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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

To: Contractors	From: Maiko Klieman, ITS Staff Services Manager
Date: January 24, 2011	Re: Mail Service

OBJECTIVES & PURPOSE

Napa County Mail/Records Management Services is part of the Information Technology Services Division (ITS). It provides the mail services to the County departments as well as some outside government agencies and also is responsible for the management of the County's records.

On June 8, 2010, Napa County Board of Supervisors adopted a local vendor preference program that includes outreach program designed to facilitate increased visibility of Request for Proposals (RFP) and Request for Quotes (RFQ). In attempt to reach out to the local businesses, ITS is soliciting Request for Proposal (RFP) from local vendors that may be interested in providing the County with the pickup, bar-coding, and sorting of First Class Mail. The mail will be delivered on the same day of pickup to the United States Post Office. At this time, we are only seeking a vendor as a back-up to the County's mail service. All the mailing is normally done by the County's Mail Services. However, County's Mail Services is a small operation and there are times when backup is needed due to the large volume of mails or the short timeline to complete the project.

SUBMISSION FOR RESPONSES

1. Electronic copy of the RFP

An electronic copy of the RFP is available on the Internet at www.countyofnapa.com. It is recommended that all potential vendors also register for future procurement opportunities and announcements on this site.

2. Delivery of responses

Respondents are requested to email maiko.klieman@countyofnapa.org, fax (707) 253-4824 or deliver the responses in accordance to Section 6 to:

Napa County Information Technology Services Division, Attn: Maiko Klieman, 650 Imperial Way, Ste 201, Napa, CA 94559

The responses are to be received on or before the time and date specified in Section 3.

Except for the above named, potential respondents should not contact Napa County officials or staff regarding any aspect of this RFP. If such contact is made, the County reserves the right to reject the proposal.

No prior, current, or post award verbal conversations or agreements with any officer, agent, or employee of the County or any other person or entity shall affect or modify any terms or obligations of this RFP or any agreement resulting from this process.

3. Submission due date

Respondents are requested to make their submissions before 3:00 p.m., February 14, 2011. The County reserves the right to request additional information not included in this RFP from any or all respondents after the due date. Any modification, amendment, addition or alteration to any submission must be presented, in writing, executed by an authorized person or persons, and submitted prior to the final date for submissions. No amendments, additions or alterations will be accepted after the time and date specified as the submission deadline unless requested by the county.

4. Respondent's costs

Napa County is not liable for any expenses incurred by any respondent related to preparing a response to this RFP and shall be held harmless and free from any and all liability, claims, or expenses whatsoever incurred by, on behalf of any person or organization responding to this RFP.

5. Disposition of responses

All proposals become the property of the County of Napa. The County reserves the right to reject any and all submittals; to request clarification of information submitted; to request additional information from competitors; and to waive any irregularity in the submission and review process. None of the materials submitted will be returned to the bidder unless they are not submitted in a timely manner.

Proposals will become a public record and available for release to the public upon selection of a successful respondent and an agreement is reached.

6. Format of response

The response shall be concise and contain only relevant information, and shall be structured in the following sections:

- a. Provide the contractor's qualifications, years in business, staff profile and experience in providing the level and type of service.
- b. References: list three (3) current mailing and preparation for automation rate references using similar services. Include company, name, contact name and phone number.
- c. Provide the price of preparation of First Class Mail:
 1. First Class Presort Rate
 2. Vendor's Price Per Piece
 3. Final Price Per Piece to the County
- d. Provide a description of the mail preparation methods in use, including a description of the machines in use (number of machines, brand and model numbers).
- e. Describe your company's ability for the application of the postage to County mail sorted and marked in multiple account order by the County departments. And, your company's ability to submit a report to the County indicating the number of mails by type and the cost sorted by the County departments.
- f. Describe any additional services provided by your company (e.g. services for large special mailings).

TERMS OF SUBMISSION

1. By submitting a proposal, the respondent represents and warrants that:
 - (a) The information provided is genuine and not a sham, collusive, or made in the interest or in behalf of any party not therein named, and that the respondent has not directly or indirectly induced or solicited any other respondent to put in a sham proposal, or any other respondent to refrain from presenting information and that the prospective provider has not in any manner sought by collusion to secure an advantage.

(b) The respondent has not paid or agreed to pay any fee or commission, or any other thing of value contingent upon the award of an exclusive operating area, to any employee, official, or existing contracting consultant of the County of Napa.

