



**Contract Number**

**SAP Number**  
4400018028

## Sheriff/Coroner/Public Administrator

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<b>Contract Term</b>	01/12/2022 – 01/11/2025
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<b>Amendment Amount</b>	-----
<b>Total Contract Amount</b>	\$30,000
<b>Cost Center</b>	4436501000

### IT IS HEREBY AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

**WHEREAS**, San Bernardino County Sheriff/Coroner/Public Administrator (County) desires to designate a Contractor of choice to provide forensic odontology services (Services); and

**WHEREAS**, the County conducted a competitive process to find Cathy A. Law, DDS (Contractor) to provide these Services, and

**WHEREAS**, based upon and in reliance on the representations of Contractor in its response to the County's Request for Proposal, the County finds Contractor qualified to provide forensic odontology Services; and

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

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

#### A. DEFINITIONS

- A.1** ABFO: American Board of Forensic Odontology.
- A.2** Board: The San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors.
- A.3** Contract: The Contract between the County and the Contractor resulting from the award issued

pursuant to a competitive bid for Services.

- A.4** Contractor: Any individual, company, firm, corporation, partnership or other organization to whom a contract award is made by the County.
- A.5** Department: The San Bernardino County Sheriff/Coroner/Public Administrator.
- A.6** MUPS: California Department of Justice, Missing and Unidentified Persons System.
- A.7** Purchasing Agent: The Director of the County Purchasing Department or their designee.
- A.8** Services: The requested Services described in the Contract.
- A.9** Subcontractor: An individual, company, firm, corporation, partnership, or other organization, not in the employment of or owned by Contractor who is performing Services on behalf of Contractor under the Contract or under a separate contract with or on behalf of the Contractor.
- A.10** WinID: A dental computer software that can assist forensic odontologists' human identification efforts.

## **B. CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITIES**

Forensic odontology Services specified herein shall be performed under the direction of the Coroner Division's Commander, or their designee, and shall perform the Services in cooperation with Coroner's staff. Forensic odontology Services shall either meet or exceed the requirements herein:

- B.1** Contractor shall provide forensic odontology Services for the following case types:
  - a. Severely decomposed remains;
  - b. Charred remains;
  - c. Skeletal remains;
  - d. Significantly disfigured or disarticulated remains;
  - e. Unidentified remains wherein other means of scientific identification have failed;
  - f. Unidentified remains wherein dental charting is required by law to be performed;
  - g. Bitemark analysis cases, including human bite mark analysis and identification of human versus animal bite mark determination; and
  - h. Age determination.
- B.2** Contractor shall represent and warrant to the County that they possess the skills, experience, and knowledge necessary to perform under the Contract. Contractor shall perform to the satisfaction of the County and in conformance to and consistent with the highest standards of firms/professionals in the same discipline in the State of California.
- B.3** Contractor shall perform the Services and duties in conformance to, and consistent with, the standards set forth by the ABFO Code of Ethics and Conduct.
- B.4** Contractor shall comply with all State or other licensing requirements. Contractor warrants to the County that they possess all necessary permits, approvals, certificates, waivers and exemptions necessary for performance as required by the laws and regulations of the State of California, San Bernardino County and all other governmental agencies with jurisdiction, and shall maintain these throughout the term of the Contract.
- B.5** Contractor shall review investigative information, notes and/or preliminary findings pertinent to identification of decedent and antemortem dental records in cases referred for forensic odontology examination.
- B.6** Contractor shall perform gross examinations of dental anatomy and record findings; in addition, include any dental work or dentition anomalies.

