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Transitional Assistance Department

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IT IS HEREBY AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, San Bernardino County (County) desires to designate a contractor of choice to provide Vocational Education and Training Services for California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKS) customers, as further described in a statement of work (the "Services"); and

WHEREAS, the County conducted a competitive process to find First Institute Training and Management, Inc. (Contractor) to provide these services, and

WHEREAS, based upon and in reliance on the representations of Contractor in its response to the County's Request for Proposals, the County finds Contractor qualified to provide Vocational Education and Training Services; and

WHEREAS, the County desires that such services be provided by Contractor and Contractor agrees to perform these services as set forth below;

NOW, THEREFORE, the County and Contractor mutually agree to the following terms and conditions:

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A. DEFINITIONS

1. California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) – The program implemented through Assembly Bill 1542 to replace the Aid to Families with Dependent Children program in the State of California.
2. Certificate of Completion – Issued by Contractor to the customer as evidence of successful vocational education/training program completion. Certificate at a minimum must include vocational education/training program title, customer's name, number of hours completed, and dates of participation.
3. Complaint and Grievance Procedure (HS 39) – Required County form signed, and signature portion kept on file for CalWORKs customers. The form provides guidelines for the customer to express views and complaints regarding delivery of service.
4. Contract – The legal agreement between the County and the Contractor.
5. Customers – Applicants and recipients of CalWORKs public assistance.
6. Employment Services Specialist (ESS) – TAD Welfare-to-Work (WTW) staff responsible for providing case management, counseling, and referring customers to an appropriate activity and/or service needed to achieve self-sufficiency.
7. Employment Verification (TAD WTW 107) – Employment Verification must include, at minimum: company name, customer name, position title, hire date, wage rate, and a copy of the most recent paystub.
8. Human Services (HS) – San Bernardino County Human Services (HS), a system of integrated services, where the programs and resources of nine (9) County departments come together to provide a rich, more complete array of services to the citizens of San Bernardino County under one coordinated effort.
9. Personally Identifiable Information (PII) – PII is information that can be used alone or in conjunction with any other information, to search for or identify a specific individual, or to access their files, whether electronic, paper, verbal, or recorded. Examples of PII include name, date of birth, Social Security Number, address, and case number.
10. Referral to Activity (TAD WTW 109) – Required County form completed by the WTW staff to enroll customer into program activities. The referral form is provided to the Contractor to initiate enrollment of CalWORKs customers into program activities.
11. Release of Information (TAD 228) – Required form used by Transitional Assistance Department (TAD) WTW staff to obtain customer authorization for release of information.
12. Services – The required services described in this Contract.
13. Subsidized Employment – Full or part-time employment in the private or public sector that is subsidized by TANF or any other public program.
14. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) – The program under which CalWORKs is administered.
15. Transitional Assistance Department (TAD) – The County department that determines the eligibility for CalWORKs cash benefits, Medi-Cal, and CalFresh.
16. Unsubsidized Employment – Full or part-time employment in the private or public sector that is not subsidized by TANF or any other public program.
17. Vocational Education Liaison – A County Employment Services Specialist assigned to work with contracted education/training providers and staff to assist in resolving issues or complaints.
18. Welfare-to-Work (WTW) – Program to help CalWORKs customers become self-sufficient by participating in activities designed to assist individuals to move from welfare dependency to employment.

19. Welfare-to-Work Plan Activity Assignment (WTW 2) – A plan developed by TAD WTW staff for a customer based on the customer's assessment. The plan includes specific work activity assignments, number of hours of participation, and services required to transition the customer into sustainable employment. Approved work activities may include subsidized or unsubsidized employment, on the job training, job search and job readiness assistance, community service, work experience, and vocational and/or educational training.
20. Welfare-to-Work Program Attendance and Progress Report (CSF 124) – Report prepared by the Contractor in a format approved by the County. At a minimum, the report shall contain customer's name, Social Security Number, attendance date, daily time in and time out, daily total attendance hours, weekly total attendance hours, narration of participant progress in course, customer's signature, instructor's signature, and date signed. Attendance is submitted weekly, and Progress is submitted monthly to the County for each CalWORKs customer.

B. CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITIES

Contractor shall:

1. Provide certified instructor(s) and curriculum approved by a recognized accredited body according to industry standards.
2. Provide training program(s) at the approved site locations and costs as outlined in Attachment A, Training Program Sites and Costs. Contractor shall notify County in writing thirty (30) days prior to any changes in training program and site locations.
3. Have an open enrollment policy with frequent class start dates for vocational activities offered through the Contract.
4. Verify eligibility and obtain approval from the County to provide services for any CalWORKs customer using the Referral to Activity (TAD WTW 109).
5. Ensure the Release of Information (TAD 228) form signed by the customer is received from TAD prior to making any contact with the customer.
6. Enroll CalWORKs customers and provide them with vocational education ensuring skill attainment as required by any applicable certifying/licensing agency.
7. Ensure CalWORKs customers must be able to complete the vocational education/training activity within one (1) year (twelve [12] months of continuous training) of training start date.
8. Maintain instructional material and curriculum that is current and up to date to industry standards.
9. Ensure customers thoroughly comprehend any requirements of the specific occupation for which they are being trained, e.g., skills and abilities needed for success; nontraditional hours; extended travel; potentially hazardous work environment, etc. Signed documentation that includes the details of the discussion with the prospective customer prior to beginning school instruction is to be kept in the case file. A standard form created by the school that describes the requirements of the occupation may be provided to the customer for signature and retention in customer's case file in order to satisfy the provisions of this Contractor responsibility.
10. Ensure any Externship, Internship and/or Clinical training are secured timely to ensure customer completes all required hours by the training end date.
11. Maintain the capability to accommodate and serve persons with:
 1. Limited English proficiency
 2. Learning disabilities
 3. Low academic skills
 4. Barriers to employment
12. Perform periodic testing of applicable vocational skills at regularly scheduled intervals.
13. Meet or exceed the performance benchmarks and standards as identified in Section F, Paragraph 3, of this Contract.

14. Have an automated reporting system in place to track customers throughout the program.
15. Track and report customer daily attendance and monthly progress following PII Standards. Contractors will report customer attendance to WTW staff on a weekly basis, and report progress, at a minimum, on a monthly basis. WTW staff must be notified within three (3) working days if the customer drops from the vocational education/training program for any reason, including becoming employed.
16. Provide detailed feedback in the required daily attendance and monthly progress reports, e.g. customer needs more time to grasp a concept; customer failed and needs to repeat required test(s); customer has other barriers such as low literacy or comprehension abilities that slow his or her advancement.
17. Notify the ESS as soon as the contractor becomes aware that a WTW activity may require an extension; this should occur at least one week prior to the referral services end date. Notify the ESS in writing with the justification for the extension and provide a new expected end date of completion. Extension requests must be approved in writing by TAD and a copy of the Referral to Activity (TAD WTW 109) with revised date must be kept in the case file.
18. Drop customers timely who are not attending or participating with the school's curriculum. Consultation with WTW ESS will be conducted prior to dropping a customer from training. The timely notification must be made with forty-eight (48) hours, or as soon as the Contractor has become aware of the problem with customer's progress, attendance, or behavior, whichever is shorter. Documentation must be maintained in the case file that TAD was notified of any dropped participants.
19. Provide case management for all CalWORKs customers who receive services under the Contract. Case management includes, but is not limited to, maintaining a customer's case file while enrolled in vocational education/training services, continually assessing service(s) needed, and documenting customer's progress including success and problems. Each customer shall have an individual case file, which must be accurate and complete, and minimally contain the following information:
 1. Referral to Activity (TAD WTW 109)
 2. Release of Information (TAD 228 form)
 3. Welfare-to-Work Program Attendance and Progress Report (CSF 124)
 4. Signed County Complaint and Grievance Procedure (HS 39) (Attachment B)
 5. Copy of the Certificate of Completion
 6. Referral to Activity (TAD WTW 109) revised by TAD indicating approval of any activity extensions
 7. Documentation that TAD was notified if a participant was dropped
 8. Documentation of any and all customer complaints received by the Contractor agency/staff
20. Upon completion, issue certificate, which shall include vocational education/training program title, customer name, number of hours complete, and dates of participation.
21. Provide Job Placement services within the field of education/training to include the following:
 1. Perform employment related career counseling and utilization of job-seeker resources to make appropriate referrals to employment opportunities.
 2. Evaluate customer qualifications against employer requirements, referring qualified applicants to unsubsidized employment opportunities and facilitate the hiring of the applicant.
 3. Assist customers to enter into related unsubsidized employment within ninety (90) days from the completion date of the education/training program.

22. Once customer becomes employed, submit a completed and signed copy of the Employment Verification form (Attachment C) to the WTW ESS within five (5) working days of the date of customer's employment.
23. Provide the necessary facilities, equipment, tools and instructional aids, materials, books, supplies, test fees, and all other related expenses, at no additional cost to the County or customer. This shall include retest fees for failed tests for the maximum number of retests allowed by the certifying/licensing agency. All items named above must be routinely inspected and maintained according to industry standards, and in a condition that meets the County's standards for customer service.
24. Provide additional services, as necessary, in order to be responsive to the special needs of the CalWORKs population. These services could include, but not be limited to, counseling and tutoring.
25. Maintain consistent and timely communication with WTW ESS and/or the Vocational Education Liaison, in both written and verbal form, throughout the term of the Contract.
26. Provide invoices to the County within ten (10) days following the month of service.
27. Notify the HS Contracts Unit and HS Program Development Division contacts in writing immediately when there are any changes to the certified/licensed instructor availability that affects classroom/training lessons to the contracted training program(s), including training schedule, training site location, training term, cancellation, and/or termination.
28. Provide satisfactory customer service to County customers and staff in a professional and collaborative manner.
29. Inform the ESS within three (3) business days of any complaints from the customer.
30. Provide drafts of marketing material six (6) weeks in advance of class Orientation date to give WTW staff time to refer customers to the training(s).
31. Develop and maintain professional relationships, prevent inappropriate and/or unlawful behavior, and ensure open communication with County staff and customers referred by TAD.

C. GENERAL CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS

1. **Recitals** – The recitals set forth above are true and correct and incorporated herein by this reference.
2. **Contract Amendments** – Contractor agrees any alterations, variations, modifications, or waivers of the provisions of the Contract, shall be valid only when reduced to writing, executed and attached to the original Contract, and approved by the person(s) authorized to do so on behalf of Contractor and County.
3. **Contract Assignability** – Without the prior written consent of the County, the Contract is not assignable by Contractor either in whole or in part.
4. **Contract Exclusivity** – This is not an exclusive Contract. The County reserves the right to enter into a contract with other contractors for the same or similar services. The County does not guarantee or represent that the Contractor will be permitted to perform any minimum amount of work or receive compensation other than on a per order basis, under the terms of this Contract.
5. **Attorney's Fees and Costs** – If any legal action is instituted to enforce any party's rights hereunder, each party shall bear its own costs and attorney fees, regardless of who is the prevailing party. This paragraph shall not apply to those costs and attorney fees directly arising from a third party legal action against a party hereto and payable under Indemnification and Insurance Requirements.
6. **Background Checks for Contractor Personnel** – Contractor shall ensure that its personnel (a) are authorized to work in the jurisdiction in which they are assigned to perform Services; (b) do not use legal or illegal substances in any manner which will impact their ability to provide Services to the County; and (c) are not otherwise disqualified from performing the Services under applicable law. If requested by the County and not in violation of applicable law, Contractor shall

conduct a background check, at Contractor's sole expense, on all its personnel providing Services. If requested by the County, Contractor shall provide the results of the background check of each individual to the County. Such background check shall be in the form generally used by Contractor in its initial hiring of employees or contracting for contractors or, as applicable, during the employment screening process but must, at a minimum, have been performed within the preceding twelve (12) month period. Contractor personnel who do not meet the County's hiring criteria, in County's sole discretion, shall not be assigned to work on County property or Services, and County shall have the right, at its sole option, to refuse access to any Contract personnel to any County facility.

