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## Department of Risk Management

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**IT IS HEREBY AGREED AS FOLLOWS:**

**WHEREAS**, the San Bernardino County (County) desires to designate a Consultant of choice to provide Legal Defense of Workers’ Compension Claims, as further described in a statement of work (the “Services”); and

**WHEREAS**, the County conducted a competitive process to find Black and Rose, LLP (Consultant) to provide these services, and

**WHEREAS**, the County finds Consultant qualified to provide Legal Defense of Workers’ Compensation and

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

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

**A. DEFINITIONS**

**A.1** Breach shall have the same meaning given to such term under the HIPAA Regulations [45 C.F.R. §164.402] and the HITECH Act [42 U.S.C. §§17921 et seq.], and as further described in California Civil Code section 1798.82.

**A.2** Business Associate (BA) shall have the same meaning given to such term under the Privacy Rule, the Security Rule, and the HITECH Act, including but not limited to 42 U.S.C. section 17921 and 45 C.F.R. section 160.103.

- A.3 Covered Entity (CE) shall have the same meaning given to such term as under the Privacy Rule and Security Rule, including, but not limited to 45 C.F.R. section 160.103.
- A.4 Designated Record Set shall have the same meaning given to such term under 45 C.F.R. section 164.501.
- A.5 Electronic Protected Health Information (ePHI) means PHI that is maintained in or transmitted by electronic media as defined in the Security Rule, 45 C.F.R. section 164.103.
- A.6 Individual shall have the same meaning given to such term under 45 C.F.R. section 160.103.
- A.7 Privacy Rule means the regulations promulgated under HIPAA by the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to protect the privacy of Protected Health Information, including, but not limited to, 45 C.F.R. Parts 160 and 164, subparts A and E.
- A.8 Protection Health Information (PHI) shall have the same meaning given to such term under 45 C.F.R. section 160.103, limited to the information received from, or created or received by Business Associate from or on behalf of, CE.
- A.9 Security Rule means the regulations promulgated under HIPAA by HHS to protect the security of ePHI, including, but not limited to, 45 C.F.R. Part 160 and 45 C.F.R. Part 164, subparts A and C.
- A.10 Unsecured PHI shall have the same meaning given to such term under the HITECH Act and any guidance issued pursuant to such Act, including, but not limited to 42 U.S.C. section 17932, subdivision (h).
- A. 11 Senior Associate and Partner shall both mean and refer to an attorney employed by Consultant that has five years or more of experience defending employers in workers' compensation matters.
- A. 12 Local Area refers to all territory within San Bernardino County.
- A. 13 DRM is the San Bernardino County Department of Risk Management.
- A. 14 DRM Representative is an individual identified to Contractor by DRM for the purposes described in this Agreement.
- A. 15 Agreement is this contract and its attachments.
- A. 16 County Affiliated Entity or County Affiliated Entities shall mean and refer to the following entities, including their respective departments or divisions, and all other entities governed by a body consisting of the same elected people as the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors:
  - San Bernardino County
  - San Bernardino County Flood Control District
  - San Bernardino County Fire Protection District
  - Big Bear Valley and Bloomington Recreation and Park Districts
  - County Industrial Development Authority
  - In-Home Supportive Services Public Authority
  - Inland Counties Emergency Medical Agency
  - Inland Empire Public Facilities Corporation
  - San Bernardino County Financing Authority
  - Successor Agency to the County of San Bernardino Redevelopment Agency

**B. CONSULTANT RESPONSIBILITIES**

- B.1** Consultant shall advise, represent, and defend County Affiliated Entities in the defense of workers' compensation matters assigned by DRM to Consultant through the entire litigation process including prejudgment and post-judgment proceedings at the trial and appellate court level.
- B.2** Consultant shall have a duty to immediately report any case referred by San Bernardino County, which Consultant, in its sole discretion, determines to be a conflict of interest. Consultant may decline to represent San Bernardino County in any such case.
- B.3** Consultant shall not undertake the representation of a client in the pursuit of a claim against a County Affiliated Entity without first obtaining a written waiver and consent from the San Bernardino Office of County Counsel. Any request for a conflict waiver must be made in writing to the Office of the County Counsel.
- B.4** Cases assigned to Consultant by San Bernardino County shall be accepted with the understanding that professional fees shall be paid at agreed hourly rates in this section (below) and billed on a monthly basis. All statements of services performed, and fees charged shall contain at least the following information, and any other information requested by San Bernardino County, for each case:
- Statement date
  - Case name and number (on the top right corner of the invoice, in bold letters with font size 12pt.)
  - An individual entry for each legal task performed
  - Date of each legal task
  - Name and hourly rate of the biller performing each legal task
  - Time billed for each legal task in tenth of an hour increments
  - Fees billed for each legal task
  - Individual itemized disbursement
  - A summary of services, including the total time and fees per biller and invoice
  - Total fees and cost billed to date for each case.
- a. Hourly Rates:
    - \$ 215 per hour – Partners and Senior Associates
    - \$ 140 per hour – Hearing Representatives
    - \$ 140 per hour – Paralegals and Law Clerks
  - b. Consultant must employ Hearing Representatives, Paralegals or Law Clerks to handle liens and appear at lien conferences. If a Partner or Senior Associate handles liens, those duties must be billed at the rate listed for Hearing Representatives, or Paralegals and Law Clerks.
  - c. Rate Guarantee and Escalation. All rates will be considered firm for the entire period of the contract. Rate escalation adjustments will not be considered during the contract period.
- B.5** Consultant shall designate a Partner or Senior Associate that will be available during regular business hours to meet with San Bernardino County on cases or issues assigned to Consultant pursuant to this Agreement. The assigned Partner or Senior Associate must respond to County inquiries within two (2) business days. Consultant shall not change the assigned Partner or Senior Associate without written acknowledgement to the County. Consultant will also designate a back-up point of contact in the event the primary contact is not available.
- B.6** "Out of Pocket" costs shall be reimbursed to Consultant according to Attachment A and on the following terms:
- a. San Bernardino County will not pay for the ordinary costs of Consultant. The following items shall not be reimbursed or billed to the County: rent, utilities, document preparation, word processing, transcription, ordinary postage, incoming and outgoing facsimiles, in-

house courier, local telephone charges, photocopying, office supplies, internet accounts, email accounts, legal research subscriptions, support staff, and Local Area travel and meal expenses.

- b. Invoices for services rendered by other firms or professionals, such as medical examinations, expert opinions, trial exhibit preparation, and the like must have prior approval of the DRM's representative and shall be paid directly by the Consultant; San Bernardino County will expedite approval and reimbursement of those payments. All such charges incurred without the required approval will be the sole responsibility of Consultant.
- c. DRM contracts with third party vendors for court reporter services, document reproduction, and investigative services. Only DRM approved and contracted vendors may be used for these services.
- d. San Bernardino County will reimburse properly itemized and reasonable expenditures by Consultant for the following: court filing fees and other necessary court costs, long distance mileage for travel outside the Local Area at a rate established by the Internal Revenue Code, and necessary travel costs previously authorized by the DRM's representative, including moderately priced lodging and economy class airfare.

#### **B.7 Preliminary Case Management Plan and Estimated Case Budget**

- a. Upon referral of a case, Consultant shall review the case file within seven (7) days of referral and contact the assigned DRM's representative by telephone then provide a summary analyst within (14) days. Consultant and DRM's representative will agree on a preliminary case management plan. After the telephone conference the Consultant shall memorialize in writing the agreed upon plan and provide a copy of said plan to the DRM's representative after the telephone conference.
- b. One element of this plan will be the preparation by Consultant of an estimated case budget. The estimated case budget shall provide the first indication of the cost to defend the County. Consultant will periodically update the initial estimate as events dictate.