- B.7** Contractor shall provide notification regarding confirmation of identification or inability to confirm identity on the same date of examination and/or comparison.
- B.8** Contractor shall prepare a written report of examination and comparison, in Microsoft Word (.doc or .docx) or Adobe PDF (.pdf) format, which adequately documents and describes findings. Final, signed reports must be submitted by e-mail within fourteen (14) days of performing examination/comparisons. Reports shall be created on Contractor letterhead, answered in a narrative response, and follow the County's required report information template.
- B.9** Contractor shall report to the Coroner, as needed, when a case is scheduled for an odontology examination. Dependent on the nature of the case, the Contractor shall respond in-person, via telephone, or e-mail.
- B.10** Contractor shall testify in court and provide testimony in depositions, as needed. All costs associated with preparation, interviews, depositions, and court testimony shall be billed to the County according to the rates specified within Attachment A – Cost. Compensation for courtroom testimony will be provided by the District Attorney's Office, or other parties, as requested.
- B.11** All images, including digital copies, are the property of the County. No dissemination or use of these materials are permitted outside of the scope of the Contract without the express written consent of the County. See Section C.46 – Artwork, Proofs, and Negatives for additional information.
- B.12** Chain of Custody - Contractor shall provide a written and legally defensible chain-of-custody procedure that shall be approved by the County. Chain-of-Custody procedure shall include, at minimum, documentation from beginning of examination, examination preparation, examination analysis, confirmation of results, and delivery of examination reports to the County.
- B.13** Contract extension shall be subject to the County's discretion.
- B.14** The County shall have the sole discretion to determine security acceptability of all Contractor's personnel at any time during the contract period. Personnel found to be unacceptable security risks will not be permitted to provide Services:
- B.14.1** Contractor's personnel must complete Live Scan fingerprinting Services at the Sheriff/Coroner/Public Administrator's Headquarters located at 655 E. Third Street in San Bernardino, California.
- B.14.2** Contractor shall bear the cost and responsibility of performing background checks on any personnel, and/or subcontractors performing work on behalf of the Contractor under a resulting Contract. Personnel and/or subcontractors shall be required to undergo and pass, to the satisfaction of the County, a background investigation as a condition of providing Services.
- B.14.3** Background investigation shall include, but shall not be limited to, criminal conviction information obtained through fingerprints submitted to the California Department of Justice and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.
- B.14.4** All fees associated with said background investigation(s) shall be at the expense of the Contractor, regardless if a member of the Contractor's personnel and/or subcontractor, passes or fails the background investigation.
- B.14.5** The Contractor must retain employee records and fingerprints of all personnel, including subcontractors, for the duration of the resulting contract period. All records

shall be provided to the County within ten (10) business days of Notification of Intent to Award (NOIA).

- B.14.6** The Contractor shall provide a list of individuals who render Services as personnel and/or a subcontractor. Such list shall be updated and provided to the County within five (5) business days upon any change to subcontractors or personnel.
- B.14.7** Upon the Contractor's personnel, subcontractors, or agents failing a background clearance investigation, the County may request that the individual be removed from performing work at any time during a resulting Contract's term.
- B.14.8** Criminal report information is confidential in nature; Contractor's personnel and subcontractors are subject to a non-disclosure agreement.

## **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**

Contractor agrees any alterations, variations, modifications, or waivers of the provisions of the Contract, shall be valid only when reduced to writing, executed and attached to the original Contract and approved by the person(s) authorized to do so on behalf of Contractor and County.

### **C.3 Contract Assignability**

Without the prior written consent of the County, the Contract is not assignable by Contractor either in whole or in part.

### **C.4 Contract Exclusivity**

This is not an exclusive Contract. The County reserves the right to enter into a Contract with other Contractors for the same or similar Services. The County does not guarantee or represent that the Contractor will be permitted to perform any minimum amount of work or receive compensation other than on a per order basis, under the terms of the Contract.

### **C.5 Attorney Fees and Costs**

If any legal action is instituted to enforce any party's rights hereunder, each party shall bear its own costs and attorneys' fees, regardless of who is the prevailing party. This paragraph shall not apply to those costs and attorney fees directly arising from a third-party legal action against a party hereto and payable under the Indemnification and Insurance Requirements.