Contractor shall notify the County of any board member, staff member, paid intern or volunteer who is knowingly or negligently employed who has been convicted of any crime of violence or of any sexual crime. Contractor shall investigate all incidents where an applicant, employee, intern or volunteer has been arrested and/or convicted for any crime listed in Penal Code Section 11105.3 and shall notify the County. In the County's discretion, the County may instruct Contractor to take action to either deny/terminate employment or terminate internship and/or volunteer services where the investigation shows that the underlying conduct renders the person unsuitable for employment, internship, or volunteer services.

Contractor shall immediately notify the County concerning the arrest and/or conviction, other than minor traffic offenses, of any paid employee, agent, consultant, intern, or volunteer staff, when such information becomes known to Contractor.

7. **Change of Address** – Contractor shall notify the County in writing, of any change in mailing address within ten (10) business days of the change.
8. **Choice of Law** – This Contract shall be governed by and construed according to the laws of the State of California.
9. **Compliance with County Policy** – In performing the Services and while at any County facilities, Contractor personnel (including subcontractors) shall (a) conduct themselves in a businesslike manner; (b) comply with the policies, procedures, and rules of the County regarding health and safety, and personal, professional and ethical conduct; (c) comply with the finance, accounting, banking, Internet, security, and/or other applicable standards, policies, practices, processes, procedures, and controls of the County; and (d) abide by all laws applicable to the County facilities and the provision of the Services, and all amendments and modifications to each of the documents listed in subsections (b), (c), and (d) (collectively, "County Policies"). County Policies, and additions or modifications thereto, may be communicated orally or in writing to Contractor or Contractor personnel or may be made available to Contractor or Contractor personnel by conspicuous posting at a County facility, electronic posting, or other means generally used by County to disseminate such information to its employees or contractors. Contractor shall be responsible for the promulgation and distribution of County Policies to Contractor personnel to the extent necessary and appropriate.

County shall have the right to require Contractor's employees, agents, representatives, and subcontractors to exhibit identification credentials issued by County in order to exercise any right of access under this Contract.

10. **Confidentiality** – Contractor shall ensure that all staff, volunteers and/or Subcontractors performing Services under this Contract comply with the terms and conditions as set forth in the Human Services Information Privacy and Security Requirements specified at <http://hss.sbcounty.gov/Privacy> prior to providing any Services. Contractor shall immediately notify the County of any suspected or actual breach of confidential information as further detailed in the requirements. These requirements specified at <http://hss.sbcounty.gov/Privacy> are hereby incorporated by this reference.
 - a. Read, understand and comply with the Privacy and Security Requirements Summary.
 - b. Ensure employees, subcontractors, agents, volunteers and interns who have access to Personally Identifiable Information (PII) complete the Privacy and Security Training and execute the training acknowledgement form and other training materials annually.

- c. Ensure employees, subcontractors, agents, volunteers and interns who have access to PII sign the Confidentiality Statement annually.
 - d. Report actual, suspected or potential breaches of PII immediately to the Human Services Privacy and Security Office via email at: HSPrivacySecurityOfficer@hss.sbcounty.gov
11. **Primary Point of Contact** – Contractor will designate an individual to serve as the primary point of contact for the Contract. Contractor or designee must respond to County inquiries within two (2) business days. Contractor shall not change the primary contact without written acknowledgement to the County. Contractor will also designate a back-up point of contact in the event the primary contact is not available.
12. **County Representative** – The Director of TAD or his/her designee shall represent the County in all matters pertaining to the services to be rendered under this Contract, including termination and assignment of this Contract, and shall be the final authority in all matters pertaining to the Services/Scope of Work by Contractor. If this contract was initially approved by the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors, then the Board of Supervisors must approve all amendments to this Contract.
13. **Damage to County Property** – Contractor shall repair, or cause to be repaired, at its own cost, all damages to County vehicles, facilities, buildings or grounds caused by the willful or negligent acts of Contractor or its employees or agents. Such repairs shall be made immediately after Contractor becomes aware of such damage, but in no event later than thirty (30) days after the occurrence.
- If the Contractor fails to make timely repairs, the County may make any necessary repairs. The Contractor, as determined by the County, shall repay all costs incurred by the County for such repairs, by cash payment upon demand, or County may deduct such costs from any amounts due to the Contractor from the County, as determined at the County's sole discretion.
14. **Debarment and Suspension** – Contractor agrees to comply with the applicable federal suspension and debarment regulations, including, but not limited to Title 48 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Chapter 1, Subchapter B, Part 9, Subpart 9.4 (48 C.F.R. Section 9.400 et seq.).

Contractor certifies that it and its principals and subcontractors:

- a. Are not presently disbarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any federal department or agency. (See the following United States General Services Administration's System for Award Management website <https://www.sam.gov>).
- b. Have not within a three (3) year period preceding this Contract been convicted of or had a judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public transaction or contract under a public transaction; or a violation of federal or state antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
- c. Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (federal, state or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in Section C, Paragraph 14, subparagraph b herein; and
- d. Have not within a three (3) year period preceding this Contract had one (1) or more public transactions (federal, state or local) terminated for cause or default.

Contractor further certifies that if it or any of its subcontractors are business entities that must be registered with the California Secretary of State, they are registered and in good standing with the Secretary of State.

15. **System for Award Management** – Contractor shall not be identified as suspended or debarred on the federal System for Award Management's (SAM) excluded list (<https://www.sam.gov>). If at any time during the term of the Contract, the County determines Contractor is identified as either suspended or debarred on the SAM, Contractor shall be considered in material breach of the

Contract, and the County may proceed under the Correction of Performance Deficiencies section of the Contract, including immediate termination of the Contract. If Contractor becomes aware, at any point during the term of the Contract, that it is identified as suspended or debarred on the SAM excluded list, Contractor must immediately inform County. Such inclusion will be considered a material breach of the Contract and be sufficient grounds for immediate termination.

16. **Drug and Alcohol Free Workplace** – In recognition of individual rights to work in a safe, healthful and productive workplace, as a material condition of this Contract, the Contractor agrees that the Contractor and the Contractor's employees, while performing service for the County, on County property, or while using County equipment:
- a. Shall not be in any way impaired because of being under the influence of alcohol or an illegal or controlled substance.
 - b. Shall not possess an open container of alcohol or consume alcohol or possess or be under the influence of an illegal or controlled substance.
 - c. Shall not sell, offer, or provide alcohol or an illegal or controlled substance to another person, except where Contractor or Contractor's employee who, as part of the performance of normal job duties and responsibilities, prescribes or administers medically prescribed drugs.

The Contractor shall inform all employees that are performing service for the County on County property, or using County equipment, of the County's objective of a safe, healthful and productive workplace and the prohibition of drug or alcohol use or impairment from same while performing such service for the County.

The County may terminate for default or breach of this Contract and any other Contract the Contractor has with the County, if the Contractor or Contractor's employees are determined by the County not to be in compliance with above.

17. **Duration of Terms** – This Contract, and all of its terms and conditions, shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns of the respective parties, provided no such assignment is in violation of the provisions of this Contract.

18. **Reserved.**

19. **Environmental Requirements** – In accordance with County Policy 11-08, the County prefers to acquire and use products with higher levels of postconsumer recycled content. Environmentally preferable goods and materials must perform satisfactorily and be available at a reasonable price. The County requires Contractor to use recycled paper for any printed or photocopied material created as a result of this Contract. Contractor is also required to use both sides of paper sheets for reports submitted to the County whenever practicable.

To assist the County in meeting the reporting requirements of the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (AB 939), Contractor must be able to annually report the County's environmentally preferable purchases. Contractor must also be able to report on environmentally preferable goods and materials used in the provision of their service to the County, utilizing a County approved form.

EPA Regulations – If the amount available to Contractor under the Contract exceeds \$100,000, Contractor will agree to comply with the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. section 7401 et seq.); section 508 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. section 1251 et seq.); Executive Order 11738 [38 Fed. Reg. 25161 (Sept. 10, 1973)]; and Environmental Protection Agency regulations (40 C.F.R.).

State Energy Conservation Clause – Contractor shall observe the mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency in the State Energy Conservation Plan (California Code of Regulations (CCR), title 20, section 1401 et seq.).

20. **Improper Influence** – Contractor shall make all reasonable efforts to ensure that no County officer or employee, whose position in the County enables him/her to influence any award of the Contract or any competing offer, shall have any direct or indirect financial interest resulting from

the award of the Contract or shall have any relationship to the Contractor or officer or employee of the Contractor.

21. **Improper Consideration** – Contractor shall not offer (either directly or through an intermediary) any improper consideration such as, but not limited to cash, discounts, service, the provision of travel or entertainment, or any items of value to any officer, employee or agent of the County in an attempt to secure favorable treatment regarding this Contract.

The County, by written notice, may immediately terminate this Contract if it determines that any improper consideration as described in the preceding paragraph was offered to any officer, employee or agent of the County with respect to the proposal and award process. This prohibition shall apply to any amendment, extension or evaluation process once a contract has been awarded.

Contractor shall immediately report any attempt by a County officer, employee or agent to solicit (either directly or through an intermediary) improper consideration from Contractor. The report shall be made to the supervisor or manager charged with supervision of the employee or the County Administrative Office. In the event of a termination under this provision, the County is entitled to pursue any available legal remedies.

22. **Informal Dispute Resolution** – In the event the County determines that service is unsatisfactory, or in the event of any other dispute, claim, question or disagreement arising from or relating to this Contract or breach thereof, the parties hereto shall use their best efforts to settle the dispute, claim, question or disagreement. To this effect, they shall consult and negotiate with each other in good faith and, recognizing their mutual interests, attempt to reach a just and equitable solution satisfactory to both parties.

23. **Legality and Severability** – The parties' actions under the Contract shall comply with all applicable laws, rules, regulations, court orders, and governmental agency orders. The provisions of this Contract are specifically made severable. If a provision of the Contract is terminated or held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall remain in full effect.

24. **Licenses, Permits and/or Certifications** – Contractor shall ensure that it has all necessary licenses, permits and/or certifications required by federal, state, County, and municipal laws, ordinances, rules and regulations. The Contractor shall maintain these licenses, permits and/or certifications in effect for the duration of this Contract. Contractor will notify County immediately of loss or suspension of any such licenses, permits and/or certifications. Failure to maintain a required license, permit and/or certification may result in immediate termination of this Contract.

25. **Material Misstatement/Misrepresentation** – If during the course of the administration of this Contract, the County determines that Contractor has made a material misstatement or misrepresentation or that materially inaccurate information has been provided to the County, this Contract may be immediately terminated. If this Contract is terminated according to this provision, the County is entitled to pursue any available legal remedies.

26. **Mutual Covenants** – The parties to this Contract mutually covenant to perform all of their obligations hereunder, to exercise all discretion and rights granted hereunder, and to give all consents in a reasonable manner consistent with the standards of "good faith" and "fair dealing".

27. **Nondisclosure** – Contractor shall protect from unauthorized use or disclosure names and other identifying information concerning persons receiving Services pursuant to this Contract, except for statistical information not identifying any participant. Contractor shall not use or disclose any identifying information for any other purpose other than carrying out the Contractor's obligations under this Contract, except as may be otherwise required by law. This provision will remain in force even after the termination of the Contract.

