

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL # DCARC-007
GENETIC PARENTAGE TESTING SERVICES FOR THE
DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES**



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***(Bidders are responsible to read all of the information that is stated in the
RFP and to provide a proper response as required for RFP no: DCARC-007)***

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INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

Buyer: Walter Mack Email: wmack@co.riverside.ca.us

Visit our Website: www.purchasing.co.riverside.ca.us

Telephone: (951) 955-4937

- I. Vendor Registration - Unless stated elsewhere in this document, vendor must register online at www.Purchasing.co.riverside.ca.us with all current Vendor information, to be registered on the County's database.
 - II. Prices/Notations All prices/notations must be typewritten or written in ink. No erasures permitted. Mistakes shall be crossed out, corrections made adjacent and initialed by person signing document. Each item shall be bid separately.
 - III. Pricing/Terms/Tax - All pricing shall be quoted both F.O.B. shipping destination, (e.g., cash terms less than 20 days should be considered net) excluding applicable tax. The County pays California Sales Tax and is exempt from Federal excise tax. In the event of an extension error, the unit price shall prevail.
 - IV. Period of Firm Pricing - Unless stated otherwise elsewhere in this document, prices shall be firm for 120 days after the RFP closing date. If the County elects to do negotiations that require additional time, the County may request bidder's prices be firm for an additional period of time to complete negotiations and award the contract.
 - V. Recycled Material - Wherever possible, the County of Riverside is looking for items made from, or containing in part, recycled material. Bidders are encouraged to bid items containing recycled material as an alternative for the items specified; however, the County reserves the right to reject those alternatives as non-responsive.
 - VI. Method of Award - The County reserves the right to reject any or all offers, to waive any discrepancy or technicality and to split or make the award in any manner determined by the County to be most advantageous to the County. The County recognizes that prices are only one of several criteria to be used in judging an offer and the County is not legally bound to accept the lowest offer.
 - VII. Other Terms and Conditions - The terms and conditions as indicated in this document and/or attached are hereby included with full force and like effect as if set forth herein. Copies of the applicable Terms and Conditions may be obtained by visiting the County's website at www.purchasing.co.riverside.ca.us or contact Riverside County Purchasing at the number shown above and request a copy to be faxed or mailed to you.
 - VIII. Return of Bid/Closing Date/Return to - The bid response shall be delivered to **Purchasing and Fleet Services, 2980 Washington Street, Riverside, CA 92504 by 1:30 p.m.** on the closing date listed above. Bid responses not received by County Purchasing by the closing date and time indicated above will not be accepted. The closing date and time and the R.F.Q./R.F.P. number referenced above shall appear on the outside of the sealed envelope. A duly executed copy of the signature page of this bid document must accompany your response. The County will not be responsible for and will not except late bids due to delayed mail delivery or courier services.
 - IX. Auditing - The Contractor agrees that Riverside, County the State of California, the Federal government, or designated representatives shall have the right to review and copy any records and supporting documentation pertaining to the performance of this contract. Contractor agrees to maintain such records for possible audit for a minimum of (3) years after final payment, or until closure of pending matter unless a longer period of records retention is stipulated. Contractor agrees to allow auditor(s) access to such records during normal business hours and allow interviews of any employees or others who might reasonably have information related to such records. Further, the Contractor agrees to include a similar right of Riverside County, the State of California, or the Federal government to audit records and interview staff in any subcontract related to the performance of this contract.
 - X. Local Preference - The County of Riverside has adopted a local preference program for those bidders located within the County of Riverside. A five percent (5%) price preference may be applied to the total bid price during evaluation of the bid responses. To qualify as a local business, the business must have fixed offices within the geographical boundaries of Riverside County and must credit all sales taxes paid resulting from this RFQ/P to that Riverside County location. To qualify for local preference BIDDER must include a copy of a Riverside Business Tax Certificate that supports the local preference status and complete Form 116-260 Local Business Qualification Affidavit. Application of this local preference may be waived if funding sources disallow it.
- Or
- XI. Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise Preference - The County of Riverside has implemented a Disabled Veteran Owned Business preference policy. A three (3) percent preference shall be applied to the total bid price of all quotes/bids/proposals received by the County from certified disabled veterans owned businesses. Bidder must provide certification of Disabled Veteran Status. If the bid is submitted by a non-Disabled Veteran owned business, but lists subcontractors that are identified and qualified as Disabled Owned Business, the total bid price will be adjusted by 3% of the value of that subcontractor's portion of the bid.

IF CHECKED, THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS HEREBY MADE PART OF THIS RFQ/P

Please go to www.purchasing.co.riverside.ca.us to access these terms and conditions

☒ APPENDIX "A"	☒ EXHIBIT (A-C)	☒ ATTACHMENTS (1-2)	☐ SAMPLES
☐ #116-110	Special Conditions/Response	☐ 116-130	Equipment Information Sheet
☒ #116-260	Local Business Qualification Affidavit	☐ 116-311	Boilerplate Agreement

**IF CHECKED, THE FOLLOWING GENERAL CONDITIONS ARE INCLUDED WITH FULL FORCE
AND LIKE EFFECT AS IF SET FORTH HEREIN**

☐ #116-200	General Conditions	☐ #116-210	General Conditions Materials and/or Services
☐ #116-230	General Conditions - Equipment	☐ #116-220	General Conditions - Public Works
☐ #116-240	General Conditions - Personal/Professional Service		

Proposal Cover Page

BIDDER TO COMPLETE ALL APPLICABLE AREAS

Bidders are required to register (If not already registered) on the County of Riverside Purchasing website:

WWW.PURCHASING.CO.RIVERSIDE.CA.US

The County of Riverside Purchasing Department on behalf of Department of Child Support Services is soliciting proposals from qualified organizations to Genetic Parentage Testing Services as detailed in Appendix A.

BID CLOSING DATE: November 23, 2009 no later than 1:30 pm.

NO FAXED PROPOSALS WILL BE ACCEPTED

After close of this RFP, the award may be announced within 30- 120 days.

If an addendum is issued for this procurement, it will be the Bidder's responsibility to retrieve all applicable addendum(s) from the Purchasing website.

"Execution hereof is certification that the undersigned has read and understands the terms and conditions hereof, and that the undersigned's principal is fully bound and committed."

Company
Name:

Street Address:

Mailing Address:

City: State: Zip:

Remit to Address:

City: State: Zip:

Phone # () FAX # ()

Vendor Website:

Name: Title:

Signature: Date: Email:

Please Check ☐ Disabled Veteran or ☐ Local Business – if checked, the above signer certifies that the above business is located within the geographical boundaries of Riverside County and that all sales taxes generated based on this RFP will be credited to that location in Riverside County. Form 116-260 must be completed and submitted with the Bidder's proposal

Form #116-100 RFP Form Word

APPENDIX A SCOPE OF SERVICE

1.0 DEFINITIONS

Wherever these words occur in this RFP, they shall have the following meaning:

- A. "RFP" shall mean Request for Proposal.
- B. "Addendum" shall mean an amendment or modification to the RFP (Request for Proposals).
- C. "Bid" shall mean the proposal submitted by a Bidder on the Bid Form consistent with the Instructions to Bidders, to complete the Work for a specified sum of money and within a specified period of time.
- D. "Bidder" shall mean an individual, firm, partnership or corporation that submits a qualified Bid for the Work, either directly or through a duly authorized representative.
- E. "Contractor" shall mean any employee, agent or representative of the contract company used in conjunction with the performance of the contract. For the purposes of this RFP, Contractor and Bidder are used interchangeably.
- F. "MQs" shall mean minimum qualifications.
- G. "COUNTY" shall mean the County of Riverside and its Department of Child Support Services for purposes of this RFP, (DCARC), or (DCSS) and County are used interchangeably.

2.0 PURPOSE/BACKGROUND

County of Riverside Purchasing and Fleet Services on behalf of the Department of Child Support Services are seeking qualified Bidders to provide Genetic Parentage Testing Services. The County of Riverside Department of Child Support Services (DCSS) is the organizational unit mandated pursuant to federal and state law to implement in the County of Riverside, State of California, and the provisions of Title IV-D of the social security act. **Web Site:** www.ssa.gov/op_home/ssact/title04/0400.htm. The act provides that, as to any child born out of wedlock, and upon request by a parent or custodian of such a child, or, whenever public assistance is expended for such a child, paternity is established or the alleged father be excluded by genetic tests.

The Child Support office (DCSS) is mandated by federal regulation to use a laboratory, which can perform, at a reasonable cost, legally and medically acceptable genetic tests which tend to identify the father or exclude the alleged father (Reference 45 CFR 303.5), (**See Attachment no: 1**). The availability of experienced expert witnesses on short notice for court testimony is essential. Regulations also require the establishment of paternity within strict time frames, which necessitates a fourteen (14) to twenty-one (21) day written test result turnaround time for Riverside County. The ability to schedule and coordinate interstate and international blood draws is mandatory.

The Department of Child Support Services (DCSS)) operates four (4) offices in Riverside County with a total caseload of approximately 100,000, of which, 25,000 are potentially disputed parentage cases. In fiscal year 2008/09, this office established paternity for 4,768 children.

3.0 SCOPE OF SERVICE

- 3.1 The successful laboratory must possess a clinical laboratory license.

3.2 The laboratory must be parentage testing accredited by the American Association of Blood Banks (AABB) for DNA.

3.3 One, all-inclusive, per person sample price quotation must include all of the following services:

- a. DNA parentage testing to a legal presumption of paternity or non-paternity as set forth in California Family Code Section 7555, web site listed below and appropriate declaration pursuant to California Family Code Section 7552.5
Web site: www.leginfo.ca.gov/cgi-bin/displaycode?section=fam&group=07001-08000file=7550-7558.
- b. Buccal Swab and/or sample collection by a certified phlebotomist employee of the proposer's laboratory on site at the County's Child Support Services Facility located at 2081 Iowa Street, Riverside, California, and at other sites designated by the Department Child Support Services for its San Jacinto, Indio and Blythe offices and any possible shipping costs thereafter.
- c. Redraws at no extra charge when necessary.
- d. Redraw and retest upon request.
- e. Responsibility for scheduling and coordination of interstate and inter-county blood draws and testing for Uniform Interstate Family Support Act UIFSA cases.
- f. Transportation of specimens to and from your laboratory.
- g. Consultation by the proposer's laboratory with other laboratories as required.
- h. Telephone consultation with DCSS.