### **C.6 Background Checks for Contractor Personnel**

Contractor shall ensure that its personnel (a) are authorized to work in the jurisdiction in which they are assigned to perform Services; (b) have not been convicted of a felony, are not proven substance abusers, and do not use legal or illegal substances in any manner which will impact their ability to provide Services to the County; and (c) are not otherwise disqualified from performing the Services under applicable law. If requested by the County and not in violation of applicable law, Contractor shall conduct a background check, at Contractor's sole expense, on all its personnel providing Services. If requested by the County, Contractor shall provide the results of the background check of each individual to verify that the individual meets the County's standards for employment. Such background check shall be in the form generally used by Contractor in its initial hiring of employees or contracting for contractors or, as applicable, during the employment-screening process but must, at a minimum, have been performed within the preceding 90-day period. Contractor personnel who do not meet the County's hiring criteria, in County's sole discretion, shall not be assigned to work on County property or provide Services, and County shall have the right, at its sole option, to refuse access by any Contract personnel to any County facility.

**C.7 Change of Address**

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

**C.8 Choice of Law**

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

**C.9 Compliance with County Policy**

In performing the Services and while at any County facilities, Contractor personnel (including Subcontractors) shall (a) conduct themselves in a businesslike manner; (b) comply with the policies, procedures, and rules of the County regarding health and safety, and personal, professional and ethical conduct; (c) comply with the finance, accounting, banking, Internet, security, and/or other applicable standards, policies, practices, processes, procedures, and controls of the County; and (d) abide by all laws applicable to County facilities and the provision of Services, and all additions and modifications to each of subsections (b), (c), and (d) (collectively, "County Policies"). County Policies, and additions or modifications thereto, may be communicated orally or in writing to Contractor or Contractor personnel or may be made available to Contractor or Contractor personnel by conspicuous posting at a County facility, electronic posting, or other means generally used by County to disseminate such information to its employees or contractors. Contractor shall be responsible for the promulgation and distribution of County Policies to Contractor personnel to the extent necessary and appropriate.

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

**C.10 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. Contractor acknowledges that it is a covered entity and subject to the requirements of HIPAA and HITECH, and their implementing regulations. Contractor agrees to fully comply with the terms of HIPAA and HITECH, and regulations promulgated thereunder, and to ensure any Subcontractors utilized to fulfill Services pursuant to the Contract comply with said provisions. Contractor further agrees to comply with the requirements of all other applicable federal and state laws that pertain to the protection of health information.

**C.11 Primary Point of Contact**

Contractor will designate an individual to serve as the primary point of contact for the Contract. Contractor or designee must respond to County inquiries within two (2) business days. Contractor shall not change the primary contact without written acknowledgement to the County. Contractor will also designate a back-up point of contact in the event the primary contact is not available.

**C.12 Reserved**

**C.13 County Representative**

The Sheriff/Coroner/Public Administrator or his designee shall represent the County in all matters pertaining to the Services to be rendered under the Contract, including termination and assignment of the Contract, and shall be the final authority in all matters pertaining to the Services/Scope of Work by Contractor. If the Contract was initially approved by the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors, then the Board of Supervisors must approve all amendments to the Contract.

**C.14 Damage to County Property**

The Contractor shall repair, or cause to be repaired, at its own cost, all damage to County vehicles, facilities, buildings or grounds caused by the willful or negligent acts of Contractor or

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

If the Contractor fails to make timely repairs, the County may make any necessary repairs. For such repairs, the Contractor, shall repay all costs incurred by the County for such repairs, by cash payment upon demand, or County may deduct such costs from any amounts due to the Contractor from the County, as determined at County's sole discretion.

#### **C. 15 Debarment and Suspension**

The Contractor certifies that neither it, nor its principals or Subcontractors is presently disbarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any federal department or agency. (See the following United States General Services Administration's System for Award Management website <https://www.sam.gov>). Contractor further certifies that if it or any of its Subcontractors are business entities that must be registered with the California Secretary of State, they are registered and in good standing with the Secretary of State.