#### **B.8 Case Evaluation**

Consultant will provide a written report to DRM's representative no later than thirty (30) days from the date of receiving the case. The case evaluation shall not restate or duplicate information supplied to Consultant by DRM's representative. If more time is required to prepare and submit a meaningful case evaluation, an extension of time shall be requested from the DRM's representative.

This case evaluation must include the following elements:

- a. Statement of facts
- b. Statement of the issues, including identification of any unusual or potentially precedent setting issues
- c. Additional background, factual, or investigations needed
- d. Injuries and damages claimed
- e. Applicant's contentions
- f. A list of affirmative defenses to be raised
- g. Discovery requirements, including the identification of parties and witnesses that need to be deposed, interviewed or provide a statement, and special or additional interrogatories that need to be sent, and to who they will be sent, and the record to be produced.
- h. Legal issues that require original research effort rather than updating available firm research
- i. Expected potential liability

- j. Case cost potential
- k. Subrogation potential
- l. Exposure
- m. Settlement value and basis used to arrive at this value
- n. Estimated defense cost
- o. Proposed litigation and case management strategies
- p. Expert witness needed (pre-approval by DRM's representative is required, prior to engagement)
- q. The name(s) of the Attorney(s) assigned to handle the case

Cases designated as complex litigation shall require additional reporting as directed by DRM.

- B.9** Consultant agrees that all work product including motions, writs, exposure identification, legal research, opinion letters, etc., may be copied and provided by the County to other attorneys either employed or retained by the County and/or the County's insurance carrier. This provision is not to be construed as a waiver of the attorney/client privilege.
- B.10** Consultant agrees and understands that the County is paying on an hourly basis and will not pay for items that are charged on a "Value Billing" basis. For purposes of this Agreement, "value billing" is defined as billing time or fees for a task on any basis other than the actual time that was worked by the biller, measured in tenths of an hour.
- B.11** Consultant shall provide to the DRM's representative copies of all information and correspondence relating to each claim. This shall include communications between Consultant, any department, service company, and/or applicant attorney(s).
- B.12** Consultant shall promptly notify County of all settlements offers and/or demands. Consultant must obtain approval of all settlements before being submitted to the court or finalized with applicant's counsel. Settlements under \$50,000 must be approved by designated DRM's representative. Settlements of \$50,000 or more must be approved by the Director of Risk Management or the Director's designee, if the amount of compromise or settlement is to meet State-mandated payments or benefits under the Workers' Compensation Laws of the State of California such as WCAB- approved lump sum payments for permanent disability, life pension, burial expense and/or death benefits, or the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board enters and award or other judgment or order. All other settlements over \$50,000 must be approved by the Board of Supervisors.
- B.13** DRM may occasionally set a video, telephonic, or in-person meeting to discuss a case being handled by Consultant. Consultant shall diligently work with DRM to set the meeting at a time convenient to the County. Consultant will submit, at least two weeks before the meeting, a brief summary outlining the case, any recommended handling, and the reasons for the Consultant's recommendation. This summary shall conform to the Preliminary Case Management Plan. Consultant shall answer questions of all participants at the meeting, and, at the request of County, shall attend the meeting.
- B.14** Consultant agrees to undertake a planned effort to educate the DRM staff and other designated County staff in Workers' Compensation Law and to provide an active participation in claims resolution procedures. Consultant shall conduct quarterly workers' compensation seminars on topics selected by the County and provide written materials for all attendees, at no cost to the County. The workers' compensation seminars shall be held at the premises of the DRM. If requested, Consultant shall advise and assist the DRM to develop and implement effective risk control programs and materials.

- B.15** Consultant shall notify the County of claims with potential settlement value over \$100,000 as soon as it becomes evident that the case may result in cost to the County of over \$100,000.
- B.16** Consultant agrees that only partners or senior associates will try County cases unless special approval is received from the DRM's representative. When Consultant receives a claim against the County, that claim will be assigned to a handling attorney(s). The name of the attorney(s) and any hearing representative, paralegal, or legal clerk that will bill legal services to the case shall be communicated to the DRM's representative. Any changes in case staffing must be approved by the DRM representative. Fees for time spent by a newly assigned attorney(s), hearing representative(s), paralegal(s), or law clerk(s) to learn the history or facts of a case will not be billed to, or paid by the County.
- B.17** Consultant agrees that all DRM staff and employees of any County Affiliated Entity are public servants and do not require client development. Consultant, therefore, agrees not to charge the County for any client development costs.
- B.18** Upon case resolution, Consultant agrees to submit final case analysis and reasons for disposition to County. This submission will include copies of pertinent documents evidencing the disposition.
- B.19** Should either party choose to terminate this contract, Consultant shall continue to provide legal services as to any case referred to them prior to the notice of cancellation and shall be compensated therefore, on the same terms and conditions as hereinbefore set forth until the conclusion of such case. However, the County retains the option of withdrawing any pending cases from further handling by Consultant and shall compensate Consultant for legal services provided to date of termination of this Agreement. Consultant will promptly return any cases that are withdrawn or transferred including any and all case files, work product and work in progress that have been generated.
- B.20** Consultant shall not undertake any action(s), without DRM concurrence, which could foreseeably result in Court-imposed penalties or sanctions against a County Affiliated Entity. The County will not pay penalties or sanctions, unless DRM intentionally caused the underlying action(s), and/or fully understood that penalties or sanctions could result from such actions.
- B.21** Monitoring of Service/Quality
- a. Consultant must provide periodic written status reports no later than every 60 days from the date of the last report, or sooner as the case events dictate, and orally brief County officials, as required, on case status and strategy.
  - b. County shall receive written notification of the events of a court appearance within 24 hours of the appearance.
- B.22** Digital Media and Correspondence
- The County may require Consultant to submit any or all correspondence, reporting and media to be transmitted electronically to the County representative.
- B.23** Confidentiality
- All correspondence, communications and other applicable documents shall be conspicuously marked "Confidential – Attorneys / Client Communication Privilege".

## **C. GENERAL CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS**

### **C.1 Recitals**

The recitals set forth above are true and correct and incorporated herein by this reference.

### **C.2 Contract Amendments**

Consultant 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 Consultant and County.

### **C.3 Contract Exclusivity**

This is not an exclusive Contract. The County reserves the right to enter into a contract with other consultants for the same or similar services. The County does not guarantee or represent that the Consultant will be permitted to perform any minimum amount of work, or receive a minimum amount of compensation, under the terms of this Contract.

### **C.4 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's fees, regardless of who is the prevailing party. This paragraph shall not apply to those costs and attorney's fees directly arising from a third-party legal action against a party hereto and payable under Indemnification and Insurance Requirements.

### **C.5 Background Checks for Consultant Personnel**

Consultant 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, Consultant shall conduct a background check, at Consultant's sole expense, on all its personnel providing services. If requested by the County, Consultant shall provide the results of the background check of each individual to verify that the individual meets Consultant's standards for employment. Such background check shall be in the form generally used by Consultant in its initial hiring of employees or contracting for Consultants or, as applicable, during the employment-screening process but must, at a minimum, have been performed within the preceding 12-month period. Consultant 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 of Consultant's personnel to any County facility.

### **C.6 Change of Address**

Consultant shall notify the County in writing, of any change in mailing address within ten (10) business days of the change.

### **C.7 Choice of Law**

This Contract shall be governed by and construed according to the laws of the State of California.

