing Board.
- 1.20.8 These terms shall also apply to proposed subcontractors of Contractors on County contracts.

1.20.9 Appendix E provides a link to the County's website where there is a listing of Contractors that are currently on the Debarment List for Los Angeles County.

1.21 Contractor's Adherence to County Child Support Compliance Program

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

1.22 Gratuities

1.22.1 Attempt to Secure Favorable Treatment

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

1.22.2 Contractor Notification to County

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

1.22.3 Form of Improper Consideration

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

1.23 Notice to Contractors Regarding the County Lobbyist Ordinance

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles has enacted an ordinance regulating the activities of persons who lobby County officials. This ordinance, referred to as the "Lobbyist Ordinance", defines a County Lobbyist and imposes certain registration requirements upon individuals meeting the

definition. The complete text of the ordinance can be found in County Code Chapter 2.160. In effect, each person, corporation or other entity that seeks a County permit, license, franchise or contract must certify compliance with the ordinance. As part of this solicitation process, it will be the responsibility of each Contractor to review the ordinance independently as the text of said ordinance is not contained within this RFSQ. Thereafter, each person, corporation or other entity submitting a response to this solicitation, must certify that each County Lobbyist, as defined by Los Angeles County Code Section 2.160.010, retained by the Contractor is in full compliance with Chapter 2.160 of the Los Angeles County Code and each such County Lobbyist is not on the Executive Office's List of Terminated Registered Lobbyists by completing and submitting the Familiarity with the County Lobbyist Ordinance Certification, as set forth in Appendix A, Required Forms, Exhibit 5, as part of their SOQ.

1.24 Federal Earned Income Credit

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

1.25 Consideration of GAIN/GROW Participants for Employment

As a threshold requirement for consideration of a Master Agreement, Contractors shall demonstrate a proven record of hiring participants in the County's Department of Public Social Services Greater Avenues for Independence (GAIN) or General Relief Opportunity for Work (GROW) Programs or shall attest to a willingness to consider GAIN/GROW participants for any future employment openings if they meet the minimum qualifications for that opening. Contractors shall attest to a willingness to provide employed GAIN/GROW participants access to the Contractor's employee mentoring program, if available, to assist these individuals in obtaining permanent employment and/or promotional opportunities. Contractors who are unable to meet this requirement shall not be considered for a Master Agreement.

Contractors shall complete and return the form, Attestation of Willingness to Consider GAIN/GROW Participants, as set forth in Appendix A, Required Forms Exhibit 9, as part of their SOQ.

1.26 County's Quality Assurance Plan

After award of a Master Agreement and subsequent Work Order(s), the County or its agent will monitor the Contractor's performance under the Master Agreement and Work Order on an annual basis. Such monitoring will include assessing Contractor's compliance with all terms and conditions in the Master Agreement and performance standards identified in the Work Order. Contractor's deficiencies which the County determines are significant or continuing and that may jeopardize performance of this Master Agreement and subsequent Work Orders will be reported to the County's Board of Supervisors.

The report will include improvement/corrective action measures taken by the County and Contractor. If improvement does not occur consistent with the corrective action measures, the County may terminate the Master Agreement and/or Work Order in whole or in part, or impose other penalties as specified in the Master Agreement.

1.27 Recycled Bond Paper

Contractor shall be required to comply with the County's policy on recycled bond paper as specified in Appendix J, Master Agreement, Subparagraph 8.36.

1.28 Safely Surrendered Baby Law

The contractor shall notify and provide to its employees, and shall require each subcontractor to notify and provide to its employees, information regarding the Safely Surrendered Baby Law, its implementation in Los Angeles County, and where and how to safely surrender a baby. The information is set forth in Appendix G (Safely Surrendered Baby Law) of this solicitation document. Additional information is available at www.babysafela.org.

1.29 County Policy on Doing Business with Small Business

- 1.29.1 The County has multiple programs that address small businesses. The Board of Supervisors encourages small business participation in the County's contracting process by constantly streamlining and simplifying our selection process and expanding opportunities for small businesses to compete for our business.
- 1.29.2 The Local Small Business Enterprise Preference Program, requires the Company to complete a certification process. This program and how to obtain certification are further explained in Subparagraph 1.31 of this Section.
- 1.29.3 The Jury Service Program provides exceptions to the Program if a company qualifies as a Small Business. It is important to note that each Program has a different definition for Small Business. You may qualify as a Small Business in one Program but not the other. Further explanation of the Jury Service Program is provided in Subparagraph 1.30 of this Section.
- 1.29.4 The County also has a Policy on Doing Business with Small Business that is stated in Appendix C.

1.30 Jury Service Program

The prospective contract is subject to the requirements of the County's Contractor Employee Jury Service Ordinance ("Jury Service Program") (Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.203). Prospective Contractors should carefully read the Jury Service Ordinance, Appendix D, and the pertinent jury service provisions of the Appendix J, Master Agreement, Subparagraph 8.6, both of which are incorporated by reference into and made a part of this RFSQ. The Jury Service Program applies to both Contractors and their Subcontractors.

SOQs that fail to comply with the requirements of the Jury Service Program will be considered non-responsive and excluded from further consideration.

- 1.30.1 The Jury Service Program requires Contractors and their Subcontractors to have and adhere to a written policy that provides that its employees shall receive from the Contractor, on an annual basis, no less than five days of regular pay for actual jury service. The policy may provide that employees deposit any fees received for such jury service with the Contractor or that the Contractor deduct from the employee's regular pay the fees received for jury service. For purposes of the Jury Service Program, "employee" means any California resident who is a full-time employee of a Contractor and "full-time" means 40 hours or more worked per week, or a lesser number of hours if: 1) the lesser number is a recognized industry standard as determined by the County, or 2) the Contractor has a long-standing practice that defines the lesser number of hours as full-time. Therefore, the Jury Service Program applies to all of a Contractor's full-time California employees, even those not working specifically on the County project. Full-time employees providing short-term, temporary services of 90 days or less within a 12-month period are not considered full-time for purposes of the Jury Service Program.
- 1.30.2 There are two ways in which a Contractor might not be subject to the Jury Service Program. The first is if the Contractor does not fall within the Jury Service Program's definition of "Contractor". The Jury Service Program defines "Contractor" to mean a person, partnership, corporation or other entity which has a contract with the County or a Subcontract with a County Contractor and has received or will receive an aggregate sum of \$50,000 or more in any 12-month period under one or more County contracts or subcontracts. The second is if the Contractor meets one of the two exceptions to the Jury Service Program. The first exception concerns small businesses and applies to Contractors that have 1) ten or fewer employees; and, 2) annual gross revenues in the preceding twelve months which, if added to the annual amount of this contract is less than \$500,000, and, 3) is not an "affiliate or subsidiary of a business dominant in its field of operation". The second exception applies to Contractors that possess a collective bargaining agreement that expressly supersedes the provisions of the Jury Service Program. The Contractor is subject to any provision of the Jury Service Program not expressly superseded by the collective bargaining agreement.
- 1.30.3 If a Contractor does not fall within the Jury Service Program's definition of "Contractor" or if it meets any of the exceptions to the Jury Service Program, then the Contractor must so indicate in the Contractor Employee Jury Service Program Certification Form and Application for Exception, as set forth in Appendix A, Required Forms Exhibit 10, and include with its submission all necessary documentation to support the

claim such as tax returns or a collective bargaining agreement, if applicable. Upon reviewing the Contractor's application, the County will determine, in its sole discretion, whether the Contractor falls within the definition of Contractor or meets any of the exceptions to the Jury Service Program. The County's decision will be final.

1.31 Local Small Business Enterprise (LSBE) Preference Program

- 1.31.1 In reviewing Work Order Bids, the County will give LSBE preference to businesses that meet the definition of a LSBE, consistent with Chapter 2.204.030C.1 of the Los Angeles County Code. An LSBE is defined as a business: 1) certified by the State of California as a small business and has had its principal place of business located in Los Angeles County for at least one year; or 2) certified as a small business enterprise with other certifying agencies pursuant to the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs' (DCBA) inclusion policy that: a) has its principal place of business located in Los Angeles County, and b) has revenues and employee sizes that meet the State's Department of General Services requirements. The business must be certified by the DCBA as meeting the requirements set forth above prior to requesting the LSBE Preference in a solicitation.
- 1.31.2 To apply for certification as an LSBE, businesses should contact the DCBA at <http://dcba.lacounty.gov>.
- 1.31.3 Certified LSBEs may only request the preference in each of their Work Order Bid responses and may not request the preference unless the certification process has been completed and certification is affirmed. Businesses must complete and submit the Request for Preference Program Consideration with each Work Order Bid response and submit a letter of certification from the DCBA with their bid.
- 1.31.4 Information about the State's small business enterprise certification regulations is in the California Code of Regulations, Title 2, Subchapter 8, Section 1896 et seq., and is also available on the California Department of General Services Office of Small Business Certification and Resources Web site at <http://www.pd.dgs.ca.gov/smbus/default>

1.32 Local Small Business Enterprise (LSBE) Prompt Payment Program

It is the intent of the County that Certified LSBEs receive prompt payment for services they provide to County Departments. Prompt payment is defined as fifteen (15) calendar days after receipt of an undisputed invoice.

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

The Contractor shall notify the County of any pending acquisitions/mergers of its company unless otherwise legally prohibited from doing so. If the Contractor is restricted from legally notifying the County of pending acquisitions/mergers, then it should notify the County of the actual acquisitions/mergers as soon as the law

allows and provide to the County the legal framework that restricted it from notifying the County prior to the actual acquisitions/mergers. This information shall be provided by the Contractor on Appendix A, Required Forms, Exhibit 1, Contractor's Organization Questionnaire/Affidavit and CBE Information. Failure of the Contractor to provide this information may eliminate its SOQ from any further consideration.

1.34 Social Enterprise (SE) Preference Program

1.34.1 In reviewing Work Order Bids, the County will give preference during the solicitation process to businesses that meet the definition of a SE, consistent with Chapter 2.205 of the Los Angeles County Code. A SE is defined as:

- 1) A business that qualifies as a SE and has been in operation for at least one year (1) providing transitional or permanent employment to a Transitional Workforce or providing social, environmental and/or human justice services; and
- 2) A business certified by the DCBA as a SE.

1.34.2 The DCBA shall certify that a SE meets the criteria set forth in Section 1.34.1.

1.34.3 Certified SEs may only request the preference in each of their Work Order Bid responses and may not request the preference unless the certification process has been completed and certification is affirmed. Businesses must complete and submit the Request for Preference Program Consideration with each Work Order Bid response and submit a letter of certification from the DCBA with their bid.

1.34.4 Further information on SEs is also available on the DCBA's website at: <http://dcba.lacounty.gov>.

1.35 Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program

The prospective contract is subject to the requirements of the County's Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program ("Defaulted Tax Program") (Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.206). Prospective Contractors should carefully read the Defaulted Tax Program Ordinance, Appendix H, and the pertinent provisions of the Sample Master Agreement, Appendix J, Subparagraph 8.48 and 8.49, both of which are incorporated by reference into and made a part of this solicitation. The Defaulted Tax Program applies to both Contractors and their Subcontractors.

Contractors shall be required to certify that they are in full compliance with the provisions of the Defaulted Tax Program and shall maintain compliance during the term of any contract that may be awarded pursuant to this solicitation or shall certify that they are exempt from the Defaulted Tax Program by completing Certification of Compliance with The County's Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program, Exhibit 11 in Appendix A, Required Forms. Failure to maintain

compliance, or to timely cure defects, may be cause for termination of a contract or initiation of debarment proceedings against the non-compliance contractor (Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.202).

SOQs that fail to comply with the certification requirements of the Defaulted Tax Program will be considered non-responsive and excluded from further consideration.

1.36 Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (DVBE) Preference Program

1.36.1 In reviewing Work Order Bids, the County will give preference during the solicitation process to businesses that meet the definition of a DVBE, consistent with Chapter 2.211 of the Los Angeles County Code.

A DVBE contractor is defined as:

- 1) A business which is certified by the State of California as a DVBE; or
- 2) A business which is verified as a service-disabled veteran-owned small business (SDVOSB) by the Veterans Administration.
- 3) A business certified as DVBE with other certifying agencies pursuant to the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs' (DCBA) inclusion policy that meets the criteria set forth by the agencies in 1 and 2 above.

1.36.2 The DCBA shall certify that a DVBE is currently certified by the State of California, by the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs, or is determined by the DCBA' inclusion policy that meets the criteria set forth by the agencies in Section 1.36.1, 1 or 2 above.

1.36.3 Certified DVBEs may only request the preference in each of their Work Order Bid responses and may not request the preference unless the certification process has been completed and certification is affirmed. Businesses must complete and submit the Request for Preference Program Consideration with each Work Order Bid response and submit a letter of certification from the DCBA with their bid.

1.36.4 Information about the State's DVBE certification regulations is found in the California Code of Regulations, Title 2, Subchapter 8, Section 1896 et seq., and is also available on the California Department of General Services Office of Disabled Veteran Business Certification and Resources Website at <http://www.dgs.ca.gov/pd/Home.aspx>

1.36.5 Information on the Department of Veteran Affairs SDVOSB certification regulations is found in the Code of Federal Regulations, 38CFR 74 and is also available on the Department of Veterans Affairs Website at: <http://www.vetbiz.gov/>

1.37 Time Off for Voting

The Contractor shall notify its employees, and shall require each subcontractor to notify and provide to its employees, information regarding the time off for voting law (Elections Code Section 14000). Not less than 10 days before every statewide election, every Contractor and subcontractors shall keep posted conspicuously at the place of work, if practicable, or elsewhere where it can be seen as employees come or go to their place of work, a notice setting forth the provisions of Section 14000.

1.38 Contractor's Acknowledgement of County's Commitment to Zero Tolerance Policy on Human Trafficking

On October 4, 2016, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approved a motion taking significant steps to protect victims of human trafficking by establishing a zero tolerance policy on human trafficking. The policy prohibits Contractors engaged in human trafficking from receiving contract awards or performing services under a County contract.

Contractors are required to complete Exhibit 12 (Zero Tolerance Policy on Human Trafficking Certification) in Appendix A, Required Forms, certifying that they are in full compliance with the County's Zero Tolerance Policy on Human Trafficking provision as defined in Section 8.51 (Compliance with County's Zero Tolerance Policy on Human Trafficking) of Appendix H (Sample Master Agreement). Further, contractors are required to comply with the requirements under said provision for the term of any Master Agreement awarded pursuant to this solicitation.

1.39 Green Initiatives

The Contractor shall use reasonable efforts to initiate "green" practices to comply with the County's policy on energy and environmental conservation benefits.

1.40 Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Program Compliance

1.40.1 The County of Los Angeles is a permittee to a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit (NPDES Permit) issued by the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board to reduce or eliminate pollutants moved into surface water through storm water management systems and facilities. One of the conditions of the NPDES Permit is the implementation of an Integrated Pest Management Program (IPM Program) crafted to reduce the impact of pesticides and fertilizers to surface water.

1.40.2 The prospective contract is subject to the requirements of the County's IPM Program. Two main components of the Program include a training component for contractor employees who apply pesticides on County owned or maintained property, as well as monthly and annual reporting to the Los Angeles County Department of Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures (ACWM).

- 1.40.3 Contractors are required to complete Exhibit 13 (Integrated Pest Management Program Compliance Certification) in Appendix A, Required Forms, acknowledging and certifying compliance with the County's Integrated Pest Management Program, Section 8.52 (Compliance with County's Integrated Pest Management Program) of Appendix J (Sample Master Agreement). Further, contractors are required to comply with the requirements under said provision for the term of any contract awarded pursuant to this solicitation.