Contractor shall hold as confidential and use reasonable care to prevent unauthorized access by, storage, disclosure, publication, dissemination to and/or use by third parties of, confidential information that is either: (1) provided by the County to Contractor or an agent of Contractor or otherwise made available to Contractor or Contractor's agent in connection with this Contract; or, (2) acquired, obtained, or learned by Contractor or an agent of Contractor in the performance of this

Contract. For purposes of this provision, confidential information means any data, files, software, information or materials in oral, electronic, tangible or intangible form and however stored, compiled or memorialize and includes, but is not limited to, technology infrastructure, architecture, financial data, trade secrets, equipment specifications, user lists, passwords, research data, and technology data.

28. **Notice of Delays** – Except as otherwise provided herein, when either party has knowledge that any actual or potential situation is delaying or threatens to delay the timely performance of this Contract, that party shall, within twenty-four (24) hours, give notice thereof, including all relevant information with respect thereto, to the other party.
29. **Ownership of Documents** – All documents, data, products, graphics, computer programs and reports prepared by Contractor pursuant to the Contract shall be considered property of the County upon payment for services (and product, if applicable). All such items shall be delivered to County at the completion of work under the Contract. Unless otherwise directed by County, Contractor may retain copies of such items.
30. **Participation Clause** – The County desires that Municipalities, School Districts, and other Tax Districts within San Bernardino County requiring the same services provided herein may at their option and through the County Purchasing agent, avail themselves of this Contract. Upon notice, in writing, the Contractor agrees to the extension of the terms of this Contract with such governmental bodies as though they have been expressly identified in this Contract, with the provisions that:
- a. Such governmental body does not have and will not have in force any other contract for like purchases.
 - b. Such governmental body does not have under consideration for award any other bids or quotations for like purchases.

Such governmental body shall make purchases directly through and to the Contractor. The County will not be liable for any such purchase made between the Contractor and another governmental body who avails themselves of this Contract.

31. **Air, Water Pollution Control, Safety and Health** – Contractor shall comply with all air pollution control, water pollution, safety and health ordinances and statutes, including fire clearances, which apply to the work performed pursuant to this Contract.
32. **Records** – Contractor shall maintain all records and books pertaining to the delivery of services under this Contract and demonstrate accountability for contract performance. All records shall be complete and current and comply with all Contract requirements. Failure to maintain acceptable records shall be considered grounds for withholding of payments for invoices submitted and/or termination of the Contract.

All records relating to the Contractor's personnel, consultants, subcontractors, Services/Scope of Work and expenses pertaining to this Contract shall be kept in a generally acceptable accounting format. Records should include primary source documents. Fiscal records shall be kept in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles and must account for all funds, tangible assets, revenue and expenditures. Fiscal records must comply with the appropriate Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circulars, which state the administrative requirements, cost principles and other standards for accountancy. Please refer to http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?tpl=/ecfrbrowse/Title02/2cfr200_main_02.tpl for further information.

Contractors expending \$750,000 or more in federal funds annually shall have a single audit or program specific audit performed. A copy of the audit shall be maintained as part of the program's fiscal records.

All records shall be complete and current and comply with all Contract requirements. Failure to maintain acceptable records per the preceding requirements shall be considered grounds for withholding payments for billings submitted and for termination of the Contract.

33. **Relationship of the Parties** – Nothing contained in this Contract shall be construed as creating a joint venture, partnership, or employment arrangement between the Parties hereto, nor shall

either Party have the right, power or authority to create an obligation or duty, expressed or implied, on behalf of the other Party hereto.

34. **Release of Information** – No news releases, advertisements, public announcements or photographs arising out of the Contract or Contractor's relationship with County may be made or used without prior written approval of the TAD Director or their designee and shall include County approved branding.
35. **Representation of the County** – In the performance of this Contract, Contractor, its agents and employees, shall act in an independent capacity and not as officers, employees, or agents of San Bernardino County.
36. **Strict Performance** – Failure by a party to insist upon the strict performance of any of the provisions of this Contract by the other party, or the failure by a party to exercise its rights upon the default of the other party, shall not constitute a waiver of such party's right to insist and demand strict compliance by the other party with the terms of this Contract thereafter.
37. **Subcontracting** – Contractor agrees not to enter into any subcontracting contracts for work contemplated under the Contract without first obtaining written approval from the County and the Director of TAD through the HS Contracts Unit. Any subcontractor shall be subject to the same terms and conditions as Contractor. Contractor shall be fully responsible for the performance and payments of any subcontractor's contract.

Contractor shall obtain County's written consent, which County may withhold in its sole discretion, before entering into contracts with or otherwise engaging any subcontractors who may supply any part of the Services to County. At County's request, Contractor shall provide information regarding the subcontractor's qualifications and a listing of a subcontractor's key personnel including, if requested by the County, resumes of proposed subcontractor personnel. Contractor shall remain directly responsible to County for its subcontractors and shall indemnify County for the actions or omissions of its subcontractors under the terms and conditions specified in Section G. All approved subcontractors shall be subject to the provisions of this Contract applicable to Contractor Personnel, including removal pursuant to Paragraph 6 of this Section C.

For any subcontractor, Contractor shall:

- a. Be responsible for subcontractor compliance with the Contract and the subcontract terms and conditions; and
- b. Ensure that the subcontractor follows County's reporting formats and procedures as specified by County.
- c. Include in the subcontractor's subcontract substantially similar terms as are provided in Sections B. Contractor Responsibilities, C. General Contract Requirements and G. Indemnification and Insurance Requirements.
- d. Be responsible for monitoring subcontractor annually to determine subcontractor's compliance with the provisions of this contract. At County's request, Contractor shall provide subcontractor's annual monitoring reports and supporting documentation.

Upon expiration or termination of this Contract for any reason, County will have the right to enter into direct Contracts with any of the subcontractors. Contractor agrees that its arrangements with subcontractors will not prohibit or restrict such subcontractors from entering into direct contracts with County.

38. **Subpoena** – In the event that a subpoena or other legal process commenced by a third party in any way concerning the Services provided under this Contract is served upon Contractor or County, such party agrees to notify the other party in the most expeditious fashion possible following receipt of such subpoena or other legal process. Contractor and County further agree to cooperate with the other party in any lawful effort by such other party to contest the legal validity of such subpoena or other legal process commenced by a third party as may be reasonably required and at the expense of the party to whom the legal process is directed, except as otherwise provided herein in connection with defense obligations by Contractor for County.

39. **Termination for Convenience** – The County reserves the right to terminate the Contract for its convenience, with or without cause, with a thirty (30) day written notice of termination. Such termination may include all or part of the services described herein. Upon such termination, payment will be made to the Contractor for services rendered and expenses reasonably incurred prior to the effective date of termination. Upon receipt of termination notice Contractor shall promptly discontinue services unless the notice directs otherwise. Contractor shall deliver promptly to County and transfer title (if necessary) all completed work, and work in progress, including drafts, documents, plans, forms, data, products, graphics, computer programs and reports.
40. **Time of the Essence** – Time is of the essence in performance of this Contract and of each of its provisions.
41. **Venue** – The parties acknowledge and agree that this Contract was entered into and intended to be performed in San Bernardino County, California. The parties agree that the venue of any action or claim brought by any party to this Contract will be the Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, San Bernardino District. Each party hereby waives any law or rule of the court, which would allow them to request or demand a change of venue. If any action or claim concerning this Contract is brought by any third party and filed in another venue, the parties hereto agree to use their best efforts to obtain a change of venue to the Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, San Bernardino District.
42. **Conflict of Interest** – Contractor shall make all reasonable efforts to ensure that no conflict of interest exists between its officers, employees, or subcontractors and the County. Contractor shall make a reasonable effort to prevent employees, Contractor, or members of governing bodies from using their positions for purposes that are, or give the appearance of being, motivated by a desire for private gain for themselves or others, such as those with whom they have family business, or other ties. Officers, employees, and agents of cities, counties, districts, and other local agencies are subject to applicable conflict of interest codes and state law. In the event the County determines a conflict of interest situation exists, any increase in costs, associated with the conflict of interest situation, may be disallowed by the County and such conflict may constitute grounds for termination of the Contract. This provision shall not be construed to prohibit employment of persons with whom Contractor's officers, employees, or agents have family, business, or other ties so long as the employment of such persons does not result in increased costs over those associated with the employment of any other equally qualified applicant.
- Contractor's duties and services under this Contract shall not include preparing or assisting the County with any portion of the County's preparation of a request for proposals, request for qualifications, or any other solicitation regarding a subsequent or additional contract with the County. The County entering this Contract shall at all times retain responsibility for public contracting, including with respect to any subsequent phase of this project. Contractor's participation in the planning, discussions, or drawing of project plans or specifications shall be limited to conceptual, preliminary, or initial plans or specifications. Contractor shall cooperate with the County to ensure that all bidders for a subsequent contract on any subsequent phase of this project have access to the same information, including all conceptual, preliminary, or initial plans or specifications prepared by Contractor pursuant to this Contract.
43. **Former County Administrative Officials** – Contractor agrees to provide, or has already provided, information on former San Bernardino County administrative officials (as defined below) who are employed by or represent Contractor. The information provided includes a list of former County administrative officials who terminated County employment within the last five (5) years and who are now officers, principals, partners, associates or members of the business. The information also includes the employment with or representation of Contractor. For purposes of this provision, "County administrative official" is defined as a member of the Board of Supervisors or such officer's staff, County Executive Officer or member of such officer's staff, County department or group head, assistant department or group head, or any employee in the Exempt Group, Management Unit or Safety Management Unit.
44. **Disclosure of Criminal and Civil Procedures** – The County reserves the right to request the information described herein from the Contractor. Failure to provide the information may result in

a termination of the Contract. The County also reserves the right to obtain the requested information by way of a background check performed by an investigative firm. The Contractor also may be requested to provide information to clarify initial responses. Negative information discovered may result in Contract termination.

Contractor is required to disclose whether the firm, or any of its partners, principals, members, associates or key employees (as that term is defined herein), within the last ten (10) years, has been indicted on or had charges brought against it or them (if still pending) or convicted of any crime or offense arising directly or indirectly from the conduct of the firm's business, or whether the firm, or any of its partners, principals, members, associates or key employees, has within the last ten (10) years, been indicted on or had charges brought against it or them (if still pending) or convicted of any crime or offense involving financial misconduct or fraud. If the response is affirmative, the Contractor will be asked to describe any such indictments or charges (and the status thereof), convictions and the surrounding circumstances in detail.

In addition, the Contractor is required to disclose whether the firm, or any of its partners, principals, members, associates or key employees, within the last ten (10) years, has been the subject of legal proceedings as defined herein arising directly from the provision of services by the firm or those individuals. "Legal proceedings" means any civil actions filed in a court of competent jurisdiction, or any matters filed by an administrative or regulatory body with jurisdiction over the firm or the individuals. If the response is affirmative, the Contractor will be asked to describe any such legal proceedings (and the status and disposition thereof) and the surrounding circumstances in detail.

For purposes of this provision "key employees" includes any individuals providing direct service to the County. "Key employees" do not include clerical personnel providing service at the firm's offices or locations.

45. **Copyright** – County shall have a royalty free, nonexclusive and irrevocable license to publish, disclose, copy, translate, and otherwise use, copyright or patent, now and hereafter, all reports, studies, information, data, statistics, forms, designs, plans, procedures, systems, and any other materials or properties developed under this Contract including those covered by copyright, and reserves the right to authorize others to use or reproduce such material. All such materials developed under the terms of this Contract shall acknowledge San Bernardino County as the funding agency and Contractor as the creator of the publication. No such materials, or properties produced in whole or in part under this Contract shall be subject to private use, copyright or patent right by Contractor in the United States or in any other country without the express written consent of County. Copies of all educational and training materials, curricula, audio/visual aids, printer material, and periodicals, assembled pursuant to this Contract must be filed with the County prior to publication.
46. **Artwork, Proofs and Negatives** – All artwork, proofs, and/or negatives in either print or digital format for anything produced under the terms of this Contract are the property of the County. These items must be returned to the County within ten (10) days, upon written notification to the Contractor. In the event of a failure to return the documents, the County is entitled to pursue any available legal remedies. In addition, the Contractor will be barred from all future solicitations, for a period of at least six (6) months.
47. **Iran Contracting Act** – IRAN CONTRACTING ACT OF 2010, Public Contract Code sections 2200 et seq. (Applicable for all Contracts of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) or more). In accordance with Public Contract Code section 2204(a), the Contractor certifies that at the time the Contract is signed, the Contractor signing the Contract is not identified on a list created pursuant to subdivision (b) of Public Contract Code section 2203 as a person (as defined in Public Contract Code section 2202(e)) engaging in investment activities in Iran described in subdivision (a) of Public Contract Code section 2202.5, or as a person described in subdivision (b) of Public Contract Code section 2202.5, as applicable.