2. The County reserves the right to award an agreement without further competition based on the responses received to this RFP.
3. The County reserves the right to contact references not provided in the submittals.
4. County reserves the right to incorporate its standard language into any contract resulting from this Request for Proposal. The County's standard agreement language is attached as information only.

NAPA COUNTY AGREEMENT NO. _____

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into as of this _____ day of _____, _____, by and between the COUNTY OF NAPA, a political subdivision of the State of California, hereinafter referred to as "COUNTY", acting by and through its Purchasing Agent, and _____ [LEGAL NAME OF CONTRACTOR; IF THE CONTRACTOR USES A FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME AS WELL, ADD "doing business as _____"; IF THE CONTRACTOR IS A CORPORATION, ADD THE STATE OF INCORPORATION BY SAYING, "a _____ corporation"], whose mailing [or business] address is _____, hereinafter referred to as "CONTRACTOR";

RECITALS

WHEREAS, COUNTY wishes to obtain specialized services, as authorized by Government Code section 31000, in order to _____; and

WHEREAS, CONTRACTOR is willing to provide such specialized services to COUNTY under the terms and conditions set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, because the aggregate compensation by COUNTY to CONTRACTOR through this and any prior agreements does not exceed \$57,700 (as adjusted annually beginning on April 1, 2010 to reflect the percentage change from April 1 of the prior year to April 1 of the current year in the California Consumer Price Index for all items, as determined by the California Department of Industrial Relations), COUNTY's Purchasing Agent is authorized by Napa County Code section 2.36.040(G) to execute this Agreement on behalf of COUNTY;

TERMS

NOW, THEREFORE, COUNTY hereby engages the services of CONTRACTOR, and CONTRACTOR agrees to serve COUNTY in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth herein:

1. **Term of the Agreement.** The term of this Agreement shall commence on the date first above written and shall expire on _____, unless terminated earlier in accordance with Paragraphs 9 (Termination for Cause), 10 (Other Termination) or 23(a) (Covenant of No Undisclosed Conflict); except that the obligations of the parties under Paragraphs 7 (Insurance) and 8 (Indemnification) shall continue in full force and effect after said expiration date or early termination in relation to acts or omissions occurring prior to such dates during the term of the Agreement, and the obligations of CONTRACTOR to COUNTY shall also continue after said expiration date or early termination in relation to the obligations prescribed by Paragraphs 15 (Confidentiality), 20 (Taxes) and 21 (Access to Records/Retention).

[IF THE TERM NEEDS TO ROLLOVER, ADD THE FOLLOWING] The term of this Agreement shall be automatically renewed for an additional year at the end of each fiscal year, under the terms and conditions then in effect, not to exceed _____ additional years, unless either party gives the other party written notice of intention not to renew no less than thirty (30) days prior to the expiration of the then current term. For purposes of this Agreement, "fiscal year" shall mean the period commencing on July 1 and ending on June 30.

2. **Scope of Services.** CONTRACTOR shall provide COUNTY those services set forth in Exhibit "A", attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein.

3. **Compensation.**

(a) Rates. In consideration of CONTRACTOR's fulfillment of the promised work, COUNTY shall pay CONTRACTOR at the [rate of _____] [OR, IF THERE IS MORE THAN A SINGLE RATE, USE THE FOLLOWING] [at the rates set forth in Exhibit "B", attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein].

(b) Expenses. No travel or other expenses will be reimbursed by COUNTY.

(c) Maximum Amount. Notwithstanding subparagraphs (a) and (b), the maximum payments under this Agreement [ADD "per fiscal year" IF PARAGRAPH 1 HAS AN AUTOMATIC ROLLOVER] shall be a total of _____ (\$ _____) for professional services; provided, however, that such amounts shall not be construed as guaranteed sums, and compensation shall be based upon services actually rendered.

4. **Method of Payment.**

(a) Invoices. All payments for compensation shall be made only upon presentation by CONTRACTOR to COUNTY of an itemized billing invoice in a form acceptable to the Napa County Auditor which indicates, at a minimum, CONTRACTOR's name, address, Social Security or Taxpayer Identification Number, itemization of the hours worked or, where compensation is on a per-task basis, a description of the tasks completed during the billing period, the person(s) actually performing the services and the position(s) held by such person(s), and the approved hourly or task rate. CONTRACTOR shall submit invoices not more often than once a month to the Chief Information Officer who, after review and approval as to form and content, shall submit the invoice to the Napa County Auditor no later than fifteen (15) calendar days following receipt.

