



Contract Number

24-1244

SAP Number

County Administrative Office

Department Contract Representative	Matthew Erickson
Telephone Number	(909) 387-5423
Contractor	Michael Hernandez (hereinafter called "Contractor")
Contractor Representative	
Telephone Number	On File
Contract Term	12/28/2024-12/31/2026, with one-year option
Original Contract Amount	
Amendment Amount	
Total Contract Amount	
Cost Center	1100001078
Grant Number (if applicable)	

IT IS HEREBY AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, County desires to obtain the services of Michael Hernandez (CONTRACTOR) on the terms and conditions set forth in this Contract, and

WHEREAS, CONTRACTOR has the skills and knowledge necessary to provide services for the County;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of mutual covenants and conditions, the parties agree as follows:

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I. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF CONTRACTOR

CONTRACTOR shall be employed as an American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Compliance Analyst for San Bernardino County. CONTRACTOR shall have the following duties:

- A. Prepare, review, and/or audit budget and accounting transactions in connection with ARPA.
- B. Monitor and forecast the financial position and cash flows for the ARPA Fund.
- C. Evaluate ARPA reporting requirements and prepare various financial, statistical, and fiscal reports for both internal and external reporting purposes.
- D. Review and analyze projects for the use of ARPA in compliance with relevant rules including, but are not limited to, the allowable activities and costs as outlined in the United States Department of Treasury's Interim Final Rule as well as 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart E – Cost Principles.
- E. Work as a liaison with ARPA project participants and stakeholders to provide guidance on matters relevant to accounting, reporting, finance, and compliance.
- F. Evaluate relevant rules including professional accounting standards that govern the eligible use of ARPA to develop the County policy and procedures, as deemed necessary.
- G. Lead or perform subrecipient monitoring activities in accordance with 2 CFR Part 200 (Uniform Guidance).
- H. Provide staff training with regards to the eligible and restricted use of ARPA.
- I. Perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Appointing Authority, or designee.

II. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

As a condition of employment, CONTRACTOR does hereby agree to follow and uphold the Conflict of Interest policy of the County's Personnel Rules as follows:

No official or employee shall engage in any business or transaction or shall have a financial or other personal interest or association, direct or indirect, which is in conflict with the proper discharge of official duties or would tend to impair independence of judgment or action in the performance of official duties. Personal as distinguished from financial interest includes an interest arising from blood or marriage relationships, or close business, personal or political associations. This section shall not serve to prohibit independent acts or other forms of enterprise during those hours not covered by active County employment providing such acts do not constitute a conflict of interest as defined herein. CONTRACTOR is also subject to the provision of California Government Code Sections 1090, 1126, 87100, and any other conflict of interest code applicable to County employment.

III. CODE OF CONDUCT

As a condition of employment, CONTRACTOR does hereby agree to follow County policies, procedures, and standard practices, as well as the applicable Code of Conduct.

IV. TERM

This Contract shall be effective December 28, 2024, and shall remain in effect until December 31, 2026 subject to the termination provisions of this Section. The Chief Executive Officer of San Bernardino County or the County Chief Financial Officer is authorized to execute an amendment to this Contract to extend the term for one successive one-year period, subject to the termination provisions of this Section. These effective dates are qualified: if all of the requirements of Item E of Section VI are not successfully completed, this Contract shall be terminated immediately. Notwithstanding the foregoing, either party may terminate this Contract at any time without cause with a fourteen (14) day prior written notice to the other party. This Contract may be terminated for just cause immediately by the County. CONTRACTOR shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority, the Chief Executive Officer of San Bernardino County, who shall have the full authority and discretion to exercise County rights under this Section.

V. COMPENSATION OF CONTRACTOR

Upon the effective date of this Contract, CONTRACTOR shall be considered a contract employee in the Unclassified Service. CONTRACTOR shall receive only the benefits and compensation specifically set forth in this Contract. Any compensation and/or benefits provided for in this Contract based on compensation and/or benefits provided for in the San Bernardino County Exempt Group Working Conditions Ordinance (County Code section 13.0613) shall be adjusted in accordance with any future change to the San Bernardino County Exempt Group Working Conditions Ordinance. Any benefits provided under this Contract based on the San Bernardino County Exempt Group Working Conditions Ordinance shall be at a level for employees in Exempt Group C, unless otherwise specified in this contract. This Contract provides for the full compensation to CONTRACTOR for the services required hereunder. If CONTRACTOR is a current contract employee, this Contract supersedes any prior contract and continues CONTRACTOR's employment.