#### **C.16 Drug and Alcohol-Free Workplace**

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

- C.16.1** Shall not be in any way impaired because of being under the influence of alcohol or an illegal or controlled substance.
- C.16.2** 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.16.3** Shall not sell, offer, or provide alcohol or an illegal or controlled substance to another person, except where Contractor or Contractor's employee who, as part of the performance of normal job duties and responsibilities, prescribes or administers medically prescribed drugs.

The Contractor shall inform all employees that are performing service for the County on County property, or using County equipment, of the County's objective of a safe, healthful and productive 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 the Contract and any other Contract the Contractor has with the County, if the Contractor or Contractor's employees are determined by the County not to be in compliance with above.

#### **C.17 Duration of Terms**

The 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 the Contract.

#### **C.18 Employment Discrimination**

During the term of the Contract, Contractor 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. Contractor shall comply with Executive Orders 11246, 11375, 11625, 12138, 12432, 12250, 13672, Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the California Fair Employment and Housing Act and other applicable Federal, State and County laws and regulations and policies

relating to equal employment and contracting opportunities, including laws and regulations hereafter enacted.

**C.19 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 Contractor to use recycled paper for any printed or photocopied material created as a result of the Contract. Contractor is also required to use both sides of paper sheets for reports submitted to the County whenever practicable.

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

**C.20 Improper Influence**

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

**C.21 Improper Consideration**

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

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

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

**C.22 Informal Dispute Resolution**

In the event the County determines that service is unsatisfactory, or in the event of any other dispute, claim, question or disagreement arising from or relating to the 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.23 Legality and Severability**

The parties' actions under the Contract shall comply with all applicable laws, rules, regulations, court orders and governmental agency orders. The provisions of the 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.24 Licenses, Permits and/or Certifications**

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

**C.25 Material Misstatement/Misrepresentation**

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

**C.26 Mutual Covenants**

The parties to the 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.27 Nondisclosure**

Contractor shall hold as confidential and use reasonable care to prevent unauthorized access by, storage, disclosure, publication, dissemination to and/or use by third parties of, confidential information that is either: (1) provided by the County to Contractor or an agent of Contractor or otherwise made available to Contractor or Contractor’s agent in connection with the Contract; or, (2) acquired, obtained, or learned by Contractor or an agent of Contractor in the performance of the 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.28 Notice of Delays**

Except as otherwise provided herein, when either party has knowledge that any actual or potential situation is delaying or threatens to delay the timely performance of the Contract, that party shall, within twenty-four (24) hours, give notice thereof, including all relevant information with respect thereto, to the other party.

**C.29 Ownership of Documents**

All documents, data, products, graphics, computer programs and reports prepared by Contractor pursuant to the Contract shall be considered property of the County upon payment for Services (and products, if applicable). All such items shall be delivered to County at the completion of work under the Contract.

**C.30 Participation Clause**

The County desires that Municipalities, School Districts, and other Tax Districts within San Bernardino County requiring the same Services provided herein may at their option and through the County Purchasing Agent, avail themselves of the Contract. Upon notice, in writing, the Contractor 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.30.1** Such governmental body does not have and will not have in force any other contract for like purchases.

**C.30.2** 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 Contractor. The County will not be liable for any such purchase made between the Contractor and another governmental body who avails themselves of the Contract.

**C.31 Air, Water Pollution Control, Safety and Health**

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

**C.32 Records**

Contractor shall maintain all records and books pertaining to the delivery of Services under the 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 payments for invoices submitted and/or termination of the Contract.

All records relating to the Contractor's personnel, consultants, Subcontractors, Services/Scope of Work and expenses pertaining to the 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.33 Relationship of the Parties**

Nothing contained in the 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.