(b) Legal status. So that COUNTY may properly comply with its reporting obligations under federal and state laws pertaining to taxation, if CONTRACTOR is or becomes a corporation during the term of this Agreement, proof that such status is currently recognized by and complies with the laws of both the state of incorporation or organization and the State of California, if different, shall be provided to the Chief Information Officer upon request in a form satisfactory to the Napa County Auditor. Such proof shall include, but need not be limited to, a copy of any annual or other periodic filings or registrations required by the state of origin or California, the current address for service of process on the corporation or limited liability partnership, and the name of any agent designated for service of process by CONTRACTOR within the State of California.

5. **Independent Contractor.** CONTRACTOR shall perform this Agreement as an independent contractor. CONTRACTOR and the officers, agents and employees of

CONTRACTOR are not, and shall not be deemed, COUNTY employees for any purpose, including workers' compensation and employee benefits. CONTRACTOR shall, at CONTRACTOR's own risk and expense, determine the method and manner by which duties imposed on CONTRACTOR by this Agreement shall be performed; provided, however, that COUNTY may monitor the work performed by CONTRACTOR. COUNTY shall not deduct or withhold any amounts whatsoever from the compensation paid to CONTRACTOR, including, but not limited to amounts required to be withheld for state and federal taxes. As between the parties to this Agreement, CONTRACTOR shall be solely responsible for all such payments.

6. **Specific Performance.** It is agreed that CONTRACTOR, including the agents or employees of CONTRACTOR, shall be the sole providers of the services required by this Agreement. Because the services to be performed by CONTRACTOR under the terms of this Agreement are of a special, unique, unusual, extraordinary, and intellectual or time-sensitive character which gives them a peculiar value, the loss of which cannot be reasonably or adequately compensated in damages in an action of law, COUNTY, in addition to any other rights or remedies which COUNTY may possess, shall be entitled to injunctive and other equitable relief to prevent a breach of this Agreement by CONTRACTOR.

7. **Insurance.** CONTRACTOR shall obtain and maintain in full force and effect throughout the term of this Agreement, and thereafter as to matters occurring during the term of this Agreement, the following insurance coverage:

(a) Workers' Compensation insurance. To the extent required by law during the term of this Agreement, CONTRACTOR shall provide workers' compensation insurance for the performance of any of CONTRACTOR's duties under this Agreement, including but not limited to, coverage for workers' compensation and employer's liability and a waiver of subrogation, and shall provide COUNTY with certification of all such coverages upon request by COUNTY's Risk Manager.

(b) Liability insurance. CONTRACTOR shall obtain and maintain in full force and effect during the term of this Agreement the following liability insurance coverages, issued by a company admitted to do business in California and having an A.M. Best rating of A:VII or better, or equivalent self-insurance:

(1) General Liability. Commercial general liability [CGL] insurance coverage (personal injury and property damage) of not less than ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$1,000,000) combined single limit per occurrence, covering liability or claims for any personal injury, including death, to any person and/or damage to the property of any person arising from the acts or omissions of CONTRACTOR or any officer, agent, or employee of CONTRACTOR under this Agreement. If the coverage includes an aggregate limit, the aggregate limit shall be no less than twice the per occurrence limit.

(2) Professional Liability/Errors and Omissions. Professional liability [or errors and omissions] insurance for all activities of CONTRACTOR arising out of or in connection with this Agreement in an amount not less than ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$1,000,000) per claim.

(3) Comprehensive Automobile Liability Insurance. Comprehensive automobile liability insurance (Bodily Injury and Property Damage) on owned, hired, leased and non-owned vehicles used in conjunction with CONTRACTOR's business of not less than

THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$300,000) combined single limit per occurrence.