### **C.8 Compliance with County Policy**

In performing the services and while at any County facilities, Consultant 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 items addressed in subsections (b), (c), and (d) (collectively, "County Policies"). County Policies, and additions or modifications thereto, may be communicated orally or in writing to Consultant or Consultant personnel or may be made available to Consultant or Consultant 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. Consultant shall be responsible for the promulgation and distribution of County Policies to Consultant personnel to the extent

necessary and appropriate.

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

### **C.9 Confidentiality**

Pursuant to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) and the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health (HITECH) Act, regulations have been promulgated governing the privacy of individually identifiable health information. The HIPAA Privacy Rule and Security Rule specify requirements with respect to contracts between a Covered Entity and its Business Associates. Consultant shall comply with the attached Business Associate Agreement (Attachment C). Consultant further agrees to comply with the requirements of other federal and state laws that apply to the information collected and maintained by Consultant for services performed pursuant to this Contract.

### **C.10 Reserved**

### **C.11 County Representative**

Except as noted above, the Director of the Department of Risk Management 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 Consultant. 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, unless otherwise delegated.

### **C.12 Damage to County Property**

Consultant 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 Consultant or its employees or agents. Such repairs shall be made immediately after Consultant becomes aware of such damage, but in no event later than thirty (30) days after the occurrence.

If the Consultant fails to make timely repairs, the County may make any necessary repairs. The Consultant, 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 Consultant from the County, as determined at the County's sole discretion.

### **C. 13 Debarment and Suspension**

Consultant certifies that neither it nor its principals or subcontractors is presently debarred, 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>). Consultant 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.

### **C.14 Drug and Alcohol Free Workplace**

In recognition of individual rights to work in a safe, healthful and productive work place, as a material condition of this Contract, the Consultant agrees that the Consultant and the Consultant's employees, while performing service for the County, on County property, or while using County equipment:

- C.14.1** Shall not be in any way impaired because of being under the influence of alcohol or an illegal or controlled substance.
- C.14.2** 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.14.3** Shall not sell, offer, or provide alcohol or an illegal or controlled substance to another person, except where Consultant or Consultant's employee who, as part of the performance of normal job duties and responsibilities, prescribes or administers medically prescribed drugs.

Consultant 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 work place 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 Consultant has with the County, if the Consultant or Consultant's employees are determined by the County not to be in compliance with above.

### **C.15 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.

### **C.16 Employment Discrimination**

During the term of the Contract, Consultant shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment 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. Consultant 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.

### **C.17 Environmental Requirements**

In accordance with County Policy 11-08, the County prefers to acquire and use products with higher levels of post-consumer recycled content. Environmentally preferable goods and materials must perform satisfactorily and be available at a reasonable price. The County requires Consultant to use recycled paper for any printed or photocopied material created as a result of this Contract. Consultant 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), Consultant must be able to annually report the County's environmentally preferable purchases. Consultant 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.

### **C.18 Improper Influence**

Consultant 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 Consultant or officer or employee of the Consultant.

### **C.19 Improper Consideration**

Consultant 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.

Consultant shall immediately report any attempt by a County officer, employee or agent to solicit (either directly or through an intermediary) improper consideration from Consultant. 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.

#### **C.20 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.

#### **C.21 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.

#### **C.22 Licenses, Permits and/or Certifications**

Consultant 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 Consultant shall maintain these licenses, permits and/or certifications in effect for the duration of this Contract. Consultant 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.

Consultant shall ensure that any attorney providing services pursuant to this Agreement maintains an active license from the California State Bar and is duly admitted to any court requiring an appearance to provide necessary services under this Agreement. Consultant shall promptly notify DRM of any disciplinary proceedings initiated by the California State Bar against any Consultant's attorney.

#### **C.23 Material Misstatement/Misrepresentation**

If during the course of the administration of this Contract, the County determines that Consultant 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.

#### **C.24 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".

#### **C.25 Nondisclosure**

Consultant 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 Consultant or an agent of Consultant or otherwise made available to Consultant or Consultant's agent in connection with this Contract; or, (2) acquired, obtained, or learned by Consultant or an agent of Consultant 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.

### **C.26 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.

### **C.27 Ownership of Documents**

All documents, data, products, graphics, computer programs and reports prepared by Consultant pursuant to the Contract shall be considered property of the County upon payment for services (and products, if applicable). All such items shall be delivered to County at the completion of work under the Contract, subject to the requirements of Article D–Term of the Contract. Unless otherwise directed by County, Consultant may retain copies of such items.

### **C.28 Participation Clause**

The County desires that Municipalities, School Districts, and other Tax Districts within the 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 Consultant agrees to the extension of the terms of a resultant contract with such governmental bodies as though they have been expressly identified in this bid, with the provisions that:

**C.28.1** Such governmental body does not have and will not have in force any other contract for like purchases.

**C.28.2** 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 Consultant. The County will not be liable for any such purchase made between the Consultant and another governmental body who avails themselves of this contract.

### **C.29 Air, Water Pollution Control, Safety and Health**

Consultant shall comply with all air pollution control, water pollution, safety and health ordinances and statutes, which apply to the work performed pursuant to this Contract.

### **C.30 Records**

Consultant 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 Consultant's personnel, consultants, Subcontractor, 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.

### **C.31 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. In the performance of this Contract, Consultant, its agents and employees, shall act in an independent capacity and not as officers, employees, or agents of the San Bernardino County. Any provision of this Contract that may appear to give the County any right to direct the Consultant concerning the details of performing

the services/Scope of Work, or to exercise any control over such performance, shall mean only that the Consultant shall follow the direction of the County concerning the end results of the performance.

### **C.32 Release of Information**

No news releases, advertisements, public announcements or photographs arising out of the Contract or Consultant's relationship with County may be made or used without prior written approval of the County.

### **C.33 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.

### **C.34 Subcontracting**

Consultant 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, Consultant 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. Consultant 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 Article G. All approved subcontractors shall be subject to the provisions of this Contract applicable to Consultant Personnel.

For any subcontractor, Consultant shall:

- 34.1** Be responsible for subcontractor compliance with the Contract and the subcontract terms and conditions; and
- 34.2** Ensure that the subcontractor follows County's reporting formats and procedures as specified by County.
- 34.3** Include in the subcontractor's subcontract substantially similar terms as are provided in Articles B. Consultant Responsibilities and C. General Contract Requirements.

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. Consultant agrees that its arrangements with subcontractors will not prohibit or restrict such subcontractors from entering into direct contracts with County.

### **C. 35 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 Consultant 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. Consultant 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 Consultant for County.

### **C.36 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 Consultant for services rendered and expenses reasonably incurred prior to the effective date of termination. Upon receipt of termination notice Consultant shall promptly discontinue services unless the notice directs otherwise. Consultant shall deliver promptly to County and transfer title (if necessary) to all completed work, and work in progress, including drafts, documents, plans, forms, data, products, graphics, computer programs and reports.

### **C.37 Time of the Essence**

Time is of the essence in performance of this Contract and of each of its provisions.

### **C.38 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.

### **C.39 Conflict of Interest**

Consultant shall make all reasonable efforts to ensure that no conflict of interest exists between its officers, employees, or subcontractors and the County. Consultant shall make a reasonable effort to prevent officers, employees, subcontractors, 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 Consultant'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.

Consultant understands per the attached Conflict of Interest and Political Reform Act Obligations (Attachment B) that the Director of Risk Management has determined Consultant meets Disclosure Determination number 1 and that no disclosure is required.

### **C.40 Former County Administrative Officials**

Consultant agrees to provide, or has already provided information on former San Bernardino County administrative officials (as defined below) who are employed by or represent Consultant. The information provided includes a list of former County administrative officials who terminated County employment within the last five years and who are now officers, principals, partners, associates or members of the business. The information also includes the employment with or representation of Consultant. 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.