3.4 Parental Genetic Testing Services

- a. Expert witness testimony in court. Demonstrated ability to successfully address California Family Code Section 7552.5, (**See Attachment no: 2**). Bidder personnel shall be qualified by a court to testify as an expert witness. Qualifications of experts should include:
 1. Doctorate degree in chemistry or molecular biology.
 2. Ability to testify as to statistical analysis of testing outcomes, findings, and results.
 3. DNA/HLA, and other parentage testing expertise and experience.
 4. Ability to testify to laboratory procedures and sample specimen chain of custody.
- b. Expert testimony must be 5 days "on call" for trials and hearings in Riverside, Hemet and Indio.
- c. Laboratory must have successful, established record in the field of parentage testing and have the Local Child Support Agencies (California) as clients with a substantial volume of DNA parentage testing.
- d. Fourteen (14) to twenty-one (21) day parentage test result turnaround time, ability of showing the paternity index and percentage of probability of paternity. Bidder will make available upon request these results at a variety of prior probability factors.
- e. Periodic training for Child Support Services (DCSS) attorney and other staff at the department upon request.
- f. Additional batteries of parentage testing including Buccal Swab, Blood draw, HLA, red cell antigens and enzymes, serum protein and hemoglobin electrophoresis must also be available at the laboratory.
- g. Other County Agencies may draw at DCSS facilities as a courtesy. However, the contractor must make all necessary arrangements directly with those county agencies.
- h. Buccal Swab and/or sample price inclusive of all services listed under Section 3, Scope of Work.
- i. The bidder is responsible for providing and maintaining an accessible website for DCSS staff which provide the test results by remote electronic access.
- j. Describe in detail the quality control program.
- k. Vendor to be onsite at Riverside-Wednesday-Thursday 10:00am to 4:00pm; San Jacinto on Wednesday 1:30 to 4:30pm. Indio and Blythe send clients directly to the laboratory within the area.

4.0 WORK PRODUCT

4.1 All work papers prepared in connection with the contractual services will remain the property of the successful Bidder; however, all reports rendered to the County are the exclusive property of the County and subject to its use and control.

5.0 TIMELINE

DATES:

1. RELEASE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL	October 22, 2009
2. DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF QUESTIONS Email: wmack@co.riverside.ca.us	Must be in the form of an Email or 1:30 PM on: November 2, 2009
3. NON-MANDATORY BIDDERS MEETING	NA
4. DEADLINE FOR PROPOSALS	November 23, 2009 1:30pm
5. TENTATIVE DATE FOR AWARDED RFP Approximately 30 to 120 days after the RFP closes.	The Bidders are responsible for checking the Purchasing website for notice of intent to award at: www.Purchasing.ca.riverside.ca.us

5.1 Inquiries: All inquiries must be submitted on or before the last day for questions. Please refer to 5.0 Timeline for the particular date. Inquiries must reference the section number and title from the RFP. Inquiries must be in written format and emailed with the RFP bid number, to the attention of the Procurement Contract Specialist.

6.0 PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE

The period of performance shall be for five year(s), renewable in one-year increments, with the completion date of June 30, 2014 with no obligation by the County of Riverside to purchase any specified amount of services.

7.0 PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL

All proposals shall be signed by an authorized agent and placed in a sealed package clearly marked "Bidder Proposal." The submitted proposal shall be prepared in a bound notebook(s).

Minimum Notebook requirement:

7.1 One (1) original and three (3) additional copies, each in a 3 ring binder for ease of opening by evaluators.

7.2 Binder capacity should be a minimum of 2" (two inches) to allow for ease of referencing various sections. (Small binders that are over stuffed or difficult to open may count against the bidder).

7.3 Include one (1) (Microsoft Word or PDF document formatted on a virus free CD or flash drive) within the original binder.

7.4 Financial statements should only be included in the binder marked "Original" (Financial statements will be removed and submitted to the Accounting Office for review, then placed in a sealed enveloped and marked "Confidential."

7.5 Faxed or emailed proposals will not be accepted.

ALL BIDS MUST BE SENT TO:

County of Riverside
Purchasing and Fleet Services
Attention: Walter Mack
RFP# DCARC-007
2980 Washington Street
Riverside, CA 92504-4647

8.0 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Procedures for Submitting Proposals

- 8.1. All proposals must be submitted in accordance with the standards and specifications contained within this Request for Proposal (RFP) and must contain a cover page with a certification of intent to meet the requirements specified.
- 8.2. The cover page of a responsive bid must be signed appropriately and completed with the date, company name, and name and title of a company officer/owner authorized to sign on behalf of the company.
- 8.3. The County reserves the right to waive, at its discretion, any irregularity, which the County deems reasonably correctable or otherwise not warranting rejection of the proposal.
- 8.4. The County shall not pay any costs incurred or associated in the preparation of this or any proposal or for participation in the procurement process.
- 8.5. Modification of Proposals, any bidder who wishes to make modifications to a proposal already received by the County must withdraw his/her proposal in order to make the modifications. All modifications must be made in ink, properly initialed by bidder's authorized representative, executed, and submitted in accordance with the terms and conditions of this solicitation. It is the responsibility of the bidder to ensure that modified proposals are resubmitted before the RFP submittal **deadline November 23, 2009**.
- 8.6. Bidders may withdraw their proposals at any time prior to the due date and time by submitting notification of withdrawal signed by the bidder's authorized agent. Proposals cannot be changed or modified after the date and time designated for receipt.
- 8.7. Proposals must be typed uniformly on letter size (8 ½ " x 11") sheets of white paper, single sided or double sided, each section clearly titled, with tabs A-J, and each page clearly and consecutively numbered. Proposals must be clean and suitable for copying. Proposals must be specific unto themselves. For example, "*See Enclosed Manual*" will not be considered an acceptable proposal. Receipt of all addenda, if any, must be acknowledged in the proposal.
- 8.8. **Late proposals will not be accepted.** Postmarks will not be accepted in lieu of this requirement. Proposals submitted to any other County office will be rejected.
- 8.9. The proposal shall be concise and to the point. Costly bindings, color plates, glossy brochures, etc. are neither necessary nor recommended. Examples of previous work may be submitted but will not necessarily influence the evaluation process. A letter format in sufficient detail to allow thorough evaluation and analysis is required.

9.0 REQUIRED FORMAT OF PROPOSALS

Proposals must contain the following sections:

- A. Proposal Cover Page (Page 4 of this RFP)
- B. Table of Contents
- C. Corporate/Company/Agency Profile
- D. Description of Services
- E. Cost Proposal
- F. Credentials/Resumes/Certifications/Licenses
- G. References
- H. Evidence of Insurability/ Business Licenses
- I. Financial Information
- J. Clarification/Exceptions/Deviations

A. Proposal Cover Page

The Proposal Cover Page (page 4 of this RFP) must be signed by an authorized representative. Signature by an authorized representative of the organization on the proposal cover page shall constitute a warranty, the falsity of which shall entitle the County of Riverside to pursue any remedy authorized by law, which shall include the right, at the option of the County of Riverside, of declaring any contract made as a result thereof, to be void.

B. Table of Contents

This section shall include a comprehensive table of contents that identifies material by sections A –J (in the order list above) and by sequential page numbers.

C. Corporate Profile

This section of the proposal is designed to establish the bidder as an entity with the ability and experience to operate the program as specified in the RFP. The Company Profile should be concise and clear, and include descriptive information regarding service delivery. The following information must be provided as follows:

1. Business name and legal business status (i.e., partnership, corporation, etc.);
2. Proof of non-profit status, if applicable;
3. Company overview of services or activities performed, include:
 - a. The history of the bidder's firm-include a brief history of the firm.
 - b. The number of years in business under the present business name, as well as prior business names.
 - c. Number of years experience providing the proposed, equivalent, or related services.
 - d. Company hierarchy (President, Vice President, Company Officers, etc.) and organizational chart. Organizational chart shall clearly identify all positions that are being proposed to be funded under the project.
 - e. Company size - number of staff, proposed number of staff to provide services, and participant base.
 - f. Location of the office from which the work under this contract will be provided and the staff allocation at that office.
4. Whether the bidder holds controlling or financial interests in any other organization, or is owned or controlled by any other person or organization, if none that must be stated.

D. Description of services

All proposals must include a detailed description of the services to be rendered, including but not limited to the following:

1. A written general understanding to the requirements in the scope of services as detailed in the RFP, Appendix A, Points 3.0-3.4, including:
 - a. Provide a work plan or description of how the work will be performed.
 - b. Give precise detail on your project reporting mechanisms. Include:
 - i. A complete description of how the interaction between the bidder's company and the County will take place to ensure that the services are performed and to the County's satisfaction, including resolving problems that may be encountered during the project.
 - ii. Time of work- Detail time frame on performing laboratory tests and what method of accuracy you will utilize, and in what phases.
 - c. Describe in detail the testing methods and the bidder's company policies regarding this service to ensure proper compliance and quality assurance
 - d. Describe the bidder's technical capabilities for this service/project. Include:
 - i. Detail of scheduling and coordination of interstate and inter-county blood draws and testing in compliance to the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act UIFSA cases.
 - ii. Describe in detail how the transportation of specimens to and from your laboratory will occur and at what frequency.
 - iii. Provide detail of the person providing consultation service of the proposer's laboratory with other laboratories as required.
 - iv. Provide detail of the consultant providing telephone consultation.
 - e. Indicate whether or not the bidder will be subcontracting portion(s) of the work. If so, indicate the name of the subcontractor and the portion of the work, which will be subcontracted.
 - f. The name of the project manager and list of personnel to be assigned to the project, their roles and professional qualifications.