A. SALARY RATE

CONTRACTOR shall be compensated for services at a rate of \$55.98 per hour, which is equivalent to Step 5 of Range 73C of the current Exempt salary schedule. CONTRACTOR shall be eligible to receive step increases beginning of the pay period following completion of 1,040 service hours in the same manner as employees in the Exempt Group,.

CONTRACTOR shall be eligible to receive salary adjustments, including across-the-board adjustments, in the same amount and at the same time as employees in the Exempt Group. Payment for services shall be made bi-weekly in accordance with procedures established by the County Auditor-Controller/Treasurer/Tax Collector.

B. OVERTIME

CONTRACTOR is in a position not covered by the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) and is not eligible to receive overtime compensation under the FLSA.

C. LEAVE PROVISIONS

CONTRACTOR is eligible to receive and utilize all leaves pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth in the San Bernardino County Exempt Group Working Conditions Ordinance.

Refer to Item R of this Section V for processing of leave balances upon termination of this Contract.

D. MEDICAL AND DENTAL COVERAGE

CONTRACTOR must enroll in a medical and dental plan offered by the County, unless enrolled in other comparable employer sponsored coverage. If eligible, CONTRACTOR shall receive the Medical Premium Subsidy (MPS) and Dental Premium Subsidy (DPS) to offset the cost of medical and dental plan premiums charged to CONTRACTOR pursuant to the terms and conditions for employees in the Exempt Group. The applicable MPS shall be paid directly to the provider of the County-sponsored medical plan in which the eligible CONTRACTOR has enrolled. In no case shall the MPS exceed the total cost of the medical insurance premium for the coverage selected (e.g., when the MPS amounts exceed the lowest HMO cost).

CONTRACTOR shall not receive Flex Dollars if CONTRACTOR chooses to "opt-out" or "waive" from the County-sponsored health plans.

E. VISION CARE INSURANCE

Subject to carrier requirements, the County shall pay the premiums in the same manner as employees in the Exempt Group for vision care insurance if CONTRACTOR is in paid status and in a position scheduled for at least forty-one (41) hours per pay period.

F. EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT

CONTRACTOR shall be eligible for expense reimbursement pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth in the San Bernardino County Exempt Group Working Conditions Ordinance.

G. RETIREMENT PLAN

If CONTRACTOR is regularly scheduled for and regularly works a minimum of 40 hours per pay period, CONTRACTOR shall participate in the County's general retirement system, i.e., San Bernardino County Employees Retirement Association (SBCERA), during the term of this contract pursuant to the Exempt Group Working Conditions Ordinance as modified by, and in accordance with, the applicable terms of the County Employee Retirement Law of 1937, the California Public Employees' Pension Reform Act of 2013 (Gov't Code section 7522 et seq.), and the By-Laws and other requirements of the San Bernardino County Employees' Retirement Association.

If CONTRACTOR regularly works less than 40 hours per pay period, or otherwise does not meet the definition of a member of the retirement system, and is not a participant in the County's 401(k) plan, CONTRACTOR shall instead participate in the County's PST Deferred Compensation Retirement Plan.

If CONTRACTOR is first hired at age 60 or over, CONTRACTOR may choose not to become a member of the SBCERA at the time of hire, pursuant to the terms and conditions San Bernardino County Exempt Group Working Conditions Ordinance. If CONTRACTOR chooses not to become a member of SBCERA based on the condition described in this subparagraph of Item G, CONTRACTOR shall be enrolled in the County's 401(k) plan pursuant to the terms and conditions of the San Bernardino County Exempt Group Working Conditions Ordinance.

H. SALARY SAVINGS PLAN

CONTRACTOR shall be eligible to participate in the County's 401(k) and 457(b) Salary Savings Plans as per the Plan documents and pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth in the San Bernardino County Exempt Group Working Conditions Ordinance.

I. COUNTY RETIREMENT MEDICAL TRUST ("Trust")

Upon meeting eligibility requirements, CONTRACTOR shall participate in the Trust during the term of this Contract pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth in the San Bernardino County Exempt Group Working Conditions Ordinance.

J. LIFE INSURANCE

The County shall pay premiums for a term life insurance policy for CONTRACTOR in the same manner and amount as employees in the Exempt Group. County-paid life insurance will become effective and continue for each pay period in which CONTRACTOR is in paid status. For pay periods in which CONTRACTOR is not in paid status, CONTRACTOR shall have the option of continuing life insurance coverage at CONTRACTOR's expense.

K. ACCIDENTAL DEATH AND DISMEMBERMENT

CONTRACTOR shall be eligible to purchase Accidental Death and Dismemberment insurance coverage and additional supplemental term life insurance in the same manner and amount as offered by the County to employees in the Exempt Group.