1.41 Default Method of Payment: Direct Deposit or Electronic Funds Transfer

- 1.41.1 The County, at its sole discretion, has determined that the most efficient and secure default form of payment for goods and/or services provided under an agreement/contract with the County shall be Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) or direct deposit, unless an alternative method of payment is deemed appropriate by the Auditor-Controller (A-C).
- 1.41.2 Upon contract award or at the request of the A-C and/or the contracting department, the Contractor shall submit a direct deposit authorization request with banking and vendor information, and any other information that the A-C determines is reasonably necessary to process the payment and comply with all accounting, record keeping, and tax reporting requirements.
- 1.41.3 Any provision of law, grant, or funding agreement requiring a specific form or method of payment other than EFT or direct deposit shall supersede this requirement with respect to those payments.
- 1.41.4 Upon contract award or at any time during the duration of the agreement/contract, a Contractor may submit a written request for an exemption to this requirement. The A-C, in consultation with the contracting department(s), shall decide whether to approve exemption requests.

1.42 Contractor's Acknowledgement of County's Commitment to Fair Chance Employment Hiring Practices

On May 29, 2018, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approved a Fair Chance Employment Policy in an effort to remove job barriers for individuals with criminal records. The policy requires businesses that contract with the County to comply with fair chance employment hiring practices set forth in California Government Code Section 12952, Employment Discrimination: Conviction History (Section 12952).

Contractors are required to complete Exhibit 14 (Compliance with Fair Chance Employment Hiring Practices Certification) in Appendix A, Required Forms, certifying that they are in full compliance with Section 12952, as indicated in the Master Agreement. Further, Contractors are required to comply with the requirements under Section 12952 for the term of any contract awarded pursuant to this solicitation.

2.0 INSTRUCTIONS TO CONTRACTORS

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

2.1 County Responsibility

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

2.2 Truth and Accuracy of Representations

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

2.3 RFSQ Timetable

The timetable for this RFSQ is as follows:

- Release of RFSQ.....9/17/2018
- Written Questions Due9/24/2018
- Request for a Solicitation Requirements Review Due10/1/2018
- Contractor Conference Date10/3/2018
- Questions and Answers Released10/3/2018
- SOQ due by 12 noon (Pacific Time)10/16/2018

2.4 Solicitation Requirements Review

Any person or entity may seek a Solicitation Requirements Review by submitting Appendix B, Transmittal Form to Request a Solicitation Requirements Review, to the Department conducting the solicitation as described in this Section. A request for a Solicitation Requirements Review may be denied, in the Department's sole discretion, if the request does not satisfy all of the following criteria:

1. The request for a Solicitation Requirements Review is made within ten (10) business days of the issuance of the solicitation document.
2. The request for a Solicitation Requirements Review includes documentation, which demonstrates the underlying ability of the person or entity to submit a SOQ.
3. The request for a Solicitation Requirements Review itemizes in appropriate detail, each matter contested and factual reasons for the requested review; and
4. The request for a Solicitation Requirements Review asserts either that:
 - a. application of the minimum requirements, evaluation criteria and/or

- business requirements unfairly disadvantages the person or entity; or,
- b. due to unclear instructions, the process may result in the County not receiving the best possible responses from prospective Contractor.

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

2.5 Contractors' Questions

Contractors may submit written questions regarding this RFSQ by mail or email to the individual identified below. All questions must be received by **09/24/2018**. All questions, without identifying the submitting company, will be compiled with the appropriate answers and issued as an addendum to the RFSQ.

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

Questions may address concerns that the application of minimum requirements, evaluation criteria and/or business requirements would unfairly disadvantage Contractors or, due to unclear instructions, may result in the County not receiving the best possible responses from Contractor.

Questions should be addressed to:

Matthew Green, Contract Analyst
Contracts Division
1000 South Fremont Avenue, Unit #40
Building A-9 West, 2ND Floor
Alhambra, California 91803
Email: mgreen@parks.lacounty.gov

2.6 Non-Mandatory Contractor Conference

A Non-Mandatory Contractor Conference will be held to discuss the RFSQ. County staff will respond to questions from potential Contractors. The conference is scheduled as follows:

Wednesday, October 3, 2018 @ 10:00 am
Arboretum of Los Angeles County, Palm Room
301 North Baldwin Avenue, Arcadia, CA 91007

2.7 Preparation and Format of the SOQ

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

The content and sequence of the SOQ must be as follows:

- Table of Contents
- Contractor's Qualifications (Section A)
- Required Forms (Section B)
- Proof of Insurability (Section C)
- Proof of Licenses (Section D)

2.7.1 Table of Contents

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

2.7.2 Contractor's Qualifications (Section A)

Demonstrate that the Contractor's organization has the experience to perform the required services. The following sections must be included:

A. Contractor's Background and Experience (Section A.1)

The Contractor shall complete, sign and date the Contractor's Organization Questionnaire/Affidavit and CBE Information, Exhibit 1, as set forth in Appendix A. **The person signing the form must be authorized to sign on behalf of the Contractor and to bind the contractor in a Master Agreement.**

Provide a summary of relevant background information to demonstrate that the Contractor meets the minimum qualifications stated in Subparagraph 1.4 of this RFSQ and has the capability to perform the required services as a corporation or other entity.

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

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

Required Support Documents:

Corporations or Limited Liability Company (LLC):

The Contractor must submit the following documentation with the SOQ:

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

Limited Partnership:

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

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

It is the Contractor's sole responsibility to ensure that the firm's name, and point of contact's name, title and phone number for each reference is accurate. The same references may be listed on both forms, Exhibits 6 and 7, located in Appendix A, Required Forms.

County may disqualify a Contractor if:

- references fail to substantiate Contractor's description of the services provided; or
- references fail to support that Contractor has a continuing pattern of providing capable, productive and skilled personnel, or
- the Department is unable to reach the point of contact with reasonable effort. It is the Contractor's responsibility to inform the point of contact of normal working hours

The Contractor must complete and include Required Forms, Exhibits 6, 7 and 8 as set forth in Appendix A.

a. Prospective Contractor References, Exhibit 6

Contractor shall provide three (3) references where the same or similar scope of services were provided.

b. Prospective Contractor List of Contracts, Exhibit 7

The listing must include all Public Entities contracts for the last three (3) years. A photocopy of this form should be used if necessary.

c. Prospective Contractor List of Terminated Contracts, Exhibit 8

Listing must include contracts terminated within the past three (3) years with a reason for termination.

C. Contractor's Pending Litigation and Judgments (Section A.3)

Identify by name, case and court jurisdiction any pending litigation in which Contractor is involved, or judgments against Contractor in the past three (3) years. Provide a statement describing the size and scope of any pending or threatening litigation against the Contractor or principals of the Contractor.

D. Contractor's Report Samples (Section A.4)

Both reports must have been providing aquatic vegetation and algae growth control services and have been produced and submitted to appropriate governing agencies within the previous 18 to 24 months of the date of the RFSQ. One sample should be of a report produced and submitted to a State of California regulatory agency. The other should be of a report produced and submitted to a County of Los Angeles regulatory agency.

E. Contractor's Approach to Provide Services (Section A.5)

In this section, the Contractor must provide a narrative describing the steps that will be taken to complete each of the tasks identified in the scope of services for at least two (2) of the lakes listed in Appendix K, Locations, General Information, and Scope of Services, Paragraph 2, Lakes to be Serviced. In meeting the requirements of Paragraph 1.4.5, the approach must include a description of the Project Manager and his/her experience in planning and supervising these services.

The Contractors may also use microbes or mechanical removal in the performance of the as-needed aquatic weed and algae growth control services but still need to have the required licenses to perform the required services.

In addition to the approach, this section should also include a list of the Contractor's staffing rates for those staff providing services as described in the Contractor's approach plan above.

Contractors are strongly advised to read the Scope of Services for each lake to be serviced in their entirety in order to adequately respond to this section.

2.7.3 Required Forms (Section B)

Include all forms identified in Appendix A, Required Forms.

2.7.4 Proof of Insurability (Section C)

Contractor must provide proof of insurability that meets all insurance requirements set forth in the Appendix J, Master Agreement, Subparagraphs 8.21 and 8.22. If a Contractor does not currently have the required coverage, a letter from a qualified insurance carrier indicating a willingness to provide the required coverage should the Contractor be

selected to receive a Master Agreement award may be submitted with the SOQ.

2.7.5 Proof of Licenses (Section D)

Contractor must furnish a copy of all applicable licenses.

2.8 SOQ Submission

The original SOQ and two (2) numbered copies shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope, plainly marked in the upper left-hand corner with the name and address of the Contractor and bear the words:

“SOQ for As Needed Aquatic Weed and Algae Growth Control Services”

The SOQ shall be delivered or mailed to:

County of Los Angeles
Department of Parks and Recreation
Contracts Division
1000 South Fremont Avenue, Unit #40
Building A-9 West, 2ND Floor
Alhambra, California 91803
Email: mgreen@parks.lacounty.gov

Attention: Matthew Green

It is the sole responsibility of the submitting Contractor to ensure that its SOQ is received before the initial submission deadline, as stated in Section 2.3, RFSQ Timeline, of this Section. Submitting Contractors shall bear all risks associated with delays in delivery by any person or entity, including the U.S. Mail. Timely hand-delivered SOQs are acceptable. No facsimile (fax) or electronic mail (e-mail) copies will be accepted.

Any SOQs received after the initial submission deadline identified in the RFSQ Timetable, will be evaluated after the initial Master Agreements have been executed.

All SOQs shall be firm offers and may not be withdrawn for a period of one hundred eighty (180) days following the last day to submit SOQs.

2.9 SOQ Errors and Withdrawals

2.9.1 Until the SOQ submission deadline, errors in SOQs may be corrected by a request in writing to withdraw the SOQ and by submission of another set of SOQ's with the mistakes corrected. Corrections received after the initial submission deadline identified in this RFSQ will be evaluated after the initial Master Agreements have been executed.

2.9.2 The Contractor may withdraw its SOQ at any time prior to the date and time which is set forth herein as the deadline for acceptance of SOQs, upon written request for same to the Director or his/her Designee.

2.10 Acceptance of Terms and Conditions of Master Agreement

Contractors understand and agree that submission of the SOQ constitutes acknowledgement and acceptance of, and a willingness to comply with, all terms and conditions of the Appendix J, Master Agreement.

3.0 SOQ REVIEW/SELECTION/QUALIFICATION PROCESS

3.1 Review Process

SOQs will be subject to a detailed review by qualified County staff. The review process will include the following steps:

3.1.1 Adherence to Minimum Qualifications

County shall review the Contractor's Organization Questionnaire/Affidavit and CBE Information, Exhibit 1, of Appendix A, Required Forms, and determine if the Contractor meets the minimum qualifications as outlined in Subparagraph 1.4 of this RFSQ.

Failure of the Contractor to comply with the minimum qualifications may eliminate its SOQ from any further consideration. The Department may elect to waive any informality in an SOQ if the sum and substance of the SOQ is present.

3.1.2 Contractor's Qualifications (Section A)

County's review shall include the following:

- Contractor's Background and Experience as provided in Section A.1 of the SOQ.
- Contractor's References as provided in Section A.2. The review will include verification of references submitted, a review of the County's Contract Database and Contractor Alert Reporting Database, if applicable, reflecting past performance history on County or other contracts, and a review of terminated contracts.
- A review to determine the magnitude of any pending litigation or judgments against the Contractor as provided in Section A.3.
- Contractor's Report Samples as provided in Section A.4 of the SOQ.
- Contractor's description of the methodology to be used to meet the County's requirements based on information provided in Section A.5 of the SOQ.

3.1.3 Required Forms

All forms listed in Section 2, Subparagraph 2.7.3 must be included in **Section B** of the SOQ.

3.1.4 Proof of Insurability

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

3.1.5 Proof of Licenses

Review the proof of licenses provided in **Section D** of the SOQ.

3.2 Disqualification Review

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

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

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

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

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

3.3 Selection/Qualification Process

The Department will generally select Contractors that have experience in providing a broad range of as-needed services as outlined and identified in this RFSQ. However, in order to insure the Department has a varied pool of qualified Contractors, the Department may offer Master Agreements to Contractors that offer a narrow scope of services in more highly specialized areas.

3.4 Master Agreement Award

Contractors who are notified by the Department that they appear to have the necessary qualifications and experience (i.e., they are qualified) may still not be recommended for a Master Agreement if other requirements necessary for award have not been met. Other requirements may include acceptance of the terms and conditions of the Master Agreement, and/or satisfactory documentation that required insurance will be obtained. Only when all such matters have been demonstrated to the Department's satisfaction can a Contractor, which is otherwise

deemed qualified, be regarded as “selected” for recommendation of a Master Agreement.

The Department will execute Board of Supervisors-authorized Master Agreements with each selected contractor. All Contractors will be informed of the final selections.

APPENDIX A

RFSQ REQUIRED FORMS



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**REQUIRED FORMS - EXHIBIT 1
CONTRACTOR'S ORGANIZATION QUESTIONNAIRE/AFFIDAVIT
AND CBE INFORMATION**

Please complete, sign and date this form. The person signing the form must be authorized to sign on behalf of the Contractor and to bind the applicant in a Contract.

1. Is your firm a corporation or limited liability company (LLC)? ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**
If yes, complete:
Legal Name (found in Articles of Incorporation) _____
State _____ Year Inc. _____
2. If your firm is a limited partnership or a sole proprietorship, state the name of the proprietor or managing partner:

3. Is your firm doing business under one or more DBA's? ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**
If yes, complete:
- | Name | County of Registration | Year became DBA |
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| _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ |
4. Is your firm wholly/majority owned by, or a subsidiary of another firm? ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**
If yes, complete:
Name of parent firm: _____
State of incorporation or registration of parent firm: _____
5. Has your firm done business as other names within last five (5) years? ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**
If yes, complete:
- | | |
|------------|---------------------------|
| Name _____ | Year of Name Change _____ |
| Name _____ | Year of Name Change _____ |
6. Is your firm involved in any pending acquisition or mergers, including the associated company name?
☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** If yes, provide information:

Contractor acknowledges and certifies that firm meets and will comply with the Contractor's Minimum Qualifications as stated in Section 1.4, of this Request for Statement of Qualifications, as listed below.

Check the appropriate boxes: (list each minimum mandatory qualification)

- ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** Contractor must have three (3) years' experience, within the last five (5) years providing services as outlined in Section 1.1, Scope of Work of the RFSQ.
- ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** Contractor does not have unresolved questioned cost, as 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 a period of 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.



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

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

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

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

- III. CERTIFICATION AS MINORITY, WOMEN, DISADVANTAGED, AND DISABLED VETERAN BUSINESS ENTERPRISES:** If your firm is currently certified as a minority, women, disadvantaged or disabled veteran owned business enterprise by a public agency, complete the following and attach a copy of your proof of certification. (Use back of form, if necessary.)

Agency Name	Minority	Women	Disadvantaged	Disabled Veteran	Other

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

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

CONTRACTOR NAME:		COUNTY WEBVEN NUMBER:	
ADDRESS:			
PHONE NUMBER:		E-MAIL:	
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:		CALIFORNIA BUSINESS LICENSE NUMBER:	
VENDOR OFFICIAL NAME AND TITLE (PRINT):			
SIGNATURE		DATE	



REQUIRED FORMS - EXHIBIT 2 CERTIFICATION OF NO CONFLICT OF INTEREST

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

CONTRACTS PROHIBITED

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

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

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

Contractor Name

Contractor Official Title

Official's Signature



**REQUIRED FORMS - EXHIBIT 3
CONTRACTOR'S EEO CERTIFICATION**

Company Name

Address

Internal Revenue Service Employer Identification Number

GENERAL

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

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

Signature

Date

Name and Title of Signer (please print)



REQUIRED FORMS - EXHIBIT 4

REQUEST FOR PREFERENCE CONSIDERATION

INSTRUCTIONS: Businesses requesting preference consideration must complete and return this form for proper consideration of the bid. Businesses may request consideration for one or more preference programs. Check all certifications that apply.*

I MEET ALL OF THE REQUIREMENTS AND REQUEST THIS BID BE CONSIDERED FOR THE PREFERENCE PROGRAM(S) SELECTED BELOW. A COPY OF THE CERTIFICATION LETTER ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS (DCBA) IS ATTACHED.