E. Cost Proposal

In this section, please complete and include the Cost Proposal Sheet attached as Exhibit A. Bidders may also include any other documents as information to further explain the proposed costs. Proposals must fully describe all costs to charges to County as part of this project. As stated in the Cost Proposal Sheet, bidders must provide fully inclusive blended rates, which include all of the bidders, project-related or supported expenses.

Describe how costs will be controlled and properly identified to the specific tasks, while providing a high quality of services, high level of integrity and outcomes.

F. Credentials/Resumes/Certifications/Licenses

This section shall state the person(s) responsible for administering or providing the services. Identify the project manager and include his/her position, responsibilities, qualification/experience, and a copy of his/her certification or licenses held if applicable.

Bidder shall specifically provide the following information on all employees to be providing service:

- Description of education;
- General experience;
- Experience or education related to the RFP project;
- Letters of reference if available;
- Any other information, which will assist in evaluating qualifications.

G. References

All bidder(s) must include present and past performance information with a minimum of three (3) references. Each reference shall include:

- Dates of work performed.

- Current contact person, company, address, and email and telephone number for each reference identified.
- Describe recent similar projects that are equivalent to the County. These experiences must show the qualifications of the bidder's capabilities to complete the County's requirements. Provide a summary of the scope of services performed for these other projects.

Please verify that all reference information is correct. References must clearly correlate their performance with the requirements of this RFP.

H. Evidence of Insurability/Business Licenses

All bidder(s) shall submit evidence of all required insurance. An Accord cover page will suffice and if awarded the contract the Bidder has ten (10) calendar days to produce the required insurances including a certified endorsement naming the County as additionally insured. The bidder shall certify to the possession of any and all current required licenses or certifications. Do not purchase additional insurance until this bid has been awarded. Provide a copy of **current** business license or other applicable licenses.

I. Financial Statement

The bidder must submit financial statements (**balance sheet and income statement**) for its business that are dated no more than twelve (12) months prior to the date of the proposal submission and cover a period of at least one (1) year. These statements should clearly identify the financial status and condition of the bidder's entire business entity. Please place in a separate envelope and mark "Confidential" if your firm requires this to be kept confidential. The County does not guarantee that the financials submitted will be kept confidential.

J. Clarification, Exceptions or Deviations

All bidder(s) shall describe any exception or deviation from the requirements of the RFP. Each clarification, exception or deviation must be clearly identified. If your firm has no clarification, exception or deviation, a statement to that effect shall be included in this section. The following contractual terms are non-negotiable:

1. Indemnification
2. All insurance terms
3. Termination
4. Ownership/Use of Contract Materials and Products(If applicable)
5. Disputes
6. Governing Law
7. Venue

10.0 EVALUATION CRITERIA

Proposals may be evaluated based on the criteria listed below, to include but not limited to:

1. Overall responsiveness and general understanding of the RFP requirements,
2. Bidder's experience and technical ability.
3. Overall cost to the County.
4. References with demonstrated success with similar work to the Scope of Service.
5. Bidder Quality Control Program
6. Financial status.
7. Clarification, Exceptions or Deviations.
8. Credential/Resumes/Licenses/Certifications.

11.0 EVALUATION PROCESS

All proposals will be given thorough review. All contacts during the review selection phase will be only through the Purchasing Department. Attempts by the Contractor to contact any other County representative may result in disqualification of the Contractor. All evaluation material will be considered confidential and not released by the County. The County reserves the right to split or make the award that is most advantageous to the County.

12.0 INTERPRETATION OF RFP

The Contractor must make careful examination and understand all of the requirements, specifications, and conditions stated in the RFP. If any Contractor planning to submit a proposal finds discrepancies in or omissions from the RFP, or is in doubt as to the meaning, a written request for interpretation or correction must be given to the County. Any changes to the RFP will be made only by written addendum and may be posted on the Purchasing website at www.purchasing.co.riverside.ca.us. The County is not responsible for any other explanations or interpretations. If any provision in this agreement is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void or unenforceable, the remaining provisions will nevertheless continue in full force without being impaired or invalidated in any way. All notices regarding this procurement may be posted on the County's purchasing website at www.purchasing.co.riverside.ca.us.

13.0 CONTRACTUAL DEVELOPMENT

If a proposal is accepted, the County will enter into a contractual agreement with the selected Contractor. A sample of the standard County contract to be used for this project is attached as Exhibit B. If an agreement cannot be reached, negotiations with the second ranking Contractor shall commence.

All bidder(s) shall describe any exception or deviation from the requirements of the RFP. Each clarification, exception or deviation must be clearly identified. If your firm has no clarification, exception or deviation, a statement to that effect shall be included in this section. The following contractual (Exhibit B of this RFP) terms are non-negotiable:

- Indemnification (Point 21)
- All insurance terms (Point 22)
- Termination (Point 5)
- Ownership/Use of Contract Materials and Products ((If applicable) Point 6))
- Disputes (Point 11)
- Governing Law (Point 23.11)

14.0 CANCELLATION OF PROCUREMENT PROCESS

County may cancel the procurement process at any time. All proposals become the property of the County. All information submitted in the proposal becomes "public record" as defined by the State of California upon completion of the procurement process. If any proprietary information is contained in or attached to the proposal, it must be clearly identified by the Contractor; otherwise the Contractor agrees that any and all documents provided may be released to the public after contract award.

The procurement process may be canceled after opening, but prior to award if the County determines that cancellation is in the best interest of the County for reasons (but not limited to) such as:

- Inadequate, ambiguous, or otherwise deficient specifications that were cited in the RFP.
- The services are no longer required.
- Proposals received are at an unreasonable cost.
- Proposal did not independently arrive in open competition, were collusive, or were not submitted in good faith.

- The County determines, after analysis of the proposals that its needs can be satisfied through a less expensive method.

The County reserves the right to amend or modify the project Scope of Services prior to the award of contract, as necessity may dictate, and to reject any and all proposals hereunder. This Request for Proposal does not commit the County to award a contract or to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of a proposal in response to this request. The County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals received as a result of this request, to negotiate with any qualified source or to cancel in part or in its entirety this Request of Proposal if it is in the best interest of the County.

15.0 CONFIDENTIALITY AND PROPRIETARY DATA

All materials received relative to this RFP will be kept confidential, until such time an award is made or the RFP is canceled, at which time all materials received will be made available to the public. Proposals received will be subject to Government Code §6250, the Public Information Act. Proposal Submitters should mark information they consider proprietary or confidential in the event it is exempt from the requirements of the Act.

16.0 COUNTY OBSERVED HOLIDAYS

HOLIDAY	DAY OBSERVED
* New Year's Day	January 1
Martin Luther King Jr's Birthday	Third Monday in January
Lincoln's Birthday	February 12
Washington's Birthday	Third Monday in February
Memorial Day	Last Monday in May
Independence Day	July 4
Labor Day	First Monday in September
Columbus Day	Second Monday in October
Veterans' Day	November 11
*Thanksgiving Day	Fourth Thursday in November
* Following Thanksgiving	Friday following the fourth Thursday in November
*Christmas Day	December 25

*** Note:**

- ❖ Thanksgiving Day, which shall be the fourth Thursday in November unless otherwise appointed.
- ❖ Friday following Thanksgiving Day.
- ❖ December 24 and 31 when they fall on Monday.
- ❖ December 26 and January 2, when they fall on Friday.
- ❖ Friday proceeding January 1, February 12, July 4, November 11 or December 25, when such date falls on Saturday; the Monday following such date when such date falls on a Sunday.

The County reserves the right to modify the holiday schedule. If the County eliminates a County Paid holiday, the awarded vendors will not be entitled to that particular holiday pay.

EXHIBIT A
COST PROPOSAL SHEET

Indicate the prices for services rendered for the Department of Child Support Services.

- 1. Genetics testing** \$ _____
(Includes: Buccal Swabbing, and/or other sample collection, mileage to and from County facility, consultation and transportation of the specimen to and from laboratory, i.e. shipping costs, provide results via electronically and written, periodic training, additional parentage tests.)
- 2. Motherless Cases** \$ _____
(Testing man and child)
- 3. Grandparent Cases** \$ _____
(Testing grandparent, absent parents)
- 4. Testimony at court proceedings** \$ _____
(Includes: mileage, meals, overnight requirements extra: I.E. accommodations)

**EXHIBIT B
SAMPLE AGREEMENT**

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT

for

(INSERT NAME OF PROGRAM)

between

COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

and

(INSERT COMPANY NAME)



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This Agreement, made and entered into this ____ day of ____, 2009, by and between (INSERT COMPANY NAME), (herein referred to as "CONTRACTOR"), and the COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, a political subdivision of the State of California, (herein referred to as "COUNTY"). The parties agree as follows:

1. Description of Services

1.1 CONTRACTOR shall provide all services as outlined and specified in Exhibit A, Scope of Services, consisting of (INSERT # OF PAGES) pages at the prices stated in Exhibit B, Payment Provisions, consisting of (INSERT # OF PAGES) pages, and Attachment I, HIPAA Business Associate Attachment to the Agreement, consisting of (INSERT # OF PAGES) pages.

1.2 CONTRACTOR represents that it has the skills, experience and knowledge necessary to fully and adequately perform under this Agreement, and the COUNTY relies upon this representation. 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.

1.3 CONTRACTOR affirms this it is fully apprised of all of the work to be performed under this Agreement; and the CONTRACTOR agrees it can properly perform this work at the prices stated in Exhibit B. CONTRACTOR is not to perform services or provide products outside of the Agreement.

1.4 Acceptance by the COUNTY of the CONTRACTOR's performance under this Agreement does not operate as a release of CONTRACTOR's responsibility for full compliance with the terms of this Agreement.

2. Period of Performance

2.1 This Agreement shall be effective upon signature of this Agreement by both parties and continue in effect through (INSERT DATE), with the option to renew for (INSERT # OF RENEWALS YEARS), renewable in one year increments by written amendment, unless terminated earlier. CONTRACTOR shall commence performance upon signature of this Agreement by both parties and shall diligently and continuously perform thereafter.