**C.34 Release of Information**

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

**C.35 Representation of the County**

In the performance of the Contract, Contractor, its agents and employees, shall act in an independent capacity and not as officers, employees, or agents of the County.

**C.36 Strict Performance**

Failure by a party to insist upon the strict performance of any of the provisions of the 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 the Contract thereafter.

**C.37 Subcontracting**

Contractor agrees not to enter into any subcontracting agreements for work completed under the Contract without first obtaining written approval from the County. Any Subcontractor shall be subject to the same terms and conditions as the Contractor. Contractor shall be fully responsible for the performance and payments of any Subcontractor's Contract.

Contractor shall obtain County's written consent, which County may withhold in its sole discretion, before entering into Contracts with or otherwise engaging any Subcontractors who may supply any part of the Services to County. At County's request, Contractor shall provide information regarding the Subcontractor's qualifications and a listing of a Subcontractor's key personnel including, if requested by the County, resumes of proposed Subcontractor personnel. Contractor shall remain directly responsible to County for its Subcontractors and shall indemnify County for

the actions or omissions of its Subcontractors under the terms and conditions specified in Section G. All approved Subcontractors shall be subject to the provisions of the Contract applicable to Contractor Personnel.

For any Subcontractor, Contractor shall:

**C.37.1** Be responsible for Subcontractor compliance with the Contract and the subcontract terms and conditions; and

**C.37.2** Ensure that the Subcontractor follows County's reporting formats and procedures as specified by County.

**C.37.3** Include in the Subcontractor's subcontract substantially similar terms as are provided in Sections B. Contractor Responsibilities and C. General Contract Requirements.

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

### **C. 38 Subpoena**

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

### **C.39 Termination for Convenience**

The County and the Contractor each reserve the right to terminate the Contract, for any reason, with a thirty (30) day written notice of termination. Such termination may include all or part of the Services described herein. Upon such termination, payment will be made to the Contractor for Services rendered and expenses reasonably incurred prior to the effective date of termination. Upon receipt of termination notice Contractor shall promptly discontinue Services unless the notice directs otherwise. Contractor shall deliver promptly to County and transfer title (if necessary), all completed work, and work in progress, including drafts, documents, plans, forms, data, products, graphics, computer programs and reports.

### **C.40 Time of the Essence**

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

### **C.41 Venue**

The parties acknowledge and agree that the 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 the Contract will be the Superior Court of California, San Bernardino County, 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 the 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, San Bernardino County, San Bernardino District.

### **C.42 Conflict of Interest**

Contractor shall make all reasonable efforts to ensure that no conflict of interest exists between its officers, employees, or Subcontractors and the County. Contractor shall make a reasonable effort to prevent employees, Contractor, or members of governing bodies from using their positions for purposes that are, or give the appearance of being motivated by a desire for private

gain for themselves or others such as those with whom they have family business, or other ties. Officers, employees, and agents of cities, counties, districts, and other local agencies are subject to applicable conflict of interest codes and State law. In the event the County determines a conflict of interest exists, any increase in costs, associated with the conflict of interest, may be disallowed by the County and such conflict may constitute grounds for termination of the Contract. This provision shall not be construed to prohibit employment of persons with whom Contractor's officers, employees, or agents have family, business, or other ties so long as the employment of such persons does not result in increased costs over those associated with the employment of any other equally qualified applicant.

**C.43 Former County Administrative Officials**

Contractor agrees to provide, or has already provided information on former San Bernardino County administrative officials (as defined below) who are employed by or represent Contractor. The information provided includes a list of former County administrative officials who terminated County employment within the last five years and who are now officers, principals, partners, associates or members of the business. The information also includes the employment with or representation of Contractor. For purposes of this provision, "County administrative official" is defined as a member of the Board of Supervisors or such officer's staff, Chief 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.44 Disclosure of Criminal and Civil Procedures**

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

Contractor is required to disclose whether the firm, or any of its partners, principals, members, associates or key employees (as that term is defined herein), within the last ten 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 Contractor will be asked to describe any such indictments or charges (and the status thereof), convictions and the surrounding circumstances in detail.