☐ **Request for Local Small Business Enterprise (LSBE) Program Preference**

- ☐ Certified by the State of California as a small business and has had its principal place of business located in Los Angeles County for at least one (1) year; **or**
- ☐ Certified as a LSBE with other certifying agencies under DCBA's inclusion policy that has its principal place of business located in Los Angeles County and has revenues and employee size that meet the State's Department of General Services requirements; **and**
- ☐ Certified as a LSBE by the DCBA.

☐ **Request for Social Enterprise (SE) Program Preference**

- ☐ A business that has been in operation for at least one year providing transitional or permanent employment to a Transitional Workforce or providing social, environmental and/or human justice services; **and**
- ☐ Certified as a SE business by the DCBA.

☐ **Request for Disabled Veterans Business Enterprise (DVBE) Program Preference**

- ☐ Certified by the State of California, **or**
- ☐ Certified by U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs as a DVBE; **or**
- ☐ Certified as a DVBE with other certifying agencies under DCBA's inclusion policy that meets the criteria set forth by: the State of California as a DVBE or is verified as a service-disabled veteran-owned small business by the Veterans Administration: **and**
- ☐ Certified as a DVBE by the DCBA.

***BUSINESS UNDERSTANDS THAT ONLY ONE OF THE ABOVE PREFERENCES WILL APPLY. IN NO INSTANCE SHALL ANY OF THE ABOVE LISTED PREFERENCE PROGRAMS PRICE OR SCORING PREFERENCE BE COMBINED WITH ANY OTHER COUNTY PROGRAM TO EXCEED FIFTEEN PERCENT (15%) IN RESPONSE TO ANY COUNTY SOLICITATION.**

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

☐ **DCBA certification is attached.**

Name of Firm		County Webven No.	
Print Name:		Title:	
Signature:		Date:	
Reviewer's Signature	Approved	Disapproved	Date



REQUIRED FORMS - EXHIBIT 5
FAMILIARITY WITH THE COUNTY
LOBBYIST ORDINANCE CERTIFICATION

The Contractor certifies that:

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

Signature: _____ Date: _____



**REQUIRED FORMS - EXHIBIT 6
PROSPECTIVE CONTRACTOR REFERENCES**

Contractor's Name: _____

List five (5) references where the same or similar scope of services were provided in order to meet the Minimum Qualifications stated in this solicitation.

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



REQUIRED FORMS - EXHIBIT 7
PROSPECTIVE CONTRACTOR LIST OF CONTRACTS

Contractor's Name: _____

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

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



REQUIRED FORMS - EXHIBIT 8
PROSPECTIVE CONTRACTOR LIST OF TERMINATED CONTRACTS

Contractor's Name: _____

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

1. Name of Firm	Address of Firm	Contact Person	Telephone # ()	Fax # ()
Name or Contract No.	Reason for Termination:			
2. Name of Firm	Address of Firm	Contact Person	Telephone # ()	Fax # ()
Name or Contract No.	Reason for Termination:			
3. Name of Firm	Address of Firm	Contact Person	Telephone # ()	Fax # ()
Name or Contract No.	Reason for Termination:			
4. Name of Firm	Address of Firm	Contact Person	Telephone # ()	Fax # ()
Name or Contract No.	Reason for Termination:			
5. Name of Firm	Address of Firm	Contact Person	Telephone # ()	Fax # ()
Name or Contract No.	Reason for Termination:			



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

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

To report all job openings with job requirements to obtain qualified GAIN/GROW participants as potential employment candidates, Contractor shall email: GAINGROW@DPSS.LACOUNTY.GOV and BSERVICES@WDACS.LACOUNTY.GOV.

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

Contractor shall complete all of the following information, sign where indicated below, and return this form with any resumes and/or fixed price bid being submitted:

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

_____ YES (subject to verification by County) _____ NO

B. Contractor is willing to provide DPSS with all job openings and job requirements to consider GAIN/GROW participants for any future employment openings if the GAIN/GROW participant meets the minimum qualifications for the opening. "Consider" means that Contractor is willing to interview qualified GAIN/GROW participants.

_____ YES _____ NO

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

_____ YES _____ NO _____ N/A (Program not available)

Contractor Organization: _____

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Title: _____ Date: _____

Telephone No.: _____ Fax No.: _____



REQUIRED FORMS - EXHIBIT 10
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEE JURY SERVICE PROGRAM
CERTIFICATION FORM AND APPLICATION FOR EXCEPTION

The County's solicitation for this Request for Statement of Qualifications is subject to the County of Los Angeles Contractor Employee Jury Service Program (Program), Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.203. All Contractors, whether a contractor or subcontractor, must complete this form to either certify compliance or request an exception from the Program requirements. Upon review of the submitted form, the County department will determine, in its sole discretion, whether the Contractor is given an exemption from the Program

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

OR

Part II: Certification of Compliance

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

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

Print Name:	Title:
Signature:	Date:



**REQUIRED FORMS - EXHIBIT 11
CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE COUNTY'S
DEFAULTED PROPERTY TAX REDUCTION PROGRAM**

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

The Proposer/Bidder/Contractor certifies that:

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

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

The Proposer/Bidder/Contractor agrees to comply with the County's Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program during the term of any awarded contract.

- OR -

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

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

Print Name:	Title:
Signature:	Date:

**REQUIRED FORMS - EXHIBIT 12****ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING
CERTIFICATION**

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

CONTRACTOR CERTIFICATION

Los Angeles County has taken significant steps to protect victims of human trafficking by establishing a zero tolerance policy on human trafficking that prohibits contractors found to have engaged in human trafficking from receiving contract awards or performing services under a County contract.

Contractor acknowledges and certifies compliance with Section 8.53 (Compliance with County's Zero Tolerance Policy on Human Trafficking) of the proposed Contract and agrees that contractor or a member of his staff performing work under the proposed Contract will be in compliance. Contractor further acknowledges that noncompliance with the County's Zero Tolerance Policy on Human Trafficking may result in rejection of any proposal, or cancellation of any resultant Contract, at the sole judgment of the County.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information herein is true and correct and that I am authorized to represent this company.

Print Name:	Title:
Signature:	Date:

**REQUIRED FORMS - EXHIBIT 13****INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT PROGRAM COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATION**

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

PROPOSER CERTIFICATION

The County of Los Angeles is a permittee to a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit (NPDES Permit) issued by the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board to reduce or eliminate pollutants moved into surface water through storm water management systems and facilities. One of the conditions of the NPDES Permit is the Integrated Pest Management Program (IPM Program) which was developed to reduce the impact of pesticides and fertilizers to surface water. Among other things, the IPM Program imposes requirements to County Purchasing and Contracting, which are outlined in Section 8.54 (Integrated Pest Management Program Compliance) of the proposed Master Agreement. The entire Countywide IPM Program is available at www.lacountyipm.org

Bidder acknowledges and certifies compliance with Section 8.54 (Integrated Pest Management Program Compliance) of the proposed Master Agreement and agrees that bidder or a member of its staff performing work under the proposed Master Agreement will be in compliance. Bidder further acknowledges that noncompliance with the County's IPM Program may result in rejection of any bid, or cancellation of any resultant Master Agreement, at the sole judgment of the County.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information herein is true and correct and that I am authorized to represent this company.

Print Name:	Title:
Signature:	Date:

**REQUIRED FORMS - EXHIBIT 14****COMPLIANCE WITH FAIR CHANCE EMPLOYMENT HIRING PRACTICES
CERTIFICATION**

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

PROPOSER/CONTRACTOR CERTIFICATION

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approved a Fair Chance Employment Policy in an effort to remove job barriers for individuals with criminal records. The policy requires businesses that contract with the County to comply with fair chance employment hiring practices set forth in California Government Code Section 12952, Employment Discrimination: Conviction History (California Government Code Section 12952), effective January 1, 2018.

Proposer/Contractor acknowledges and certifies compliance with fair chance employment hiring practices set forth in California Government Code Section 12952 and agrees that proposer/contractor and staff performing work under the Contract will be in compliance. Proposer/Contractor further acknowledges that noncompliance with fair chance employment practices set forth in California Government Code Section 12952 may result in rejection of any proposal, or termination of any resultant Contract, at the sole judgment of the County.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information herein is true and correct and that I am authorized to represent this company.

Print Name:	Title:
Signature:	Date:

**EXHIBIT 15****VALID LICENSE/PERMIT FORM**

Pursuant to Section 1.4.2 (Contractor's Qualifications) and Section 2.7.5 (Proof of Licenses/Certifications), of this RFSQ, each Contractor shall include in the SOQ Package the following requested information:

<u>Valid License/Permit</u>	<u>License/Permit Number</u>	<u>License/Permit Holder/Name</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____



EXHIBIT 16

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE

NOTIFICATION TO EMPLOYEES REGARDING THE FEDERAL EARNED INCOME CREDIT

I, _____, as the _____
Name (please print or type) Title

of _____ providing services at
Name of company

County facility(ies)

hereby certify that all of the employees currently employed at this facility have been notified that they may be eligible for the Federal Earned Income Credit under Federal income tax laws in accordance with the requirements set forth in Internal Revenue Service Notice 1015. In addition, new employees shall be given the same notification as they commence their assignment at said County facility(ies).

Notification to employees is in voluntary compliance with the County of Los Angeles program pertaining to this matter.

Signed

Dated

Title



EXHIBIT 17

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE

GREEN INITIATIVES

I, _____, as the _____
Name (please print or type) Title

of _____ providing services at
Name of company

County facility (ies)

I, hereby certify that our Company shall use reasonable efforts to initiate "green" practices for environmental and energy conservation benefits. Our Company shall purchase, store, and use environmentally and human friendly products that are compatible with products used by the County of Los Angeles.

Signed

Dated

RFSQ TRANSMITTAL TO REQUEST A SOLICITATION REQUIREMENTS REVIEW

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

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

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

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

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

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

Request submitted by:

(Name)

(Title)

For County use only

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

Reviewed by: _____

Results of Review - Comments:

Date Response sent to Contractor: _____

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES POLICY ON DOING BUSINESS WITH SMALL BUSINESS

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

WE RECOGNIZE. . . .

The importance of small business to the County. . .

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

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

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

WE THEREFORE SHALL:

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

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2.203.010 Findings.

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

2.203.020 Definitions.

The following definitions shall be applicable to this chapter:

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

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

2.203.030 Applicability.

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

2.203.040 Contractor Jury Service Policy.

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

2.203.050 Other Provisions.

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

2.203.060 Enforcement and Remedies.

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

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

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2.203.070. Exceptions.

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

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

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

2.203.090. Severability.

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

LISTING OF CONTRACTORS DEBARRED IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY

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

<http://doingbusiness.lacounty.gov/DebarmentList.htm>

IRS NOTICE 1015

Latest version is available from IRS website at
<http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/n1015.pdf>



Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Notice 1015

(Rev. December 2017)

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

What is the EIC?

The EIC is a refundable tax credit for certain workers.

Which Employees Must I Notify About the EIC?

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

Note: You are encouraged to notify each employee whose wages for 2017 are less than \$53,930 that he or she may be eligible for the EIC.

How and When Must I Notify My Employees?

You must give the employee one of the following.

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

If you give an employee a Form W-2 on time, no further notice is necessary if the Form W-2 has the required information about the EIC on the back of the employee's copy. If you give an employee a substitute Form W-2, but it does not have the required information, you must notify

the employee within 1 week of the date the substitute Form W-2 is given. If Form W-2 is required but is not given on time, you must give the employee Notice 797 or your written statement by the date Form W-2 is required to be given. If Form W-2 is not required, you must notify the employee by February 7, 2018.

You must hand the notice directly to the employee or send it by first-class mail to the employee's last known address. You will not meet the notification requirements by posting Notice 797 on an employee bulletin board or sending it through office mail. However, you may want to post the notice to help inform all employees of the EIC. You can download copies of the notice at www.irs.gov/FormsPubs. Or you can go to www.irs.gov/OrderForms to order it.

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

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

How Do My Employees Claim the EIC?

An eligible employee claims the EIC on his or her 2017 tax return. Even an employee who has no tax withheld from wages and owes no tax may claim the EIC and ask for a refund, but he or she must file a tax return to do so. For example, if an employee has no tax withheld in 2017 and owes no tax but is eligible for a credit of \$800, he or she must file a 2017 tax return to get the \$800 refund.

Notice **1015** (Rev. 12-2017)
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Safely Surrendered



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Safely Surrendered Baby Law

What is the Safely Surrendered Baby Law?

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

Every baby deserves a chance for a healthy life. If someone you know is considering abandoning a baby, let her know there are other options. For three days (72 hours) after birth, a baby can be surrendered to staff at any hospital or fire station in Los Angeles County.

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How does it work?

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

What if a parent wants the baby back?

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

Can only a parent bring in the baby?

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

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

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

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

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

What happens to the baby?

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

What happens to the parent or surrendering adult?

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

Why is California doing this?

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

A baby's story

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



Ley de Entrega de Bebés *Sin Peligro*



Los recién nacidos pueden ser entregados en forma segura al personal de cualquier hospital o cuartel de bomberos del Condado de Los Ángeles

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

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

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

¿Cómo funciona?

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

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

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

¿Sólo los padres podrán llevar al recién nacido?

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

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

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

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

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

¿Qué pasará con el bebé?

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

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

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

¿Por qué se está haciendo esto en California? ?

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

Historia de un bebé

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



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DEFAULTED PROPERTY TAX REDUCTION PROGRAM

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2.206.010 Findings and declarations.

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

2.206.020 Definitions.

The following definitions shall be applicable to this chapter:

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

2.206.030 Applicability.

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

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2.206.040 Required solicitation and contract language.

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

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

2.206.050 Administration and compliance certification.

- A. The Treasurer-Tax Collector shall be responsible for the administration of this chapter. The Treasurer-Tax Collector shall, with the assistance of the Chief Executive Officer, Director of Internal Services, and County Counsel, issue written instructions on the implementation and ongoing administration of this chapter. Such instructions may provide for the delegation of functions to other departments.
- B. Contractor shall be required to certify, at the time of submitting any bid or proposal to the County, or entering into any new contract, or renewal, extension or amendment of an existing contract with the County, that it is in compliance with this chapter is not in Default on any County Property Taxes or is current in payments due under any approved payment arrangement. (Ord. No. 2009-0026 § 1 (part), 2009.)

2.206.060 Exclusions/Exemptions.

- A. This chapter shall not apply to the following contracts:
 - 1. Chief Executive Office delegated authority agreements under \$50,000;
 - 2. A contract where federal or state law or a condition of a federal or state program mandates the use of a particular contractor;
 - 3. A purchase made through a state or federal contract;
 - 4. A contract where state or federal monies are used to fund service related programs, including but not limited to voucher programs, foster care, or other social programs that provide immediate direct assistance;
 - 5. Purchase orders under a master agreement, where the Contractor was certified at the time the master agreement was entered into and at any subsequent renewal, extension and/or amendment to the master agreement.