3. Compensation

3.1 The COUNTY shall pay the CONTRACTOR for services performed, products provided and expenses incurred in accordance with the terms of Exhibit B, Payment Provisions. Maximum payments by COUNTY to CONTRACTOR shall not exceed (INSERT DOLLAR AMOUNT) annually including all expenses. The COUNTY is not responsible for any fees or costs incurred above or beyond the contracted amount and shall have no obligation to purchase any specified amount of services or products. Unless otherwise specifically stated in Exhibit B, COUNTY shall not be responsible for payment of any of CONTRACTOR's expenses related to this Agreement.

3.2 No price increases will be permitted during the first year of this Agreement. All price decreases (for example, if CONTRACTOR offers lower prices to another governmental entity) will automatically be extended to the COUNTY. The COUNTY requires written proof satisfactory to COUNTY of cost increases prior to any approved price adjustment. After the first year of the award, a minimum of 30-days advance notice in writing is required to be considered and approved by COUNTY. No retroactive price adjustments will be considered. Any price increases must be stated in a written amendment to this Agreement. The net dollar amount of profit will remain firm during the period of the Agreement. Annual increases shall not exceed the Consumer Price Index- All Consumers, All Items - Greater Los Angeles, Riverside and Orange County areas (Insert type of item or service) and be subject to satisfactory performance review by the COUNTY and approved (if needed) for budget funding by the Board of Supervisors.

3.3 CONTRACTOR shall be paid only in accordance with an invoice submitted to COUNTY by CONTRACTOR within fifteen (15) days from the last day of each calendar month, and COUNTY shall pay the invoice within thirty (30) working days from the date of receipt of the invoice. Payment shall be made to CONTRACTOR only after services have been rendered or delivery of materials or products, and acceptance has been made by COUNTY. Prepare invoices in duplicate. For this Agreement, send the original and duplicate copies of invoices to:

(INSERT DEPARTMENT NAME AND ADDRESS)

- a) Each invoice shall contain a minimum of the following information: invoice number and date; remittance address; bill-to and ship-to addresses of ordering department/division; Agreement number (**insert contract ID#**); quantities; item descriptions, unit prices, extensions, sales/use tax if applicable, and an invoice total.
- b) Invoices shall be rendered monthly in arrears.
- c) In accordance with California Government Code Section 926.10, COUNTY is not allowed to pay excess interest and late charges.

3.4 The COUNTY obligation for payment of this Agreement beyond the current fiscal year end is contingent upon and limited by the availability of COUNTY funding from which payment can be made. No legal liability on the part of the COUNTY shall arise for payment beyond June 30 of each calendar year unless funds are made available for such payment. In the event that such funds are not forthcoming for any reason, COUNTY shall immediately notify CONTRACTOR in writing; and this Agreement shall be deemed terminated and have no further force and effect.

4. Alteration or Changes to the Agreement

4.1 The Board of Supervisors and the COUNTY Purchasing Agent and/or his designee are the only authorized COUNTY representatives who may at any time, by written order, make alterations to this Agreement. If any such alteration causes an increase or decrease in the cost of, or the time required for the performance under this Agreement, an equitable adjustment shall be made in the Agreement price or delivery schedule, or both, and the Agreement shall be modified by written amendment accordingly.

4.2 Any claim by the CONTRACTOR for additional payment related to this Agreement shall be made in writing by the CONTRACTOR within 30 days of when the CONTRACTOR has or should have notice of any actual or claimed change in the work which results in additional and unanticipated cost to the CONTRACTOR. If the COUNTY Purchasing Agent decides that the facts provide sufficient justification, he may authorize additional payment to the CONTRACTOR pursuant to the claim. Nothing in this section shall excuse the CONTRACTOR from proceeding with performance of the Agreement even if there has been a change.

5. Termination

5.1. COUNTY may terminate this Agreement without cause upon 30 days written notice served upon the CONTRACTOR stating the extent and effective date of termination.

5.2 COUNTY may, upon five (5) days written notice, terminate this Agreement for CONTRACTOR's default, if CONTRACTOR refuses or fails to comply with the terms of this Agreement or fails to make progress so as to endanger performance and does not immediately cure such failure. In the event of such termination, the COUNTY may proceed with the work in any manner deemed proper by COUNTY.

5.3 After receipt of the notice of termination, CONTRACTOR shall:

- (a) Stop all work under this Agreement on the date specified in the notice of termination; and
- (b) Transfer to COUNTY and deliver in the manner as directed by COUNTY any materials, reports or other products which, if the Agreement had been completed or continued, would have been required to be furnished to COUNTY.

5.4 After termination, COUNTY shall make payment only for CONTRACTOR's performance up to the date of termination in accordance with this Agreement and at the rates set forth in Exhibit B.

5.5 CONTRACTOR's rights under this Agreement shall terminate (except for fees accrued prior to the date of termination) upon dishonesty or a willful or material breach of this Agreement by CONTRACTOR; or in the event of CONTRACTOR's unwillingness or inability for any reason whatsoever to perform the terms of this Agreement. In such event, CONTRACTOR shall not be entitled to any further compensation under this Agreement.

5.6 The rights and remedies of COUNTY provided in this section shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or this Agreement.

6. Ownership/Use of Contract Materials and Products

The CONTRACTOR agrees that all materials, reports or products in any form, including electronic, created by CONTRACTOR for which CONTRACTOR has been compensated by COUNTY pursuant to this Agreement shall be the sole property of the COUNTY; and may be used by the COUNTY for any purpose COUNTY deems to be appropriate, including, but not limited to, duplication and/or distribution within the COUNTY or to third parties. CONTRACTOR agrees not to release or circulate in whole or part such materials, reports or products without prior written authorization of the COUNTY.

7. Conduct of Contractor

7.1 The CONTRACTOR covenants that it presently has no interest, including, but not limited to, other projects or contracts, and shall not acquire any such interest, direct or indirect, which would conflict in any manner or degree with CONTRACTOR's performance under this Agreement. The CONTRACTOR further covenants that no person or subcontractor having any such interest shall be employed or retained by CONTRACTOR under this Agreement. The CONTRACTOR agrees to inform the COUNTY of all the CONTRACTOR's interests, if any, which are or may be perceived as incompatible with the COUNTY's interests.

7.2 The CONTRACTOR shall not, under circumstances which could be interpreted as an attempt to influence the recipient in the conduct of his/her duties, accept any gratuity or special favor from individuals or firms with whom the CONTRACTOR is doing business or proposing to do business, in accomplishing the work under this Agreement.

7.3 The CONTRACTOR or its employees shall not offer gifts, gratuity, favors, and entertainment directly or indirectly to COUNTY employees.

8. Inspection of Service; Quality Control/Assurance

8.1 All performance (which includes services, workmanship, materials, supplies and equipment furnished or utilized in the performance of this Agreement) shall be subject to inspection and test by the COUNTY or other regulatory agencies at all times. The CONTRACTOR shall provide adequate cooperation to any inspector or other COUNTY representative to permit him/her to determine the CONTRACTOR's conformity with the terms of this Agreement. If any services performed or products provided by CONTRACTOR are not in conformance with the terms of this Agreement, the COUNTY shall have the right to require the CONTRACTOR to perform the services or provide the products in conformance with the terms of the Agreement at no additional cost to the COUNTY. When the services to be performed or the products to be provided are of such nature that the difference cannot be corrected, the COUNTY shall have the right to: (1) require the CONTRACTOR immediately to take all necessary steps to ensure future performance in conformity with the terms of the Agreement; and/or (2) reduce the Agreement price to reflect the reduced value of the services performed or products provided. The COUNTY may also terminate this Agreement for default and charge to CONTRACTOR any costs incurred by the COUNTY because of the CONTRACTOR's failure to perform.

8.2 CONTRACTOR shall establish adequate procedures for self-monitoring and quality control and assurance to ensure proper performance under this Agreement; and shall permit a COUNTY representative or other regulatory official to monitor, assess or evaluate CONTRACTOR's performance under this Agreement at any time upon reasonable notice to CONTRACTOR.

9. Independent Contractor

The CONTRACTOR is, for purposes relating to this Agreement, an independent contractor and shall not be deemed an employee of the COUNTY. It is expressly understood and agreed that the CONTRACTOR (including its employees, agents and subcontractors) shall in no event be entitled to any benefits to which COUNTY employees are entitled, including but not limited to overtime, any retirement benefits, worker's compensation benefits, and injury leave or other leave benefits. There shall be no employer-employee relationship between the parties; and CONTRACTOR shall hold COUNTY harmless from any and all claims that may be made against COUNTY based upon any contention by a third party that an employer-employee relationship exists by reason of this Agreement. It is further understood and agreed by the parties that

CONTRACTOR in the performance of this Agreement is subject to the control or direction of COUNTY merely as to the results to be accomplished and not as to the means and methods for accomplishing the results.

10. Subcontract for Work or Services

No contract shall be made by the CONTRACTOR with any other party for furnishing any of the work or services under this Agreement without the prior written approval of the COUNTY; but this provision shall not require the approval of contracts of employment between the CONTRACTOR and personnel assigned under this Agreement, or for parties named in the proposal and agreed to under this Agreement.

11. Disputes

11.1 The parties shall attempt to resolve any disputes amicably at the working level. If that is not successful, the dispute shall be referred to the senior management of the parties. Any dispute relating to this Agreement which is not resolved by the parties shall be decided by the COUNTY's Purchasing Department's Compliance Contract Officer who shall furnish the decision in writing. The decision of the COUNTY's Compliance Contract Officer shall be final and conclusive unless determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to have been fraudulent, capricious, arbitrary, or so grossly erroneous as necessarily to imply bad faith. The CONTRACTOR shall proceed diligently with the performance of this Agreement pending the resolution of a dispute.

11.2 Prior to the filing of any legal action related to this Agreement, the parties shall be obligated to attend a mediation session in Riverside County before a neutral third party mediator. A second mediation session shall be required if the first session is not successful. The parties shall share the cost of the mediations.