L. DEPENDENT CARE ASSISTANCE PLAN (DCAP) AND FLEXIBLE SPENDING ACCOUNT (FSA) PLAN FOR MEDICAL EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT

CONTRACTOR shall be eligible to participate in the County's DCAP and FSA Plans and receive any applicable County contributions to the FSA Plan pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth in the San Bernardino County Exempt Group Working Conditions Ordinance.

M. SHORT-TERM DISABILITY

CONTRACTOR shall be eligible to receive the same Short-Term Disability insurance benefits as per the Plan documents and pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth in the San Bernardino County Exempt Group Working Conditions Ordinance.

N. LONG-TERM DISABILITY

CONTRACTOR shall be eligible to receive Long-Term Disability insurance benefits as per the Plan documents and pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth in the San Bernardino County Exempt Group Working Conditions Ordinance.

O. LEGALLY REQUIRED BENEFITS

CONTRACTOR shall receive all benefits as required by law when eligible (e.g., FMLA, Military Leave, Time Off for Voting, and Medicare). Where the County provides a greater benefit than is required by law, CONTRACTOR shall only receive the minimum benefit in accordance with the law, unless the greater benefit is specifically provided for in another provision of this Contract.

P. OTHER BENEFITS

CONTRACTOR shall be eligible for the following additional benefits, based on the San Bernardino County Exempt Group Working Conditions Ordinance at a level for employees in Exempt Group C.

- a. Tuition Reimbursement
- b. Employee Wellness/Fitness Center Membership
- c. Certified Public Accountant Stipend

Q. SERVICE AND EFFECT ON BENEFITS

CONTRACTOR was a County Contract employee immediately prior to entering into this Contract, without separation from County employment. Execution of this Contract shall not result in separation in County employment for purposes of determining eligibility for and level of benefits, including, but not limited to, health benefits, leave accrual rates, and retirement benefits. Thus CONTRACTOR's rate for leave accruals is based on the start date of the period of continuous County employment that is extended by this Contract. CONTRACTOR shall maintain and carry forward Holiday, Vacation, other paid leave, and Sick Leave balances. CONTRACTOR's retirement contribution rate is based on the date CONTRACTOR began participation in the County's general employee retirement system.

R. BENEFITS UPON TERMINATION OF CONTRACT

Contractor Separated from County Service

Upon separation from County employment, CONTRACTOR shall be compensated for any unused Administrative, Vacation and Holiday Leave or other paid leave identified in the San Bernardino County Exempt Group Working Conditions Ordinance at the then base rate of pay. CONTRACTOR will be eligible to convert the cash value of unused Sick Leave to the Retirement Medical Trust Fund in the same manner and amount as the County's Exempt employees if eligibility requirements are met (See Section V, Item I, above). If eligibility requirements are not met at the time of separation, unused Sick leave shall be forfeited.

Contractor to Regular County Employment

In the event this Contract is terminated because CONTRACTOR is appointed to a regular position without a separation from County employment, type and level of benefits including, but not limited to, retirement system contributions (if applicable) and health benefits shall be based upon the provisions of the MOU or ordinance in effect at the time CONTRACTOR is appointed to a regular position. Hours worked as a County contract employee shall count towards service hours for leave accrual rates.

At the sole discretion of the appointing authority of the County department or office in which appointment to the regular position is made, unused leave balances may be maintained and carried over. Employees may only carry over leave balances that they would otherwise be eligible for in accordance with the applicable MOU or ordinance for the bargaining unit associated with the position hired into. Any leave balances not authorized to be carried over will distributed as outlined in "CONTRACTOR Separated from County Service," above.

Contractor to New Contract Position

In the event the CONTRACTOR accepts another contract position with the County without a break in service, at the sole discretion of the appointing authority of the County department or office in which appointment to the new contract position is made, unused leave balances may be maintained and carried over. CONTRACTOR may only carry over leave balances that they would otherwise be eligible for in accordance with the applicable MOU or ordinance for the bargaining unit associated with the position hired into. Any leave balances not authorized to be carried over will distributed as outlined in "Contractor Separated from County Service," above.

VI. GENERAL PROVISIONS RELATING TO CONTRACTOR

A. TOUR OF DUTY

CONTRACTOR's standard tour of duty (regularly scheduled work week) shall be established by the Chief Executive Officer of San Bernardino County, or designee. The Chief Executive Officer of San Bernardino County, or designee, may modify or change the number of hours in a standard day, tour of duty or shift to meet the needs of the service. CONTRACTOR shall be required to work during such hours as necessary to carry out the duties of his position, as designated by the Chief Executive Officer, and such hours may be varied so long as the work requirements and efficient operations of the County are assured.