(c) Certificates. All insurance coverages referenced in 7(b), above, shall be evidenced by one or more certificates of coverage or, with the consent of COUNTY's Risk Manager, demonstrated by other evidence of coverage acceptable to COUNTY's Risk Manager, which shall be filed by CONTRACTOR with the Information Technology Services prior to commencement of performance of any of CONTRACTOR's duties; shall reference this Agreement by its COUNTY number or title and department; shall be kept current during the term of this Agreement; shall provide that COUNTY shall be given no less than thirty (30) days prior written notice of any non-renewal, cancellation, other termination, or material change, except that only ten (10) days prior written notice shall be required where the cause of non-renewal or cancellation is non-payment of premium; and shall provide that the inclusion of more than one insured shall not operate to impair the rights of one insured against another insured, the coverage afforded applying as though separate policies had been issued to each insured, but the inclusion of more than one insured shall not operate to increase the limits of the company's liability. For the commercial general liability insurance coverage referenced in 7(b)(1) and, where the vehicles are covered by a commercial policy rather than a personal policy, for the comprehensive automobile liability insurance coverage referenced in 7(b)(3) CONTRACTOR shall also file with the evidence of coverage an endorsement from the insurance provider naming COUNTY, its officers, employees, agents and volunteers as additional insureds and waiving subrogation, and the certificate or other evidence of coverage shall provide that if the same policy applies to activities of CONTRACTOR not covered by this Agreement then the limits in the applicable certificate relating to the additional insured coverage of COUNTY shall pertain only to liability for activities of CONTRACTOR under this Agreement, and that the insurance provided is primary coverage to COUNTY with respect to any insurance or self-insurance programs maintained by COUNTY. The additional insured endorsements for the general liability coverage shall use Insurance Services Office (ISO) Form No. CG 20 09 11 85 or CG 20 10 11 85, or equivalent, including (if used together) CG 2010 10 01 and CG 2037 10 01; but shall not use the following forms: CG 20 10 10 93 or 03 94. Upon request by COUNTY's Risk Manager, CONTRACTOR shall provide or arrange for the insurer to provide within thirty (30) days of the request, certified copies of the actual insurance policies or relevant portions thereof.

(d) Deductibles/Retentions. Any deductibles or self-insured retentions shall be declared to, and be subject to approval by, COUNTY's Risk Manager, which approval shall not be denied unless the COUNTY's Risk Manager determines that the deductibles or self-insured retentions are unreasonably large in relation to compensation payable under this Agreement and the risks of liability associated with the activities required of CONTRACTOR by this Agreement. At the option of and upon request by COUNTY's Risk Manager if the Risk Manager determines that such deductibles or retentions are unreasonably high, either the insurer shall reduce or eliminate such deductibles or self-insurance retentions as respects COUNTY, its officers, employees, agents and volunteers or CONTRACTOR shall procure a bond guaranteeing payment of losses and related investigations, claims administration and defense expenses.

8. Hold Harmless/Defense/Indemnification.

(a) In General. To the full extent permitted by law, CONTRACTOR shall hold harmless, defend at its own expense, and indemnify COUNTY and the officers, agents, employees and volunteers of COUNTY from any and all liability, claims, losses, damages or

expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees, for personal injury (including death) or damage to property, arising from all acts or omissions of CONTRACTOR or its officers, agents, employees, volunteers, contractors and subcontractors in rendering services under this Agreement, excluding, however, such liability, claims, losses, damages or expenses arising from the sole negligence or willful acts of COUNTY or its officers, agents, employees, volunteers, or other contractors or their subcontractors. Each party shall notify the other party immediately in writing of any claim or damage related to activities performed under this Agreement. The parties shall cooperate with each other in the investigation and disposition of any claim arising out of the activities under this Agreement, providing that nothing shall require either party to disclose any documents, records or communications that are protected under peer review privilege, attorney-client privilege, or attorney work product privilege.

(b) Employee Character and Fitness. CONTRACTOR accepts responsibility for determining and approving the character and fitness of its employees (including volunteers, agents or representatives) to provide the services required of CONTRACTOR under this Agreement, including completion of a satisfactory criminal/background check and period rechecks to the extent permitted by law. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Paragraph, CONTRACTOR shall hold COUNTY and its officers, agents and employees harmless from any liability for injuries or damages resulting from a breach of this provision or CONTRACTOR's actions in this regard.

9. **Termination for Cause.** If either party shall fail to fulfill in a timely and proper manner that party's obligations under this Agreement or otherwise breach this Agreement and fail to cure such failure or breach within ten (10) days of receipt of written notice from the other party describing the nature of the breach, the non-defaulting party may, in addition to any other remedies it may have, terminate this Agreement by giving five (5) days prior written notice to the defaulting party in the manner set forth in Paragraph 13 (Notices). The Napa County Purchasing Agent or designee pursuant to Napa County Code section 2.36.050 is hereby authorized to make all decisions and take all actions required under this Paragraph to terminate this Agreement on behalf of COUNTY for cause.