12. Licensing and Permits

CONTRACTOR shall comply with all State or other licensing requirements, including but not limited to the provisions of Chapter 9 of Division 3 of the Business and Professions Code. All licensing requirements shall be met at the time proposals are submitted to the COUNTY. CONTRACTOR warrants that it has all necessary permits, approvals, certificates, waivers and exemptions necessary for performance of this Agreement as required by the laws and regulations of the United States, the State of California, the County of Riverside and all other governmental agencies with jurisdiction, and shall maintain these throughout the term of this Agreement.

13. Use By Other Political Entities

The CONTRACTOR agrees to extend the same pricing, terms and conditions as stated in this Agreement to each and every political entity, special district, and related non-profit entity in Riverside County. It is understood that other entities shall make purchases in their own name, make direct payment, and be liable directly to the CONTRACTOR; and COUNTY shall in no way be responsible to CONTRACTOR for other entities' purchases.

14. Non-Discrimination

CONTRACTOR shall not be discriminate in the provision of services, allocation of benefits, accommodation in facilities, or employment of personnel on the basis of ethnic group identification, race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical handicap, medical condition, marital status or sex in the performance of this Agreement; and, to the extent they shall be found to be applicable hereto, shall comply with the provisions of the California Fair Employment and Housing Act (Gov. Code 12900 et. seq), the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352), the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. §1210 et seq.) and all other applicable laws or regulations.

15. Records and Documents

CONTRACTOR shall make available, upon written request by any duly authorized Federal, State or COUNTY agency, a copy of this Agreement and such books, documents and records as are necessary to certify the nature and extent of the CONTRACTOR's costs related to this Agreement. All such books, documents and records shall be maintained by CONTRACTOR for at least five years following termination of this Agreement and be available for audit by the COUNTY. CONTRACTOR shall provide to the COUNTY reports and information related to this Agreement as requested by COUNTY.

16. Confidentiality

16.1 The CONTRACTOR shall not use for personal gain or make other improper use of privileged or confidential information which is acquired in connection with this Agreement. The term "privileged or confidential information" includes but is not limited to: unpublished or sensitive technological or scientific information; medical, personnel, or security records; anticipated material requirements or pricing/purchasing actions; COUNTY information or data which is not subject to public disclosure; COUNTY operational procedures; and knowledge of selection of contractors, subcontractors or suppliers in advance of official announcement.

16.2 The CONTRACTOR shall protect from unauthorized disclosure names and other identifying information concerning persons receiving services pursuant to this Agreement, except for general statistical information not identifying any person. The CONTRACTOR shall not use such information for any purpose other than carrying out the CONTRACTOR's obligations under this Agreement. The CONTRACTOR shall promptly transmit to the COUNTY all third party requests for disclosure of such information. The CONTRACTOR shall not disclose, except as otherwise specifically permitted by this Agreement or authorized in advance in writing by the COUNTY, any such information to anyone other than the COUNTY. For purposes of this paragraph, identity shall include, but not be limited to, name, identifying number, symbol, or other identifying particular assigned to the individual, such as finger or voice print or a photograph.

17. Administration/Contract Liaison

The COUNTY Purchasing Agent, or designee, shall administer this Agreement on behalf of the COUNTY. The Purchasing Department is to serve as the liaison with CONTRACTOR in connection with this Agreement.

18. Notices

All correspondence and notices required or contemplated by this Agreement shall be delivered to the respective parties at the addresses set forth below and are deemed submitted two days after their deposit in the United States mail, postage prepaid:

COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

(INSERT DEPARTMENT NAME)

(INSERT ADDRESS)

CONTRACTOR

(INSERT CONTRACTOR NAME)

(INSERT ADDRESS)

19. Force Majeure

If either party is unable to comply with any provision of this Agreement due to causes beyond its reasonable control, and which could not have been reasonably anticipated, such as acts of God, acts of war, civil disorders, or other similar acts, such party shall not be held liable for such failure to comply.

20. EDD Reporting Requirements

In order to comply with child support enforcement requirements of the State of California, the COUNTY may be required to submit a Report of Independent Contractor(s) form **DE 542** to the Employment Development Department. The CONTRACTOR agrees to furnish the required data and certifications to the COUNTY within 10 days of notification of award of Agreement when required by the EDD. This data will be transmitted to governmental agencies charged with the establishment and enforcement of child support orders. Failure of the CONTRACTOR to timely submit the data and/or certificates required may result in the contract being awarded to another contractor. In the event a contract has been issued, failure of the CONTRACTOR to comply with all federal and state reporting requirements for child support enforcement or to comply with all lawfully served Wage and Earnings Assignments Orders and Notices of Assignment shall constitute a material breach of Agreement. If CONTRACTOR has any questions concerning this reporting requirement, please call (916) 657-0529. CONTRACTOR should also contact its local Employment Tax Customer Service Office listed in the telephone directory in the State Government section under "Employment Development Department" or access their Internet site at www.edd.ca.gov.

21. Hold Harmless/Indemnification

21.1 CONTRACTOR shall indemnify and hold harmless the County of Riverside, its Agencies, Districts, Special Districts and Departments, their respective directors, officers, Board of Supervisors, elected

and appointed officials, employees, agents and representatives from any liability, claim, damage or action whatsoever, based or asserted upon any act or omission of CONTRACTOR, its officers, employees, subcontractors, agents or representatives arising out of or in any way relating to this Agreement, including but not limited to property damage, bodily injury, or death. CONTRACTOR shall defend, at its sole cost and expense, including but not limited to attorney fees, cost of investigation, defense and settlements or awards, the County of Riverside, its Agencies, Districts, Special Districts and Departments, their respective directors, officers, Board of Supervisors, elected and appointed officials, employees, agents and representatives in any such action or claim. With respect to any action or claim subject to indemnification herein by CONTRACTOR, CONTRACTOR shall, at its sole cost, have the right to use counsel of its own choice and shall have the right to adjust, settle, or compromise any such action or claim without the prior consent of COUNTY; provided, however, that any such adjustment, settlement or compromise in no manner whatsoever limits or circumscribes CONTRACTOR's indemnification of COUNTY. CONTRACTOR's obligations hereunder shall be satisfied when CONTRACTOR has provided to COUNTY the appropriate form of dismissal (or similar document) relieving the COUNTY from any liability for the action or claim involved. The specified insurance limits required in this Agreement shall in no way limit or circumscribe CONTRACTOR's obligations to indemnify and hold harmless the COUNTY.

21.2 In the event there is conflict between this clause and California Civil Code Section 2782, this clause shall be interpreted to comply with Civil Code 2782. Such interpretation shall not relieve the CONTRACTOR from indemnifying the COUNTY to the fullest extent allowed by law.

22. Insurance

Without limiting or diminishing the CONTRACTOR's obligation to indemnify or hold the COUNTY harmless, CONTRACTOR shall procure and maintain or cause to be maintained, at its sole cost and expense, the following insurance coverages during the term of this Agreement:

22.1 Workers' Compensation

If the CONTRACTOR has employees as defined by the State of California, the CONTRACTOR shall maintain statutory Workers' Compensation Insurance (Coverage A) as prescribed by the laws of the State of California. Policy shall include Employers' Liability (Coverage B) including Occupational Disease with limits not less than **\$1,000,000** per person per accident. The policy shall be endorsed to waive subrogation in favor of the County of Riverside, and, if applicable, to provide a Borrowed Servant/Alternate Employer Endorsement.

22.2 Commercial General Liability

Commercial General Liability insurance coverage, including but not limited to, premises liability, contractual liability, products and completed operations liability, personal and advertising injury covering claims which may arise from or out of CONTRACTOR'S performance of its obligations hereunder. Policy shall name all Agencies, Districts, Special Districts, and Departments of the COUNTY of Riverside, their respective directors, officers, Board of Supervisors, employees, elected or appointed officials, agents or representatives as Additional Insureds. Policy's limit of liability shall not be less than **\$1,000,000** per occurrence combined single limit. If such insurance contains a general aggregate limit, it shall apply separately to this agreement or be no less than two (2) times the occurrence limit.

22.3 Vehicle Liability

If vehicles or mobile equipment are used in the performance of the obligations under this Agreement, then CONTRACTOR shall maintain liability insurance for all owned, non-owned or hired vehicles so used in an amount not less than **\$1,000,000** per occurrence combined single limit. If such insurance contains a general aggregate limit, it shall apply separately to this agreement or be no less than two (2) times the occurrence limit. Policy shall name all Agencies, Districts, Special Districts, and Departments of the COUNTY of Riverside, their respective directors, officers, Board of Supervisors, employees, elected or appointed officials, agents or representatives as Additional Insureds.

22.4 Professional Liability Insurance

CONTRACTOR shall maintain Professional Liability Insurance providing coverage for the CONTRACTOR's performance of work included within this Agreement, with a limit of liability of not less than

\$1,000,000 per occurrence and **\$2,000,000** annual aggregate. If CONTRACTOR's Professional Liability Insurance is written on a claims made basis rather than an occurrence basis, such insurance shall continue through the term of this Agreement and CONTRACTOR shall purchase at his sole expense either 1) an Extended Reporting Endorsement (also known as Tail Coverage); or 2) Prior Dates Coverage from new insurer with a retroactive date back to the date of, or prior to, the inception of this Agreement; or 3) demonstrate through Certificates of Insurance that CONTRACTOR has Maintained continuous coverage with the same or original insurer. Coverage provided under items; 1), 2) or 3) will continue for a period of five (5) years beyond the termination of this Agreement.