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

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

**C.45 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 the 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 the Contract shall acknowledge the San Bernardino County as the funding agency and Contractor as the creator of the publication. No such materials, or properties produced in whole or in part under the Contract shall be subject to private use, copyright or patent right by Contractor in the United States or in any other country without the express written consent of County. Copies of all educational and training materials, curricula, audio/visual aids, printer material, and periodicals, assembled pursuant to the Contract must be filed with the County prior to publication.

**C.46 Artwork, Proofs and Negatives**

All artwork, proofs, and/or negatives in either print or digital format for anything produced under the terms of the Contract are the property of the County. These items must be returned to the County within ten (10) calendar days, upon written notification to the Contractor. In the event Contractor fails to return the documents, the County is entitled to pursue any available legal remedies. In addition, the Contractor will be barred from all future solicitations, for a period of at least six (6) months.

**C.47 Iran Contracting Act**

IRAN CONTRACTING ACT OF 2010, Public Contract Code sections 2200 et seq. (Applicable for all Contracts of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) or more). In accordance with Public Contract Code section 2204(a), the Contractor certifies that at the time the Contract is signed, the Contractor signing the Contract is not identified on a list created pursuant to subdivision (b) of Public Contract Code section 2203 as a person (as defined in Public Contract Code section 2202(e)) engaging in investment activities in Iran described in subdivision (a) of Public Contract Code section 2202.5, or as a person described in subdivision (b) of Public Contract Code section 2202.5, as applicable.

Contractors are cautioned that making a false certification may subject the Contractor to civil penalties, termination of 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.48 Reserved**

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**D. TERM OF CONTRACT**

The Contract is effective as of January 12, 2022 and expires January 11, 2025 and may be extended for one (1) additional two-year period, or two (2) additional one-year periods upon written agreement by the County and the Contractor but may be terminated earlier in accordance with provisions of the Contract

**E. Reserved**

**F. FISCAL PROVISIONS**

**F.1** The maximum amount of payment under the Contract shall not exceed \$30,000 and shall be subject to availability of funds to the County. The consideration to be paid to Contractor, as provided herein, shall be in full payment for all Contractor's Services and expenses incurred in the performance hereof, including travel and per diem.

**F.2** Contractor shall provide County itemized monthly invoices, in arrears, and in a format acceptable to the County for Services performed under the Contract, based on the rates listed in Attachment E – Cost, attached hereto and incorporated by reference, within twenty (20) days of the end of the previous month. All Invoices shall include the applicable Purchase Order and/or Contract number. The County shall make payment to Contractor within sixty (60) working days after receipt of invoice or the resolution of any billing dispute. "Working days for purposes of this section are days the County is open for business (Monday through Friday, excluding County observed holidays). Additionally, the County may conduct inspections at various times during the Contract term to check on the quality

of work. Payments shall not be provided for Services deemed unacceptable by the County or its designee. The County reserves the right to refuse payment to, or seek reimbursement from, the Contractor for Services deemed unacceptable by the County or its designee. All invoices shall be sent to the County via one of the following methods:

- Mail/Deliver invoices to: San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department  
Attn: Bureau of Administration – Accounts Payable Division  
655 E. Third Street  
San Bernardino, CA 92415
- E-mail invoices to: [BOFA-ACCOUNTSPAYABLE@SBCSD.ORG](mailto:BOFA-ACCOUNTSPAYABLE@SBCSD.ORG)