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6. Purchase orders issued by Internal Services Department under \$100,000 that is not the result of a competitive bidding process.
 7. Program agreements that utilize Board of Supervisors' discretionary funds;
 8. National contracts established for the purchase of equipment and supplies for and by the National Association of Counties, U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance, or any similar related group purchasing organization;
 9. A monopoly purchase that is exclusive and proprietary to a specific manufacturer, distributor, reseller, and must match and inter-member with existing supplies, equipment or systems maintained by the county pursuant to the Los Angeles Purchasing Policy and Procedures Manual, section P-3700 or a successor provision;
 10. A revolving fund (petty cash) purchase pursuant to the Los Angeles County Fiscal Manual, section 4.6.0 or a successor provision;
 11. A purchase card purchase pursuant to the Los Angeles County Purchasing Policy and Procedures Manual, section P-2810 or a successor provision;
 12. A non-agreement purchase worth a value of less than \$5,000 pursuant to the Los Angeles County Purchasing Policy and Procedures Manual, section A-0300 or a successor provision; or
 13. A bona fide emergency purchase pursuant to the Los Angeles County Purchasing Policy and Procedures Manual section P-0900 or a successor provision;
 14. Other contracts for mission critical goods and/or services where the Board of Supervisors determines that an exemption is justified.
- B. Other laws. This chapter shall not be interpreted or applied to any Contractor in a manner inconsistent with the laws of the United States or California. (Ord. No. 2009-0026 § 1 (part), 2009.)

2.206.070 Enforcement and remedies.

- A. The information furnished by each Contractor certifying that it is in compliance with this chapter shall be under penalty of perjury.
- B. No Contractor shall willfully and knowingly make a false statement certifying compliance with this chapter for the purpose of obtaining or retaining a County contract.
- C. For Contractor's violation of any provision of this chapter, the County department head responsible for administering the contract may do one or more of the following:
 1. Recommend to the Board of Supervisors the termination of the contract; and/or,
 2. Pursuant to chapter 2.202, seek the debarment of the contractor; and/or,
 3. Recommend to the Board of Supervisors that an exemption is justified pursuant to Section 2.206.060.A.14 of this chapter or payment deferral as provided pursuant to the California Revenue and Taxation Code. (Ord. No. 2009-0026 § 1 (part), 2009.)

2.206.080 Severability.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2009-0044

An ordinance amending Title – 17 Parks, Beaches and Other Public Places, to prohibit smoking in parks.

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles ordains as follows~

SECTION 1. Section 17.04.035 is hereby added to read as follows:

17.04.035 Contract-operated facilities.

"Contract-operated facilities" means parks, which are operated, controlled, or maintained, in whole or in part, pursuant to an agreement with a lessee, concessionaire, operator, contractor, or vendor, for the purpose of providing recreational services to the public.

SECTION 2. Section 17.04.185 is hereby added to read as follows:

17.04.185 Smoking.

"Smoke" or "smoking" shall have the meaning as set forth in Section 11.64.020(13) of this code.

SECTION 3. Section 17.04.645 is hereby added to read as follows:

17.04.645 Smoking Prohibited,

Smoking shall be prohibited at all parks, except:

1. Smoking shall be permitted by actors who are acting during a permitted production or by models during a permitted photography session, unless otherwise determined by the Director, in consultation with the applicable Fire Official: and

2 Smoking shall be permitted within contract-operated facilities, in designated areas, at the discretion of the Director, in consultation with the operators of said facilities.

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BY AND BETWEEN

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

AND

(CONTRACTOR)

FOR

**AS NEEDED AQUATIC WEED AND ALGAE
GROWTH CONTROL SERVICES**

AT

VARIOUS DEPARTMENT LAKE FACILITIES

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**MASTER AGREEMENT BETWEEN
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
AND**

**FOR AS NEEDED
AQUATIC WEED AND ALGAE GROWTH CONTROL SERVICES**

This Master Agreement and Exhibits made and entered into this ____ day of _____, 20__ by and between the County of Los Angeles, Department of Parks and Recreation hereinafter referred to as County and _____, hereinafter referred to as Contractor, to provide As Needed Aquatic Weed and Algae Growth Control Services.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the County may contract with private businesses for specialized professional services that are required on an as-needed, part-time and intermittent basis; and

WHEREAS, this Master Agreement is therefore authorized under California Codes, Government Code Section 31000 which authorizes the Board of Supervisors to contract for special services; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has authorized the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation to execute and administer work orders for the performance of tasks subject to the provisions of this Master Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Contractor is a private firm duly licensed and certified to engage in the business of lake ancillary services; and warrants that it possesses the competence, expertise, equipment, resources and personnel necessary to provide such services.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein, and for good and valuable consideration, the parties agree to the following:

1.0 APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS

Exhibits A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, and K are attached to and form a part of this Master Agreement. In the event of any conflict or inconsistency in the definition or interpretation of any word, responsibility, schedule, or the contents or description of any task, deliverable, goods, service, or other work, or otherwise between the base Master Agreement and the Exhibits, or between Exhibits, such conflict or inconsistency shall be resolved by giving precedence first to the Master Agreement and then to the Exhibits according to the following priority:

Standard Exhibits:

- 1.1 Exhibit A - Statement of Work
- 1.2 Exhibit B - County's Administration
- 1.3 Exhibit C - Contractor's Administration
- 1.4 Exhibit D - Contractor's EEO Certification
- 1.5 Exhibit E - Jury Service Ordinance
- 1.6 Exhibit F - IRS Notice 1015
- 1.7 Exhibit G - Safely Surrendered Baby Law
- 1.8 Exhibit H - Forms Required for Each Work Order Before Work Begins
- 1.9 Exhibit I - Contractor Acknowledgement and Confidentiality Agreement
- 1.10 Exhibit J - County's Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program
- 1.11 Exhibit K - County's Smoking Ban Ordinance

2.0 DEFINITIONS

The headings herein contained are for convenience and reference only and are not intended to define the scope of any provision thereof. The following words as used herein shall be construed to have the following meaning, unless otherwise apparent from the context in which they are used.

- 2.1 Board of Supervisors:** The Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles acting as governing body or their designee.
- 2.2 Master Agreement:** Agreement executed between County and individual Contractor. It sets forth the terms and conditions for the issuance and performance of, and otherwise governs, subsequent Work Order services.
- 2.3 Contractor Project Manager:** The individual designated by the Contractor to administer the Master Agreement operations after the Master Agreement award.
- 2.4 County Program Director:** Person designated by Director with authority to negotiate and recommend all changes on behalf of County.
- 2.5 County Project Director:** Person designated by Director with authority to approve all Work Order solicitations and executions.
- 2.6 County Project Manager:** Person designated as chief contact person with respect to the day-to-day administration of the Master Agreement.
- 2.7 Day(s):** Calendar day(s) unless otherwise specified.
- 2.8 Department:** The County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) acting on behalf of the County for matters relating to this Master Agreement.
- 2.9 Director:** The Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, County of Los Angeles, acting on behalf of the County on contractual or administrative matters relating to the enforcement of this Master Agreement, or his authorized representative(s).

- 2.10 Fiscal Year:** The twelve (12) month period beginning July 1st and ending the following June 30th.
- 2.11 Statement of Work:** The written description of tasks, directions, provisions, and requirements provided by County and special provisions pertaining to the method, frequency, manner and place of performing services for a specific Work Order.
- 2.12 Work Order:** A subordinate agreement executed wholly within and subject to the provisions of this Master Agreement, for the performance of tasks and/or provision of deliverables as described in a Statement of Work. Each Work Order shall result from bids, solicited by and tendered to County, by Contractor. County shall select the lowest, qualified bid responding to the requirements of the proposed Work Order. No work shall be performed by Contractor except in accordance with a validly bid and executed Work Order.
- 2.13 Qualified Contractor:** A Contractor who has submitted a Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) in response to County's Request For Statement of Qualifications (RFSQ); has met the minimum qualifications listed in the RFSQ, and has an executed Master Agreement with DPR.

3.0 CONTRACTOR SERVICES

- 3.1** Pursuant to the provisions of this Master Agreement, the Contractor shall fully perform, complete and deliver on time, all tasks, deliverables, services and other work as set forth in each Work Order and its related Statement of Work for which the Contractor is contracted.
- 3.2** If the Contractor provides any tasks, deliverables, goods, services, or other work to the Department that utilizes other than approved Contractor Personnel, and/or that goes beyond the Work Order expiration date, and/or that exceeds the Total Maximum Amount as specified in the Work Order as originally written or modified in accordance with Section 8.1, Change Notices and Amendments, the same shall be deemed to be a gratuitous effort on the part of the Contractor, and the Contractor shall have no claim whatsoever against the County.
- 3.3** The Department procedures for issuing and executing Work Orders are set forth in this Sub-paragraph 3.3 as follows:
- Department determines that aquatic weed and algae growth control services need to be performed at one of facilities identified in Exhibit A, Statement of Work, of this Master Agreement.
 - Department develops Work Order Request and notifies Contractor in writing of the Work Order Request and mandatory Bid Conference.
 - Contractor must attend Bid Conference and shall submit a bid within the timeframe specified in the Work Order Request. Failure of Contractor to attend Bid Conference or submit its bid within the specified timeframe will disqualify Contractor from consideration of award of that particular Work Order.
 - Department staff will review bids upon receipt. Failure of Contractor to follow the tasks and instructions identified in the Work Order Request will

subject Contractor's bid to rejection from further review for that specific Work Order Request.

- Completion of review shall be within 7-10 days after the date set to receive bids.
 - Department will issue and execute a Work Order with Contractor deemed to have submitted the lowest bid from the most responsive and responsible Contractor.
 - Contractor shall be sent a Notice to Proceed (NTP) letter indicating start date of services for that particular Work Order.
 - Payment for all work shall be on a fixed price for deliverable basis.
- 3.4 Each Work Order Request shall include a Statement of Work, a Fee Schedule, County's Administration for that particular Work Order, and Contractor's Administration for that particular Work Order.
- 3.5 Each NTP letter shall include the Work Order executed by both the County's Program Director and the Contractor's Project Manager, approved fee schedule (cost), County's Administration for that particular Work Order, and Contractor's Administration for that particular Work Order.
- 3.6 In the event that no bids are received for a particular Work Order Request, the Department shall either: (1) revise the Work Order Request and reissue it; (2) perform the services with County forces; or (3) contract with a separate private contractor. It is understood by Contractor that County's competitive bidding procedure may have the effect that no Work Orders are awarded to Contractor.
- 3.7 When a condition exists wherein the Director, in his/her sole discretion, determines that there is danger of injury to the public or of damage to public property and determines that the procedures outlined in Paragraph 3.3 above cannot be timely implemented, the Director may issue an emergency Work Order Request and Notice to Proceed to the Contractor to complete the emergency services. Said Work Order Request and NTP shall include a "Not to Exceed Amount" and any special conditions that may affect the services to be provided.

4.0 TERM OF MASTER AGREEMENT

- 4.1 This Master Agreement is effective **February 1, 2019**, following execution by the Director, or his/her designee as authorized by the Board of Supervisors. This Master Agreement shall expire on **January 31, 2029** unless terminated sooner, in whole or in part, as provided herein.
- 4.2 The County maintains databases that track/monitor contractor performance history. Information entered into such databases may be used for a variety of purposes, including determining whether the County will exercise a Master Agreement term extension option.
- 4.3 Contractor shall notify the Department when this Master Agreement is within six (6) months from the expiration of the term as provided for hereinabove.

Upon occurrence of this event, Contractor shall send written notification to the Department at the address herein provided in Exhibit A.

5.0 AGREEMENT SUM

5.1 Contractor shall not be entitled to any payment by County under this Master Agreement except pursuant to validly executed and satisfactorily performed Work Orders. In each year of this Master Agreement, the total of all amounts actually expended by County hereunder ("maximum annual expenditures") may not exceed **Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000)**. The County has sole discretion to expend some, all, or none of such budgeted amounts. The sum of such annual expenditures for the duration of the Master Agreement is the Agreement Sum.

5.2 The Contractor shall not be entitled to payment or reimbursement for any tasks or services performed, nor for any incidental or administrative expenses whatsoever incurred in or incidental to performance hereunder, except as specified herein. Assumption or takeover of any of the Contractor's duties, responsibilities, or obligations, or performance of same by any entity other than the Contractor, whether through assignment, subcontract, delegation, merger, buyout, or any other mechanism, with or without consideration for any reason whatsoever, shall occur only with the County's express prior written approval.

5.3 **No Payment for Services Provided Following Expiration/ Termination of Master Agreement**

Contractor shall have no claim against County for payment of any money or reimbursement, of any kind whatsoever, for any service provided by Contractor after the expiration or other termination of this Master Agreement. Should Contractor receive any such payment it shall immediately notify County and shall immediately repay all such funds to County. Payment by County for services rendered after expiration/termination of this Master Agreement shall not constitute a waiver of County's right to recover such payment from Contractor. This provision shall survive the expiration or other termination of this Master Agreement.

5.4 **Invoices and Payments**

5.4.1 For providing the tasks, deliverables, services, and other work authorized pursuant to this Master Agreement, Contractor shall separately invoice County for each Work Order on a fixed price per deliverable basis.

5.4.2 Payment for all work shall be on a fixed price per deliverable basis, subject to the Total Maximum Amount specified in each Work Order less any amounts assessed in accordance with sub-paragraph 8.25, Liquidated Damages.

5.4.3 County shall not pay Contractor for any overtime premiums, travel expenses, meals, lodging, holidays, vacation, sick leave, per diem, or miscellaneous expenses, etc.

5.4.4 All work performed by, and all invoices submitted by, Contractor pursuant to Work Orders issued hereunder must receive the written approval of County's Project Director, who shall be responsible for a detailed evaluation of Contractor's performance before approval of work and/or payment of invoices is permitted.

5.4.5 Invoices under this Master Agreement shall be submitted to the address(es) set forth in the applicable Work Order.

5.4.6 Invoice Content

The period of performance specified in Contractor's invoice(s) must coincide with the period of performance specified in the applicable Work Order.

Each invoice submitted by Contractor shall specify:

- County numbers of the Work Order and Contractor's Master Agreement;
- Period of performance of work being invoiced;
- Name(s) of persons who performed the work;
- A brief description of the deliverable(s) for which payment is claimed, the respective number(s) assigned to the deliverable(s), and the individual amount being billed for each deliverable; and
- The total amount of the invoice.

5.4.7 Local Small Business Enterprises – Prompt Payment Program

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

5.5 Default Method of Payment: Direct Deposit or Electronic Funds Transfer

5.5.1 The County, at its sole discretion, has determined that the most efficient and secure default form of payment for goods and/or services provided under an agreement/ contract with the County shall be Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) or direct deposit, unless an alternative method of payment is deemed appropriate by the Auditor-Controller (A-C).

5.5.2 The Contractor shall submit a direct deposit authorization request via the website <https://directdeposit.lacounty.gov> with banking and vendor information, and any other information that the A-C determines is reasonably necessary to process the payment and comply with all accounting, record keeping, and tax reporting requirements.

- 5.5.3 Any provision of law, grant, or funding agreement requiring a specific form or method of payment other than EFT or direct deposit shall supersede this requirement with respect to those payments.
- 5.5.4 At any time during the duration of the agreement/contract, a contractor may submit a written request for an exemption to this requirement. Such request must be based on specific legal, business or operational needs and explain why the payment method designated by the A-C is not feasible and an alternative is necessary. The A-C, in consultation with the contracting department(s), shall decide whether to approve exemption requests.

6.0 ADMINISTRATION OF MASTER AGREEMENT - COUNTY

A listing of all County Administration referenced in the following sub-paragraphs are designated in Exhibit B. The County shall notify the Contractor in writing of any change in the names or addresses shown.