### **C.41 Disclosure of Criminal and Civil Procedures**

County reserves the right to request the information described herein from Consultant. 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 Consultant also may be requested to provide information to clarify initial responses. Negative information discovered may result in Contract termination.

Consultant 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 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 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 Consultant will be asked to describe any such indictments or charges (and the status thereof), convictions and the surrounding circumstances in detail.

In addition, the Consultant is required to disclose whether the firm, or any of its partners, principals, members, associates or key employees, within the last ten 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 Consultant 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.

#### **C.42 Copyright**

County shall have a royalty-free, non-exclusive 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 the San Bernardino County as the funding agency and Consultant 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 Consultant 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.

#### **C.43 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 Consultant. In the event of a failure to return the documents, the County is entitled to pursue any available legal remedies. In addition, Consultant will be barred from all future solicitations, for a period of at least six (6) months.

#### **C.44 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 Consultant certifies that at the time the Contract is signed, the Consultant 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.

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

#### **C.45 Reserved**

#### **C.46 Errors, Omissions and/or Conflicts**

Consultant shall be responsible for the integrity of all design and research studies prepared or approved by the Consultant and should County suffer damages due to errors, omissions, and/or conflicts within such documents, the Consultant shall be responsible to County for costs of all such damages.

#### **C.47 Reserved**

#### **C.48 Reserved**

#### **C.49 Executive Order N-6-22 Russia 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 Consultants (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 Consultant 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. Consultant shall be provided advance written notice of such termination, allowing Consultant at least 30 calendar days to provide a written response. Termination shall be at the sole discretion of the County.

#### **C.50 Campaign Contribution Disclosure (SB 1439)**

Consultant has disclosed to the County using Attachment D - Campaign Contribution Disclosure Senate Bill 1439, whether it has made any campaign contributions of more than \$250 to any member of the Board of Supervisors or other County elected officer [Sheriff, Assessor-Recorder-Clerk, Auditor-Controller/Treasurer/Tax Collector and the District Attorney] within the earlier of: (1) the date of the submission of Consultant's proposal to the County, or (2) 12 months before the date this Contract was approved by the Board of Supervisors. Consultant acknowledges that under Government Code section 84308, Consultant is prohibited from making campaign contributions of more than \$250 to any member of the Board of Supervisors or County elected officer for 12 months after the County's consideration of the Contract.

In the event of a proposed amendment to this Contract, the Consultant will provide the County a written statement disclosing any campaign contribution(s) of more than \$250 to any member of the Board of Supervisors or other County elected officer within the preceding 12 months of the date of the proposed amendment.

Campaign contributions include those made by any agent/person/entity on behalf of the Consultant or by a parent, subsidiary or otherwise related business entity of Consultant.

#### **D. TERM OF CONTRACT**

This Contract is effective as of July 1, 2024 and expires June 30, 2029 but may be terminated earlier in accordance with provisions of this Contract. The Contract term may be extended for two additional one-year periods by mutual agreement of the parties. The contract may be terminated by any party for any reason upon thirty (30) day written notice. This is a non-exclusive contract and the COUNTY may, if necessary, retain other and/or additional Attorneys services at its sole discretion.

#### **E. Reserved**

#### **F. FISCAL PROVISIONS**

**F.1** Invoices for services provided under this contract will be billed to each claim the services were provided for. Invoicing for services shall not be combined in any way that prevents charging directly to each claim that utilized the services.

**F.2** The maximum amount of reimbursement/payment under this Contract shall be subject to availability of funds to the County. The consideration to be paid to Consultant, as provided herein, shall be in full payment for all Consultant's services and expenses incurred in the performance hereof, including travel and per diem.

- F.3** Consultant shall accept all payments from County via electronic funds transfer (EFT) directly deposited into the Consultant's designated checking or other bank account. Consultant shall promptly comply with directions and accurately complete forms provided by County required to process EFT payments.
- F.4** County is exempt from Federal excise taxes and no payment shall be made for any personal property taxes levied on Consultant or on any taxes levied on employee wages. The County shall only pay for any State or local sales or use taxes on the services rendered or equipment and/or parts supplied to the County pursuant to the Contract.
- F.5** Costs for services under the terms of this Contract shall be incurred during the contract period except as approved by County. Consultant shall not use current year funds to pay prior or future year obligations.
- F.6** Consultant shall provide County itemized monthly invoices, in arrears, for services performed under this Contract within twenty (20) days of the end of the previous month. The County shall make payment to Consultant within sixty (60) working days after receipt of invoice or the resolution of any billing dispute.

**G. INDEMNIFICATION AND INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS**

**G.1 Indemnification**

The Consultant 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 Consultant 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.

**G.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.

**G.3 Waiver of Subrogation Rights**

Consultant shall require the carriers of required coverages to waive all rights of subrogation against the County, its officers, employees, agents, volunteers, Consultants and subcontractors. All general or auto liability insurance coverage provided shall not prohibit Consultant and Consultant's employees or agents from waiving the right of subrogation prior to a loss or claim. Consultant hereby waives all rights of subrogation against the County.

**G.4 Policies Primary and Non-Contributory**

All policies required herein are to be primary and non-contributory with any insurance or self-insurance programs carried or administered by the County.

**G.5 Severability of Interests**

Consultant 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 Consultant and County or between County and any other insured or additional insured under the policy.

**G.6 Proof of Coverage**

Consultant 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 Consultant shall maintain such insurance from the time Consultant commences performance of services hereunder until the completion of such services. Within fifteen (15) days of the commencement of this contract, Consultant 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.

**G.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".

**G.8 Deductibles and Self-Insured Retention**

Any and all deductibles or self-insured retentions in excess of \$10,000 shall be declared to and approved by Risk Management.

**G.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, County has the right but not the obligation or duty to cancel this Contract or obtain insurance if it deems necessary and any premiums paid by County will be promptly reimbursed by Consultant or County payments to the Consultant will be reduced to pay for County purchased insurance.

**G.10 Insurance Review**

Insurance requirements are subject to periodic review by 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 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 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. Consultant agrees to execute any such amendment within thirty (30) days of receipt.

Any failure, actual or alleged, on the part of 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 County.

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

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

**G.11.1** 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 \$250,000 limits covering all persons including volunteers providing services on behalf of the Consultant and all risks to such persons under this contract.

If Consultant 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 Consultants that are non-profit corporations organized under California or Federal law, volunteers for such entities are required to be covered by Workers' Compensation insurance.

**G.11.2** Commercial/General Liability Insurance –Consultant shall carry General Liability Insurance covering all operations performed by or on behalf of Consultant 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:

- a. Premises operations and mobile equipment.
- b. Products and completed operations.
- c. Broad form property damage (including completed operations).
- d. Explosion, collapse and underground hazards.
- e. Personal injury.
- f. Contractual liability.
- g. \$2,000,000 general aggregate limit.

**G.11.3** 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 Consultant is transporting one or more non-employee 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 Consultant owns no autos, a non-owned auto endorsement to the General Liability policy described above is acceptable.

**G.11.4** 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.

**G.11.5** Professional Liability – Professional Liability Insurance with limits of not less than one million (\$1,000,000) per claim and two million (\$2,000,000) aggregate limits

or

Errors and Omissions Liability Insurance – Errors and Omissions Liability Insurance with limits of not less than one million (\$1,000,000) and two million (\$2,000,000) aggregate limits

or

Directors and Officers Insurance coverage with limits of not less than one million (\$1,000,000) shall be required for Contracts with charter labor committees or other not-for-profit organizations advising or acting on behalf of County.