- F.3** Contractor shall accept all payments from County via electronic funds transfer (EFT) directly deposited into the Contractor's designated checking or other bank account. Contractor shall promptly comply with directions and accurately complete forms provided by County required to process EFT payments.
- F.4** County is exempt from Federal excise taxes and no payment shall be made for any personal property taxes levied on Contractor 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 the Contract shall be incurred during the contract period except as approved by County. Contractor shall not use current year funds to pay prior or future year obligations.
- F.6** Funds made available under the Contract shall not supplant any federal, state or any governmental funds intended for Services of the same nature as the Contract. Contractor shall not claim reimbursement or payment from County for, or apply sums received from County with respect to that portion of its obligations that have been paid by another source of revenue. Contractor agrees that it will not use funds received pursuant to the Contract, either directly or indirectly, as a contribution or compensation for purposes of obtaining funds from another revenue source without prior written approval of the County.
- F.7** Contractor shall adhere to the County's Travel Management Policy (8-02 and 08-02SP1) attached hereto (Exhibits A and B) when travel is pursuant to the Contract and for which reimbursement is sought from the County. In addition, Contractor is encouraged to utilize local transportation Services including, but not limited to, the Ontario International Airport, located in Ontario, California.

## **G. INDEMNIFICATION AND INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS**

### **G.1 Indemnification**

The Contractor agrees to indemnify, defend (with counsel reasonably approved by County) and hold harmless the County and its authorized officers, employees, agents and volunteers from any and all claims, actions, losses, damages and/or liability arising out of the Contract from any cause whatsoever, including the acts, errors or omissions of any person and for any costs or expenses incurred by the County on account of any claim except where such indemnification is prohibited by law. This indemnification provision shall apply regardless of the existence or degree of fault of indemnities. The Contractor indemnification obligation applies to the County's "active" as well as "passive" negligence but does not apply to the County's "sole negligence" or "willful misconduct" within the meaning of Civil Code section 2782.

### **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**

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

**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**

The Contractor agrees to ensure that coverage provided to meet these requirements is applicable separately to each insured and there will be no cross liability exclusions that preclude coverage for suits between the Contractor and the County or between the County and any other insured or additional insured under the policy.

**G.6 Proof of Coverage**

Contractor shall furnish Certificates of Insurance to the Department 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 shall provide that such insurance shall not be terminated or expire without thirty (30) days written notice to the Department, and Contractor shall maintain such insurance from the time Contractor commences performance of Services hereunder until the completion of such Services. Within fifteen (15) days of the commencement of the Contract, the Contractor shall furnish a copy of the Declaration page for all applicable policies and will provide complete certified copies of the policies and endorsements immediately upon request.

**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 the Contract does not comply with the requirements, is not procured, or is canceled and not replaced, the County has the right but not the obligation or duty to cancel the Contract or obtain insurance if it deems necessary and any premiums paid by the County will be promptly reimbursed by the Contractor or County payments to the Contractor will be reduced to pay for County purchased insurance.

**G.10 Insurance Review**

Insurance requirements are subject to periodic review by the County. The Director of Risk Management or designee is authorized, but not required, to reduce, waive or suspend any insurance requirements whenever Risk Management determines that any of the required insurance is not available, is unreasonably priced, or is not needed to protect the interests of the County. In addition, if the Department of Risk Management determines that heretofore unreasonably priced or unavailable types of insurance coverage or coverage limits become reasonably priced or available, the Director of Risk Management or designee is authorized, but

not required, to change the above insurance requirements to require additional types of insurance coverage or higher coverage limits, provided that any such change is reasonable in light of past claims against the County, inflation, or any other item reasonably related to the County's risk.

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

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

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

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

**G.11.1     Reserved**

**G.11.2     Reserved**

**G.11.3     Reserved**

**G.11.4     Reserved**

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

## **H.     RIGHT TO MONITOR AND AUDIT**

- H.1**     The County, State and Federal governments shall have absolute right to review and audit all records, books, papers, documents, corporate minutes, and other pertinent items as requested, and shall have absolute right to monitor the performance of Contractor in the delivery of Services

provided under the Contract. Contractor shall give full cooperation, in any auditing or monitoring conducted. Contractor shall cooperate with the County in the implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of the Contract and comply with any and all reporting requirements established by the County. Contractor shall repay to County within thirty (30) days of receipt of audit findings any reimbursements made by County to Contractor that are determined by subsequent audit to be unallowable pursuant to the terms of the Contract or by law.