22.5 General Insurance Provisions - All lines

a) Any insurance carrier providing insurance coverage hereunder shall be admitted to the State of California and have an A M BEST rating of not less than A: VIII (A:8) unless such requirements are waived, in writing, by the COUNTY Risk Manager. If the COUNTY's Risk Manager waives a requirement for a particular insurer such waiver is only valid for that specific insurer and only for one policy term.

b) The CONTRACTOR must declare its insurance self-insured retentions. If such self-insured retentions exceed \$500,000 per occurrence such retentions shall have the prior written consent of the County Risk Manager before the commencement of operations under this Agreement. Upon notification of self insured retention unacceptable to the COUNTY, and at the election of the County's Risk Manager, CONTRACTOR'S carriers shall either; 1) reduce or eliminate such self-insured retention as respects this Agreement with the COUNTY, or 2) procure a bond which guarantees payment of losses and related investigations, claims administration, and defense costs and expenses.

c) CONTRACTOR shall cause CONTRACTOR'S insurance carrier(s) to furnish the COUNTY of Riverside with either 1) a properly executed original Certificate(s) of Insurance and certified original copies of Endorsements effecting coverage as required herein, or 2) if requested to do so orally or in writing by the COUNTY Risk Manager, provide original Certified copies of policies including all Endorsements and all attachments thereto, showing such insurance is in full force and effect. Further, said Certificate(s) and policies of insurance shall contain the covenant of the insurance carrier(s) that thirty (30) days written notice shall be given to the COUNTY of Riverside prior to any material modification, cancellation, expiration or reduction in coverage of such insurance. In the event of a material modification, cancellation, expiration, or reduction in coverage, this Agreement shall terminate forthwith, unless the COUNTY of Riverside receives, prior to such effective date, another properly executed original Certificate of Insurance and original copies of endorsements or certified original policies, including all endorsements and attachments thereto evidencing coverage's set forth herein and the insurance required herein is in full force and effect. ***CONTRACTOR shall not commence operations until the COUNTY has been furnished original Certificate (s) of Insurance and certified original copies of endorsements or policies of insurance including all endorsements and any and all other attachments as required in this Section. An individual authorized by the insurance carrier to do so on its behalf shall sign the original endorsements for each policy and the Certificate of Insurance.***

d) It is understood and agreed to by the parties hereto and the insurance company(s), that the Certificate(s) of Insurance and policies shall so covenant and shall be construed as primary insurance, and the COUNTY'S insurance and/or deductibles and/or self-insured retention's or self-insured programs shall not be construed as contributory.

e) The COUNTY'S Reserved Rights--Insurance. If, during the term of this Agreement or any extension thereof, there is a material change in the scope of services; or, there is a material change in the equipment to be used in the performance of the scope of work (such as the use of aircraft or watercraft) the COUNTY reserves the right to adjust the types of insurance required under this Agreement and the monetary limits of liability for the insurance coverage's currently required herein, if; in the COUNTY Risk Manager's reasonable judgment, the amount or type of insurance carried by the CONTRACTOR has become inadequate.

f) CONTRACTOR shall pass down the insurance obligations contained herein to all tiers of subcontractors working under this Agreement.

g) The insurance requirements contained in this Agreement may be met with a program(s) of self-insurance acceptable to the COUNTY.

23. General

23.1 CONTRACTOR shall not delegate or assign any interest in this Agreement, whether by operation of law or otherwise, without the prior written consent of COUNTY. Any attempt to delegate or assign any interest herein shall be deemed void and of no force or effect.

23.2 Any waiver by COUNTY of any breach of any one or more of the terms of this Agreement shall not be construed to be a waiver of any subsequent or other breach of the same or of any other term of this Agreement. Failure on the part of COUNTY to require exact, full and complete compliance with any terms of this Agreement shall not be construed as in any manner changing the terms or preventing COUNTY from enforcement of the terms of this Agreement.

23.3 In the event the CONTRACTOR receives payment under this Agreement which is later disallowed by COUNTY for nonconformance with the terms of the Agreement, the CONTRACTOR shall promptly refund the disallowed amount to the COUNTY on request; or at its option the COUNTY may offset the amount disallowed from any payment due to the CONTRACTOR.

23.4 CONTRACTOR shall not provide partial delivery or shipment of services or products unless specifically stated in the Agreement.

23.5 CONTRACTOR shall not provide any services or products subject to any chattel mortgage or under a conditional sales contract or other agreement by which an interest is retained by a third party. The CONTRACTOR warrants that it has good title to all materials or products used by CONTRACTOR or provided to COUNTY pursuant to this Agreement, free from all liens, claims or encumbrances.

23.6 Nothing in this Agreement shall prohibit the COUNTY from acquiring the same type or equivalent equipment, products, materials or services from other sources, when deemed by the COUNTY to be in its best interest. The COUNTY reserves the right to purchase more or less than the quantities specified in this Agreement.

23.7 The COUNTY agrees to cooperate with the CONTRACTOR in the CONTRACTOR's performance under this Agreement, including, if stated in the Agreement, providing the CONTRACTOR with reasonable facilities and timely access to COUNTY data, information and personnel.

23.8 CONTRACTOR shall comply with all applicable Federal, State and local laws and regulations. CONTRACTOR will comply with all applicable COUNTY policies and procedures. In the event that there is a conflict between the various laws or regulations that may apply, the CONTRACTOR shall comply with the more restrictive law or regulation.

23.9 CONTRACTOR shall comply with all air pollution control, water pollution, safety and health ordinances, statutes or regulations which apply to performance under this Agreement.

23.10 CONTRACTOR shall comply with all requirements of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) standards and codes as set forth by the U.S. Department of Labor and the State of California (Cal/OSHA).

23.11 This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of California. Any legal action related to the performance or interpretation of this Agreement shall be filed only in the Superior Court of the State of California located in Riverside, California, and the parties waive any provision of law providing for a change of venue to another location. In the event any provision in this Agreement is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void, or unenforceable, the remaining provisions will nevertheless continue in full force without being impaired or invalidated in any way.

23.12 This Agreement, including any attachments or exhibits, constitutes the entire Agreement of the parties with respect to its subject matter and supersedes all prior and contemporaneous representations, proposals, discussions and communications, whether oral or in writing. This Agreement may be changed or modified only by a written amendment signed by authorized representatives of both parties.

COUNTY:

CONTRACTOR:

(INSERT DEPARTMENT NAME)
(INSERT ADDRESS)

(INSERT CONTRACTOR NAME)
(INSERT ADDRESS)

Signature: _____

Signature: _____

Print Name: (YOUR NAME HERE)

Print Name: (CONTRACTOR NAME HERE)

Title: (INSERT TITLE)

Title: (INSERT TITLE)

Dated: _____

Dated: _____

(Insert)
EXHIBIT A
SCOPE OF SERVICE
(INSERT SCOPE OF SERVICE)

EXHIBIT B
PAYMENT PROVISIONS
(INSERT PAYMENT SCHEDULE)

Attachment I
HIPAA Business Associate Addendum to the Agreement
Between the County of Riverside
and
(CONTRACTOR).

This HIPAA Business Associate Agreement Addendum ("Addendum") supplements, and is made part of the Agreement for Services (the "Underlying Agreement") between the COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE ("County") and (Insert Contractor Name) ("Contractor") as of the date of approval by both parties (the "Effective Date").

RECITALS

WHEREAS, County and Contractor entered into the Underlying Agreement pursuant to which Contractor provides services to County, and in conjunction with the provision of such services certain Protected Health Information ("PHI") and/or certain electronic Protected Health Information (ePHI) may be made available to Contractor for the purposes of carrying out its obligations under the Underlying Agreement; and,

WHEREAS, the provisions of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, Pub. L. No. 104-161 of 1996 ("HIPAA"), more specifically the regulations found at Title 45, CFR, Parts 160 and 164 (the "Privacy Rule") and/or Part 162 (the "Security Rule"), as may be amended from time to time, which are applicable to the protection of any disclosure of PHI and /or ePHI pursuant to the Underlying Agreement; and,

WHEREAS, County is a Covered Entity, as defined in the Privacy Rule; and,

WHEREAS, Contractor, when a recipient of PHI and/or ePHI from County, is a Business Associate as defined in the Privacy Rule; and,

WHEREAS, the parties agree that any disclosure or use of PHI and/or ePHI be in compliance with the Privacy Rule, Security Rule, or other applicable law;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants contained herein, the Parties agree as follows:

1. Definitions. Unless otherwise provided in this Addendum, capitalized terms shall have the same meanings as set forth in the Privacy Rule and/or Security Rule, as may be amended from time to time.
2. Scope of Use and Disclosure by Contractor of County Disclosed PHI and/or ePHI
 - A. Contractor shall be permitted to use PHI and/or ePHI disclosed to it by the County:
 - (1) On behalf of the County, or to provide services to the County for the purposes contained herein, if such use or disclosure would not violate the Privacy Rule and/or Security Rule;
 - (2) As necessary to perform any and all of its obligations under the Underlying Agreement.
 - B. Unless otherwise limited herein, in addition to any other uses and/or disclosures permitted or authorized by this Addendum or required by law, Contractor may:
 - (1) Use the PHI and/or ePHI in its possession for its proper management and administration and to fulfill any legal obligations.
 - (2) Disclose the PHI and/or ePHI in its possession to a third party for the purpose of Contractor's proper management and administration or to fulfill any legal responsibilities of Contractor. Contractor may disclose PHI and/or ePHI as necessary for Contractor's operations only if:
 - (a) The disclosure is required by law; or
 - (b) Contractor obtains written assurances from any person or organization to which Contractor will disclose such PHI and/or ePHI that the person or organization will:

- (i) Hold such PHI and/or ePHI in confidence and use or further disclose it only for the purpose of which Contractor disclosed it to the third party, or as required by law; and,
 - (ii) The third party will notify Contractor of any instances of which it becomes aware in which the confidentiality of the information has been breached.
 - (3) Aggregate the PHI and/or ePHI aggregate the PHI and/or ePHI with that of other data for the purpose of providing County with data analyses related to the Underlying Agreement, or any other purpose, financial or otherwise, as requested by County.
 - (4) Not disclose PHI and/or ePHI disclosed to Contractor by County not authorized by the Underlying Agreement or this Addendum without patient authorization or de-identification of the PHI and/or ePHI as authorized in writing by County.
 - (5) De-identify any and all PHI and/or ePHI of County received by Contractor under this Addendum provided that the de-identification conforms to the requirements of the Privacy Rule and/or Security Rule and does not preclude timely payment and/or claims processing and receipt.
 - C. Contractor agrees that it will neither use nor disclose PHI and/or ePHI it receives from County, or from another business associate of County, except as permitted or required by this Addendum, or as required by law, or as otherwise permitted by law.
 - D. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in any instance where applicable state and/or federal laws and/or regulations are stricter in their requirements than the provisions of HIPAA and prohibit the disclosure of mental health, and/or substance abuse records, the applicable state and/or federal laws and/or regulations shall control the disclosure of records.
3. Obligations of County.
- A. County agrees that it will make its best efforts to promptly notify Contractor in writing of any restrictions on the use and disclosure of PHI and/or ePHI agreed to by County that may affect Contractor's ability to perform its obligations under the Underlying Agreement, or this Addendum.
 - B. County agrees that it will make its best efforts to promptly notify Contractor in writing of any changes in, or revocation of, permission by any Individual to use or disclose PHI and/or ePHI, if such changes or revocation may affect Contractor's ability to perform its obligations under the Underlying Agreement, or this Addendum.
 - C. County agrees to make its best efforts to promptly notify Contractor in writing of any known limitation(s) in its notice of privacy practices to the extent that such limitation may affect Contractor's use of disclosure of PHI and/or ePHI.
 - D. County shall not request Contractor to use or disclose PHI and/or ePHI in any manner that would not be permissible under the Privacy Rule and/or Security Rule.
 - E. County will obtain any authorizations necessary for the use or disclosure of PHI and/or ePHI, so that Contractor can perform its obligations under this Addendum and/or the Underlying Agreement.
4. Obligations of Contractor. In connection with its use of PHI and/or ePHI disclosed by County to Contractor, Contractor agrees to:
- A. Use or disclose PHI and/or ePHI only as permitted or required by this Addendum or as required by law.
 - B. Use reasonable and appropriate safeguards to prevent use or disclosure of PHI and/or ePHI other than as provided for by this Addendum.

- C. To the extent practicable, mitigate any harmful effect that is known to Contractor of a use or disclosure of PHI and/or ePHI by Contractor in violation of this Addendum.
 - D. Report to County any use or disclosure of PHI and/or ePHI not provided for by this Addendum of which Contractor becomes aware.
 - E. Require sub-contractors or agents to whom Contractor provides PHI and/or ePHI to agree to the same restrictions and conditions that apply to Contractor pursuant to this Addendum.
 - F. Use appropriate administrative, technical and physical safeguards to prevent inappropriate use or disclosure of PHI and/or ePHI created or received for or from the County.
 - G. Obtain and maintain knowledge of the applicable laws and regulations related to HIPAA, as may be amended from time to time.
5. Access to PHI, Amendment and Disclosure Accounting. Contractor agrees to:
- A. Provide access, at the request of County, within five (5) days, to PHI in a Designated Record Set, to the County, or to an Individual as directed by the County.
 - B. To make any amendment(s) to PHI in a Designated Record Set that the County directs or agrees to at the request of County or an Individual within sixty (60) days of the request of County.
 - C. To assist the County in meeting its disclosure accounting under HIPAA:
 - (1) Contractor agrees to document such disclosures of PHI and information related to such disclosures as would be required for the County to respond to a request by an Individual for an accounting of disclosures of PHI.
 - (2) Contractor agrees to provide to County or an Individual, within sixty (60) days, information collected in accordance with this section to permit the County to respond to a request by an Individual for an accounting of disclosures of PHI.
 - (3) Contractor shall have available for the County the information required by this section for the six (6) years preceding the County's request for information (except the Contractor need have no information for disclosures occurring before April 14, 2003).
 - D. Make available to the County, or to the Secretary of Health and Human Services, Contractor's internal practices, books and records relating to the use of and disclosure of PHI for purposes of determining Contractor's compliance with the Privacy Rule, subject to any applicable legal restrictions.
 - E. Within thirty (30) days of receiving a written request from County, make available any and all information necessary for County to make an accounting of disclosures of County PHI by Contractor.
 - F. Within thirty (30) days of receiving a written request from County, incorporate any amendments or corrections to the PHI in accordance with the Privacy Rule in the event that the PHI in Contractor's possession constitutes a Designated Record Set.
 - G. Not make any disclosure of PHI that County would be prohibited from making.
6. Access to ePHI, Amendment and Disclosure Accounting. In the event contractor needs to create or have access to County ePHI, Contractor agrees to:
- A. Implement and maintain reasonable and appropriate administrative, physical, and technical safeguards to protect the confidentiality of, the integrity of, the availability of, and authorized persons' accessibility to, County ePHI as applicable under the terms and conditions of the Underlying Agreement. The ePHI shall include that which the Contractor may create, receive, maintain, or transmit on behalf of the County.

- B. Ensure that any agent, including a subcontractor, to whom Contractor provides ePHI agrees to implement reasonable and appropriated safeguards.
- C. Report to County any security incident of which Contractor becomes aware that concerns County ePHI.

7. Term and Termination.

- A. Term – this Addendum shall commence upon the Effective Date and terminate upon the termination of the Underlying Agreement, except as terminated by County as provided herein.
- B. Termination for Breach – County may terminate this Addendum, effective immediately, without cause, if County, in its sole discretion, determines that Contractor has breached a material provision of this Addendum. Alternatively, County may choose to provide Contractor with notice of the existence of an alleged material breach and afford Contractor with an opportunity to cure the alleged material breach. In the event Contractor fails to cure the breach to the satisfaction of County in a timely manner, County reserves the right to immediately terminate this Addendum.
- C. Effect of Termination – upon termination of this Addendum, for any reason, Contractor shall return or destroy all PHI and/or ePHI received from the County, or created or received by Contractor on behalf of County, and, in the event of destruction, Contractor shall certify such destruction, in writing, to County. This provision shall apply to all PHI and/or ePHI which is in possession of subcontractors or agents of Contractor. Contractor shall retain no copies of the PHI and/or ePHI.
- D. Destruction not Feasible – in the event that Contractor determines that returning or destroying the PHI and/or ePHI is not feasible, Contractor shall provide written notification to County of the conditions which make such return or destruction not feasible. Upon determination by Contractor that return or destruction of PHI is not feasible, Contractor shall extend the protections of this Addendum to such PHI and/or ePHI and limit further uses and disclosures of such PHI and/or ePHI to those purposes which make the return or destruction not feasible, for so long as Contractor maintains such PHI and/or ePHI.

8. Hold Harmless/Indemnification

Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless all Agencies, Districts, Special Districts and Departments of the County, their respective directors, officers, Board of Supervisors, elected and appointed officials, employees, agents and representatives from any liability whatsoever, based or asserted upon any services of Contractor, its officers, employees, subcontractors, agents or representatives arising out of or in any way relating to this Addendum, including but not limited to property damage, bodily injury, or death or any other element of any kind or nature whatsoever including fines, penalties or any other costs and resulting from any reason whatsoever arising from the performance of Contractor, its officers, agents, employees, subcontractors, agents or representatives from this Addendum. Contractor shall defend, at its sole expense, all costs and fees including but not limited to attorney fees, cost of investigation, defense and settlements or awards all Agencies, Districts, Special Districts and Departments of the County, their respective directors, officers, Board of Supervisors, elected and appointed officials, employees, agents and representatives in any claim or action based upon such alleged acts or omissions.

With respect to any action or claim subject to indemnification herein by Contractor, Contractor shall, at their sole cost, have the right to use counsel of their choice, subject to the approval of County, which shall not be unreasonably withheld, and shall have the right to adjust, settle, or compromise any such action or claim without the prior consent of County; provided, however, that any such adjustment, settlement or compromise in no manner whatsoever limits or circumscribes Contractor's indemnification to County as set forth herein. Contractor's obligation to defend, indemnify and hold harmless County shall be subject to County having given Contractor written notice within a reasonable period of time of the claim or of the commencement of the related action, as the case may be, and information and reasonable assistance, at Contractor's expense, for the defense or settlement thereof. Contractor's obligation hereunder shall be satisfied when Contractor has provided to County the appropriate form of dismissal relieving County from any liability for the action or claim involved.

The specified insurance limits required in the Underlying Agreement of this Addendum shall in no way limit or circumscribe Contractor's obligations to indemnify and hold harmless the County herein from third party claims arising from the issues of this Addendum.

In the event there is conflict between this clause and California Civil Code Section 2782, this clause shall be interpreted to comply with Civil Code 2782. Such interpretation shall not relieve the Contractor from indemnifying the County to the fullest extent allowed by law.

In the event there is a conflict between this indemnification clause and an indemnification clause contained in the Underlying Agreement of this Addendum, this indemnification shall only apply to the subject issues included within this Addendum.

9. General Provisions.

- A. Amendment – the parties agree to take such action as is necessary to amend this Addendum from time to time as is necessary for County to comply with the Privacy Rule and HIPAA generally.
- B. Survival – the respective rights and obligations of this Addendum shall survive the termination or expiration of this Addendum.
- C. Regulatory References – a reference in this Addendum to a section in the Privacy Rule means the section as in effect or as amended.
- D. Conflicts – any ambiguity in this Addendum and the Underlying Agreement shall be resolved to permit County to comply with the Privacy Rule, Security Rule, and HIPAA generally.
- E. Interpretation of Addendum – this Addendum shall be construed to be a part of the Underlying Agreement as one document. The purpose is to supplement the Underlying Agreement to include the requirements of HIPAA.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Addendum as set forth below:

CONTRACTOR

COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

By: _____

By: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____

EXHIBIT C
LOCAL PREFERENCE

RFP # DCARC-007

Local Business Qualification Affidavit

The County of Riverside Local Business Preference may be applied to this Request for Proposal/Quotation. If you qualify for this preference, please submit this form along with your response to this RFP/Q.

Definition of Local Business

A local business shall mean business firms with fixed offices located within the geographical boundaries of Riverside County, authorized to perform business within the County, and in doing so, credit all sales tax from sales generated within Riverside County to the County, and who provide product or perform contracted work using employees, of whom the majority are physically located in said local offices.

Local businesses" shall have a Riverside County business street address. Post office box numbers, residential addresses or un-staffed sales offices shall not suffice to establish status as a "local business". To qualify as a "local business" the location must be open and staffed during normal business hours and the business must establish proof that it has been located and doing business in Riverside County for at least (6) six months preceding its certification to the County as a local business.