10. **Other Termination.** This Agreement may be terminated by either party for any reason and at any time by giving prior written notice of such termination to the other party specifying the effective date thereof at least thirty (30) days prior to the effective date, as long as the date the notice is given and the effective date of the termination are in the same fiscal year; provided, however, that no such termination may be effected by COUNTY unless an opportunity for consultation is provided prior to the effective date of the termination. COUNTY hereby authorizes the Napa County Executive Officer to make all decisions and take all actions required under this Paragraph to terminate this Agreement on behalf of COUNTY for the convenience of COUNTY.

If, during the term of this Agreement or any extension thereof subsequent to the first fiscal year during the term, COUNTY is unable to appropriate sufficient funds to meet its obligations to CONTRACTOR under this Agreement, such funds are not otherwise available to COUNTY for this purposes, and there are no other legal procedures or available funds by or with which such obligations can be met, and such non-appropriation of funds has not resulted from any act or omission within the control of COUNTY; or, if the funds appropriated to meet such obligations

were granted to COUNTY by any agency of the State of California, any federal government agency, or other source and such grant funds are discontinued or otherwise become unavailable to COUNTY during the term of the Agreement or any extension thereof, COUNTY, acting through its Napa County Executive Officer or designee thereof, shall have the right to terminate this Agreement by giving CONTRACTOR written notice of such termination at least thirty (30) days prior to the effective date of the termination. In the event of such termination, COUNTY shall be obligated to CONTRACTOR only for payment of compensation and reimbursement of expenses for services satisfactorily completed or incurred and for which invoices are submitted as of the effective date of such termination. The notice of termination shall include a certification by the Napa County Executive Officer or designee thereof that sufficient funds have not been made available to COUNTY to meet COUNTY's future obligations under the Agreement. In the event of termination under this Agreement, COUNTY shall not enter into a functionally similar agreement with a third party during the remainder of the then-current term, except that if during said period, funds again become available to COUNTY for such services, COUNTY shall offer to execute a new agreement with CONTRACTOR for such services with CONTRACTOR to expire no earlier than the expiration date of this Agreement had it not been terminated under this Paragraph, and on the same terms and conditions as set forth in this Agreement.

11. Disposition of, Title to and Payment for Work upon Expiration or Termination.

(a) Upon expiration or termination of this Agreement, all finished or unfinished documents and other materials, if any, and all rights therein shall become, at the option of COUNTY, the property of and shall be promptly returned to COUNTY, although CONTRACTOR may retain a copy of such work for its personal records only. Unless otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement, any copyrightable or patentable work created by CONTRACTOR under this Agreement shall be deemed a "work made for hire" for purposes of copyright or patent law and only COUNTY shall be entitled to claim or apply for the copyright or patent thereof.

(b) CONTRACTOR shall be entitled to receive compensation for any satisfactory work completed prior to receipt of the notice of termination or commenced prior to receipt of the notice and completed satisfactorily prior to the effective date of the termination; except that CONTRACTOR shall not be relieved of liability to COUNTY for damages sustained by COUNTY by virtue of any breach of the Agreement by CONTRACTOR whether or not the Agreement expired or otherwise terminated, and COUNTY may withhold any payments not yet made to CONTRACTOR for purpose of setoff until such time as the exact amount of damages due to COUNTY from CONTRACTOR is determined.

12. No Waiver. The waiver by either party of any breach or violation of any requirement of this Agreement shall not be deemed to be a waiver of any such breach in the future, or of the breach of any other requirement of this Agreement.

13. Notices. All notices required or authorized by this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be delivered in person or by deposit in the United States mail, by certified mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested. Any mailed notice, demand, request, consent, approval or communication that either party desires to give the other party shall be addressed to the other party at the address set forth below. Either party may change its address by notifying the other

party of the change of address. Any notice sent by mail in the manner prescribed by this paragraph shall be deemed to have been received on the date noted on the return receipt or five days following the date of deposit, whichever is earlier.

COUNTY

Chief Information Officer
Napa County ITS
650 Imperial Way, Ste 201
Napa, CA 94559

CONTRACTOR

[Name]
[Address]

14. **Compliance with COUNTY Policies on Waste, Harassment, Drug/Alcohol-Free Workplace, and Computer Use.** CONTRACTOR hereby agrees to comply, and require its employees and subcontractors to comply, with the following policies, copies of which are on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors and incorporated by reference herein. CONTRACTOR also agrees that it shall not engage in any activities, or permit its officers, agents and employees to do so, during the performance of any of the services required under this Agreement, which would interfere with compliance or induce violation of these policies by COUNTY employees or contractors.

(a) Waste Source Reduction and Recycled Product Content Procurement Policy adopted by resolution of the Board of Supervisors on March 26, 1991.