Contractors are cautioned that making a false certification may subject the Contractor to civil penalties, termination of an existing contract, and ineligibility to bid on a contract for a period of three (3) years in accordance with Public Contract Code section 2205.

48. **Prevailing Wage Laws** – By its execution of this Contract, Contractor certifies that it is aware of the requirements of California Labor Code Sections 1720 et seq. and 1770 et seq. as well as California Code of Regulations, Title 8, Section 16000 et seq. (“Prevailing Wage Laws”), which require the payment of prevailing wage rates and the performance of other requirements on certain “public works” and “maintenance” projects. Section 1720 of the California Labor Code states in part: “For purposes of this paragraph, ‘construction’ includes work performed during the design, site assessment, feasibility study, and other preconstruction phases of construction including, but not limited to, inspection and land surveying work...” If the Services/Scope of Work are being performed as part of an applicable “public works” or “maintenance” project, as defined by the Prevailing Wage Laws, and if the total compensation is \$1,000 or more, Contractor agrees to fully comply with such Prevailing Wage Laws. Contractor shall make copies of the prevailing rates of per diem wages for each craft, classification or type of worker needed to execute the Services available to interested parties upon request and shall post copies at the Contractor’s principal place of business and at the project site. Contractor will also adhere to any other applicable requirements, including but not limited to, those regarding the employment of apprentices, travel and subsistence pay, retention and inspection of payroll records, workers compensation and forfeiture of penalties prescribed in the Labor Code for violations. Contractor shall defend, indemnify and hold the County, its elected officials, officers, employees, and agents free and harmless from any claims, liabilities, costs, penalties or interest arising out of any failure or alleged failure to comply with Prevailing Wage Laws. The applicable general prevailing wage determinations are on file with the County and are available to any interested party on request. Contractor shall post a copy of the applicable prevailing wage determinations at the job site.
49. **California Consumer Privacy Act** – To the extent applicable, if Contractor is a business that collects the personal information of a consumer(s) in performing Services pursuant to this Contract, Contractor must comply with the provisions of the California Consumer Privacy Act (CCPA) (California Civil Code sections 1798.100, et seq.). For purposes of this provision, “business,” “consumer,” and “personal information” shall have the same meanings as set forth at California Civil Code section 1798.140. Contractor must contact the County immediately upon receipt of any request by a consumer submitted pursuant to the CCPA that requires any action on the part of the County, including but not limited to, providing a list of disclosures or deleting personal information. Contractor must not sell, market or otherwise disclose personal information of a consumer provided by the County unless specifically authorized pursuant to terms of this Contract. Contractor must immediately provide to the County any notice provided by a consumer to Contractor pursuant to California Civil Code section 1798.150(b) alleging a violation of the CCPA that involves personal information received or maintained pursuant to this Contract. Contractor must immediately notify the County if it receives a notice of violation from the California Attorney General pursuant to California Civil Code section 1798.155(b).
50. **Vacancies** – Contractor shall notify County of any continuing vacancies and any positions that become vacant during the term of this Contract that will result in reduction of services to be provided under this Contract. Upon notice of vacancies, the Contractor shall apprise County of the steps being taken to provide the services and to fill the position as expeditiously as possible. Vacancies and associated problems shall be reported to County on each periodically required report for the duration of said vacancies and/or problems.
51. **Complaint and Grievance Procedure** – Contractor shall provide a system, approved by the County, through which recipients of service shall have the opportunity to express and have considered their views and complaints regarding the delivery of services. The procedure must be in writing and posted in clear view of all recipients.
- Contractor will ensure that staff are knowledgeable on the San Bernardino County Human Services Complaint and Grievance Procedure (*Attachment B*) and ensure that any complaints by recipients are referred to the County in accordance with the procedure.
52. **Contractor Board of Directors’ Meetings** – Contractor shall notify the County of all upcoming meetings of the Board of Directors or other governing party and shall keep the County apprised of any and all actions taken by its Board of Directors which may impact the Contract. Board of

Directors' minutes shall be submitted to the County upon request. Further, a County representative shall have the option of attending Board meetings during the term of this Contract.

53. **Child Abuse Reporting** – Contractor shall ensure that all known or suspected instances of child abuse or neglect are reported to the appropriate law enforcement agency or to the appropriate Child Protective Services agency. This responsibility shall include:

- a. Assurance that all employees, agents, consultants or volunteers who perform services under this Contract and are mandated by Penal Code Sections 11164 et seq. to report child abuse or neglect, sign a statement, upon the commencement of their employment, acknowledging their reporting requirements and their compliance with them.
- b. Development and implementation of procedures for employees, agents, consultants, or volunteers who are not subject to the mandatory reporting laws for child abuse to report any observed or suspected incidents of child abuse to a mandated reporting party, within the program, who will ensure that the incident is reported to the appropriate agency.
- c. Provision for arrangement of training in child abuse reporting laws (Penal Code section 11164 et seq.) for all employees, agents, consultants, and volunteers, or verification that such persons have received training in the law within thirty (30) days of employment/volunteer activity.

54. **Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Reporting** – Contractor agrees to and shall comply with the County's Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Reporting requirements:

- a. Who Must Report: In accordance with Welfare and Institutions Code (W & I) Section 15630, all employees of the Contractor and its subcontractors are mandated reporters of elder and dependent adult abuse. Contractor assures all employees, agents, consultants or volunteers who perform services under this Contract and are mandated to report elder and dependent adult abuse will sign a statement (SOC 341A) at <http://www.cdss.ca.gov/cdssweb/entres/forms/English/SOC341A.pdf>, upon the commencement of their employment, acknowledging their reporting requirements and their compliance with them.
- b. When to Report: Mandated reporters are required to report all instances of known or suspected abuse of the elderly and dependent adults immediately or as soon as practically possible, under the following circumstances:
 - 1) When the mandated reporter has observed or has knowledge of an incident that reasonably appears to be physical abuse, abandonment, isolation, neglect, financial abuse, mental abuse, or sexual abuse; or
 - 2) When the mandated reporter is told by an elder or dependent adult that he or she has experienced behavior constituting physical abuse, abandonment, isolation, neglect, financial abuse, mental abuse, or sexual abuse.
- c. To Whom to Report: Incidents of elder and dependent adult abuse must be reported to the correct agency as follows:
 - 1) If the abuse has occurred in a long term care facility, except a state mental hospital or state developmental center, the report shall be made to the local Long Term Care Ombudsman or local law enforcement.
 - 2) If the abuse has occurred in a state mental hospital or state developmental center, the report shall be made to the designated investigators of the State Department of Mental Health or the State Department of Developmental Services or to the local law enforcement.
 - 3) If the abuse occurred anywhere other than a long term care facility or state mental hospital or state developmental center, the report shall be made to Adult Protective Services or local law enforcement.
- d. How to Report: Mandated reporters are required to take the following steps in all instances of known or suspected abuse of the elderly and dependent adults:

- 1) Place an immediate telephone call to Adult Protective services (1-877-565-2020) or local law enforcement to report the incident.
 - 2) Within two (2) working days of making the telephonic report to the responsible agency, complete a written "Report of Suspected Dependent Adult/Elder Abuse" (SOC 341) form, <http://www.cdss.ca.gov/Portals/9/FMUForms/Q-T/SOC341.pdf?ver=2018-11-15-132736-097>. The completed form must be submitted to the same agency to which the incident was reported by telephone.
55. **Reserved.**
56. **Pro-Children Act of 1994** – Contractor will comply with the Environmental Tobacco Smoke/Pro-Children Act of 1994 (20 U.S.C. 6081 et seq.).
57. **Americans with Disabilities Act** – Contractor shall comply with all applicable provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).
58. **Public Accessibility** – Contractor shall ensure that Services provided are accessible by public transportation.
59. **Certification of Postconsumer Material.** Contractor shall certify the following in writing: (1) The minimum percentage, if not the exact percentage, of postconsumer material in the paper products and printing and writing paper offered or sold to the County. The certification shall be furnished under penalty of perjury in a form and manner determined by the County. The County may waive the certification requirement if the percentage of postconsumer material in the paper products, printing and writing paper, or both can be verified by a product label, catalog, invoice, or a manufacturer or vendor Internet website; and (2) That the paper products and printing and writing paper offered or sold to the County is eligible to be labeled with an unqualified recyclable label as defined in 16 C.F.R. Section 260.12 as published January 1, 2013, which is hereby incorporated by reference.
60. **211 Registration** – Contractor shall register with Inland Southern California 211+ within thirty (30) days of the Contract effective date and follow necessary procedures to be included in the 2-1-1 database. The Contractor shall notify the Inland Southern California 211+ of any changes in program services, location or contact information within ten (10) days of any change. Services performed as a result of being included in the 2-1-1 database, are separate and apart from the services being performed under this Contract and payment for such services will not be the responsibility of the County.
61. **Ownership Tools** – The State and County shall have all ownership rights in software or modifications thereof and associated documentation designed, developed or installed with federal financial participation. The Federal Government (Department of Health and Human Services) reserves a royalty free, nonexclusive, and irrevocable license to reproduce, publish or otherwise use and to authorize others to use for Federal Government purposes, such software modification, and documentation. Proprietary software packages that are sold or leased to the general public are not subject to the ownership provisions.
62. **Force Majeure** – Neither party shall be liable for failure or delay to perform obligations under this Contract, which have become practicably impossible because of circumstances beyond the reasonable control of the applicable party. Such circumstances include without limitation, natural disasters or acts of God; acts of terrorism; labor disputes or stoppages; war; government acts or orders; epidemics, pandemics or outbreak of communicable disease; quarantines; national or regional emergencies; or any other cause, whether similar in kind to the foregoing or otherwise, beyond the party's reasonable control. Written notice of a party's failure or delay in performance due to force majeure must be given to the other party no later than thirty (30) days following the force majeure event commencing, which notice shall describe the force majeure event and the actions taken to minimize the impact thereof. All delivery dates under this Contract affected by force majeure shall be tolled for the duration of such force majeure. The parties hereby agree, when feasible, not to cancel but reschedule the pertinent obligations and deliverables for mutually agreed dates as soon as practicable after the force majeure condition ceases to exist.