Additional supporting documentation that may be requested by the County to verify qualification includes:

1. **A copy of their current BOE 531-A and/or BOE 530-C form** (State, Local & District Sales and Use Tax Return Form). This is what businesses submit to the State Board of Equalization when paying the sales tax to the State of California indicating the amount of the payment to be credited to each jurisdiction (i.e. Counties, Cities).
2. **A current business license** if required for the political jurisdiction the business is located in.
3. **Proof of the current business address.** The local business needs to be operating from a functional office that is staffed with the company's employees, during normal business hours.

Business Name: _____

Physical Address: _____

Phone: _____ FAX: _____ E-Mail: _____

Length of time at this location: _____ Number of Company Employees at this address: _____

If less than 6 month, list previous
Riverside County location: _____

Business License # (where applicable): _____ Jurisdiction _____

Hours of Operation: _____

Primary function of this location (i.e., sales, distribution, production, corporate, etc): _____

Signature of Company Official

Date

Submittal of false data will result in disqualification of local preference and/or doing business with Riverside County.

ATTACHMENT NO: 1

Federal Regulations Section 45 CFR 303.5 Establishment of Paternity.

(a) For all cases referred to the IV-D agency or applying for services under § 302.33 of this chapter in which paternity has not been established, the IV-D agency must, as appropriate:

(1) Provide an alleged father the opportunity to voluntarily acknowledge paternity in accordance with § 302.70(a) (5) (iii); and

(2) Attempt to establish paternity by legal process established under State law.

(b) The IV-D agency need not attempt to establish paternity in any case involving incest or forcible rape, or in any case in which legal proceedings for adoption are pending, if, in the opinion of the IVD agency, it would not be in the best interests of the child to establish paternity.

(c) The IV-D agency must identify and use through competitive procurement laboratories which perform, at reasonable cost, legally and medically acceptable genetic tests which tend to identify the father or exclude the alleged -father. The IV-D agency must make available a list of such laboratories to appropriate courts and law enforcement officials, and to the public upon request.

(d)(1) Upon request of any party in a contested paternity case in accordance with section 466(a)(5)(B) of the Act, and subject to the provisions of paragraph (b) of this section, the IV-D agency shall require all parties to submit to genetic tests unless, in the case of an individual receiving aid under the State's title IV-A, IV-E or XIX plan, or those recipients of the food stamp program, as defined under section 3(h) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 who are required to cooperate with the child support program, there has been a determination of good cause for refusal to cooperate under section 454(29) of the Act.

(2) A contested paternity case is any action in which the issue of paternity may be raised under State law and one party denies paternity.

(e)(1) Except as provided in paragraph (e)(3) of this section, the IV-D agency may charge any individual who is not a recipient of aid under the State's title IV-A or XIX plan a reasonable fee for performing genetic tests.

(2) Any fee charged must be reasonable so as not to discourage those in need of paternity establishment services from seeking them and may not exceed the actual costs of the genetic tests.

(3) If paternity is established and genetic tests were ordered by the IV-D agency, the IV-D agency must pay the costs of such tests, subject to recoupment (if the agency elects) from the alleged father who denied paternity. If a party contests the results of an original test, the IV-D agency shall obtain additional tests but shall require the contestant to pay for the costs of any such additional testing in advance.

(4) The IV-D agency must use any amount collected under paragraphs (e) (1) and (3) of this section that exceeds the costs of performing genetic tests to reimburse any fee paid under paragraph (e)(1) of this chapter.

(f) The IV-D agency must seek entry of a default order by the court or administrative authority in a paternity case by showing that process has been served on the defendant in accordance with State law, that the defendant has failed to respond to service in accordance with State procedures, and any additional showing required by State law, in accordance with § 302.70(a)(5)(viii).

(g) Voluntary paternity establishment programs. (1) The State must establish, in cooperation with hospitals, State birth record agencies, and other entities designated by the State and participating in the State's voluntary paternity establishment program, a program for voluntary paternity establishment services.

(i) The hospital-based portion of the voluntary paternity establishment services program must be operational in all private and public birthing hospitals statewide and must provide voluntary paternity establishment services focusing on the period immediately before and after the birth of a child born out-of-wedlock.

(ii) The voluntary paternity establishment services program must also be available at the State birth record agencies, and at other entities designated by the State and participating in the State's voluntary paternity establishment program. These entities may include the following types of entities:

(A) Public health clinics (including Supplementary Feeding Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) and Maternal and Child Health (MCH) clinics), and private health care providers (including obstetricians, gynecologists, pediatricians, and midwives);

(B) Agencies providing assistance or services under Title IV-A of the Act, agencies providing food stamp eligibility service, and agencies providing child support enforcement (IV-D) services;

(C) Head Start and child care agencies (including child care information and referral providers), and individual child care providers;

(D) Community Action Agencies and Community Action Programs;

(E) Secondary education schools (particularly those that have parenthood education curricula);

(F) Legal Aid agencies, and private attorneys; and

(G) Any similar public or private health, welfare or social services organization.

(2) The hospitals, State birth record agencies, and other entities designated by the State and participating in the State's voluntary paternity establishment program must, at a minimum:

(i) Provide to both the mother and alleged father:

(A) Written materials about paternity establishment,

(B) The forms necessary to voluntarily acknowledge paternity,

(C) Notice, orally or through video or audio equipment, and in writing, of the alternatives to, the legal consequences of, and the rights (including any rights, if a parent is a minor, due to minority status) and responsibilities or acknowledging paternity, and

(D) The opportunity to speak with staff, either by telephone or in person, who are trained to clarify information and answer questions about paternity establishment;

(ii) Provide the mother and alleged father the opportunity to voluntarily acknowledge paternity;

(iii) Afford due process safeguards; and

(iv) File signed original of voluntary acknowledgments or adjudications of paternity with the State registry of birth records (or a copy if the signed original is filed with another designated entity) for comparison with information in the State case registry.

(3) The hospitals, State birth record agencies, and other entities designated by the State and participating in the State's voluntary paternity establishment program need not provide services specified in paragraph (g)(2) of this section in cases where the mother or alleged father is a minor or a legal action is already pending, if the provision of such services is precluded by State law.

(4) The State must require that a voluntary acknowledgment be signed by both parents, and that the parents' signatures be authenticated by a notary or witness(es).

(5) The State must provide to all hospitals, State birth record agencies, and other entities designated by the State and participating in the State's voluntary paternity establishment program:

(i) Written materials about paternity establishment,

(ii) Form necessary to voluntarily acknowledge paternity, and

(iii) Copies of a written description of the alternatives to, the legal consequences of, and the rights (including any rights, if a parent is a minor, due to minority status) and responsibilities of acknowledging paternity.

(6) The State must provide training, guidance, and written instructions regarding voluntary acknowledgment of paternity, as necessary to operate the voluntary paternity establishment services in the hospitals, State birth record agencies, and other entities designated by the State and participating in the State's voluntary paternity establishment program.

(7) The State must assess each hospital, State birth record agency, local birth record agency designated by the State, and other entity participating in the State's voluntary paternity establishment program that are providing voluntary paternity establishment services on at least an annual basis.

(8) Hospitals, State birth record agencies, and other entities designated by the State and participating in the State's voluntary paternity establishment program must forward completed voluntary acknowledgments or copies to the entity designated by the State. If any entity other than the State registry of birth records is designated by the State, a copy must be filed with the State registry of birth records, in accordance with section 303.5(g)(2)(iv). Under State procedures, the designated entity must be responsible for promptly recording identifying information about the acknowledgments with a statewide database, and the IV-D agency must have timely access to whatever identifying information and documentation it needs to determine in accordance with § 303.5(h) if an acknowledgment has been recorded and to seek a support order on the basis of a recorded acknowledgment in accordance with § 303.4(f).

(h) In IV-D cases needing paternity establishment, the IV-D agency must determine if identifying information about a voluntary acknowledgment has been recorded in the statewide database in accordance with § 303.5(g)(8).

HISTORY:

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ATTACHMENT NO: 2

California Family Code Section 7552.5

A copy of the results of all genetic tests performed under Section 7552 or 7558 shall be served upon all parties, by any method of service authorized under Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 1010) of Title 14 of Part 2 of the Code of Civil Procedure except personal service, no later than 20 days prior to any hearing in which the genetic test results may be admitted into evidence. The genetic test results shall be accompanied by a declaration under penalty of perjury of the custodian of records or other qualified employee of the laboratory that conducted the genetic tests, stating in substance each of the following:

(1) The declarant is the duly authorized custodian of the records or other qualified employee of the laboratory, and has authority to certify the records.

(2) A statement which establishes in detail the chain of custody of all genetic samples collected, including the date on which the genetic sample was collected, the identity of each person from whom a genetic sample was collected, the identity of the person who performed or witnessed the collecting of the genetic samples and packaged them for transmission to the laboratory, the date on which the genetic samples were received by the laboratory, the identity of the person who unpacked the samples and forwarded them to the person who performed the laboratory analysis of the genetic sample, and the identification and qualifications of all persons who performed the laboratory analysis and published the results.

(3) A statement which establishes that the procedures used by the laboratory to conduct the tests for which the test results are attached are used in the laboratory's ordinary course of business to ensure accuracy and proper identification of genetic samples.

(4) The genetic test results were prepared at or near the time of completion of the genetic tests by personnel of the business qualified to perform genetic tests in the ordinary course of business.

(a) The genetic test results shall be admitted into evidence at the hearing or trial to establish paternity, without the need for foundation testimony of authenticity and accuracy, unless a written objection to the genetic test results is filed with the court and served on all other parties, by any party no later than five days prior to the hearing or trial where paternity is at issue.

(b) If a written objection is filed with the court and served on all parties within the time specified in subdivision (c), experts appointed by the court shall be called by the court as witnesses to testify to their findings and are subject to cross-examination by the parties.

(d) If a genetic test reflects a paternity index of 100 or greater, the copy of the results mailed under subdivision (e) shall be accompanied with a voluntary declaration of paternity form, information prepared according to Section 7572.