6.1 County's Program Director

The County's Program Director has the authority to negotiate, recommend all changes to this Master Agreement, and resolve disputes between the Department and Contractor.

6.2 County's Project Director

The County's Project Director, or designee, is the approving authority for individual Work Order Requests and executions.

6.3 County's Project Manager

The County's Project Manager is County's chief contact person with respect to the day-to-day administration of this Master Agreement. The Project Manager shall prepare and issue Work Orders and any Amendments thereto, and generally be the first person for Contractor to contact with any questions.

6.3.1 The responsibilities of the Project Manager include:

- ensuring that the technical standards and task requirements articulated in the individual Work Order are satisfactorily complied with, and shall provide, on request, such information, coordination, documentation, and materials as may be reasonably required by Contractor to perform Work Orders;
- coordinating and monitoring the work of Contractor personnel assigned to the Project Manager's specific projects, and for ensuring that this Master Agreement's objectives are met;
- monitoring, evaluating and reporting Contractor performance and progress on the Work Order;
- coordinating with Contractor's Project Manager, on a regular basis, regarding the performance of Contractor's personnel on each particular project;

- providing direction to Contractor in the areas relating to County policy, information requirements, and procedural requirements.

6.3.2 County's Project Managers are not authorized to make any changes in Work Order labor rates, dollar totals or periods of performance, or in the terms and conditions of this Master Agreement, except through formally prepared Amendments, sub-paragraph 8.1.

7.0 ADMINISTRATION OF MASTER AGREEMENT - CONTRACTOR

7.1 Contractor's Project Manager

- 7.1.1 The Contractor's Project Manager is designated in Exhibit C. The Contractor shall notify the County in writing of any change in the name or address of the Contractor's Project Manager.
- 7.1.2 The Contractor's Project Manager shall be responsible for Contractor's day-to-day activities as related to this Master Agreement and shall coordinate with County's Work Order Directors on a regular basis with respect to all active Work Orders.
- 7.1.3 The Contractor's Project Manager must have a minimum of three (3) years' experience within the last five (5) years planning and supervising as-needed aquatic weed and algae growth control services.

7.2 Contractor's Authorized Official(s)

- 7.2.1 Contractor's Authorized Official(s) are designated in Exhibit C. Contractor shall promptly notify County in writing of any change in the name(s) or address(es) of Contractor's Authorized Official(s).
- 7.2.2 Contractor represents and warrants that all requirements of Contractor have been fulfilled to provide actual authority to such officials to execute documents under this Master Agreement on behalf of Contractor.

7.3 Approval of Contractor's Staff

County has the absolute right to approve or disapprove all of Contractor's staff performing work hereunder and any proposed changes in Contractor's staff, including, but not limited to, Contractor's Project Manager. Contractor shall provide County with a resume of each proposed substitute and an opportunity to interview such person prior to any staff substitution.

7.4 Contractor's Staff Identification

- 7.4.1 Contractor shall provide, at Contractor's expense, all staff providing services under this Master Agreement with a photo identification badge.
- 7.4.2 Contractor shall notify the County within one business day when staff is terminated from working under this Master Agreement.

7.5 Background and Security Investigations

- 7.5.1 Each of Contractor's staff performing services under this Master Agreement who is in a designated sensitive position, as determined by County in County's sole discretion, shall undergo and pass a background investigation to the satisfaction of County as a condition of beginning and continuing to perform services under this Master Agreement. Such background investigation must be obtained through fingerprints submitted to the California Department of Justice to include State, local, and federal-level review, which may include, but shall not be limited to, criminal conviction information. The fees associated with the background investigation shall be at the expense of the Contractor, regardless if the member of Contractor's staff passes or fails the background investigation.
- 7.5.2 If a member of Contractor's staff does not pass the background investigation, County may request that the member of Contractor's staff be immediately removed from performing services under the Master Agreement at any time during the term of the Master Agreement. County will not provide to Contractor or to Contractor's staff any information obtained through the County's background investigation.
- 7.5.3 County, in its sole discretion, may immediately deny or terminate facility access to any member of Contractor's staff that does not pass such investigation to the satisfaction of the County or whose background or conduct is incompatible with County facility access.
- 7.5.4 Disqualification of any member of Contractor's staff pursuant to this Paragraph 7.5 shall not relieve Contractor of its obligation to complete all work in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Master Agreement.

7.6 Confidentiality

- 7.6.1 Contractor shall maintain the confidentiality of all records and information in accordance with all applicable Federal, State and local laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, directives, guidelines, policies and procedures relating to confidentiality, including, without limitation, County policies concerning information technology security and the protection of confidential records and information.
- 7.6.2 Contractor shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless County, its officers, employees, and agents, from and against any and all claims, demands, damages, liabilities, losses, costs and expenses, including, without limitation, defense costs and legal, accounting and other expert, consulting, or professional fees, arising from, connected with, or related to any failure by Contractor, its officers, employees, agents, or subcontractors, to comply with this Paragraph 7.6, as determined by County in its sole judgment. Any legal defense pursuant to Contractor's indemnification obligations under this Paragraph 7.6 shall be conducted by Contractor and performed by counsel selected by Contractor and approved by County.

Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, County shall have the right to participate in any such defense at its sole cost and expense, except that in the event Contractor fails to provide County with a full and adequate defense, as determined by County in its sole judgment, County shall be entitled to retain its own counsel, including, without limitation, County Counsel, and reimbursement from Contractor for all such costs and expenses incurred by County in doing so. Contractor shall not have the right to enter into any settlement, agree to any injunction, or make any admission, in each case, on behalf of County without County's prior written approval.

- 7.6.3 Contractor shall inform all of its officers, employees, agents and subcontractors providing services hereunder of the confidentiality provisions of this Master Agreement.
- 7.6.4 Contractor shall cause each employee performing services covered by this Master Agreement to sign and adhere to the provisions of the "Contractor Employee Acknowledgment and Confidentiality Agreement", Exhibit H3.
- 7.6.5 Contractor shall cause each non-employee performing services covered by this Master Agreement to sign and adhere to the provisions of the "Contractor Non-Employee Acknowledgment and Confidentiality Agreement", Exhibit H4.

8.0 STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS

8.1 Change Notices and Amendments

The County reserves the right to change any portion of the work required under this Master Agreement, or amend such other terms and conditions that may be necessary. All such revisions shall be accomplished in the following manner:

- 8.1.1 Changes that do not affect the scope or payment of any Work Orders issued pursuant to this Master Agreement shall only be accomplished with an executed Work Order Change Notice signed by the County's Project Director and Contractor's Project Manager.
- 8.1.2 Changes **that affect** the scope, payment, time-and-material rates or deliverable prices, performance period, or assignment of Contractor Personnel for a Work Order, a Work Order Amendment shall be prepared, and executed by the County's Project Director and Contractor's Project Manager.
- 8.1.3 The County's Board of Supervisors or Chief Executive Officer or designee may require the addition and/or change of certain terms and conditions in the Master Agreement during the term of this Master Agreement. The County reserves the right to add and/or change such provisions as required by the County's Board of Supervisors or Chief Executive Officer. To implement such orders, an Amendment to the Master Agreement shall be prepared and executed by the Contractor and by the Director, or his/her designee.

8.1.4 Addition/Deletion of Lake Facilities

The Director or his/her designee may at his/her sole discretion add or delete lake facilities to the Master Agreement. An Amendment to the Master Agreement shall be prepared and executed by the Contractor and by the Director to add or delete lake facilities.

8.2 Assignment and Delegation/Mergers or Acquisitions

- 8.2.1 The Contractor shall notify the County of any pending acquisitions/mergers of its company unless otherwise legally prohibited from doing so. If the Contractor is restricted from legally notifying the County of pending acquisitions/mergers, then it should notify the County of the actual acquisitions/mergers as soon as the law allows and provide to the County the legal framework that restricted it from notifying the County prior to the actual acquisitions/mergers.
- 8.2.2 The Contractor shall not assign its rights or delegate its duties under this Master Agreement, or both, whether in whole or in part, without the prior written consent of County, in its discretion, and any attempted assignment or delegation without such consent shall be null and void. For purposes of this sub-paragraph, County consent shall require a written amendment to the Master Agreement, which is formally approved and executed by the parties. Any payments by the County to any approved delegate or assignee on any claim under this Master Agreement shall be deductible, at County's sole discretion, against the claims, which the Contractor may have against the County.
- 8.2.3 Shareholders, partners, members, or other equity holders of Contractor may transfer, sell, exchange, assign, or divest themselves of any interest they may have therein. However, in the event any such sale, transfer, exchange, assignment, or divestment is affected in such a way as to give majority control of Contractor to any person(s), corporation, partnership, or legal entity other than the majority controlling interest therein at the time of execution of the Master Agreement, such disposition is an assignment requiring the prior written consent of County in accordance with applicable provisions of this Master Agreement.
- 8.2.4 Any assumption, assignment, delegation, or takeover of any of the Contractor's duties, responsibilities, obligations, or performance of same by any entity other than the Contractor, whether through assignment, subcontract, delegation, merger, buyout, or any other mechanism, with or without consideration for any reason whatsoever without County's express prior written approval, shall be a material breach of the Master Agreement which may result in the termination of this Master Agreement. In the event of such termination, County shall be entitled to pursue the same remedies against Contractor as it could pursue in the event of default by Contractor.

8.3 Authorization Warranty

The Contractor represents and warrants that the person executing this Master Agreement for the Contractor is an authorized agent who has actual authority to bind the Contractor to each and every term, condition, and obligation of this Master Agreement and that all requirements of the Contractor have been fulfilled to provide such actual authority.

8.4 Compliance with Applicable Laws

8.4.1 In the performance of this Master Agreement, Contractor shall comply with all applicable Federal, State and local laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, directives, guidelines, policies and procedures, and all provisions required thereby to be included in this Master Agreement are hereby incorporated herein by reference.

8.4.2 Contractor shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless County, its officers, employees, and agents, from and against any and all claims, demands, damages, liabilities, losses, costs, and expenses, including, without limitation, defense costs and legal, accounting and other expert, consulting or professional fees, arising from, connected with, or related to any failure by Contractor, its officers, employees, agents, or subcontractors, to comply with any such laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, directives, guidelines, policies, or procedures, as determined by County in its sole judgment. Any legal defense pursuant to Contractor's indemnification obligations under this Paragraph 8.5 shall be conducted by Contractor and performed by counsel selected by Contractor and approved by County. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, County shall have the right to participate in any such defense at its sole cost and expense, except that in the event Contractor fails to provide County with a full and adequate defense, as determined by County in its sole judgment, County shall be entitled to retain its own counsel, including, without limitation, County Counsel, and reimbursement from Contractor for all such costs and expenses incurred by County in doing so. Contractor shall not have the right to enter into any settlement, agree to any injunction or other equitable relief, or make any admission, in each case, on behalf of County without County's prior written approval.

8.5 Compliance with Civil Rights Laws

The Contractor hereby assures that it will comply with Subchapter VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 USC Sections 2000 (e) (1) through 2000 (e) (17), to the end that no person shall, on the grounds of race, creed, color, sex, religion, ancestry, age, condition of physical handicap, marital status, political affiliation, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under this Master Agreement or under any project, program, or activity supported

by this Master Agreement. The Contractor shall comply with Exhibit D, Contractor's EEO Certification.

8.6 Compliance with County's Jury Service Program

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

8.6.2 Written Employee Jury Service Policy

1. Unless Contractor has demonstrated to the County's satisfaction either that Contractor is not a "Contractor" as defined under the Jury Service Program (Section 2.203.020 of the County Code) or that Contractor qualifies for an exception to the Jury Service Program (Section 2.203.070 of the County Code), Contractor shall have and adhere to a written policy that provides that its Employees shall receive from the Contractor, on an annual basis, no less than five days of regular pay for actual jury service. The policy may provide that Employees deposit any fees received for such jury service with the Contractor or that the Contractor deduct from the Employee's regular pay the fees received for jury service.
2. For purposes of this sub-paragraph, "Contractor" means a person, partnership, corporation or other entity which has a Master Agreement with the County or a subcontract with a County Contractor and has received or will receive an aggregate sum of \$50,000 or more in any 12-month period under one or more County Master Agreements or subcontracts. "Employee" means any California resident who is a full time employee of Contractor. "Full-time" means 40 hours or more worked per week, or a lesser number of hours if: 1) the lesser number is a recognized industry standard as determined by the County, or 2) Contractor has a long-standing practice that defines the lesser number of hours as full-time. Full-time employees providing short-term, temporary services of 90 days or less within a 12-month period are not considered full-time for purposes of the Jury Service Program. If Contractor uses any subcontractor to perform services for the County under the Master Agreement, the subcontractor shall also be subject to the provisions of this sub-paragraph. The provisions of this sub-paragraph shall be inserted into any such subcontract agreement and a copy of the Jury Service Program shall be attached to the agreement.
3. If Contractor is not required to comply with the Jury Service Program when the Master Agreement commences, Contractor shall have a continuing obligation to review the applicability of its

“exception status” from the Jury Service Program, and Contractor shall immediately notify County if Contractor at any time either comes within the Jury Service Program’s definition of “Contractor” or if Contractor no longer qualifies for an exception to the Jury Service Program. In either event, Contractor shall immediately implement a written policy consistent with the Jury Service Program. The County may also require, at any time during the Master Agreement and at its sole discretion, that Contractor demonstrate to the County’s satisfaction that Contractor either continues to remain outside of the Jury Service Program’s definition of “Contractor” and/or that Contractor continues to qualify for an exception to the Program.

4. Contractor’s violation of this sub-paragraph of the Master Agreement may constitute a material breach of the Master Agreement. In the event of such material breach, County may, in its sole discretion, terminate the Master Agreement and/or bar Contractor from the award of future County Master Agreements for a period of time consistent with the seriousness of the breach.

8.7 Conflict of Interest

- 8.7.1 No County employee whose position with the County enables such employee to influence the award of this Master Agreement or any competing Master Agreement, and no spouse or economic dependent of such employee, shall be employed in any capacity by the Contractor or have any other direct or indirect financial interest in this Master Agreement. No officer or employee of the Contractor who may financially benefit from the performance of work hereunder shall in any way participate in the County’s approval, or ongoing evaluation, of such work, or in any way attempt to unlawfully influence the County’s approval or ongoing evaluation of such work.
- 8.7.2 The Contractor shall comply with all conflict of interest laws, ordinances, and regulations now in effect or hereafter to be enacted during the term of this Master Agreement. The Contractor warrants that it is not now aware of any facts that create a conflict of interest. If the Contractor hereafter becomes aware of any facts that might reasonably be expected to create a conflict of interest, it shall immediately make full written disclosure of such facts to the County. Full written disclosure shall include, but is not limited to, identification of all persons implicated and a complete description of all relevant circumstances. Failure to comply with the provisions of this sub-paragraph 8.8 shall be a material breach of this Master Agreement.

8.8 Consideration of Hiring GAIN-GROW Participants

- 8.8.1 Should the Contractor require additional or replacement personnel after the effective date of this Master Agreement, the Contractor shall give consideration for any such employment openings to participants in the County’s Department of Public Social Services

Greater Avenues for Independence (GAIN) Program or General Relief Opportunity for Work (GROW) Program who meet the Contractor's minimum qualifications for the open position. For this purpose, consideration shall mean that the Contractor will interview qualified candidates. The County will refer GAIN/GROW participants by job category to the Contractor. Contractors shall report all job openings with job requirements to: GAINGROW@DPSS.LACOUNTY.GOV and BSERVICES@WDACS.LACOUNTY.GOV and DPSS will refer qualified GAIN/GROW job candidates.