B. CLASSIFICATION

CONTRACTOR will not attain regular status in this position, and as an unclassified employee, will not be provided those rights under the San Bernardino County Personnel Rules afforded only to employees who have attained regular status. This Contract does not expand or alter any jurisdiction established by the Personnel Rules or any MOU or ordinance. CONTRACTOR shall adhere to the County's and Department's standards of employee conduct, including all applicable rules, policies, and regulations. Violation of applicable standards may result in Contract termination or lesser penalties.

C. WORKERS' COMPENSATION AND LIABILITY COVERAGES

CONTRACTOR shall be covered by the County's Workers' Compensation insurance coverage during the hours actually worked under this Contract. CONTRACTOR shall be covered by the County's Public Liability Insurance only while performing services under this Contract. CONTRACTOR shall only receive those benefits as required by law.

D. USE OF PRIVATE VEHICLE

If the services to be performed under this Contract require CONTRACTOR to drive a vehicle, CONTRACTOR must possess a valid California driver's license at all times during the performance of this Contract. CONTRACTOR agrees to allow County to obtain a Department of Motor Vehicles report of CONTRACTOR'S driving record.

In order for CONTRACTOR to be able to use a private vehicle during the performance of this Contract, CONTRACTOR shall be covered by vehicle liability insurance at least equal to the minimum requirements of the California Vehicle Code. Such requirements currently are:

1. Fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) for single injury or death;
2. Thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) for multiple injury or death;
3. Five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for property damage.

Failure to comply with the requirements of this Item D shall be deemed cause for termination of this Contract, pursuant to Section IV.

E. EVIDENCE OF ELIGIBILITY TO WORK

CONTRACTOR shall submit evidence of eligibility to work in the United States and verification of identity within three (3) working days of the effective date of this Contract. CONTRACTOR shall submit to and successfully complete a background check.

- F. LICENSURE
CONTRACTOR shall maintain all applicable licenses to provide the services described in this Contract, including a license to practice public accountancy by the California Board of Accountancy, and shall immediately notify the Chief Executive Officer if any license is denied, suspended, restricted, terminated, revoked, or relinquished for any reason, whether voluntary or involuntary.
- G. DIRECT DEPOSIT
CONTRACTOR must make arrangements for the direct deposit of paychecks into the financial institution of their choice via electronic fund transfer.
- H. CONFIDENTIALITY AND COMPLIANCE
CONTRACTOR agrees to keep confidential all department related data, programs, documentation, and all other original materials produced, created by or provided for the County. In addition, upon termination of this contract, CONTRACTOR agrees to return all confidential materials to the Chief Executive Officer or his/her designee. As provided in Section III of this Contract, CONTRACTOR agrees to follow all County policies, procedures, and standard practices, as well as the Code of Conduct. CONTRACTOR shall comply with all applicable laws, rules, regulations, court orders and governmental agency orders.
- I. MISCELLANEOUS
Government Code section 53243.2 requires the following provision be included in this Contract: If this Contract is terminated, any cash settlement related to the termination that CONTRACTOR may receive from the County shall be fully reimbursed to the County if CONTRACTOR is convicted of a crime involving an abuse of his or her office or position, as defined in Section 53243.4.

VII. CONCLUSION

- A. This Contract, consisting of nine (9) pages, is the full and complete document describing services regarding the CONTRACTOR's rights and obligations of the parties, including all covenants, conditions and benefits.
- B. This Contract may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which so executed shall be deemed to be an original, and such counterparts shall together constitute one and the same Contract. The parties shall be entitled to sign and transmit an electronic signature of this Contract (whether by facsimile, PDF or other email transmission), which signature shall be binding on the party whose name is contained therein. Each party providing an electronic signature agrees to promptly execute and deliver to the other party an original signed Contract upon request.

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY

Dawn Rowe

Dawn Rowe, Chair, Board of Supervisors

Dated: DEC 17 2024

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



By _____
Deputy

Michael Hernandez

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

By Michael Hernandez Digitally signed by Michael Hernandez
Date: 2024.12.05 15:26:31 -08'00'

(Authorized signature - sign in blue ink)

Name Michael Hernandez

(Print or type name of person signing contract)

Title American Rescue Plan Act Compliance Analyst

(Print or Type)

Dated: 12/5/24

Address _____

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Approved as to Legal Form

Scott Runyan
Scott Runyan (Dec 6, 2024 17:00 PST)

Scott Runyan, Principal Assistant County Counsel

Date Dec 6, 2024

Reviewed for Contract Compliance

Gina King
Gina King, HR Assistant Director

Date _____

Reviewed/Approved by Department

Date _____