If insurance coverage is provided on a “claims made” policy, the “retroactive date” shall be shown and must be before the date of the state of the contract work. The claims made insurance shall be maintained or “tail” coverage provided for a minimum of five (5) years after contract completion.

**G.11.6 Reserved**

**G.11.7 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.

**H. SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS**

**H.1** This Contract shall be binding upon County and Consultant and their respective successors and assigns.

**H.2** Neither the performance of this Contract, nor any part thereof, nor any monies due or to become due thereunder may be assigned by Consultant without the prior written consent and approval of County.

**H.3** Death or Incapacity: If the Consultant transacts business as an individual, his/her death or incapacity shall automatically terminate this Contract as of the date of such event, and neither he/she nor his/her estate shall have any further right to perform hereunder, and County shall pay him/her or his/her estate the compensation payable under Article F, Fiscal Provisions, for any services rendered prior to such termination not heretofore paid, reduced by the amount of additional costs which will be incurred by County by reason of such termination. If there be more than one Consultant and any one of them die or become incapacitated and the others continue to render the services covered herein, County will make payment to those continuing as though there had been no such death or incapacity and County will not be obliged to take any account of the person who died or became incapacitated or to make any payments to such person or his estate. The provision shall apply in the event of progressive or simultaneous occasions of death or incapacity among any group of persons named as Consultant herein, and if death or incapacity befalls the last one of such group before this Contract is fully performed, then the rights shall be as if there had been only one Consultant.

**I. RIGHT TO MONITOR AND AUDIT**

**I.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 Consultant in the delivery of services provided under this Contract. Consultant shall give full cooperation, in any auditing or monitoring conducted. Consultant 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.

**I.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 the Contract or until all pending County, State and Federal audits are completed, whichever is later.

**J. CORRECTION OF PERFORMANCE DEFICIENCIES**

**J.1** Failure by Consultant to comply with any of the provisions, covenants, requirements or conditions of this Contract shall be a material breach of this Contract.

**J.2** In the event of a non-cured 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 Consultant 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 Consultant for and during the period in which Consultant 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 Consultant 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 Consultant. In the event of such termination, County may proceed with the work in any manner deemed proper by County. The cost to County shall be deducted from any sum due to Consultant under this Contract and the balance, if any, shall be paid by Consultant upon demand.

**J.3** 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 or more remedies by either Party shall not constitute a waiver of the right to pursue other available remedies.

**J.4** In the event of a problem or potential problem that could impact the quality or quantity of work, services, or the level of performance under this Contract, Consultant shall notify San Bernardino County within one (1) working day, in writing and by telephone.

**J.5** Consultant's Primary Contact and County representative shall attempt in good faith to promptly resolve any dispute, controversy or claim arising out of this Contract. If these representatives are unable to resolve a dispute, controversy or claim within ten (10) days after the initial request for a meeting, then the dispute shall be submitted to an executive-level performance review.

If the Primary Contact and County representative are not successful in resolving the dispute, negotiations shall be conducted by the County Executive Office, or designee and the highest level executive for Consultant. If these representatives are unable to resolve the dispute within ten (10) days after the representatives have commenced negotiations, or 20 days have passed since the initial request for negotiations at this level, the Parties may agree in writing to submit the dispute to mediation.

**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 deposited in the United States mail, postage prepaid, and addressed to the other party as follows:

Victor Tordesillas, Deputy Executive Officer  
San Bernardino County  
Department of Risk Management  
222 W. Hospitality Lane, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
San Bernardino, CA 92415-0016  
(909) 386-8655

Black and Rose, LLP  
Attn: Justin Norberg, Marketing Director  
18301 Von Karma Ave., Suite 300  
Irvine, CA 92612  
(949) 435-4260

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

**L. ENTIRE AGREEMENT**

This Contract, including all Attachment, 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.

**M. ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES**

This Agreement 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 Agreement. The parties shall be entitled to sign and transmit an electronic signature of this Agreement (whether by facsimile, PDF or other mail 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 Agreement upon request.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the San Bernardino County and Consultant have each caused this Contract to be subscribed by its respective duly authorized officers, on its behalf.

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  
of the San Bernardino County

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Name \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Print or type name of person signing contract)*

Title \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Print or Type)*

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Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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**FOR COUNTY USE ONLY**

Approved as to Legal Form

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County Counsel

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Reviewed for Contract Compliance

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Date \_\_\_\_\_

Reviewed/Approved by Department

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Date \_\_\_\_\_

## ATTACHMENT A

### **COST REIMBURSEMENT GUIDELINES**

**THIRD PARTY VENDORS** – Pre-approval from the DRM Representative is required before engaging services from third party vendors. When requesting approval, provide an estimate of cost. The DRM Representative must be directly involved in all decisions to use any third-party vendor, including consultants and expert witnesses. You should only pay these vendors in extraordinary situations which are pre-approved by Risk Management. When you make a payment, include a copy of the vendor's invoice with your billing to Risk Management.

**POSTAGE** – Ordinary postage, including on-express mailings to the County or its employees, applicants, applicant's counsel, witnesses, experts, court officials, cross-complainants, vendors, and insurers, is not reimbursable and shall not be billed to the County. Postage for extraordinary mailings, including bulky documents, will be reimbursed. The cost of express or overnight mail will be reimbursed only when needed to advance the County's position.

**AUTOMOBILE TRAVEL** - Local Area is non-reimbursable. Travel outside of the Local Area may be reimbursed at the IRS allowable rate per mile, at the time of travel.

**FILING FEES** –The County is exempt from state court filing fees, and consequently, they should not be paid and will not be reimbursed. Federal court filing fees are reimbursable.

**IN-HOUSE COURIER** – These costs will only be reimbursed if the courier is required to travel outside the Local Area.

## ATTACHMENT B

### CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND POLITICAL REFORM ACT OBLIGATIONS

Consultant 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 Consultant or officer or employee of the Consultant.

During the term of this Contract Consultant shall not act a Consultant or perform services of any kind for any person or entity whose interests conflict in any way with those of the County. Consultant shall at all times comply with the terms of the Political Reform Act and the local conflict of interest code. Consultant shall immediately disqualify itself and shall not use its official position to influence in any way, any matter coming before the County in which the Consultant has a financial interest as defined in Government Code section 87103. Consultant represents that it has no knowledge of any financial interests which would require it to disqualify itself from any matter on which it might perform services for the County.

“Consultant” means an individual who, pursuant to a contract with a state or local agency:

(A) Makes a governmental decision whether to:

1. Approve a rate, rule or regulation;
2. Adopt or enforce a law;
3. Issue, deny, suspend, or revoke any permit, license, application, certificate, approval, order, or similar authorization or entitlement;
4. Authorize the County to enter into, modify, or renew a contract provided it is the type of contract that requires County approval;
5. Grant County approval to a contract that requires County approval and to which the County is a party, or to the specifications for such a contract;
6. Grant County approval to a plan, design, report, study, or similar item;
7. Adopt, or grant County approval of, policies, standards, or guidelines for the County, or for any subdivision thereof; or

(B) Serves in a staff capacity with the County and in that capacity participates in making a governmental decision as defined in Regulation 18702.2 or performs the same or substantially all the same duties for the County that would otherwise be performed by an individual holding a position specified in the County’s Conflict of Interest Code.

#### DISCLOSURE DETERMINATION:

1. Consultant will not be “making a government decision” or “serving in a staff capacity” as defined in Sections A and B above. No disclosure required.
2. Consultant will be “making a government decision” or “serving in a staff capacity” as defined in either Section A or B above. As a result, Consultant shall be required to file a Statement of Economic Interest with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in a timely manner as required by law.