- 8.8.2 In the event that both laid-off County employees and GAIN/GROW participants are available for hiring, County employees shall be given first priority.

8.9 Contractor Responsibility and Debarment

8.9.1 Responsible Contractor

A responsible Contractor is a Contractor who has demonstrated the attribute of trustworthiness, as well as quality, fitness, capacity and experience to satisfactorily perform the Master Agreement. It is the County's policy to conduct business only with responsible Contractors.

8.9.2 Chapter 2.202 of the County Code

The Contractor is hereby notified that, in accordance with Chapter 2.202 of the County Code, if the County acquires information concerning the performance of the Contractor on this or other Master Agreements which indicates that the Contractor is not responsible, the County may, in addition to other remedies provided in this Master Agreement, debar the Contractor from bidding or proposing on, or being awarded, and/or performing work on County contracts for a specified period of time, which generally will not exceed five years but may exceed five years or be permanent if warranted by the circumstances, and terminate any or all existing Contracts the Contractor may have with the County.

8.9.3 Non-responsible Contractor

The County may debar a Contractor if the Board of Supervisors finds, in its discretion, that the Contractor has done any of the following: (1) violated a term of a Master Agreement with the County or a nonprofit corporation created by the County, (2) committed an act or omission which negatively reflects on the Contractor's quality, fitness or capacity to perform a Master Agreement with the County, any other public entity, or a nonprofit corporation created by the County, or engaged in a pattern or practice which negatively reflects on same, (3) committed an act or offense which indicates a lack of business integrity or business

honesty, or (4) made or submitted a false claim against the County or any other public entity.

8.9.4 Contractor Hearing Board

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

documentation. Upon receiving an appropriate request, the Contractor Hearing Board will provide notice of the hearing on the request. At the hearing, the Contractor Hearing Board shall conduct a hearing where evidence on the proposed reduction of debarment period or termination of debarment is presented. This hearing shall be conducted and the request for review decided by the Contractor Hearing Board pursuant to the same procedures as for a debarment hearing.

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

8.9.5 Subcontractors of Contractor

These terms shall also apply to Subcontractors of County Contractors.

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

The contractor acknowledges that the County places a high priority on the implementation of the Safely Surrendered Baby Law. The contractor understands that it is the County's policy to encourage all County contractors to voluntarily post the County's "Safely Surrendered Baby Law" poster, in Exhibit G, in a prominent position at the contractor's place of business. The contractor will also encourage its subcontractors, if any, to post this poster in a prominent position in the subcontractor's place of business. Information and posters for printing are available at www.babysafela.org.

8.11 Contractor's Warranty of Adherence to County's Child Support Compliance Program

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

- 8.11.2 As required by the County's Child Support Compliance Program (County Code Chapter 2.200) and without limiting the Contractor's duty under this Master Agreement to comply with all applicable provisions of law, the Contractor warrants that it is now in compliance and shall during the term of this Master Agreement maintain in compliance with employment and wage reporting requirements as required by the Federal Social Security Act (42

USC Section 653a) and California Unemployment Insurance Code Section 1088.5, and shall implement all lawfully served Wage and Earnings Withholding Orders or Child Support Services Department Notices of Wage and Earnings Assignment for Child, Family or Spousal Support, pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure Section 706.031 and Family Code Section 5246(b).

8.12 County's Quality Assurance Plan

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

8.13 Damage to County Facilities, Buildings or Grounds

- 8.13.1 Contractor shall repair, or cause to be repaired, at its own cost, any and all damage to County facilities, buildings, or grounds caused by Contractor or employees or agents of Contractor. Such repairs shall be made immediately after Contractor has become aware of such damage, but in no event later than thirty (30) days after the occurrence.
- 8.13.2 If Contractor fails to make timely repairs, County may make any necessary repairs. All costs incurred by County, as determined by County, for such repairs shall be repaid by Contractor by cash payment upon demand.

8.14 Employment Eligibility Verification

- 8.14.1 The Contractor warrants that it fully complies with all Federal and State statutes and regulations regarding the employment of aliens and others and that all its employees performing work under this Master Agreement meet the citizenship or alien status requirements set forth in Federal and State statutes and regulations. The Contractor shall obtain, from all employees performing work hereunder, all verification and other documentation of employment eligibility status required by Federal and State statutes and regulations including, but not limited to, the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, (P.L. 99-603), or as they currently exist and as they may be hereafter amended. The Contractor shall retain all such documentation for all covered employees for the period prescribed by law.

- 8.14.2 The Contractor shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless, the County, its agents, officers, and employees from employer sanctions and any other liability which may be assessed against the Contractor or the County or both in connection with any alleged violation of any Federal or State statutes or regulations pertaining to the eligibility for employment of any persons performing work under this Master Agreement.

8.15 Facsimile Representations

The County and the Contractor hereby agree to regard facsimile representations of original signatures of authorized officers of each party, when appearing in appropriate places on the Amendments prepared pursuant to sub-paragraph 8.1, and received via communications facilities, as legally sufficient evidence that such original signatures have been affixed to Amendments to this Master Agreement, such that the parties need not follow up facsimile transmissions of such documents with subsequent (non-facsimile) transmission of "original" versions of such documents.

8.16 Fair Labor Standards

The Contractor shall comply with all applicable provisions of the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act and shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the County and its agents, officers, and employees from any and all liability, including, but not limited to, wages, overtime pay, liquidated damages, penalties, court costs, and attorneys' fees arising under any wage and hour law, including, but not limited to, the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act, for work performed by the Contractor's employees for which the County may be found jointly or solely liable.

8.17 Force Majeure

- 8.17.1 Neither party shall be liable for such party's failure to perform its obligations under and in accordance with this Master Agreement, if such failure arises out of fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, other natural occurrences, strikes, lockouts (other than a lockout by such party or any of such party's subcontractors), freight embargoes, or other similar events to those described above, but in every such case the failure to perform must be totally beyond the control and without any fault or negligence of such party (such events are referred to in this sub-paragraph as "force majeure events").
- 8.17.2 Notwithstanding the foregoing, a default by a subcontractor of Contractor shall not constitute a force majeure event, unless such default arises out of causes beyond the control of both Contractor and such subcontractor, and without any fault or negligence of either of them. In such case, Contractor shall not be liable for failure to perform, unless the goods or services to be furnished by the subcontractor were obtainable from other sources in sufficient time to permit Contractor to meet the required performance

schedule. As used in this sub-paragraph, the term “subcontractor” and “subcontractors” mean subcontractors at any tier.

- 8.17.3 In the event Contractor's failure to perform arises out of a force majeure event, Contractor agrees to use commercially reasonable best efforts to obtain goods or services from other sources, if applicable, and to otherwise mitigate the damages and reduce the delay caused by such force majeure event.

8.18 Governing Law, Jurisdiction, and Venue

This Master Agreement shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of California. The Contractor agrees and consents to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of the State of California for all purposes regarding this Master Agreement and further agrees and consents that venue of any action brought hereunder shall be exclusively in the County of Los Angeles.

8.19 Independent Contractor Status

- 8.19.1 This Master Agreement is by and between the County and the Contractor and is not intended, and shall not be construed, to create the relationship of agent, servant, employee, partnership, joint venture, or association, as between the County and the Contractor. The employees and agents of one party shall not be, or be construed to be, the employees or agents of the other party for any purpose whatsoever.
- 8.19.2 The Contractor shall be solely liable and responsible for providing to, or on behalf of, all persons performing work pursuant to this Master Agreement all compensation and benefits. The County shall have no liability or responsibility for the payment of any salaries, wages, unemployment benefits, disability benefits, Federal, State, or local taxes, or other compensation, benefits, or taxes for any personnel provided by or on behalf of the Contractor.
- 8.19.3 The Contractor understands and agrees that all persons performing work pursuant to this Master Agreement are, for purposes of Workers' Compensation liability, solely employees of the Contractor and not employees of the County. The Contractor shall be solely liable and responsible for furnishing any and all Workers' Compensation benefits to any person as a result of any injuries arising from or connected with any work performed by or on behalf of the Contractor pursuant to this Master Agreement.
- 8.19.4 The Contractor shall adhere to the provisions stated in Paragraph 7.6, Confidentiality.

8.20 Indemnification

The Contractor shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the County, its Special Districts, elected and appointed officers, employees, agents and volunteers (“County Indemnitees”) from and against any and all liability,

including but not limited to demands, claims, actions, fees, costs and expenses (including attorney and expert witness fees), arising from and/or relating to this Master Agreement, except for such loss or damage arising from the sole negligence or willful misconduct of the County Indemnities.

8.21 General Provisions for all Insurance Coverage

Without limiting Contractor's indemnification of County, and in the performance of this Master Agreement and until all of its obligations pursuant to this Master Agreement have been met, Contractor shall provide and maintain at its own expense insurance coverage satisfying the requirements specified in this Section and Section 8.24 of this Master Agreement. These minimum insurance coverage terms, types and limits (the "Required Insurance") also are in addition to and separate from any other contractual obligation imposed upon Contractor pursuant to this Master Agreement. The County in no way warrants that the Required Insurance is sufficient to protect the Contractor for liabilities which may arise from or relate to this Master Agreement.

8.21.1 Evidence of Coverage and Notice to County

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

information provided by the Contractor, its insurance broker(s) and/or insurer(s), shall be construed as a waiver of any of the Required Insurance provisions.

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

County of Los Angeles
 Department of Parks and Recreation
 Contracts Division
 1000 South Fremont Avenue, Unit #40
 Building A-9 West, 2ND Floor
 Alhambra, CA 91803

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

8.21.2 Additional Insured Status and Scope of Coverage

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

8.21.3 Cancellation of or Changes in Insurance

Contractor shall provide County with, or Contractor's insurance policies shall contain a provision that County shall receive, written notice of cancellation or any change in Required Insurance, including insurer, limits of coverage, term of coverage or policy period. The written notice shall be provided to County at least ten (10) days in advance of cancellation for non-payment of premium and thirty (30) days in advance for any other cancellation or policy change. Failure to provide written notice of cancellation or any change in Required Insurance may constitute a material breach of

the Master Agreement, in the sole discretion of the County, upon which the County may suspend or terminate this Master Agreement.

8.21.4 Failure to Maintain Insurance

Contractor's failure to maintain or to provide acceptable evidence that it maintains the Required Insurance shall constitute a material breach of the Master Agreement, upon which County immediately may withhold payments due to Contractor, and/or suspend or terminate this Master Agreement. County, at its sole discretion, may obtain damages from Contractor resulting from said breach. Alternatively, the County may purchase the Required Insurance, and without further notice to Contractor, deduct the premium cost from sums due to Contractor or pursue Contractor reimbursement.

8.21.5 Insurer Financial Ratings

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

8.21.6 Contractor's Insurance Shall Be Primary

Contractor's insurance policies, with respect to any claims related to this Master Agreement, shall be primary with respect to all other sources of coverage available to Contractor. Any County maintained insurance or self-insurance coverage shall be in excess of and not contribute to any Contractor coverage.

8.21.7 Waivers of Subrogation

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

8.21.8 Sub-Contractor Insurance Coverage Requirements

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

8.21.9 Deductibles and Self-Insured Retentions (SIRs)

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

8.21.10 Claims Made Coverage

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

8.21.11 Application of Excess Liability Coverage

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

8.21.12 Separation of Insureds

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

8.21.13 Alternative Risk Financing Programs

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

8.21.14 County Review and Approval of Insurance Requirements

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

8.22 Insurance Coverage

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

General Aggregate:	\$4 million
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Products/Completed Operations Aggregate:	\$4 million
Personal and Advertising Injury:	\$1 million
Each Occurrence:	\$2 million

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

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

8.22.4 **Pollution Liability Insurance**

If in the course of operations, it requires remediation of pollutants or application or handling of pollutants. Such insurance shall cover liability for personal injury and property damage arising from the release, discharge, escape, dispersal, or emission of asbestos or pollutants, whether gradual or sudden, and include coverage for the costs and expenses associated with voluntary clean-up, testing, monitoring, and treatment of asbestos in compliance with governmental mandate or requests. If the asbestos or pollutant will be removed from the construction site, asbestos or pollution liability is also required under the contractor's or subcontractor's Automobile Liability Insurance. Contractor shall maintain limits of not less than \$2 million

8.23 **Liquidated Damages**

8.23.1 If, in the judgment of the Director, the Contractor is deemed to be non-compliant with the terms and obligations assumed hereby, the Director, or his/her designee, at his/her option, in addition to, or in lieu of, other remedies provided herein, may withhold the entire monthly payment or deduct pro rata from the Contractor's invoice

for work not performed. A description of the work not performed and the amount to be withheld or deducted from payments to the Contractor from the County, will be forwarded to the Contractor by the Director, or his/her designee, in a written notice describing the reasons for said action.

8.23.2 If the Director determines that there are deficiencies in the performance of this Master Agreement that the Director or his/her designee, deems are correctable by the Contractor over a certain time span, the Director or his/her designee, will provide a written notice to the Contractor to correct the deficiency within specified time frames. Should the Contractor fail to correct deficiencies within said time frame, the Director may:

(a) Deduct from the Contractor's payment, pro rata, those applicable portions of the Monthly Contract Sum; and/or

(b) Deduct liquidated damages. The parties agree that it will be impracticable or extremely difficult to fix the extent of actual damages resulting from the failure of the Contractor to correct a deficiency within the specified time frame. The parties hereby agree that under the current circumstances a reasonable estimate of such damages is One Hundred Dollars (\$100) per day per infraction, or as may be specified in any Performance Requirements Summary (PRS) Charts in future Work Orders, and that the Contractor shall be liable to the County for liquidated damages in said amount. Said amount shall be deducted from the County's payment to the Contractor; and/or

(c) Upon giving five (5) days notice to the Contractor for failure to correct the deficiencies, the County may correct any and all deficiencies and the total costs incurred by the County for completion of the work by an alternate source, whether it be County forces or separate private contractor, will be deducted and forfeited from the payment to the Contractor from the County, as determined by the County.

8.23.3 The action noted in sub-paragraph 8.25.2 shall not be construed as a penalty, but as adjustment of payment to the Contractor to recover the County cost due to the failure of the Contractor to complete or comply with the provisions of this Master Agreement.

8.23.4 This sub-paragraph shall not, in any manner, restrict or limit the County's right to damages for any breach of this Master Agreement provided by law or as specified in the PRS or sub-paragraph 8.25.2, and shall not, in any manner, restrict or limit the County's right to terminate this Master Agreement as agreed to herein.

8.24 Most Favored Public Entity

If the Contractor's prices decline, or should the Contractor at any time during the term of this Master Agreement provide the same goods or services under

similar quantity and delivery conditions to the State of California or any county, municipality, or district of the State at prices below those set forth in this Master Agreement, then such lower prices shall be immediately extended to the County.