63. **Order of Precedence** – In the event of any inconsistency between the terms of this Contract and any forms, attachments, statements of work (SOW), or specifications which may be incorporated into this Contract, the following order of precedence shall apply:
- a. This Contract,
 - b. Attachments to this Contract, as indicated herein, and
 - c. Price lists, SOWs, and other documents attached hereto or incorporated herein.
64. **Equipment** – All equipment, materials, supplies or property of any kind (including vehicles, publications, copyrights, etc.) which has a single unit cost of five hundred dollars (\$500) or more, including tax, purchased with funds received under the terms of this Contract and not fully consumed in one (1) year shall be the property of the County, unless otherwise required by [Funding Source], and shall be subject to the provisions of this paragraph. The disposition of equipment or property of any kind shall be determined by County when the Contract is terminated. Additional terms are as follows:
- a. The purchase of any furniture or equipment which exceeds a single unit cost of five hundred dollars (\$500) and/or was not included in Contractor's approved budget, shall require the prior written approval of County, and shall fulfill the provisions of this Contract which are appropriate and directly related to Contractor's services or activities under the terms of the Contract. County may refuse reimbursement for any cost resulting from such items purchased, which are incurred by Contractor, if prior written approval has not been obtained from County.
 - b. Before equipment purchases made by Contractor are reimbursed by County, Contractor must submit paid vendor receipts identifying the purchase price, description of the item, serial numbers, model number and location where equipment will be used during the term of this Contract.
 - c. Contractor shall submit an inventory of equipment purchased under the terms of this Contract as part of the monthly activity report for the month in which the equipment is purchased.
65. **Supersedes Prior Agreements** – This Contract supersedes and replaces all previous contracts, agreements and understandings, oral, written and implied, between the County and Contractor hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof. All such prior contracts, agreements and understandings are hereby terminated and deemed of no further force or effect.
66. **Executive Order N-6-22 Russian Sanctions** – On March 4, 2022, Governor Gavin Newsom issued Executive Order N-6-22 (the EO) regarding Economic Sanctions against Russia and Russian entities and individuals. "Economic Sanctions" refers to sanctions imposed by the U.S. government in response to Russia's actions in Ukraine (<https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/financial-sanctions/sanctions-programs-and-country-information/ukraine-russia-related-sanctions>), as well as any sanctions imposed under state law (<https://www.dgs.ca.gov/OLS/Ukraine-Russia>). The EO directs state agencies and their contractors (including by agreement or receipt of a grant) to terminate contracts with, and to refrain from entering any new contracts with, individuals or entities that are determined to be a target of Economic Sanctions. Accordingly, should it be determined that Contractor is a target of Economic Sanctions or is conducting prohibited transactions with sanctioned individuals or entities, that shall be grounds for termination of this agreement. Contractor shall be provided advance written notice of such termination, allowing Contractor at least thirty (30) calendar days to provide a written response. Termination shall be at the sole discretion of the County.
67. **Reserved.**
68. **Professional Conduct** – Contractor agrees to develop and maintain professional relationships with County, County staff, and clients.

D. TERM OF CONTRACT

1. This Contract is effective as of July 1, 2025. and expires June 30, 2026, but may be terminated earlier in accordance with provisions of this Contract. The Contract term may be extended for four (4) additional one (1) year periods by mutual agreement of the parties.
2. The County may terminate the Contract immediately if the funds under Section F Paragraph 1 are not available to the County, and under the provisions of Section I, Paragraph 3, Item e, of the Contract, or as otherwise provided in this Contract. In addition, the Contract may be terminated without cause by the County by serving a written notice to the Contractor thirty (30) days in advance of termination. The Assistant Executive Officer is authorized to exercise the County's rights with respect to any termination of this Contract.
3. Contractor shall only be reimbursed for costs and uncanceled obligations incurred prior to the date of termination. Contractor shall not be reimbursed for costs incurred after the date of termination.
4. Upon receipt of termination notice Contractor shall promptly discontinue services unless the notice directs otherwise. Contractor shall deliver promptly to County and transfer title (if necessary) all completed work, and work in progress, including drafts, documents, plans, forms, data, products, graphics, computer programs and reports.

E. COUNTY RESPONSIBILITIES

County Shall:

1. Refer customers to the Contractor for enrollment into training services, as needed.
2. Complete the County portion of the Referral to Activity (TAD WTW 109) to be sent with the customer at the time of enrollment into the Contractor's educational services.
3. Provide Contractor with appropriate County forms including but not limited to the signed TAD 228, HS 39, and revised TAD WTW 109 with new end date if an extension request from the contractor has been approved.
4. Monitor and evaluate the performance of Contractor in meeting terms of the Contract, and the quality and effectiveness of services provided, based on criteria determined by County. County staff shall monitor the performance of Contractor at least annually, or as deemed necessary by County.
5. Compensate Contractor for approved expenses in accordance with Section F of this Contract, provided the Contractor provides the County with timely invoices and all the required supporting documentation. Work closely with the Contractor's staff to assist customer in successfully completing the program.
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F. FISCAL PROVISIONS

1. The aggregate amount of payment under this Contract is a combined total for all CalWORKs Vocational Education and Training Services Contractors identified in the corresponding Board Agenda Item and together shall not exceed \$3,500,000, of which up to \$3,500,000 may be federally funded and shall be subject to the availability of funds to the County. The consideration to be paid to Contractor, as provided herein, shall be in full payment for Contractor's services and expenses incurred in the performance hereof, including travel and per diem.
2. Contractor will be paid at the agreed upon Fee-for-Service, per vocational education/training program for each CalWORKs customer enrolled. The cost of each program shall be in accordance with Attachment A, Training Program Sites and Costs, and shall include registration, tuition, and all necessary fees and expenses, such as, but not limited to:
 - Books/study materials/supplies
 - Test/certification/license fees (including retests, as applicable)
 - Fingerprinting/background check fees

- Uniforms/shoes/boots
- Equipment
- Tools

Under no circumstance shall an additional claim be made to the County or a customer be charged for any additional fees or expenses required to complete the program and enter into unsubsidized employment.

3. The basis for payment is for services provided under this Fee-for-Service Contract. The Contractor shall be reimbursed according to Benchmark Payments as listed herein:

1. Enrollment

Twenty percent (20%) of the total cost identified in Attachment A, Training Program Sites and Costs, upon completion of one (1) week attendance in program. Copies of Referral to Activity (TAD WTW 109) and enrollment/attendance verification must be attached to invoice.

2. Half Completion

Thirty percent (30%) of the total cost as identified in Attachment A, Training Program Sites and Costs, upon half completion of program. Copies of Referral to Activity (TAD WTW 109), documentation of half completion, and attendance/progress verification must be attached to invoice.

3. Completion

Thirty percent (30%) of the total cost as identified in Attachment A, Training Program Sites and Costs, upon successful completion of program. Copies of Referral to Activity (TAD WTW 109), completion certificate, passing test scores and/or skill levels, state licenses/certifications (e.g. commercial drivers license, fork lift operators certification, medical related licenses, etc.) and attendance/progress verification must be attached to invoice.

4. Job Placement

Twenty percent (20%) of the total cost as identified in Attachment A, Training Program Sites and Costs, upon entering into related unsubsidized employment within ninety (90) days from the completion date of the education/training program. Copies of Referral to Activity (TAD WTW 109), and San Bernardino County Employment Verification form (Attachment C) must be attached to invoice.

The County may approve payment upon entering related unsubsidized employment beyond ninety (90) days to be determined on a case by case basis.

The County will not approve payment for customers already employed in a related field for license renewal only.

4. Contractor invoices (Attachment D) are to be submitted monthly to the County within ten (10) days following the service month. The County reserves the right to refuse to pay invoices that are submitted over ninety (90) days late. Invoices need to be submitted timely, accurately with all required documentation. Monthly invoices, along with all supporting documentation, are to be sent to:

County of San Bernardino
Human Services/Administrative Support Division
Attention: Finance Unit
150 South Lena Road
San Bernardino, CA 92415-0515

5. Contractor shall accept all payments from County via electronic funds transfer (EFT) directly deposited into the Contractor's designated checking or other bank account. Contractor shall promptly comply with directions and accurately complete forms provided by County required to process EFT payments.

6. Costs for services under the terms of this Contract shall be incurred during the contract period except as approved by County. Contractor shall not use current year funds to pay prior or future year obligations.
7. Funds made available under this Contract shall not supplant any federal, state or any governmental funds intended for services of the same nature as this Contract. Contractor shall not claim reimbursement or payment from County for, or apply sums received from County with respect to that portion of its obligations that have been paid by another source of revenue. Contractor agrees that it will not use funds received pursuant to this Contract, either directly or indirectly, as a contribution or compensation for purposes of obtaining funds from another revenue source without prior written approval of the County.
8. County is not liable for the payment of any taxes, other than applicable sales or use tax, resulting from this Contract however designated, levied or imposed, unless County would otherwise be liable for the payment of such taxes in the course of its normal business operations.

G. INDEMNIFICATION AND INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

1. **Indemnification** – The Contractor agrees to indemnify, defend (with counsel reasonably approved by County) and hold harmless the County and its authorized officers, employees, agents and volunteers from any and all claims, actions, losses, damages and/or liability arising out of this Contract from any cause whatsoever, including the acts, errors or omissions of any person and for any costs or expenses incurred by the County on account of any claim except where such indemnification is prohibited by law. This indemnification provision shall apply regardless of the existence or degree of fault of indemnities. The Contractor indemnification obligation applies to the County's "active" as well as "passive" negligence but does not apply to the County's "sole negligence" or "willful misconduct" within the meaning of Civil Code section 2782.
2. **Additional Insured** – All policies, except for Worker's Compensation, Errors and Omissions and Professional Liability policies shall contain additional endorsements naming the County and its officers, employees, agents and volunteers as additional named insured with respect to liabilities arising out of the performance of services hereunder. The additional insured endorsements shall not limit the scope of coverage for the County to vicarious liability but shall allow coverage for the County to the full extent provided by the policy. Such additional insured coverage shall be at least as broad as Additional Insured (Form B) endorsement form ISO, CG 2010.11 85.
3. **Waiver of Subrogation Rights** – The Contractor shall require the carriers of required coverages to waive all rights of subrogation against the County, its officers, employees, agents, volunteers, contractors, and subcontractors. All general or auto liability insurance coverage provided shall not prohibit the Contractor and Contractor's employees or agents from waiving the right of subrogation prior to a loss or claim. The Contractor hereby waives all rights of subrogation against the County.
4. **Policies Primary and Non-Contributory** – All policies required herein are to be primary and noncontributory with any insurance or self-insurance programs carried or administered by the County.
5. **Severability of Interests** – The Contractor agrees to ensure that coverage provided to meet these requirements is applicable separately to each insured and there will be no cross liability exclusions that preclude coverage for suits between the Contractor and the County or between the County and any other insured or additional insured under the policy.
6. **Proof of Coverage** – The Contractor shall furnish Certificates of Insurance to the County Department administering the Contract evidencing the insurance coverage at the time the Contract is executed, additional endorsements, as required shall be provided prior to the commencement of performance of services hereunder, which certificates shall provide that such insurance shall not be terminated or expire without thirty (30) days written notice to the Department, and Contractor shall maintain such insurance from the time Contractor commences performance of services hereunder until the completion of such services. Within fifteen (15) days of the commencement of this contract, the Contractor shall furnish a copy of the Declaration page

for all applicable policies and will provide complete certified copies of the policies and endorsements immediately upon request.

7. **Acceptability of Insurance Carrier** – Unless otherwise approved by Risk Management, insurance shall be written by insurers authorized to do business in the State of California and with a minimum “Best” Insurance Guide rating of “A- VII”.
8. **Deductibles and Self-Insured Retention** – Any and all deductibles or self-insured retentions in excess of ten thousand (\$10,000) shall be declared to and approved by Risk Management.
9. **Failure to Procure Coverage** – In the event that any policy of insurance required under this Contract does not comply with the requirements, is not procured, or is canceled and not replaced, the County has the right but not the obligation or duty to cancel the Contract or obtain insurance if it deems necessary and any premiums paid by the County will be promptly reimbursed by the Contractor or County payments to the Contractor will be reduced to pay for County purchased insurance.
10. **Insurance Review** – Insurance requirements are subject to periodic review by the County. The Director of Risk Management or designee is authorized, but not required, to reduce, waive or suspend any insurance requirements whenever Risk Management determines that any of the required insurance is not available, is unreasonably priced, or is not needed to protect the interests of the County. In addition, if the Department of Risk Management determines that heretofore unreasonably priced or unavailable types of insurance coverage or coverage limits become reasonably priced or available, the Director of Risk Management or designee is authorized, but not required, to change the above insurance requirements to require additional types of insurance coverage or higher coverage limits, provided that any such change is reasonable in light of past claims against the County, inflation, or any other item reasonably related to the County’s risk.