**ATTACHMENT C**  
**BUSINESS ASSOCIATE AGREEMENT**

This Business Associate Agreement (Agreement) supplements and is made a part of the contract (Contract) by and between the San Bernardino County Risk Management (hereinafter Covered Entity) and Black and Rose, LLP (hereinafter Business Associate). This Agreement is effective as of the effective date of the Contract.

**RECITALS**

**WHEREAS**, Covered Entity (CE) wishes to disclose certain information to Business Associate (BA) pursuant to the terms of the Contract, which may include Protected Health Information (PHI); and

**WHEREAS**, CE and BA intend to protect the privacy and provide for the security of the PHI disclosed to BA pursuant to the Contract in compliance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, Public Law 104-191 (HIPAA), the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act, Public Law 111-005 (HITECH Act), their implementing regulations, and other applicable laws; and

**WHEREAS**, The Privacy Rule and the Security Rule require CE to enter into a contract containing specific requirements with BA prior to the disclosure of PHI, as set forth in, but not limited to, Title 45, sections 164.314, subdivision (a), 164.502, subdivision (e), and 164.504, subdivision (e) of the Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) and contained in this Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, Pursuant to HIPAA and the HITECH Act, BA shall fulfill the responsibilities of this Agreement by being in compliance with the applicable provisions of the HIPAA Standards for Privacy of PHI set forth at 45 C.F.R. sections 164.308 (Administrative Safeguards), 164.310 (Physical Safeguards), 164.312 (Technical Safeguards), 164.316 (Policies and Procedures and Documentation Requirements), and, 164.400, et seq. and 42 United States Code (U.S.C.) section 17932 (Breach Notification Rule), in the same manner as they apply to a CE under HIPAA;

**NOW THEREFORE**, in consideration of the mutual promises below and the exchange of information pursuant to this Agreement, the parties agree as follows:

**A. Definitions**

Unless otherwise specified herein, capitalized terms used in this Agreement shall have the same meanings as given in the Privacy Rule, the Security Rule, the Breach Notification Rule, and HITECH Act, as and when amended from time to time.

1. Breach shall have the same meaning given to such term under the HIPAA Regulations [45 C.F.R. §164.402] and the HITECH Act [42 U.S.C. §§17921 et seq.], and as further described in California Civil Code section 1798.82.
2. Business Associate (BA) shall have the same meaning given to such term under the Privacy Rule, the Security Rule, and the HITECH Act, including but not limited to 42 U.S.C. section 17921 and 45 C.F.R. section 160.103.
3. Covered Entity (CE) shall have the same meaning given to such term as under the Privacy Rule and Security Rule, including, but not limited to 45 C.F.R. section 160.103.
4. Designated Record Set shall have the same meaning given to such term under 45 C.F.R. section 164.501.
5. Electronic Protected Health Information (ePHI) means PHI that is maintained in or transmitted by electronic media as defined in the Security Rule, 45 C.F.R. section 164.103.
6. Individual shall have the same meaning given to such term under 45 C.F.R. section 160.103.
7. Privacy Rule means the regulations promulgated under HIPAA by the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to protect the privacy of Protected Health Information, including, but not limited to, 45 C.F.R. Parts 160 and 164, subparts A and E.

8. Protected Health Information (PHI) shall have the same meaning given to such term under 45 C.F.R. section 160.103, limited to the information received from, or created or received by Business Associate from or on behalf of, CE.
9. Security Rule means the regulations promulgated under HIPAA by HHS to protect the security of ePHI, including, but not limited to, 45 C.F.R. Part 160 and 45 C.F.R. Part 164, subparts A and C.
10. Unsecured PHI shall have the same meaning given to such term under the HITECH Act and any guidance issued pursuant to such Act, including, but not limited to 42 U.S.C. section 17932, subdivision (h).

## **B. Obligations and Activities of BA**

### **1. Permitted Uses and Disclosures**

BA may disclose PHI: (i) for the proper management and administration of BA; (ii) to carry out the legal responsibilities of BA; (iii) for purposes of Treatment, Payment and Operations (TPO); (iv) as required by law; or (v) for Data Aggregation purposes for the Health Care Operations of CE. Prior to making any other disclosures, BA must obtain a written authorization from the Individual.

If BA discloses PHI to a third party, BA must obtain, prior to making any such disclosure, (i) reasonable written assurances from such third party that such PHI will be held confidential as provided pursuant to this Agreement and only disclosed as required by law or for the purposes for which it was disclosed to such third party, and (ii) a written agreement from such third party to immediately notify BA of any breaches of confidentiality of the PHI, to the extent it has obtained knowledge of such breach. [42 U.S.C. section 17932; 45 C.F.R. sections 164.504(e)(2)(i), 164.504(e)(2)(i)(B), 164.504(e)(2)(ii)(A) and 164.504(e)(4)(ii)]

### **2. Prohibited Uses and Disclosures**

- i. BA shall not use, access or further disclose PHI other than as permitted or required by this Agreement and as specified in the attached Contract or as required by law. Further, BA shall not use PHI in any manner that would constitute a violation of the Privacy Rule or the HITECH Act. BA shall disclose to its employees, subcontractors, agents, or other third parties, and request from CE, only the minimum PHI necessary to perform or fulfill a specific function required or permitted hereunder.
- ii. BA shall not use or disclose PHI for fundraising or marketing purposes.
- iii. BA shall not disclose PHI to a health plan for payment or health care operations purposes if the patient has requested this special restriction, and has paid out of pocket in full for the health care item or service to which the PHI solely relates. (42 U.S.C. section 17935(a) and 45 C.F.R. section 164.522(a)(1)(i)(A).)
- iv. BA shall not directly or indirectly receive remuneration in exchange for PHI, except with the prior written consent of CE and as permitted by the HITECH Act (42 U.S.C. section 17935(d)(2); and 45 C.F.R. section 164.508); however, this prohibition shall not affect payment by CE to BA for services provided pursuant to this Agreement.

### **3. Appropriate Safeguards**

- i. BA shall implement appropriate safeguards to prevent the unauthorized use or disclosure of PHI, including, but not limited to, administrative, physical and technical safeguards that reasonably protect the confidentiality, integrity and availability of the PHI BA creates, receives, maintains, or transmits on behalf of the CE, in accordance with 45 C.F.R. sections 164.308, 164.310, 164.312 and 164.316. [45 C.F.R. sections 164.504(e)(2)(ii)(b) and 164.308(b).]
- ii. In accordance with 45 C.F.R. section 164.316, BA shall maintain reasonable and appropriate written policies and procedures for its privacy and security program in order to comply with the standards, implementation specifications, or any other requirements of the Privacy Rule and applicable provisions of the Security Rule.

- iii. BA shall provide appropriate training for its workforce on the requirements of the Privacy Rule and Security Rule as those regulations affect the proper handling, use confidentiality and disclosure of the CE's PHI.

Such training will include specific guidance relating to sanctions against workforce members who fail to comply with privacy and security policies and procedures and the obligations of the BA under this Agreement.

#### 4. Subcontractor

BA shall enter into written agreements with agents and Subcontractor to whom BA provides CE's PHI that impose the same restrictions and conditions on such agents and Subcontractor that apply to BA with respect to such PHI, and that require compliance with all appropriate safeguards as found in this Agreement.