8.25 Nondiscrimination and Affirmative Action

- 8.25.1 The Contractor certifies and agrees that all persons employed by it, its affiliates, subsidiaries, or holding companies are and shall be treated equally without regard to or because of race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, sex, age, physical or mental disability, marital status, or political affiliation, in compliance with all applicable Federal and State anti-discrimination laws and regulations.
- 8.25.2 The Contractor shall certify to, and comply with, the provisions of Exhibit D, Contractor's EEO Certification.
- 8.25.3 The Contractor shall take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, sex, age, physical or mental disability, marital status, or political affiliation, in compliance with all applicable Federal and State anti-discrimination laws and regulations. Such action shall include, but is not limited to: employment, upgrading, demotion, transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff or termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation, and selection for training, including apprenticeship.
- 8.25.4 The Contractor certifies and agrees that it will deal with its subcontractors, bidders, or vendors without regard to or because of race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, sex, age, physical or mental disability, marital status, or political affiliation.
- 8.25.5 The Contractor certifies and agrees that it, its affiliates, subsidiaries, or holding companies shall comply with all applicable Federal and State laws and regulations to the end that no person shall, on the grounds of race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, sex, age, physical or mental disability, marital status, or political affiliation, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under this Master Agreement or under any project, program, or activity supported by this Master Agreement.
- 8.25.6 The Contractor shall allow County representatives access to the Contractor's employment records during regular business hours to verify compliance with the provisions of this sub-paragraph 8.27 when so requested by the County.
- 8.25.7 If the County finds that any provisions of this sub-paragraph 8.25 have been violated, such violation shall constitute a material breach of this Master Agreement upon which the County may terminate or suspend this Master Agreement. While the County

reserves the right to determine independently that the anti-discrimination provisions of this Master Agreement have been violated, in addition, a determination by the California Fair Employment and Housing Commission or the Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission that the Contractor has violated Federal or State anti-discrimination laws or regulations shall constitute a finding by the County that the Contractor has violated the anti-discrimination provisions of this Master Agreement.

- 8.25.8 The parties agree that in the event the Contractor violates any of the anti-discrimination provisions of this Master Agreement, the County shall, at its sole option, be entitled to the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) for each such violation pursuant to California Civil Code Section 1671 as liquidated damages in lieu of terminating or suspending this Master Agreement.

8.26 Non Exclusivity

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

8.27 Notice of Delays

Except as otherwise provided under this Master Agreement, when either party has knowledge that any actual or potential situation is delaying or threatens to delay the timely performance of this Master Agreement, that party shall, within one (1) business day, give notice thereof, including all relevant information with respect thereto, to the other party.

8.28 Notice of Disputes

The Contractor shall bring to the attention of the County Project Manager and/or County Project Director any dispute between the County and the Contractor regarding the performance of services as stated in this Master Agreement. If the County Project Manager or County Project Director is not able to resolve the dispute, the Program Director, or his/her designee, shall resolve it.

8.29 Notice to Employees Regarding the Federal Earned Income Credit

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

8.30 Notice to Employees Regarding the Safely Surrendered Baby Law

The contractor shall notify and provide to its employees, and shall require each subcontractor to notify and provide to its employees, information regarding the Safely Surrendered Baby Law, its implementation in Los

Angeles County, and where and how to safely surrender a baby. The information is set forth in Exhibit G, Safely Surrendered Baby Law of this Master Agreement. Additional information is available at www.babysafela.org.

8.31 Notices

All notices or demands required or permitted to be given or made under this Master Agreement shall be in writing and shall be hand delivered with signed receipt or mailed by first-class registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the parties as identified in Exhibit B, County's Administration, and Exhibit C, Contractor's Administration. Addresses may be changed by either party giving ten (10) days' prior written notice thereof to the other party. The Director of the Department, or his/her designee, shall have the authority to issue all notices or demands required or permitted by the County under this Master Agreement.

8.32 Prohibition Against Inducement or Persuasion

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

8.33 Public Records Act

8.33.1 Any documents submitted by Contractor; all information obtained in connection with the County's right to audit and inspect Contractor's documents, books, and accounting records pursuant to Subparagraph 8.35, Record Retention and Inspection/Audit Settlement, of this Master Agreement; as well as those documents which were required to be submitted in response to the Request for Statement of Qualifications (RFSQ) used in the solicitation process for this Master Agreement, become the exclusive property of the County. All such documents become a matter of public record and shall be regarded as public records. Exceptions will be those elements in the California Government Code Section 6250 et seq. (Public Records Act) and which are marked "trade secret", "confidential", or "proprietary". The County shall not in any way be liable or responsible for the disclosure of any such records including, without limitation, those so marked, if disclosure is required by law, or by an order issued by a court of competent jurisdiction.

8.33.2 In the event the County is required to defend an action on a Public Records Act request for any of the aforementioned documents, information, books, records, and/or contents of an SOQ marked "trade secret", "confidential", or "proprietary", the Contractor agrees to defend and indemnify the County from all costs and expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees, in action or liability arising under the Public Records Act.

8.34 Publicity

8.34.1 The Contractor shall not disclose any details in connection with this Master Agreement to any person or entity except as may be otherwise provided hereunder or required by law. However, in recognizing the Contractor's need to identify its services and related clients to sustain itself, the County shall not inhibit the Contractor from publishing its role under this Master Agreement within the following conditions:

- The Contractor shall develop all publicity material in a professional manner; and
- During the term of this Master Agreement, the Contractor shall not, and shall not authorize another to, publish or disseminate any commercial advertisements, press releases, feature articles, or other materials using the name of the County without the prior written consent of the County's Project Director. The County shall not unreasonably withhold written consent.

8.34.2 The Contractor may, without the prior written consent of County, indicate in its proposals and sales materials that it has been awarded this Master Agreement with the County of Los Angeles, provided that the requirements of this sub-paragraph 8.36 shall apply.

8.35 Record Retention and Inspection-Audit Settlement

The Contractor shall maintain accurate and complete financial records of its activities and operations relating to this Master Agreement in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The Contractor shall also maintain accurate and complete employment and other records relating to its performance of this Master Agreement. The Contractor agrees that the County, or its authorized representatives, shall have access to and the right to examine, audit, excerpt, copy, or transcribe any pertinent transaction, activity, or record relating to this Master Agreement. All such material, including, but not limited to, all financial records, bank statements, cancelled checks or other proof of payment, timecards, sign-in/sign-out sheets and other time and employment records, and proprietary data and information, shall be kept and maintained by the Contractor and shall be made available to the County during the term of this Master Agreement and for a period of five (5) years thereafter unless the County's written permission is given to dispose of any such material prior to such time. All such material shall be maintained by the Contractor at a location in Los Angeles County, provided that if any such material is located outside Los Angeles County, then, at the County's option, the Contractor shall pay the County for travel, per diem, and other costs incurred by the County to examine, audit, excerpt, copy, or transcribe such material at such other location.

8.35.1 In the event that an audit of the Contractor is conducted specifically regarding this Master Agreement by any Federal or State auditor, or by any auditor or accountant employed by the Contractor or

otherwise, then the Contractor shall file a copy of such audit report with the County's Auditor-Controller within thirty (30) days of the Contractor's receipt thereof, unless otherwise provided by applicable Federal or State law or under this Master Agreement. The County shall make a reasonable effort to maintain the confidentiality of such audit report(s).

- 8.35.2 Failure on the part of the Contractor to comply with any of the provisions of this sub-paragraph shall constitute a material breach of this Master Agreement upon which the County may terminate or suspend this Master Agreement.
- 8.35.3 If, at any time during the term of this Master Agreement or within five (5) years after the expiration or termination of this Master Agreement, representatives of the County may conduct an audit of the Contractor regarding the work performed under this Master Agreement, and if such audit finds that the County's dollar liability for any such work is less than payments made by the County to the Contractor, then the difference shall be either: a) repaid by the Contractor to the County by cash payment upon demand or b) at the sole option of the County's Auditor-Controller, deducted from any amounts due to the Contractor from the County, whether under this Master Agreement or otherwise. If such audit finds that the County's dollar liability for such work is more than the payments made by the County to the Contractor, then the difference shall be paid to the Contractor by the County by cash payment, provided that in no event shall the County's maximum obligation for this Master Agreement exceed the funds appropriated by the County for the purpose of this Master Agreement.

8.36 Recycled Bond Paper

Consistent with the Board of Supervisors' policy to reduce the amount of solid waste deposited at the County landfills, the Contractor agrees to use recycled-content paper to the maximum extent possible on this Master Agreement.

8.37 Subcontracting

- 8.37.1 The requirements of this Master Agreement may not be subcontracted by the Contractor **without the prior written approval of the County**. Any attempt by the Contractor to subcontract without the prior consent of the County may be deemed a material breach of this Master Agreement.
- 8.37.2 If the Contractor desires to subcontract, the Contractor shall provide the following information promptly at the County's request:
 - A description of the work to be performed by the subcontractor;
 - A draft copy of the proposed subcontract; and

- Other pertinent information and/or certifications requested by the County.

- 8.37.3 The Contractor shall indemnify and hold the County harmless with respect to the activities of each and every subcontractor in the same manner and to the same degree as if such subcontractor(s) were Contractor employees.
- 8.37.4 The Contractor shall remain fully responsible for all performances required of it under this Master Agreement, including those that the Contractor has determined to subcontract, notwithstanding the County's approval of the Contractor's proposed subcontract.
- 8.37.5 The County's consent to subcontract shall not waive the County's right to prior and continuing approval of any and all personnel, including subcontractor employees, providing services under this Master Agreement. The Contractor is responsible to notify its subcontractors of this County right.
- 8.37.6 The County's MAPD is authorized to act for and on behalf of the County with respect to approval of any subcontract and subcontractor employees. After approval of the subcontract by the County, Contractor shall forward a fully executed subcontract to the County for their files.
- 8.37.7 The Contractor shall be solely liable and responsible for all payments or other compensation to all subcontractors and their officers, employees, agents, and successors in interest arising through services performed hereunder, notwithstanding the County's consent to subcontract.
- 8.37.8 The Contractor shall obtain certificates of insurance, which establish that the subcontractor maintains all the programs of insurance required by the County from each approved subcontractor. The Contractor shall ensure delivery of all such documents to the address identified in Paragraph 8.21.1, before any subcontractor employee may perform any work hereunder.

8.38 Termination for Breach of Warranty to Maintain Compliance with County's Child Support Compliance Program

Failure of the Contractor to maintain compliance with the requirements set forth in Sub-paragraph 8.13, Contractor's Warranty of Adherence to County's Child Support Compliance Program, shall constitute a default under this Master Agreement. Without limiting the rights and remedies available to the County under any other provision of this Master Agreement, failure of Contractor to cure such default within 90 calendar days of written notice shall be grounds upon which the County may terminate this Master Agreement pursuant to Subsection 8.40, Termination for Default, and pursue debarment of Contractor, pursuant to County Code Chapter 2.202.

8.39 Termination for Convenience

- 8.39.1 County may terminate this Master Agreement, and any Work Order issued hereunder, in whole or in part, from time to time or permanently, when such action is deemed by the County, in its sole discretion, to be in its best interest. Termination of work hereunder shall be effected by notice of termination to Contractor specifying the extent to which performance of work is terminated and the date upon which such termination becomes effective. The date upon which such termination becomes effective shall be no less than ten (10) days after the notice is sent.
- 8.39.2 Upon receipt of a notice of termination and except as otherwise directed by the County, the Contractor shall immediately:
- Stop work under the Work Order or under this Master Agreement, as identified in such notice;
 - Transfer title and deliver to County all completed work and work in process; and
 - Complete performance of such part of the work as shall not have been terminated by such notice.
- 8.39.3 All material including books, records, documents, or other evidence bearing on the costs and expenses of the Contractor under this Master Agreement or Work Order shall be maintained by the Contractor in accordance with Subsection 8.35, Record Retention and Inspection/Audit Settlement.

8.40 Termination for Default

- 8.40.1 The County may, by written notice to the Contractor, terminate the whole or any part of this Master Agreement, if, in the judgment of County's Program Director:
- Contractor has materially breached this Master Agreement;
 - Contractor fails to timely provide and/or satisfactorily perform any task, deliverable, service, or other work required either under this Master Agreement or any Work Order issued hereunder; or
 - Contractor fails to demonstrate a high probability of timely fulfillment of performance requirements of any Work Order issued under this Master Agreement, or of any obligations of this Master Agreement and in either case, fails to demonstrate convincing progress toward a cure within five (5) working days (or such longer period as the County may authorize in writing) after receipt of written notice from the County specifying such failure.
- 8.40.2 In the event that the County terminates this Master Agreement in whole or in part as provided in sub-paragraph 8.40.1, the County may procure, upon such terms and in such manner as the County

may deem appropriate, goods and services similar to those so terminated. The Contractor shall be liable to the County for any and all excess costs incurred by the County, as determined by the County, for such similar goods and services. The Contractor shall continue the performance of this Master Agreement to the extent not terminated under the provisions of this sub-paragraph.

- 8.40.3 Except with respect to defaults of any subcontractor, the Contractor shall not be liable for any such excess costs of the type identified in sub-paragraph 8.40.2 if its failure to perform this Master Agreement, including any Work Order issued hereunder, arises out of causes beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the Contractor. Such causes may include, but are not limited to: acts of God or of the public enemy, acts of the County in either its sovereign or contractual capacity, acts of Federal or State governments in their sovereign capacities, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, strikes, freight embargoes, and unusually severe weather; but in every case, the failure to perform must be beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the Contractor. If the failure to perform is caused by the default of a subcontractor, and if such default arises out of causes beyond the control of both the Contractor and subcontractor, and without the fault or negligence of either of them, the Contractor shall not be liable for any such excess costs for failure to perform, unless the goods or services to be furnished by the subcontractor were obtainable from other sources in sufficient time to permit the Contractor to meet the required performance schedule. As used in this sub-paragraph 8.40.3, the terms "subcontractor" and "subcontractors" mean subcontractor(s) at any tier.
- 8.40.4 If, after the County has given notice of termination under the provisions of this Subsection 8.40, it is determined by the County that the Contractor was not in default under the provisions of this Subsection 8.40, or that the default was excusable under the provisions of sub-paragraph 8.40.3, the rights and obligations of the parties shall be the same as if the notice of termination had been issued pursuant to sub-paragraph 8.39, Termination for Convenience.
- 8.40.5 The rights and remedies of the County provided in this Subsection 8.40 shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this Master Agreement.

8.41 Termination for Improper Consideration

- 8.41.1 The County may, by written notice to the Contractor, immediately terminate the right of the Contractor to proceed under this Master Agreement if it is found that consideration, in any form, was offered or given by the Contractor, either directly or through an intermediary, to any County officer, employee, or agent with the

intent of securing this Master Agreement or securing favorable treatment with respect to the award, amendment, or extension of this Master Agreement or the making of any determinations with respect to the Contractor's performance pursuant to this Master Agreement. In the event of such termination, the County shall be entitled to pursue the same remedies against the Contractor as it could pursue in the event of default by the Contractor.

- 8.41.2 The Contractor shall immediately report any attempt by a County officer or employee to solicit such improper consideration. The report shall be made either to the County manager charged with the supervision of the employee or to the County Auditor-Controller's Employee Fraud Hotline at (800) 544-6861.
- 8.41.3 Among other items, such improper consideration may take the form of cash, discounts, services, the provision of travel or entertainment, or tangible gifts.

8.42 Termination for Insolvency

- 8.42.1 The County may terminate this Master Agreement forthwith in the event of the occurrence of any of the following:
 - Insolvency of the Contractor. The Contractor shall be deemed to be insolvent if it has ceased to pay its debts for at least sixty (60) days in the ordinary course of business or cannot pay its debts as they become due, whether or not a petition has been filed under the Federal Bankruptcy Code and whether or not the Contractor is insolvent within the meaning of the Federal Bankruptcy Code;
 - The filing of a voluntary or involuntary petition regarding the Contractor under the Federal Bankruptcy Code;
 - The appointment of a Receiver or Trustee for the Contractor; or
 - The execution by the Contractor of a general assignment for the benefit of creditors.
- 8.42.2 The rights and remedies of the County provided in this Subsection 8.42 shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this Master Agreement.

8.43 Termination for Non-Adherence of County Lobbyist Ordinance

The Contractor, and each County Lobbyist or County Lobbying firm as defined in County Code Section 2.160.010 retained by the Contractor, shall fully comply with the County's Lobbyist Ordinance, County Code Chapter 2.160. Failure on the part of the Contractor or any County Lobbyist or County Lobbying firm retained by the Contractor to fully comply with the County's Lobbyist Ordinance shall constitute a material breach of this Master Agreement, upon which the County may in its sole discretion, immediately terminate or suspend this Master Agreement.