(b) County of Napa "Policy for Maintaining a Harassment and Discrimination Free Work Environment" revised effective August 23, 2005.

(c) County of Napa Drug and Alcohol Policy adopted by resolution of the Board of Supervisors on June 25, 1991.

(d) Napa County Information Technology Use and Security Policy adopted by resolution of the Board of Supervisors on April 17, 2001. To this end, all employees and subcontractors of CONTRACTOR whose performance of services under this Agreement requires access to any portion of the COUNTY computer network shall sign and have on file with COUNTY's ITS Department prior to receiving such access the certification attached to said Policy.

(e) Napa County Workplace Violence Policy, adopted by the BOS effective May 23, 1995 and subsequently revised effective November 2, 2004, which is located in the County of Napa Policy Manual Part I, Section 37U.

15. **Confidentiality.** Confidential information is defined as all information disclosed to CONTRACTOR which relates to COUNTY's past, present, and future activities, as well as activities under this Agreement. CONTRACTOR shall hold all such information as CONTRACTOR may receive, if any, in trust and confidence, except with the prior written approval of COUNTY, expressed through its Chief Information Officer. Upon cancellation or expiration of this Agreement, CONTRACTOR shall return to COUNTY all written and descriptive matter which contains any such confidential information, except that CONTRACTOR may retain for its files a copy of CONTRACTOR's work product if such product has been made available to the public by COUNTY.

16. No Assignments or Subcontracts.

(a) In general. A consideration of this Agreement is the personal reputation of CONTRACTOR; therefore, CONTRACTOR shall not assign any interest in this Agreement or subcontract any of the services CONTRACTOR is to perform hereunder without the prior written consent of COUNTY, which shall not be unreasonably withheld. The inability of the assignee to provide personnel equivalent in experience, expertise, and numbers to those provided by CONTRACTOR, or to perform any of the remaining services required under this Agreement within the same time frame required of CONTRACTOR shall be deemed to be reasonable grounds for COUNTY to withhold its consent to assignment. For purposes of this subparagraph, the consent of COUNTY may be given by the Chief Information Officer.

(b) Effect of Change in Status. If CONTRACTOR changes its status during the term of this Agreement from or to that of a corporation, limited liability partnership, limited liability company, general partnership, or sole proprietorship, such change in organizational status shall be viewed as an attempted assignment of this Agreement by CONTRACTOR. Failure of CONTRACTOR to obtain approval of such assignment under this Paragraph shall be viewed as a material breach of this Agreement.

17. Amendment/Modification. Except as specifically provided herein, this Agreement may be modified or amended only in writing and with the prior written consent of both parties. In particular, only COUNTY, through its Purchasing Agent (as long as the aggregate compensation paid to CONTRACTOR by COUNTY under this and all prior agreements with CONTRACTOR will not exceed \$56,700 as adjusted annually beginning on April 1, 2009 to reflect the percentage change from April 1 of the prior year to April 1 of the current year in the California Consumer Price Index for all items, as determined by the California Department of Industrial Relations) or through its Board of Supervisors (in all other instances) in the form of an amendment of this Agreement, may authorize extra and/or changed work if beyond the scope of services prescribed by Exhibit "A." Failure of CONTRACTOR to secure such authorization in writing in advance of performing any of the extra or changed work shall constitute a waiver of any and all rights to adjustment in the contract price or contract time and no compensation shall be paid for such extra work.

18. Interpretation; Venue.

(a) Interpretation. The headings used herein are for reference only. The terms of the Agreement are set out in the text under the headings. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of California without regard to the choice of law or conflicts.

(b) Venue. This Agreement is made in Napa County, California. The venue for any legal action in state court filed by either party to this Agreement for the purpose of interpreting or enforcing any provision of this Agreement shall be in the Superior Court of California, County of Napa, a unified court. The venue for any legal action in federal court filed by either party to this Agreement for the purpose of interpreting or enforcing any provision of this Agreement lying within the jurisdiction of the federal courts shall be the Northern District of California. The appropriate venue for arbitration, mediation or similar legal proceedings under this Agreement shall be Napa County, California; however, nothing in this sentence shall obligate either party to submit to mediation or arbitration any dispute arising under this Agreement.