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

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

11. **Insurance Specifications** – The Contractor agrees to provide insurance set forth in accordance with the requirements herein. If the Contractor uses existing coverage to comply with these requirements and that coverage does not meet the specified requirements, the Contractor agrees to amend, supplement or endorse the existing coverage to do so.

Without in anyway affecting the indemnity herein provided and in addition thereto, the Contractor shall secure and maintain throughout the contract term the following types of insurance with limits as shown:

- a. Workers’ Compensation/Employer’s Liability – A program of Workers’ Compensation insurance or a state approved, self-insurance program in an amount and form to meet all applicable requirements of the Labor Code of the State of California, including Employer’s Liability with two hundred fifty thousand dollar (\$250,000) limits covering all persons including volunteers providing services on behalf of the Contractor and all risks to such persons under this contract.

If Contractor has no employees, it may certify or warrant to the County that it does not currently have any employees or individuals who are defined as “employees” under the Labor Code and the requirement for Workers’ Compensation coverage will be waived by the County’s Director of Risk Management.

With respect to Contractors that are nonprofit corporations organized under California or Federal law, volunteers for such entities are required to be covered by Workers’ Compensation insurance.

- b. Commercial/General Liability Insurance – The Contractor shall carry General Liability Insurance covering all operations performed by or on behalf of the Contractor providing coverage for bodily injury and property damage with a combined single limit of not less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000), per occurrence. The policy coverage shall include:
- 1) Premises operations and mobile equipment.
 - 2) Products and completed operations.
 - 3) Broad form property damage (including completed operations).
 - 4) Explosion, collapse and underground hazards.
 - 5) Personal injury.
 - 6) Contractual liability.
 - 7) Two million dollars (\$2,000,000) general aggregate limit.
- c. Automobile Liability Insurance – Primary insurance coverage shall be written on ISO Business Auto coverage form for all owned, hired and non-owned automobiles or symbol 1 (any auto). The policy shall have a combined single limit of not less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for bodily injury and property damage, per occurrence.
- If the Contractor is transporting one (1) or more nonemployee passengers in performance of contract services, the automobile liability policy shall have a combined single limit of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) for bodily injury and property damage per occurrence.
- If the Contractor owns no autos, a non-owned auto endorsement to the General Liability policy described above is acceptable.
- d. Umbrella Liability Insurance – An umbrella (over primary) or excess policy may be used to comply with limits or other primary coverage requirements. When used, the umbrella policy shall apply to bodily injury/property damage, personal injury/advertising injury and shall include a “dropdown” provision providing primary coverage for any liability not covered by the primary policy. The coverage shall also apply to automobile liability..
- e. Cyber Liability Insurance – Cyber Liability Insurance with limits of no less than \$1,000,000 for each occurrence or event with an annual aggregate of \$2,000,000 covering privacy violations, information theft, damage to or destruction of electronic information, intentional and/or unintentional release of private information, alteration of electronic information, extortion and network security. The policy shall protect the involved County entities and cover breach response cost as well as regulatory fines and penalties.
- f. Abuse/Molestation Insurance – Contractor shall have abuse or molestation insurance providing coverage for all employees for the actual or threatened abuse or molestation by anyone of any person in the care, custody, or control of any insured, including negligent employment, investigation and supervision. The policy shall provide coverage for both defense and indemnity with liability limits of not less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000) with a two million dollars (\$2,000,000) aggregate limit.

H. RIGHT TO MONITOR AND AUDIT

1. The County, State and Federal government shall have absolute right to review and audit all records, books, papers, documents, corporate minutes, and other pertinent items as requested, and shall have absolute right to monitor the performance of Contractor in the delivery of services provided under this Contract. Contractor shall give full cooperation, in any auditing or monitoring conducted. Contractor shall cooperate with the County in the implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of this Contract and comply with any and all reporting requirements established by the County.
2. All records pertaining to services delivered and all fiscal, statistical and management books and records shall be available for examination and audit by County representatives for a period of three years after final payment under this Contract or until all pending County, state and federal audits are completed, whichever is later. Records of the Contractor which do not pertain to the

services under this Contract may be subject to review or audit unless provided in this or another Contract. Technical program data shall be retained locally and made available upon the County's reasonable advance written notice or turned over to County. If said records are not made available at the scheduled monitoring visit, Contractor may, at County's option, be required to reimburse County for expenses incurred due to required rescheduling of monitoring visit(s). Such reimbursement will not exceed fifty dollars (\$50) per hour (including travel time) and may be deducted from the following month's claim for reimbursement.

3. Contractor shall cooperate with County in the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of this Contract and comply with any and all reporting requirements established by this Contract.
4. Contractor shall provide all reasonable facilities and assistance for the safety and convenience of County's representatives in the performance of their duties. All inspections and evaluations shall be performed in such a manner as will not unduly delay the work of the Contractor.
5. Upon County request, Contractor shall hire a licensed Certified Public Accountant, approved by the County, who shall prepare and file with County, within sixty (60) days after the termination of the Contract, a certified fiscal audit of related expenditures during the term of the Contract and a program compliance audit.
6. Pursuant to Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) – Title 2 CFR 200.501, contractors expending one million dollars (\$1,000,000) or more in federal funds within the Contractor's fiscal year must have a single audit or program specific audit performed. A copy of the audit performed in accordance with Title 2 CFR 200.501 shall be submitted to the County within thirty (30) days of completion, but no later than nine (9) months following the end of the Contractor's fiscal year. Please refer to http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?node=se2.1.200_1501&rgn=dv8 for further information.
7. County is required to identify the Contractor Unique Entity Identification (UEI) number, as known in the federal System for Award Management (SAM), and Federal Award Identification Number (FAIN) in all County contracts that include federal funds or pass through of federal funds. This information is required in order for the County to remain in compliance with Title 2 CFR Section 200.331 and remain eligible to receive federal funding. The Contractor shall provide the Contractor name as registered in SAM, as well as the UEI number to be included in this Contract. Related FAIN will be included in this Contract by the County.

Contractor Name as registered in SAM	First Institute Training and Management, Inc.
UEI	K2SFL7A71GA2
FAIN	1801CATANF

I. CORRECTION OF PERFORMANCE DEFICIENCIES

1. In the event of a problem or potential problem that could impact the quality or quantity of work, Services, or the level or performance under this Contract, Contractor shall notify the County within one (1) working day, in writing and by telephone.
2. Failure by Contractor to comply with any of the provisions, covenants, requirements or conditions of this Contract shall be a material breach of this Contract.
3. In the event of a noncured breach, County may, at its sole discretion and in addition to any other remedies available at law, in equity, or otherwise specified in this Contract:
 - a. Afford Contractor thereafter a time period within which to cure the breach, which period shall be established at the sole discretion of County; and/or
 - b. Discontinue reimbursement to Contractor for and during the period in which Contractor is in breach, which reimbursement shall not be entitled to later recovery; and/or
 - c. Withhold funds pending duration of the breach; and/or
 - d. Offset against any monies billed by Contractor but yet unpaid by County those monies disallowed pursuant to Item "b" of this paragraph; and/or

- e. Terminate this Contract immediately and be relieved of the payment of any consideration to Contractor. In the event of such termination, the County may proceed with the work in any manner deemed proper by the County. The cost to the County shall be deducted from any sum due to the Contractor under this Contract and the balance, if any, shall be paid by the Contractor upon demand.
- 4. Unless a remedy is specifically designated as exclusive, no remedy conferred by any of the specific provision of the Contract is intended to be exclusive of any other remedy, and each and every remedy shall be cumulative and shall be in addition to every other remedy given hereunder, now or hereafter existing at law or in equity or by statute or otherwise. The election of any one (1) or more remedies by either Party shall not constitute a waiver of the right to pursue other available remedies.

J. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT/EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION/CIVIL RIGHTS

- 1. Equal Employment Opportunity Program - Contractor agrees to comply with: the provisions of the San Bernardino County Equal Employment Opportunity Program and rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto; Executive Order 11246 [30 Fed. Reg. 12319 (Sept. 24, 1965)], as amended by Executive Orders 11375, 11625, 12138, 12432, 12250, and 13672; Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. section 2000(e), et seq.); Division 21 of the California Department of Social Services Manual of Policies and Procedures; California Welfare and Institutions Code section 10000; the California Fair Employment and Housing Act (Cal. Gov. Code section 12900, et seq.); and other applicable federal, state, and County laws, regulations and policies relating to equal employment or social services to welfare recipients, including laws and regulations hereafter enacted.

The Contractor shall not unlawfully discriminate against any employee, applicant for employment, or service recipient on the basis of race, color, national origin or ancestry, religion, sex, marital status, age, political affiliation or disability. Information on the above rules and regulations may be obtained from the County.

- 2. Employment Discrimination – During the term of the Contract, Contractor shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment or service recipient because of race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, genetic information, marital status, sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, age, or military and veteran status. Contractor shall comply with Executive Orders 11246, 11375, 11625, 12138, 12432, 12250, 13672, Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the California Fair Employment and Housing Act and other applicable federal, state and County laws and regulations and policies relating to equal employment and contracting opportunities, including laws and regulations hereafter enacted.
- 3. Civil Rights Compliance – The Contractor shall develop and maintain internal policies and procedures to assure compliance with each factor outlined by state regulation. These policies must be developed into a Civil Rights Plan, which is to be on file with the County within thirty (30) days of awarding of the Contract. The Plan must address prohibition of discriminatory practices, accessibility, language services, staff development and training, dissemination of information, complaints of discrimination, compliance review, and duties of the Civil Rights Liaison. Upon request, the County will supply a sample of the Plan format. The Contractor will be monitored by the County for compliance with provisions of its Civil Rights Plan. Additionally, the Contractor shall submit to County an Assurance of Compliance with the California Department of Social Services Nondiscrimination in State and Federally Assisted Programs Statement (Attachment E) annually.
- 4. Equity – Contractor shall adhere to and participate in County efforts ensuring all individuals and communities have equal access and opportunity to health and wellbeing by providing culturally and linguistically appropriate services to all people of color and culture, age, disabilities, gender, sexual orientation or gender identity including people with limited English proficiency (LEP). Services provided must be respectful of and responsive to the cultural and linguistic needs of County residents.

- a. Contractor shall assess the demographic makeup and population trends of its service area to identify the cultural and linguistic needs of the eligible service population. Such studies are critical to designing and planning for providing appropriate, effective and equitable services.
- b. Contractor shall partner with and support community partners in addressing disparities in family stability, health and mental wellness, education, employment, housing and overall delivery of human services. Partnering includes opportunities for partners and community members to design, implement and evaluate practices, and services ensuring equity and cultural and linguistic appropriateness.
- c. Contractor shall work with County to communicate and provide opportunities for individuals and communities of color and culture to provide feedback on progress and outcomes achieved to address disparities in family stability, health and mental wellness, education, employment, housing and overall delivery of human services.
- d. Contractor shall recruit, promote and support a culturally and linguistically diverse workforce that is responsive to, and represents, the population being served. This includes trained and competent bilingual staff.
- e. Contractor shall provide training to enhance its workforce knowledge on cultural and linguistic competence. Becoming culturally and linguistically competent is a developmental process and incorporates at all levels the importance of culture, the assessment of cross cultural relations, vigilance towards the dynamics that result from cultural differences, the expansion of cultural knowledge, and the adaptation of services to meet culturally unique needs. Providing services in a culturally appropriate and responsive manner is fundamental in any effort to ensure success of high quality and cost effective health and human services. Offering those services in a manner that fails to achieve its intended result due to cultural and linguistic barriers does not reflect quality of care and is not cost effective.
- f. To ensure equal access to quality care for diverse populations, Contractors providing health and health care services may adopt the Federal Office of Minority Health Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services (CLAS) national standards.
- g. Upon request, Contractor will provide County Human Services evidence of adherence to requirements listed above.