#### 5. Reporting of Improper Access, Use or Disclosure or Breach

Every suspected and actual Breach shall be reported immediately, but no later than one (1) business day upon discovery, to CE's Office of Compliance, consistent with the regulations under HITECH Act. Upon discovery of a Breach or suspected Breach, BA shall complete the following actions:

- i. Provide CE's Office of Compliance with the following information to include but not limited to:
  - a) Date the Breach or suspected Breach occurred;
  - b) Date the Breach or suspected Breach was discovered;
  - c) Number of staff, employees, Subcontractor, agents or other third parties and the names and titles of each person allegedly involved;
  - d) Number of potentially affected Individual(s) with contact information; and
  - e) Description of how the Breach or suspected Breach allegedly occurred.
- ii. Conduct and document a risk assessment by investigating without unreasonable delay and in no case later than five (5) calendar days of discovery of the Breach or suspected Breach to determine the following:
  - a) The nature and extent of the PHI involved, including the types of identifiers and likelihood of re-identification;
  - b) The unauthorized person who had access to the PHI;
  - c) Whether the PHI was actually acquired or viewed; and
  - d) The extent to which the risk to PHI has been mitigated.
- iii. Provide a completed risk assessment and investigation documentation to CE's Office of Compliance within ten (10) calendar days of discovery of the Breach or suspected Breach with a determination as to whether a Breach has occurred. At the discretion of CE, additional information may be requested.
  - a) If BA and CE agree that a Breach has not occurred, notification to Individual(s) is not required.
  - b) If a Breach has occurred, notification to the Individual(s) is required and BA must provide CE with affected Individual(s) name and contact information so that CE can provide notification.
- iv. Make available to CE and governing State and Federal agencies in a time and manner designated by CE or governing State and Federal agencies, any policies, procedures, internal practices and records relating to a Breach or suspected Breach for the purposes of audit or should the CE reserve the right to conduct its own investigation and analysis.

#### 6. Access to PHI

To the extent BA maintains a Designated Record Set on behalf of CE, BA shall make PHI maintained by BA or its agents or subcontractors in Designated Record Sets available to CE for inspection and copying within ten (10) days of a request by CE to enable CE to fulfill its obligations under the Privacy Rule. If BA maintains ePHI, BA shall provide such information in electronic format to enable CE to fulfill

its obligations under the HITECH Act. If BA receives a request from an Individual for access to PHI, BA shall immediately forward such request to CE.

#### 7. Amendment of PHI

If BA maintains a Designated Record Set on behalf of the CE, BA shall make any amendment(s) to PHI in a Designated Record Set that the CE directs or agrees to, pursuant to 45 C.F.R. section 164.526, or take other measures as necessary to satisfy CE's obligations under 45 C.F.R. section 164.526, in the time and manner designated by the CE.

#### 8. Access to Records

BA shall make internal practices, books, and records, including policies and procedures, relating to the use, access and disclosure of PHI received from, or created or received by BA on behalf of, CE available to the Secretary of HHS, in a time and manner designated by the Secretary, for purposes of the Secretary determining CE's compliance with the Privacy Rule and Security Rule and patient confidentiality regulations. Any documentation provided to the Secretary shall also be provided to the CE upon request.

#### 9. Accounting for Disclosures

BA, its agents and subcontractors shall document disclosures of PHI and information related to such disclosures as required by HIPAA. This requirement does not apply to disclosures made for purposes of TPO. BA shall provide an accounting of disclosures to CE or an Individual, in the time and manner designated by the CE. BA agrees to implement a process that allows for an accounting to be collected and maintained by BA and its agents or subcontractors for at least six (6) years prior to the request. At a minimum, the information collected and maintained shall include: (i) the date of disclosure; (ii) the name of the entity or person who received PHI and, if known, the address of the entity or person; (iii) a brief description of PHI disclosed; and (iv) a brief statement of purpose of the disclosure that reasonably informs the individual of the basis for the disclosure, or a copy of the Individual's authorization, or a copy of the written request for disclosure.

#### 10. Termination

CE may immediately terminate this agreement, and any related agreements, if CE determines that BA has breached a material term of this agreement. CE may, at its sole discretion, provide BA an opportunity to cure the breach or end the violation within the time specified by the CE.

#### 11. Return of PHI

Upon termination of this Agreement, BA shall return all PHI required to be retained by the BA or its subcontractors, employees or agents on behalf of the CE. In the event the BA determines that returning the PHI is not feasible, the BA shall provide the CE with written notification of the conditions that make return not feasible. Additionally, the BA must follow established policies and procedures to ensure PHI is safeguarded and disposed of adequately in accordance with 45 C.F.R. section 164.310, and must submit to the CE a certification of destruction of PHI. For destruction of ePHI, the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) guidelines must be followed. BA further agrees to extend any and all protections, limitations, and restrictions contained in this Agreement, to any PHI retained by BA or its subcontractors, employees or agents after the termination of this Agreement, and to limit any further use, access or disclosures.

#### 12. Breach by the CE

Pursuant to 42 U.S.C. section 17934, subdivision (b), if the BA is aware of any activity or practice by the CE that constitutes a material Breach or violation of the CE's obligations under this Agreement, the BA must take reasonable steps to address the Breach and/or end eliminate the continued violation, if the BA has the capability of mitigating said violation. If the BA is unsuccessful in eliminating the violation and the CE continues with non-compliant activity, the BA must terminate the Agreement (if feasible) and report the violation to the Secretary of HHS.

#### 13. Mitigation

BA shall have procedures in place to mitigate, to the extent practicable, any harmful effect that is known to BA of a use, access or disclosure of PHI by BA, its agents or subcontractors in violation of the requirements of this Agreement.

#### 14. Costs Associated to Breach

BA shall be responsible for reasonable costs associated with a Breach. Costs shall be based upon the required notification type as deemed appropriate and necessary by the CE and shall not be reimbursable under the Agreement at any time. CE shall determine the method to invoice the BA for said costs. Costs shall incur at the current rates and may include, but are not limited to the following:

- Postage;
- Alternative means of notice;
- Media notification; and
- Credit monitoring services.

#### 15. Direct Liability

BA may be held directly liable under HIPAA for impermissible uses and disclosures of PHI; failure to provide breach notification to CE; failure to provide access to a copy of ePHI to CE or individual; failure to disclose PHI to the Secretary of HHS when investigating BA's compliance with HIPAA; failure to provide an accounting of disclosures; and, failure to enter into a business associate agreement with subcontractors.

#### 16. Indemnification

BA agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless CE and its authorized officers, employees, agents and volunteers from any and all claims, actions, losses, damages, penalties, injuries, costs and expenses (including costs for reasonable attorney fees) that are caused by or result from the acts or omissions of BA, its officers, employees, agents and subcontractors, with respect to the use, access, maintenance or disclosure of CE's PHI, including without limitation, any Breach of PHI or any expenses incurred by CE in providing required Breach notifications.

#### 17. Judicial or Administrative Proceedings

CE may terminate the Contract, effective immediately, if (i) BA is named as a defendant in a criminal proceeding for a violation of HIPAA, the HITECH Act, the Privacy Rule, Security Rule or other security or privacy laws or (ii) a finding or stipulation is made in any administrative or civil proceeding in which the BA has been joined that the BA has violated any standard or requirement of HIPAA, the HITECH Act, the Privacy Rule, Security Rule or other security or privacy laws.

#### 18. Insurance

In addition to any general and/or professional liability insurance coverage required of BA under the Contract for services, BA shall provide appropriate liability insurance coverage during the term of this Agreement to cover any and all claims, causes of action, and demands whatsoever made for loss, damage, or injury to any person arising from the breach of the security, privacy, or confidentiality obligations of BA, its agents or employees, under this Agreement and under HIPAA 45 C.F.R. Parts 160 and 164, Subparts A and E.