19. **Compliance with Laws.** CONTRACTOR shall observe and comply with all applicable Federal, State and local laws, ordinances, and codes. Such laws shall include, but not be limited to, the following, except where prohibited by law:

(a) Non-Discrimination. During the performance of this Agreement, CONTRACTOR and its subcontractors shall not deny the benefits thereof to any person on the basis of race, color, ancestry, national origin or ethnic group identification, religion or religious creed, gender or self-identified gender, sexual orientation, marital status, age, mental disability, physical disability or medical condition (including cancer, HIV and AIDS) or political affiliation or belief, nor shall they discriminate unlawfully against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, ancestry, national origin or ethnic group identification, religion or religious creed, gender or self-identified gender, sexual orientation, marital status, age (over 40), mental disability, physical disability or medical condition (including cancer, HIV and AIDS), use of family care leave, or political affiliation or belief. CONTRACTOR shall ensure that the evaluation and treatment of employees and applicants for employment are free of such discrimination or harassment. In addition to the foregoing general obligations, CONTRACTOR shall comply with the provisions of the Fair Employment and Housing Act (Government Code section 12900, et seq.), the regulations promulgated thereunder (Title 2, California Code of Regulations, section 7285.0, et seq.), the provisions of Article 9.5, Chapter 1, Part 1, Division 3, Title 2 of the Government Code (sections 11135-11139.5) and any state or local regulations adopted to implement any of the foregoing, as such statutes and regulations may be amended from time to time. To the extent this Agreement subcontracts to CONTRACTOR services or works required of COUNTY by the State of California pursuant to agreement between COUNTY and the State, the applicable regulations of the Fair Employment and Housing Commission implementing Government Code section 12990 (a) through (f), set forth in Chapter 5 of Division 4 of Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations are expressly incorporated into this Agreement by reference and made a part hereof as if set forth in full, and CONTRACTOR and any of its subcontractors shall give written notice of their obligations thereunder to labor organizations with which they have collective bargaining or other agreements.

(b) Documentation of Right to Work. CONTRACTOR agrees to abide by the requirements of the Immigration and Control Reform Act pertaining to assuring that all newly-hired employees of CONTRACTOR performing any services under this Agreement have a legal right to work in the United States of America, that all required documentation of such right to work is inspected, and that INS Form 1-9 (as it may be amended from time to time) is completed and on file for each employee. CONTRACTOR shall make the required documentation available upon request to COUNTY for inspection.

(c) Inclusion in Subcontracts. To the extent any of the services required of CONTRACTOR under this Agreement are subcontracted to a third party, CONTRACTOR shall include all of the provisions of this Paragraph in all such subcontracts as obligations of the subcontractor.

20. **Taxes.** CONTRACTOR agrees to file federal and state tax returns or applicable withholding documents and to pay all applicable taxes or make all required withholdings on amounts paid pursuant to this Agreement and shall be solely liable and responsible to make such withholdings and/or pay such taxes and other obligations including, without limitation, state and federal income and FICA taxes. CONTRACTOR agrees to indemnify and hold COUNTY

harmless from any liability it may incur to the United States or the State of California as a consequence of CONTRACTOR's failure to pay or withhold, when due, all such taxes and obligations. In the event that COUNTY is audited for compliance regarding any withholding or other applicable taxes or amounts, CONTRACTOR agrees to furnish COUNTY with proof of payment of taxes or withholdings on those earnings.

21. **Access to Records/Retention.** COUNTY, any federal or state grantor agency funding all or part of the compensation payable hereunder, the State Controller, the Comptroller General of the United States, or the duly authorized representatives of any of the above, shall have access to any books, documents, papers and records of CONTRACTOR which are directly pertinent to the subject matter of this Agreement for the purpose of making audit, examination, excerpts and transcriptions. Except where longer retention is required by any federal or state law, CONTRACTOR shall maintain all required records for at least seven (7) years after COUNTY makes final payment for any of the work authorized hereunder and all pending matters are closed, whichever is later.

22. **Authority to Contract.** CONTRACTOR and COUNTY each warrant hereby that they are legally permitted and otherwise have the authority to enter into and perform this Agreement.

23. **Conflict of Interest.**

(a) Covenant of No Undisclosed Conflict. The parties to the Agreement acknowledge that they are aware of the provisions of Government Code section 1090, et seq., and section 87100, et seq., relating to conflict of interest of public officers and employees. CONTRACTOR hereby covenants that it presently has no interest not disclosed to COUNTY and shall not acquire any interest, direct or indirect, which would conflict in any material manner or degree with the performance of its services or confidentiality obligation hereunder, except as such as COUNTY may consent to in writing prior to the acquisition by CONTRACTOR of such conflict. CONTRACTOR further warrants that it is unaware of any financial or economic interest of any public officer or employee of County relating to this Agreement. CONTRACTOR agrees that if such financial interest does exist at the inception of this Agreement, COUNTY may terminate this Agreement immediately upon giving written notice without further obligation by COUNTY to CONTRACTOR under this Agreement.