8.44 Termination for Non-Appropriation of Funds

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

8.45 Validity

If any provision of this Master Agreement or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of this Master Agreement and the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

8.46 Waiver

No waiver by the County of any breach of any provision of this Master Agreement shall constitute a waiver of any other breach or of such provision. Failure of the County to enforce at any time, or from time to time, any provision of this Master Agreement shall not be construed as a waiver thereof. The rights and remedies set forth in this sub-paragraph 8.48 shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this Master Agreement.

8.47 Warranty Against Contingent Fees

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

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

8.48 Warranty of Compliance with County's Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program

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

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

8.49 Termination for Breach of Warranty to Maintain Compliance with County's Defaulted Property tax Reduction Program

Failure of Contractor to maintain compliance with the requirements set forth in Paragraph 8.48, Warranty of Compliance with County's Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program, shall constitute default under this Master Agreement. Without limiting the rights and remedies available to County under any other provision of this Master Agreement, failure of Contractor to cure such default within 10 days of notice shall be grounds upon which County may terminate this Master Agreement and/or pursue debarment of Contractor, pursuant to County Code Chapter 2.206.

8.50 Time off For Voting

The Contractor shall notify its employees, and shall require each subcontractor to notify and provide to its employees, information regarding the time off for voting law (Elections Code Section 14000). Not less than 10 days before every statewide election, every Contractor and subcontractors shall keep posted conspicuously at the place of work, if practicable, or elsewhere where it can be seen as employees come or go to their place of work, a notice setting forth the provisions of Section 14000.

8.51 Compliance with County's Zero Tolerance Policy on Human Trafficking

Contractor acknowledges that the County has established a Zero Tolerance Policy on Human Trafficking prohibiting contractors from engaging in human trafficking.

If a Contractor or member of Contractor's staff is convicted of a human trafficking offense, the County shall require that the Contractor or member of Contractor's staff be removed immediately from performing services under the Master Agreement. County will not be under any obligation to disclose confidential information regarding the offenses other than those required by law.

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

8.52 Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Program Compliance

8.52.1 Contractor acknowledges that County has established an Integrated Pest Management Program (the Program) which aims to reduce or eliminate pollutants moved into surface water through storm water management systems and facilities. Contractor certifies compliance on Exhibit 13 (Integrated Pest Management Program Compliance Certification), in Appendix A (Required

Forms), that contractor has reviewed, understands, and will adhere to the County's IPM Program requirements as set forth in this Subsection 8.53 (Integrated Pest Management Program Compliance) and at: www.lacountyipm.org

- 8.52.2 Contractor must ensure and certify that its employees who apply pesticides on County owned or maintained property are appropriately trained. The training, which must be conducted on an annual basis, but no later than June 30th of each calendar year, must meet the County's minimum requirements under the Program.
- 8.52.3 Employee training may be self-certified by Contractors, provided the County has the ability to audit the training, and must include, at a minimum, the following:
- The potential for pesticide-related surface water toxicity;
 - Proper use, handling, and disposal of pesticides;
 - Least toxic methods of pest prevention and control, including IPM; and
 - Reduction of pesticide use.
- 8.52.4 All users of commercial pesticides are required by State law to provide a monthly pesticide report to the Los Angeles County Department of Agricultural Commissioner/ Weights and Measures (ACWM). In addition to the mandatory monthly reporting requirement, Contractor shall provide to the Department, with a copy to the ACWM, an annual summary of the pesticides used outdoors on County-owned or maintained property by Fiscal Year (July 1 to June 30). For each pesticide, the summary shall include all of the following:
- Product trade name
 - Active ingredient(s)
 - EPA Registration Number
 - Total amount used
- The units reported shall be appropriate to the product (gallons, ounces, pounds, etc.).

8.53 Compliance with Fair Chance Employment Practices

Contractor shall comply with fair chance employment hiring practices set forth in California Government Code Section 12952, Employment Discrimination: Conviction History. Contractor's violation of this paragraph of the Contract may constitute a material breach of the Contract. In the event of such material breach, County may, in its sole discretion, terminate the Contract.

8.54 Compliance with the County Policy of Equity

The contractor acknowledges that the County takes its commitment to preserving the dignity and professionalism of the workplace very seriously, as set forth in the County Policy of Equity (CPOE) (<https://ceop.lacounty.gov/>). The contractor further acknowledges that the County strives to provide a workplace free from discrimination, harassment, retaliation and inappropriate conduct based on a protected characteristic, and which may violate the CPOE. The contractor, its employees and subcontractors acknowledge and certify receipt and understanding of the CPOE. Failure of the contractor, its employees or its subcontractors to uphold the County's expectations of a workplace free from harassment and discrimination, including inappropriate conduct based on a protected characteristic, may subject the contractor to termination of contractual agreements as well as civil liability.

9.0 UNIQUE TERMS AND CONDITIONS

9.1 Local Small Business Enterprise (LSBE) Preference Program

- 9.1.1 This Master Agreement is subject to the provisions of the County's ordinance entitled LSBE Preference Program, as codified in Chapter 2.204 of the Los Angeles County Code.
- 9.1.2 The Contractor shall not knowingly and with the intent to defraud, fraudulently obtain, retain, attempt to obtain or retain, or aid another in fraudulently obtaining or retaining or attempting to obtain or retain certification as a LSBE.
- 9.1.3 The Contractor shall not willfully and knowingly make a false statement with the intent to defraud, whether by affidavit, report, or other representation, to a County official or employee for the purpose of influencing the certification or denial of certification of any entity as a LSBE.
- 9.1.4 If the Contractor has obtained certification as a LSBE by reason of having furnished incorrect supporting information or by reason of having withheld information, and which knew, or should have known, the information furnished was incorrect or the information withheld was relevant to its request for certification, and which by reason of such certification has been awarded this Master Agreement to which it would not otherwise have been entitled, shall:
 - 1. Pay to the County any difference between the Master Agreement amount and what the County's costs would have been if the Master Agreement had been properly awarded;
 - 2. In addition to the amount described in subdivision (1), be assessed a penalty in an amount of not more than ten (10) percent of the amount of the Master Agreement; and

3. Be subject to the provisions of Chapter 2.202 of the Los Angeles County Code (Determinations of Contractor Non-responsibility and Contractor Debarment).

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

9.2 Social Enterprise (SE) Preference Program

- 9.2.1 This Master Agreement is subject to the provisions of the County's ordinance entitled SE Preference Program, as codified in Chapter 2.205 of the Los Angeles County Code.
- 9.2.2 Contractor shall not knowingly and with the intent to defraud, fraudulently obtain, retain, attempt to obtain or retain, or aid another in fraudulently obtaining or retaining or attempting to obtain or retain certification as a SE.
- 9.2.3 Contractor shall not willfully and knowingly make a false statement with the intent to defraud, whether by affidavit, report, or other representation, to a County official or employee for the purpose of influencing the certification or denial of certification of any entity as a SE.
- 9.2.4 If Contractor has obtained County certification as a SE by reason of having furnished incorrect supporting information or by reason of having withheld information, and which knew, or should have known, the information furnished was incorrect or the information withheld was relevant to its request for certification, and which by reason of such certification has been awarded this Master Agreement to which it would not otherwise have been entitled, Contractor shall:
 1. Pay to the County any difference between the Master Agreement amount and what the County's costs would have been if the Master Agreement had been properly awarded;
 2. In addition to the amount described in subdivision (1) above, the Contractor will be assessed a penalty in an amount of not more than ten percent (10%) of the amount of the Master Agreement; and
 3. Be subject to the provisions of Chapter 2.202 of the Los Angeles County Code (Determinations of Contractor Non-responsibility and Contractor Debarment).

The above penalties shall also apply to any entity that has previously obtained proper certification, however, as a result of a change in their status would no longer be eligible for certification, and fails to notify the

Department of Consumer and Business Affairs of this information prior to responding to a solicitation or accepting a Master Agreement award.

9.3 Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (DVBE) Preference Program

- 9.3.1 This Master Agreement is subject to the provisions of the County's ordinance entitled DVBE Preference Program, as codified in Chapter 2.211 of the Los Angeles County Code.
- 9.3.2 Contractor shall not knowingly and with the intent to defraud, fraudulently obtain, retain, attempt to obtain or retain, or aid another in fraudulently obtaining or retaining or attempting to obtain or retain certification as a DVBE.
- 9.3.3 Contractor shall not willfully and knowingly make a false statement with the intent to defraud, whether by affidavit, report, or other representation, to a County official or employee for the purpose of influencing the certification or denial of certification of any entity as a DVBE.
- 9.3.4 If Contractor has obtained certification as a DVBE by reason of having furnished incorrect supporting information or by reason of having withheld information, and which knew, or should have known, the information furnished was incorrect or the information withheld was relevant to its request for certification, and which by reason of such certification has been awarded this Master Agreement to which it would not otherwise have been entitled, Contractor shall:
 - 1. Pay to the County any difference between the Master Agreement amount and what the County's costs would have been if the Master Agreement had been properly awarded;
 - 2. In addition to the amount described in subdivision (1) above, the Contractor will be assessed a penalty in an amount of not more than 10 percent of the amount of the Master Agreement; and
 - 3. Be subject to the provisions of Chapter 2.202 of the Los Angeles County Code (Determinations of Contractor Non-responsibility and Contractor Debarment).

Notwithstanding any other remedies in this Master Agreement, the above penalties shall also apply to any business that has previously obtained proper certification, however, as a result of a change in their status would no longer be eligible for certification, and fails to notify the State and the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs of this information prior to responding to a solicitation or accepting a Master Agreement award.

9.4 Termination Upon Transfer of Title, Maintenance Responsibility or Park Closure

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Master Agreement, the County reserves the right to transfer title, maintenance responsibility or close one

or more of the facilities described in Exhibit C, Scope of Work, General Information, Locations, of this Master Agreement (hereinafter, Exhibit C).

9.4.1 In the event the County transfers title of one or more of the facilities described in Exhibit A, to a governmental agency (assignee), the County reserves the right to:

9.4.1.1 Terminate this Master Agreement or, provided there is consent by an assignee, assign the County's interest in this Master Agreement to said assignee. The County shall provide the Contractor with notice of termination or assignment of this Master Agreement pursuant to this provision; or

9.4.1.2 Delete the transferred facility(ies) from the Master Agreement or, provided there is consent by an assignee, assign those portions of the Master Agreement dealing with the transferred facility(ies) to said assignee and reduce the Master Agreement sum pro tanto. The County shall provide the Contractor with notice of deletion or assignment of said facility(ies) pursuant to this provision from this Master Agreement.

9.4.2 In the event that the County transfers maintenance responsibility for all or a portion(s) of one or more of the facility(ies) described in Exhibit A, the County reserves the right to:

9.4.2.1 Terminate this Master Agreement or, provided there is consent by an assignee, assign the County's interest in this Master Agreement to said assignee. The County shall provide the Contractor with notice of termination or assignment of this Master Agreement pursuant to this provision; or

9.4.2.2 Delete the transferred facility(ies) from the Master Agreement or, provided there is consent by assignee, assign those portion(s) of the Master Agreement dealing with the transferred facility(ies) to said assignee and reduce the sum of the Master Agreement pro tanto. The County shall provide the Contractor with notice of deletion or assignment of said facility(ies) pursuant to this provision from this Master Agreement; or

9.4.2.3 Delete transferred portion(s) of the facility(ies) from the Master Agreement or, provided there is consent by an assignee, assign the portion(s) of the Master Agreement dealing with the transferred portion(s) of the facility(ies) to said assignee and reduce the Master Agreement sum pro tanto. The County shall provide the Contractor with notice of deletion or assignment of said portion(s) of facility (ies) pursuant to this provision from this Master Agreement.

9.4.3 In the event the County closes one or more of the facilities described in Exhibit A, the County reserves the right to:

- 9.4.3.1 Terminate this Master Agreement upon the effective date of such closure(s). Upon the effective date of park closures(s), the Contractor shall immediately cease its operations, and within fifteen (15) days thereafter remove all items of its personal property, equipment and inventory. The County shall provide advance notice to the Contractor of such park closure(s); or
- 9.4.3.2 Delete the facility(ies) to be closed from the Master Agreement and reduce the Master Agreement sum pro tanto. Upon the effective date of park closure(s), the Contractor shall immediately cease its operations at said facility (ies), and within fifteen (15) days thereafter remove all items of its personal property, equipment and inventory. The County shall provide advance notice to the Contractor of such park closure(s).

9.5 Extraordinary Incidents, Acts of God, Third Party Negligence

Contractor shall notify the Director in writing as soon as reasonably possible on the same day of discovery of any damage due to extraordinary incidents such as Acts of God and suspected third party negligence.

By reasons or acts beyond the control of the County, this Master Agreement may be terminated by the County without liability or damages whenever the County is prevented by operation of laws, Acts of God, or by the official action of Local, State or Federal authorities from complying with the provisions of this Master Agreement.

9.6 Compliance with the County's Smoking Ban Ordinance

This Master Agreement is subject to the provisions of the County's ordinance entitled Los Angeles County Code Title 17, Parks, Beaches, and Other Public Places, prohibiting smoking at County Parks (Smoking Ban Ordinance) as codified in Sections 17.04.185 through 17.04.650 of the Los Angeles County Code.

9.7 Enforcement of Master Agreement

The Director shall be responsible for the enforcement of this Master Agreement on behalf of the County and shall be assisted therein by those officers and employees of the County having duties in connection with the administration thereof. The Director hereby reserves the right to: (a) assign such personnel as are needed to serve as County's Project Manager(s) and Project Monitor(s) in order to inspect and review the Contractor's performance of, and compliance with, all contractual services, duties, obligations, responsibilities, administrative procedures and staffing as set forth in this Master Agreement, and (b) require the Contractor to provide such written documentation and/or regular reports as the Director deems necessary to verify and review the Contractor's performance under this Master Agreement.

The County reserves the right to perform inspections at any time for the purpose of maintaining the Contractor's compliance with all Master Agreement terms and conditions and performance standards.

The Contractor hereby agrees to cooperate with the Director, County's Project Managers and County's Contract Project Monitors, and any appropriate Federal or State representative, in the review and monitoring of the Contractor's service program, records and procedures at any reasonable time, as requested by the County.

In the event the County commences legal proceedings for the enforcement of this Master Agreement or recovery of the premises herein, the Contractor does hereby agree to pay any sum which may be awarded to the County by the Court for attorney's fees and costs incurred in the action brought thereon.

10.0 ENTIRE MASTER AGREEMENT

This document and the Exhibit(s) attached hereto constitute the entire agreement between County and Contractor for providing as needed aquatic growth and algae control services at various County facilities. All other agreements, promises and representations with respect thereto, other than contained herein, are expressly revoked, as it has been the intention of the parties to provide for a complete integration within the provisions of this document, and the Exhibit(s) attached hereto, the terms, conditions, promises and covenants relating to providing as needed aquatic growth and algae control services at various County facilities. The unenforceability, invalidity, or illegality of any provision of this Agreement shall not render the other provisions thereof unenforceable, invalid or illegal.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board has caused this Master Agreement to be executed by the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation or designee and approved by County Counsel, and Contractor has caused this Master Agreement to be executed in its behalf by its duly authorized officer, this _____ day of _____, 20____.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

By _____
John Wicker, Director
Department of Parks and Recreation

CONTRACTOR

By _____
Printed: _____
Title: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

MARY C. WICKHAM
County Counsel

By _____
Christina Angeles
Principal Deputy County Counsel