K. NOTICES

All written notices provided for in this Contract or which either party desires to give to the other shall be deemed fully given, when made in writing and either served personally, or by facsimile, or by email, or deposited in the United States mail, postage prepaid, and addressed to the other party as follows:

San Bernardino County
Human Services
Attn: Contracts Unit
150 S. Lena Road
San Bernardino, CA 92415-0515
Email: HSASDcontractsunit@hss.sbcounty.gov

First Institute Training & Management, Inc.
Attn: Kurt Beier
16730 Arrow Blvd.
Fontana, CA 92335
Email: kbeier@firstinstitute.com

Notice shall be deemed communicated two (2) County working days from the time of mailing, facsimile, or email, if delivered as provided in this paragraph.

L. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

1. This Contract, including all Exhibits and other attachments, which are attached hereto and incorporated by reference, and other documents incorporated herein, represents the final, complete and exclusive agreement between the parties hereto. Any prior agreement, promises, negotiations or representations relating to the subject matter of this Contract not expressly set forth herein are of no force or effect. This Contract is executed without reliance upon any promise, warranty or representation by any party or any representative of any party other than those

expressly contained herein. Each party has carefully read this Contract and signs the same of its own free will.

2. This Contract may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which so executed shall be deemed to be an original, and such counterparts shall together constitute one and the same Contract. The parties shall be entitled to sign and transmit an electronic signature of this Contract (whether by facsimile, PDF or other email transmission), which signature shall be binding on the party whose name is contained therein. Each party providing an electronic signature agrees to promptly execute and deliver to the other party an original signed Contract upon request.

M. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. The County has contracted with multiple vendors for this training. County has the discretion of selecting the vendor that best meets their training needs. Contractor understands that County guarantees no minimum or maximum number of students to be trained under this Contract.
2. Nothing contained in this Contract shall be construed as creating a joint venture, partnership or employment arrangement between the Parties hereto, nor shall either Party have the right, power or authority to create an obligation or duty, expressed or implied, on behalf of the other Party hereto.
3. Contractor shall not offer (either directly or through an intermediary) any improper consideration such as, but not limited to, cash, discounts, service, the provision of travel or entertainment, or any items of value to any officer, employee or agent of the County in an attempt to secure favorable treatment regarding this Contract.

The County, by written notice, may immediately terminate any contract if it determines that any improper consideration as described in the preceding paragraph was offered to any officer, employee or agent of the County with respect to the proposal and award process. This prohibition shall apply to any amendment, extension or evaluation process once a contract has been awarded.

Contractor shall immediately report any attempt by a County officer, employee or agent to solicit (either directly or through an intermediary) improper consideration from Contractor. The report shall be made to the supervisor or manager charged with supervision of the employee or to the County Administrative Office. In the event of a termination under this provision, the County is entitled to pursue any available legal remedies.

4. No waiver of any of the provisions of the Contract shall be effective unless it is made in a writing which refers to provisions so waived and which is executed by the Parties. No course of dealing and no delay or failure of a Party in exercising any right under the Contract shall affect any other or future exercise of that right or any exercise of any other right. A Party shall not be precluded from exercising a right by its having partially exercised that right or its having previously abandoned or discontinued steps to enforce that right.
5. Any alterations, variations, modifications, or waivers of provisions of the Contract, unless specifically allowed in the Contract, shall be valid only when they have been reduced to writing, duly signed and approved by the Authorized Representatives of both parties as an amendment to this Contract. No oral understanding or agreement not incorporated herein shall be binding on any of the Parties hereto.
6. If any provision of the Contract is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unenforceable or contrary to law, it shall be modified where practicable to the extent necessary so as to be enforceable (giving effect to the intention of the Parties) and the remaining provisions of the Contract shall not be affected.
7. This Contract shall be governed by and construed in all aspects in accordance with the laws of the State of California without regard to principles of conflicts of laws. The Parties agree to the exclusive jurisdiction of the federal court located in the County of Riverside and the state court located in the County of San Bernardino, for any and all disputes arising under this Contract, to the exclusion of all other federal and state courts.

8. In the event the County determines that service is unsatisfactory, or in the event of any other dispute, claim, question or disagreement arising from or relating to this Contract or breach thereof, the parties hereto shall use their best efforts to settle the dispute, claim, question or disagreement. To this effect, they shall consult and negotiate with each other in good faith and, recognizing their mutual interests, attempt to reach a just and equitable solution satisfactory to both parties.
9. The parties actions under the Contract shall comply with all applicable laws, rules, regulations, court orders and governmental agency orders. The provisions of this Contract are specifically made severable. If a provision of the Contract is terminated or held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the validity and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall remain in full effect.
10. In the event that a subpoena or other legal process commenced by a third party in any way concerning the services provided under this Contract is served upon Contractor or County, such party agrees to notify the other party in the most expeditious fashion possible following receipt of such subpoena or other legal process. Contractor and County further agree to cooperate with the other party in any lawful effort by such other party to contest the legal validity of such subpoena or other legal process commenced by a third party as may be reasonably required and at the expense of the party to whom the legal process is directed, except as otherwise proceed herein in connection with defense obligations by Contractor for County.

N. CONCLUSION

1. This Contract, consisting of twenty-nine (29) pages and Attachments A, B, C, D, E, and F is the full and complete document describing services to be rendered by Contractor to County, including all covenants, conditions, and benefits.
2. The signatures of the Parties affixed to this Contract affirm that they are duly authorized to commit and bind their respective institutions to the terms and conditions set forth in this document.
3. This Contract may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which so executed shall be deemed to be an original, and such counterparts shall together constitute one and the same Contract. The parties shall be entitled to sign and transmit an electronic signature of this Contract (whether by facsimile, PDF or other email transmission), which signature shall be binding on the party whose name is contained therein. Each party providing an electronic signature agrees to promptly execute and deliver to the other party an original signed Contract upon request.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Bernardino has caused this Contract to be subscribed to by the Clerk thereof, and Contractor has caused this Contract to be subscribed in its behalf by its duly authorized officers, the day, month, and year written.

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY

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Dawn Rowe, Chair, Board of Supervisors

Dated: _____
SIGNED AND CERTIFIED THAT A COPY OF THIS
DOCUMENT HAS BEEN DELIVERED TO THE
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

Lynna Monell
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
San Bernardino County

By _____
Deputy

First Institute Training & Management, Inc.

(Print or type name of corporation, company, contractor, etc.)

By ► _____
(Authorized signature - sign in blue ink)

Name Kurt Beier
(Print or type name of person signing contract)

Title Executive Director
(Print or Type)

Dated: _____

Address 16730 Arrow Blvd.
Fontana, CA 92335

FOR COUNTY USE ONLY

Approved as to Legal Form

►
Adam Ebright, Deputy County Counsel

Date _____

Reviewed for Contract Compliance

►
Patty Steven, Contracts Manager

Date _____

Reviewed/Approved by Department

►
James LoCurto, Director

Date _____

First Institute Training & Management, Inc. 2025-26 Training Program Sites and Costs

Program Name	Training Site Locations	Training Schedule/special requirement	Training Term	List Materials Included	Cost per Customer
Medical Office Assistant Program	<p>FONTANA CAMPUS 16730 Arrow Blvd. Fontana, CA 92335 (909) 829-1643</p> <p>NEEDLES CAMPUS 305 D St. Needles, CA 92363 (909) 829-1643</p> <p>MORONGO BASIN CAMPUS 56020 Santa Fe Trail, Suites P & Q Yucca Valley, CA 92284 (909) 829-1643</p>	<p>1. Orientation and Enrollment. <i>1 Day</i></p> <p>2. Medical Office Assistant program with Work Readiness training, <i>9 Weeks</i></p> <p>Classes at all campuses will meet from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 am and from 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday. Lunch break is from 11:30 am – 12:00 pm each day.</p> <p>All classes take place in an in-person, synchronous format.</p> <p>3. Certificate of Completion through FITM. Certified Medical Administrative Assistant. (CMAA) certification through National Healthcareer Association (NHA). <i>1 Day, during week 9</i></p> <p>4. Work Experience and/or Job Placement Assistance and Follow-up Services. <i>12 weeks</i></p>	<p>Minimum Cohort size: 8</p> <p>Maximum Cohort size: 12 students</p> <p>Anticipated Training Terms:</p> <p>Cohort 1, 2, 3: July – September 2025 <i>Fontana, Morongo Basin, Needles</i></p> <p>Cohort 4: November – February 2026 <i>Fontana</i></p> <p>Cohort 5: January 2026 – March 2026 <i>Morongo Basin</i></p> <p>Cohort 6: February 2026 – April 2026 <i>Needles</i></p> <p>Cohort 7: April 2026 – June 2026 <i>Morongo Basin</i></p> <p>Cohort 8: April 2026 – June 2026 <i>Fontana</i></p> <p><u>**dates and locations subject to referrals received**</u></p>	<p>Evolve Elsevier Insurance Handbook for the Medical Office 17th Edition/ Evolve Elsevier Insurance Handbook for the Medical Office Workbook 17th Edition Evolve Elsevier Virtual Medical Office-Online/Book (both)</p> <p>Quick & Easy Medical Terminology Book</p> <p>ICD-10-CM/PCS Coding 2023/2024 Book</p> <p>Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) 2023Book</p> <p>Chromebooks</p> <p>Bring Your "A" Game to Work Curriculum-Job Readiness Training (JRT)</p> <p>NHA Practice Exams and certification fees for CCMA testing.</p> <p>Two sets of uniforms (scrubs) and FITM issued student ID's</p> <p>Access to FITM Online Learning Management System.</p> <p>(Students are allowed to keep scrubs and textbooks upon completion of the program.)</p>	<p>\$5,000.00</p> <p>All inclusive, per participant</p>
		<p>Students are not expected to have homework outside of normal class hours; however, studying for course exams is expected to be completed outside of class hours. The amount of time needed for studying varies depending upon the individual student's needs per course.</p>			

Admissions Requirements:

1. At least 18 years old
2. Application for Enrollment and interview with FITM Admissions staff
3. At least **one** of the following:
 - a. Proof of graduation from an accredited high school or proof of satisfactory completion of a GED or other high school equivalency. **OR**
 - b. TABE score above a 6th grade reading level for Medical office Assistant Programs (FITM will administer the test.) **OR**
 - c. Proof of a score of 20 or higher on the ACT **OR**
 - d. Proof of score of 840 or higher on the SAT **OR**
 - e. Proof of Bachelor's Degree

Intake/Enrollment:

All students must complete a Career Scope Assessment during their intake process. (~approx. 20 minute assessment)

- This assessment includes specific questions which help to determine the individual's preferences for employment, such as job sector and career pathways, based on their interests and preferences.

Orientation:

An orientation session will be included in the program design. This includes student on-boarding such as setting expectations, review of schedule, review of syllabus, and completion of enrollment agreements/FITM paperwork.

Work Experience:

Students will be assessed by FITM staff for potential CSEP/CYEP work experiences or WIOA work experience opportunities if available and coordinate co-enrollments. In cases where these are available, students will be offered the opportunity that best suits their circumstances. The amount of hours varies based on available CSEP/CYEP or WIOA work experience hours. If CSEP/CYEP or WIOA work experiences are not available to the student, then 2 weeks of an externship will be offered. Students who wish to go straight into employment will be offered placement services to assist with their goal of obtaining an available position.

Current host sites already hold agreements with FITM; however, additional sites will be added as needed during the duration of the grant period to ensure enough sites are available to students. The same is true for placement/employment partners.