(b) Statements of Economic Interest. CONTRACTOR acknowledges and understands that COUNTY has developed and approved a Conflict of Interest Code as required by state law which requires CONTRACTOR to file with the Elections Division of the Napa County Assessor-Clerk Recorder "assuming office", "annual", and "leaving office" Statements of Economic Interest as a "consultant", as defined in section 18701(a)(2) of Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations, unless it has been determined in writing that CONTRACTOR, although holding a "designated" position as a consultant, has been hired to perform a range of duties so limited in scope as to not be required to fully comply with such disclosure obligation.

By executing this Agreement, the Napa County Executive Officer or Assistant Napa County Executive Officer hereby determines in writing on behalf of COUNTY that CONTRACTOR has been hired to perform a range of duties so limited in scope as to not be required to comply with such disclosure obligation.

CONTRACTOR agrees to timely comply with all filing obligations for a consultant under COUNTY's Conflict of Interest Code unless such a determination is on file on the filing dates for each of the required Statements of Economic Interest.

24. **Non-Solicitation of Employees.** Each party agrees not to solicit for employment the employees of the other party who were directly involved in the performance of the services hereunder for the term of this Agreement and a period of six (6) months after termination of this Agreement except with the written permission of the other party, except that nothing in this Paragraph shall preclude either party from publishing or otherwise distributing applications and information regarding that party's job openings where such publication or distribution is directed to the public generally.

25. **Third Party Beneficiaries.** Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be construed to create any rights in third parties and the parties do not intend to create such rights.

26. **Attorney's Fees.** In the event that either party commences legal action of any kind or character to either enforce the provisions of this Agreement or to obtain damages for breach thereof, the prevailing party in such litigation shall be entitled to all costs and reasonable attorney's fees incurred in connection with such action.

27. **Severability.** If any provision of this Agreement, or any portion thereof, is found by any court of competent jurisdiction to be unenforceable or invalid for any reason, such provision shall be severable and shall not in any way impair the enforceability of any other provision of this Agreement.

28. **Entirety of Contract.** This Agreement, including any documents expressly incorporated by reference whether or not attached hereto, constitutes the entire agreement between the parties relating to the subject of this Agreement and supersedes all previous agreements, promises, representations, understandings and negotiations, whether written or oral, among the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Agreement was executed by the parties hereto as of the

date first above written.

[TYPE IN LEGAL NAME OF CONTRACTOR; IF THE CONTRACTOR USES A FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME AS WELL, ADD "doing business as _____" FOLLOWED BY THE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME]

By _____
[NAME] , [Title]

[IF CONTRACTOR IS A CORPORATION, EITHER ADD A SECOND SIGNATURE LINE AND MAKE SURE THAT ONE SIGNATURE IS BY THE CORPORATION'S PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENT OR CHAIRMAN AND THE OTHER IS BY THE SECRETARY, TREASURER OR CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER OR OBTAIN AUTHORIZATION FROM THE CORPORATION FOR A SINGLE PERSON OR POSITION TO SIGN THE CORPORATION'S CONTRACTS]

By _____
[NAME] , [Title]

"CONTRACTOR"

COUNTY OF NAPA, a political subdivision of the State of California, acting by and through its Purchasing Agent

By _____
NANCY WATT, Napa County Executive/
Purchasing Agent

"COUNTY"

APPROVED AS TO FORM Office of County Counsel By: _____ Date: _____
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EXHIBIT "A"

SCOPE OF WORK

CONTRACTOR shall provide COUNTY with the following services:

I. DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES

II. COMPLIANCE WITH GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 7550. As required by Government Code section 7550, each document or report prepared by CONTRACTOR for or under the direction of COUNTY pursuant to this Agreement shall contain the numbers and dollar amounts of the Agreement and all subcontracts under the Agreement relating to the preparation of the document or written report. The Agreement and subcontract dollar amounts shall be contained in a separate section of the document or written report. If multiple documents or written reports are the subject of the Agreement or subcontracts, the disclosure section may also contain a statement indicating that the total contract amount represents compensation for multiple documents or written reports.

EXHIBIT "B"
COMPENSATION