#### 19. Assistance in Litigation or Administrative Proceedings

BA shall make itself, and any subcontractors, employees, or agents assisting BA in the performance of its obligations under the Agreement, available to CE, at no cost to CE, to testify as witnesses, or otherwise, in the event of litigation or administrative proceedings being commenced against CE, its directors, officers, or employees based upon a claimed violation of HIPAA, the HITECH Act, the Privacy Rule, the Security Rule, or other laws relating to security and privacy, except where BA or its subcontractor, employee or agent is a named adverse party.

### **C. Obligations of CE**

1. CE shall notify BA of any of the following, to the extent that such may affect BA's use, access, maintenance or disclosure of PHI:

- i. Any limitation(s) in CE's notice of privacy practices in accordance with 45 C.F.R. section 164.520.
- ii. Any changes in, or revocation of, permission by an individual to use, access or disclose PHI.
- iii. Any restriction to the use, access or disclosure of PHI that CE has agreed to in accordance with 45 C.F.R. section 164.522.

#### **D. General Provisions**

##### **1. Remedies**

BA agrees that CE shall be entitled to seek immediate injunctive relief as well as to exercise all other rights and remedies which CE may have at law or in equity in the event of an unauthorized use, access or disclosure of PHI by BA or any agent or subcontractor of BA that received PHI from BA.

##### **2. Ownership**

The PHI shall be and remain the property of the CE. BA agrees that it acquires no title or rights to the PHI.

##### **3. Regulatory References**

A reference in this Agreement to a section in the Privacy Rule and Security Rule and patient confidentiality regulations means the section as in effect or as amended.

##### **4. No Third-Party Beneficiaries**

Nothing express or implied in the Contract or this Agreement is intended to confer, nor shall anything herein confer, upon any person other than CE, BA and their respective successors or assigns, any rights, remedies, obligations or liabilities whatsoever.

##### **5. Amendment**

The parties acknowledge that state and federal laws related to privacy and security of PHI are rapidly evolving and that amendment of the Contract or this Agreement may be required to ensure compliance with such developments. The parties shall negotiate in good faith to amend this Agreement when and as necessary to comply with applicable laws. If either party does not agree to so amend this Agreement within 30 days after receiving a request for amendment from the other, either party may terminate the Agreement upon written notice. To the extent an amendment to this Agreement is required by law and this Agreement has not been so amended to comply with the applicable law in a timely manner, the amendment required by law shall be deemed to be incorporated into this Agreement automatically and without further action required by either of the parties. Subject to the foregoing, this Agreement may not be modified, nor shall any provision hereof be waived or amended, except in a writing duly signed and agreed to by BA and CE.

##### **6. Interpretation**

Any ambiguity in this Agreement shall be resolved to permit CE to comply with the Privacy and Security Rules, the HITECH Act, and all applicable patient confidentiality regulations.

##### **7. Compliance with State Law**

In addition to HIPAA and all applicable HIPAA Regulations, BA acknowledges that BA and CE may have confidentiality and privacy obligations under State law, including, but not limited to, the California Confidentiality of Medical Information Act (Cal. Civil Code §56, et seq. ("CMIA")). If any provisions of this Agreement or HIPAA Regulations or the HITECH Act conflict with CMIA or any other California State law regarding the degree of protection provided for PHI and patient medical records, then BA shall comply with the more restrictive requirements.

##### **8. Survival**

The respective rights and obligations and rights of CE and BA relating to protecting the confidentiality or a patient's PHI shall survive the termination of the Contract or this Agreement.



## ATTACHMENT D

### Campaign Contribution Disclosure (SB 1439)

#### **DEFINITIONS**

**Actively supporting the matter:** (a) Communicate directly with a member of the Board of Supervisors or other County elected officer [Sheriff, Assessor-Recorder-Clerk, District Attorney, Auditor-Controller/Treasurer/Tax Collector] for the purpose of influencing the decision on the matter; or (b) testifies or makes an oral statement before the County in a proceeding on the matter for the purpose of influencing the County's decision on the matter; or (c) communicates with County employees, for the purpose of influencing the County's decision on the matter; or (d) when the person/company's agent lobbies in person, testifies in person or otherwise communicates with the Board or County employees for purposes of influencing the County's decision in a matter.

**Agent:** A third-party individual or firm who, for compensation, is representing a party or a participant in the matter submitted to the Board of Supervisors. If an agent is an employee or member of a third-party law, architectural, engineering or consulting firm, or a similar entity, both the entity and the individual are considered agents.

**Otherwise related entity:** An otherwise related entity is any for-profit organization/company which does not have a parent-subsidary relationship but meets one of the following criteria:

- (1) One business entity has a controlling ownership interest in the other business entity;
- (2) there is shared management and control between the entities; or
- (3) a controlling owner (50% or greater interest as a shareholder or as a general partner) in one entity also is a controlling owner in the other entity.

For purposes of (2), "shared management and control" can be found when the same person or substantially the same persons own and manage the two entities; there are common or commingled funds or assets; the business entities share the use of the same offices or employees, or otherwise share activities, resources or personnel on a regular basis; or there is otherwise a regular and close working relationship between the entities.

**Parent-Subsidiary Relationship:** A parent-subsidiary relationship exists when one corporation has more than 50 percent of the voting power of another corporation.

**Consultants must respond to the questions on the following page. If a question does not apply respond N/A or Not Applicable.**

1. Name of Consultant: Black and Rose, LLP
2. Is the entity listed in Question No.1 a nonprofit organization under Internal Revenue Code section 501(c)(3)?  
 Yes  If yes, skip Question Nos. 3-4 and go to Question No. 5      No
3. Name of Principal (i.e., CEO/President) of entity listed in Question No. 1, if the individual actively supports the matter and has a financial interest in the decision: Jim Black and Brent Rose
4. If the entity identified in Question No.1 is a corporation held by 35 or less shareholders, and not publicly traded ("closed corporation"), identify the major shareholder(s):  
NA
5. Name of any parent, subsidiary, or otherwise related entity for the entity listed in Question No. 1 (see definitions above):

Company Name	Relationship
NA	

6. Name of agent(s) of Consultant:

Company Name	Agent(s)	Date Agent Retained (if less than 12 months prior)
NA		

7. Name of Subcontractor(s) (including Principal and Agent(s)) that will be providing services/work under the awarded contract if the subcontractor (1) actively supports the matter and (2) has a financial interest in the decision and (3) will be possibly identified in the contract with the County or board governed special district.

Company Name	Subcontractor(s):	Principal and/or Agent(s):
NA		

8. Name of any known individuals/companies who are not listed in Questions 1-7, but who may (1) actively support or oppose the matter submitted to the Board and (2) have a financial interest in the outcome of the decision:

Company Name	Individual(s) Name
NA	

9. Was a campaign contribution, of more than \$250, made to any member of the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors or other County elected officer within the prior 12 months, by any of the individuals or entities listed in Question Nos. 1-8?

No  If **no**, please skip Question No. 10.

Yes  If **yes**, please continue to complete this form.

10. Name of Board of Supervisor Member or other County elected officer: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Contributor: \_\_\_\_\_

Date(s) of Contribution(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Amount(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Please add an additional sheet(s) to identify additional Board Members or other County elected officers to whom anyone listed made campaign contributions.

By signing the Contract, Consultant certifies that the statements made herein are true and correct. Consultant understands that the individuals and entities listed in Question Nos. 1-8 are prohibited from making campaign contributions of more than \$250 to any member of the Board of Supervisors or other County elected officer while award of this Contract is being considered and for 12 months after a final decision by the County.