Students will be asked to provide either paystub verification of their placement/employment or given the option of a self-attestation for verification.

Placement:

FITM provides extensive career placement assistance, including help with job searches strategies, resume writing, applications, interviewing techniques and networking. FITM career placement staff members help students with these efforts on a general level by posting information about employment, job shadowing, externship and skills training opportunities for students. Additionally, FITM provides one-on-one career placement support for students. Career placement staff will contact students to provide these one-on-one services as appropriate. Students should also feel free to contact staff members to initiate one-on-one services and follow up on services being offered.

FITM provides students with the resources necessary to succeed by retaining strong ties with employers in the industries its training programs service. For instance, FITM communicates with employers to ensure that FITM training directly correlates to the needs of employers. Additionally, FITM allows employers to regularly visit the school and interact with interested students.

FITM provides career placement services to any graduate that requests them, regardless of the graduate's graduation date.

While it is impossible for First Institute Training & Management, Inc to guarantee any student a job, FITM does put forth a concentrated effort to ensure that every student who wants a job obtains employment.

Additionally, students who require further training to meet their career ambitions will be provided support by FITM's career placement staff. For instance, staff members can help interested students research training programs, including universities. FITM can also use its resources to help students apply for these programs. FITM will provide as much guidance as possible to interested students; however, FITM does not guarantee students' admission into any of these programs.

Follow-Up Services:

For weeks 10-22, students will enter into the 90-day post-training follow-up period and be provided mentorship and career placement assistance.

Referrals:

Please email referrals to Celeste de la Torre at cdeletorre@firstinstitute.com



Human Services

COMPLAINT AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

INSTRUCTIONS: THE CUSTOMER IS TO READ AND RECEIVE THE TOP PORTION OF THIS FORM. THE BOTTOM PORTION OF THE FORM IS TO BE SIGNED BY SERVICE RECIPIENT AND PLACED IN THE CONTRACTOR'S RECORDS.

If you believe you have been discriminated against, or that there has been a violation of any laws or regulations, or if you have a problem regarding services received, you have the right to file a complaint or tell us your grievance.

The following procedures are to be followed when filing a complaint or grievance.

STEP ONE:

Write down your complaint or grievance and talk to the service provider. Keep a copy for yourself and write down the date you talked to the service provider.

If answered or resolved at this step, nothing further is required.

If no answer or resolution within 10 calendar days, proceed with Step Two.

STEP TWO:

Send a copy of your written complaint or grievance, or discuss the complaint or grievance with your County Caseworker. Write down the date you spoke to your Caseworker or send the complaint and keep it with your copy.

- If answered or resolved at this step, nothing further is required.
- If no answer or resolution within 10 calendar days, proceed with Step Three.

STEP THREE:

Send a copy of your written complaint or grievance to the Program Specialist. If you would like a response, include your name, address and telephone number. Your personal information and your complaint and grievance details will be kept confidential.

HS Program Development Division, Contracts Support Unit
ATTN: Program Specialist
825 E. Hospitality Lane, 2nd Floor
San Bernardino, CA 92415-0079

- If answered or resolved at this step, nothing further is required.
- If no answer or resolution within 10 calendar days, proceed with Step Four.

STEP FOUR:

Send a copy of your written complaint or grievance to the Contract Analyst at:

HS Administrative Support Division, ATTN: Contracts Unit
150 S. Lena Road
San Bernardino, CA 92415-0515

You will be contacted within 10 calendar days if you have provided contact information.

Please note: Each of these steps must be completed in the sequence shown.

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COMPLAINT AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE CERTIFICATION

This certifies I have read, understood, and received the Complaint and Grievance Procedures.

Client Signature

Date



Human Services

COMPLAINT AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

THIS INFORMING NOTICE IS TO BE DISPLAYED IN CLEAR VIEW IN AREAS WHERE CLIENT WILL OBTAIN THE DIRECT SERVICE OR AS DELINEATED IN THE CORRESPONDING COUNTY CONTRACT. CLIENT IS TO BE PROVIDED A COPY OF THIS PROCEDURE UPON REQUEST.

If you believe you have been discriminated against, or that there has been a violation of any laws or regulations, or if you have a problem regarding the services you received, you have the right to file a complaint or tell us your grievance.

The following procedures are to be followed when filing a complaint or grievance.

STEP ONE:

Write down your complaint or grievance and talk to the service provider. Keep a copy for yourself and write down the date you talked to the service provider.

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909-383-9700

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PROCEDIMIENTO PARA DENUNCIAS Y QUEJAS

INSTRUCCIONES: El CLIENTE DEBE leer y recibir la parte superior de este formulario. La parte inferior del formulario debe ser firmado por el recipiente del servicio y colocarlo en los archivos del contratista.

Si cree que ha sido discriminado o que, habido una violación de leyes o regulaciones, o si tiene un problema con respecto a los servicios que recibió, usted tiene el derecho de presentar una denuncia o informarnos de su queja.

Se deben seguir los siguientes procedimientos al presentar una denuncia o queja.

PRIMER PASO:

Escriba su denuncia o queja por escrito y hable con el proveedor de servicios. Guarde una copia para usted y escriba la fecha en que habló con el proveedor de servicios.

- Si en este paso recibió respuesta o resolvió el problema, no se requiere hacer nada más.
- Si no hay respuesta o resolución dentro de los 10 días calendarios, siga al Segundo Paso.

SEGUNDO PASO:

Mande una copia de su denuncia o queja por escrito o hable con su Trabajador encargado del Caso del Condado sobre su denuncia o queja. Escriba la fecha en que habló con su Trabajador de Caso o cuando envió su queja por escrito y manténgala con su copia en sus archivos.

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TERCER PASO:

Mande una copia de su denuncia o queja por escrito al Especialista de Programa. Si desea una respuesta, incluya su nombre, dirección y número de teléfono. Su información personal y los detalles de su denuncia o queja se mantendrán confidencial.

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CUARTO PASO:

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Contracts Unit
150 S. Lena Road
San Bernardino, CA 92415-0515

Será contactado dentro de 10 días calendarios si ha proporcionado su información de contacto.

Por favor note: Cada uno de estos pasos deben ser completados en la orden que se indica.

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CERTIFICACIÓN DEL PROCEDIMIENTO PARA DENUNCIAS Y QUEJAS

Esto certifica que he leído, entendido, y he recibido el Procedimiento para Denuncias y Quejas.

Firma del Cliente

Fecha



Human Services

PROCEDIMIENTO PARA DENUNCIAS Y QUEJAS

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SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY

EMPLOYMENT VERIFICATION

Employee Information

Name: _____ SSN (Last four digits): _____

I have read or had read to me this document. This release is valid for one (1) year from the date signed unless I choose to revoke it. I hereby authorize my employer to release the following information to the service provider listed below.

Employee Signature: _____ Date: _____

Service Provider Information

Name: _____ Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Fax Number: _____

Provider Signature: _____ Date: _____

Comments: _____

Employment Information *(To be completed by Employer)*

Company Name: _____ Federal ID#: _____

Company Address: _____

Supervisor's Name: _____ Phone: _____

Employee's Position/Job Title: _____

Start Date: _____ Wage Rate: _____/hour Hours worked/week: _____

Employer Signature: _____ Date: _____

San Bernardino County
Transitional Assistance Department
Vocational Education and Training Programs Invoice # _____

CalWORKs Participant Information	
Name: _____	SSN (Last 4 digits): _____
Contractor Information	
Contractor Name: _____	Remit Payment To: _____
Contact Person: _____ Telephone: _____	Address: _____
Training Program Information	
Training Program: _____ Total Program Duration: _____ Anticipated Enrollment Date: _____ Training Period: _____ to _____ (Training Period May Vary Depending on Actual Start Date)	Send Invoice To: _____ County of San Bernardino - Human Services Attn: Contracts Unit 150 S. Lena Road San Bernardino, CA 92415-0515 Total Program Cost \$ _____
Benchmarks for Payment	
<p>1) Enrollment 20% of the total cost upon one (1) week attendance of program. \$ _____ Attach Copies: Referral to Activity form and enrollment/attendance verification.</p> <p>2) Half Completion 30% of the total cost upon half completion of program. \$ _____ Attach Copies: Referral to Activity form, documentation of half completion, and attendance/progress verification.</p> <p>3) Completion 30% of the total cost upon program completion. \$ _____ Attach Copies: Referral to Activity form, completion certificate, passing test scores and/or skill levels, and attendance/progress verification.</p> <p>4) Job Placement 20% of the total cost upon entering into related unsubsidized employment within ninety (90) days from the completion date of the education/training program. The County will not approve payment for license renewal only. \$ _____</p>	
Attach Verification of Employment	
CONTRACTOR CERTIFICATION	
<p>I (Contractor) certify under penalty of perjury that the invoice amount listed on this page is accurate and is eligible for the requested payment in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Contract. I further certify that this invoice constitutes certification of satisfactory achievement by the participant and that this is not a duplicate request for payment.</p>	
<p>_____ Signature (Authorized Representative)</p> <p>_____ Printed Name and Title</p>	<p>_____ Date</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; margin-top: 20px;"> <p><i>For HS use only</i></p> <p>HS Approval _____</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Date Received</p> <p>Stamp</p> </div>

ASSURANCE OF COMPLIANCE STATEMENT**ASSURANCE OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
NONDISCRIMINATION IN STATE AND FEDERALLY ASSISTED PROGRAMS**

 NAME OF THE CONTRACTING AGENCY

(Hereinafter called the "Agency")

HEREBY AGREES THAT it will comply with Title VI and VII of the Civil Rights act of 1964 as amended; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 as amended; the Food Stamp Act of 1977, as amended and in particular section 272.6; Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990; California Civil Code Section 51 et seq., as amended; California Government Code section 11135-11139.8, as amended; California Government Code section 12940; California Government Code section 4450; Title 2, California Code of Regulations sections 11140-11200; Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations, Section 3105A(e); the Dymally-Alatorre Bilingual Services Act (California Government Code Section 7290-7299.8); Section 1808 of the Removal of Barriers to Interethnic Adoption Act of 1996; and other applicable federal and state laws, as well as their implementing regulations [including 45 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Parts 80, 84, and 91, 7 CFR Part 15, and 28 CFR Part 42], by ensuring that employment practices and the administration of public assistance and social services programs are nondiscriminatory, to the effect that no person shall because of ethnic group identification, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, color, disability, medical condition, national origin, race, ancestry, marital status, religion, religious creed, political belief, or other applicable protected basis be excluded from participation in or be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subject to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal or state assistance; and HEREBY GIVES ASSURANCE THAT, it will immediately take any measures necessary to effectuate this agreement.

THIS ASSURANCE is given in consideration of and for the purpose of obtaining any and all federal and state assistance; and THE AGENCY HEREBY GIVES ASSURANCE THAT administrative methods/procedures which have the effect of subjecting individuals to discrimination or defeating the objectives of the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) Manual of Policies and Procedures (MPP) Chapter 21, will be prohibited.

BY ACCEPTING THIS ASSURANCE, the Agency agrees to compile data, maintain records and submit reports as required, to permit effective enforcement of the aforementioned laws and regulations and permit authorized CDSS and/or federal government personnel, during normal working hours, to review such records, books and accounts as needed to ascertain compliance. If there are any violations of this assurance, CDSS shall have the right to invoke fiscal sanctions or other legal remedies in accordance with Welfare and Institutions Code Section 10605, or Government Code Section 11135-11139.8, or any other laws, or the issue may be referred to the appropriate federal agency for further compliance action and enforcement of this assurance.

THIS ASSURANCE is binding on the Agency directly or through contract, license, or other provider services, as long as it receives federal or state assistance; and shall be submitted annually with the required Civil Rights Plan Update.

 DATE

 SIGNATURE

 ORGANIZATION