- H.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.

**I. CORRECTION OF PERFORMANCE DEFICIENCIES**

- I.1** Failure by Contractor to comply with any of the provisions, covenants, requirements or conditions of the Contract shall be a material breach of the Contract.
- I.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 the Contract:
- a. Afford Contractor thereafter a time period within which to cure the breach, which period shall be established at the sole discretion of County; and/or
  - b. Discontinue reimbursement to Contractor for and during the period in which Contractor is in breach, which reimbursement shall not be entitled to later recovery; and/or
  - c. Withhold funds pending duration of the breach; and/or
  - d. Offset against any monies billed by Contractor but yet unpaid by County those monies disallowed pursuant to Item "b" of this paragraph; and/or
  - e. Terminate the Contract immediately and be relieved of the payment of any consideration to Contractor. In the event of such termination, the County may proceed with the work in any manner deemed proper by the County. The cost to the County shall be deducted from any sum due to the Contractor under the Contract and the balance, if any, shall be paid by the Contractor upon demand.

**J. NOTICES**

All written notices provided for in the 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:

*San Bernardino County  
Sheriff/Coroner/Public Administrator  
655 E. Third Street  
San Bernardino, CA 92415*

*Cathy A. Law, DDS  
On File*

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

**K. ENTIRE AGREEMENT**

The Contract, including all Exhibits and other attachments, which are attached hereto and incorporated by reference, and other documents incorporated herein, represents the final, complete and exclusive agreement between the parties hereto. Any prior agreement, promises, negotiations or representations relating to the subject matter of the Contract not expressly set forth herein are of no force or effect. The 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 the Contract and signs the same of its own free will.



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

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, pursuant to the Uniform Electronic Transaction Act (Cal. Civ. Code §§ 1633.1 to 1633.17), and the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 2020-030, the parties have agreed to the use of electronic facsimile, and/or digital signatures in the execution of the Contract and any of its subsequent amendments. Such signatures 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.

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY

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Curt Hagman, Chairman, Board of Supervisors

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Lynna Monell  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
San Bernardino County

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy

Cathy A. Law, DDS

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

By ►

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Authorized signature - sign in blue ink)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

Title \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Print or Type)

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

Address On File

**FOR COUNTY USE ONLY**

Approved as to Legal Form

►

Richard D. Luczak, Deputy County Counsel

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Reviewed for Contract Compliance

►

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Reviewed/Approved by Department

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Kelly Welly, Chief Deputy Director of  
Sheriff's Administration

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## ATTACHMENT A – COST

Item/Quantity	Unit Cost	UOM	Discount	Total Cost
One-to-One Comparison Dental Identification	\$400.00	Case	0%	\$400.00
Dental Charting & Submission to DOJ (This may include age, sex, and race estimation)	\$400.00	Case	0%	\$400.00
Bitemark Analysis	\$360.00	Hour	0%	\$360.00
Court Expert Testimony	\$360.00	Hour	0%	\$360.00

Any additional proposed charges (provide explanation of charges and unit of measure):

For bitemark cases – up to one hour is provided gratis. Most time for telephone calls are also gratis. Analysis of a given bitemark averages 2 hours of time, not including phone calls. If there are multiple bites or there is a comparison to multiple suspects, it will average more hours.

Travel time is billed at \$100/hour (if traveling to a specific non-coroner location for impressions, etc.

A service not asked for in the RFP, but that can be provided to the Coroner is a review of the circumstances And records for “death by dentistry” cases. This includes a review of all dental records, hospital records and Autopsy records if the Coroner believes that dentistry was the cause of death. A formal written report is Submitted with any recommendations regarding need for the Dental Board of California to intervene. This Is billed at \$150/hour.