

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

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I. INTRODUCTION

The Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) is a voluntary association of governments. Member jurisdictions include: the County of Sacramento (including the cities of Citrus Heights, Elk Grove, Folsom, Galt, Isleton, Rancho Cordova and Sacramento); the County of Yolo (including the cities of Davis, West Sacramento, Winters, and Woodland); the County of Sutter (including the cities of Live Oak and Yuba City); the County of Yuba (including the cities of Marysville and Wheatland); Placer County (including the cities of Auburn, Colfax, Lincoln, Rocklin, Roseville and Town of Loomis) and El Dorado County (including the City of Placerville).

SACOG is the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Sacramento, Davis and Marysville/Yuba City urbanized areas. SACOG is also the state designated Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) for the counties of Sacramento, Yolo, Sutter and Yuba.

II. BACKGROUND

The Sacramento Area Council of Governments is leading the Rural-Urban Connections Strategy effort under the guidance of their Board of Directors, which includes representatives from all 28 member jurisdictions in the six-county Sacramento region. The objective of RUCS is to better understand how to maintain and enhance rural economic and environmental sustainability. The project is identifying and investigating solutions to issues affecting rural communities and landscapes in the region ranging from improving agriculture viability, protecting natural resources, supporting small communities, to advancing new recreation opportunities.

SACOG has organized the RUCS effort into five main areas, including:

- Land use and conservation: Policies and plans that shape rural areas
- The infrastructure of agriculture: Challenges to the production process
- Economic opportunities: New ways to grow revenue
- Forest management: Firing up economic and environmental value
- Regulations: Navigating Federal and State environmental guidelines

This RFP focuses on the forest management topic, though other topics are related. SACOG is seeking a consultant to provide the SACOG Board of Directors with a thorough understanding of the economic and environmental challenges and opportunities in the region's forested areas and how they fit into the larger picture of regional growth and economic development.

In the SACOG region, private and public forested areas make up approximately 28% of the landscape, or 1.18 million acres. Forest management is a topic that is broad not only in the geography it covers, but in the issues involved. The issues already identified around this topic are:

1. Wildland-Urban Interface. The amount and intensity of development in forested areas can fragment or reduce habitat, introduce invasive species displacing native flora and fauna,

impact recreation areas, increase fire suppression and hence fuel load and fire severity, increase erosion, and increase dumping, trespassing and other types of encroachment.

2. **Hydrology and Watershed Management.** A forest's ability to absorb, filter, and supply water is correlated with how it is managed. Overgrowth, fire, roads, development, insects, and disease can affect stream flows, riparian habitat, water quality, flooding, and the region's reliance on Sierra water supply.
3. **Fire.** The frequency and severity of fires in the Sierra Nevada have been on the rise. These fires cause the loss of life and property, increase runoff and foul waterways, damage or destroy valuable timber, interrupt business and other economic activity, release carbon into the atmosphere, and are expensive to fight.
4. **Climate Change.** Aforementioned water and fire issues are projected to worsen with climate change. Changes in precipitation patterns and rising temperatures are forecasted to lead to reductions in water supply and drier summer conditions. Water and fire impacts not only affect forested areas, but also foothill and valley areas.
5. **Carbon Sequestration.** The region's forests support fast growing conifers that can absorb large amounts of carbon dioxide. Proper management can sustain or increase this function. Carbon trading markets are an economic opportunity already being tested at a few sites in the region.
6. **Energy Production.** Forests produce a large amount of biomass that can be converted to energy. This not only reduces forest fuel loads, it also creates economic opportunity. Cogeneration currently produces electricity, but future cellulosic fermentation can produce ethanol.
7. **Timber Harvest.** Harvest volumes in the Sierras have steadily declined since the late 1980s. Concerns about harvest methods, road building, habitat, and other impacts, along with increased regulations and international competition have greatly impacted timber-related rural economies.
8. **Recreation.** Forests provide a number of recreational opportunities such as hiking, rafting, cycling, hunting, and skiing. These opportunities not only connect urban residents with the region's rural assets, they are also an important component of rural economies.
9. **Regulations.** Regulations are a key factor shaping how land is used and managed. Regulations and permitting affecting forest management address issues such as timber harvest, water and air quality, wildfire, habitat, recreation, and archeological sites.

SACOG is seeking a richer understanding of these and other challenges and opportunities to successfully integrate forest management issues into the regional dialog about planning and economic development.

III. PROJECT SUMMARY AND DESCRIPTION

The contract for the Rural-Urban Connections Strategy - Forest Management project will be an agreement between SACOG and the consultant. SACOG will provide contract administration services. The consultant will invoice SACOG for services rendered and SACOG will compensate the consultant for these services as set forth in the agreement. Funding for the consultant services will be provided by SACOG (if there are other contributors, list those here, together with the amounts). The SACOG Board of Directors will award the contract and project deliverables will be reviewed by the SACOG Project Manager.

IV. SCOPE OF WORK/SERVICES

The scope of work is described below. The selected consultant or consulting team will be expected to perform all technical and other analyses necessary to complete the scope of work. The consultant will receive general direction from the SACOG Project Manager. Tasks will include the following:

1. Research and write a report on the current conditions in the region's private and public forested areas (at a minimum, addressing the nine issues identified above).
2. Research and write a report, or reports, on innovations and implementation (this can be one or two papers depending on consultant approach and project manager approval). Innovations are ideas that address challenges and promote opportunities identified in the current conditions paper. Implementation refers to strategies that may be used to accomplish the innovations.
3. Establish and manage a stakeholder working group. The consultant will convene a group of public and private stakeholders representing the range of interests working on the issues identified in task 1. The objective is to have a stakeholder group review the outline and draft of each working paper to ensure comprehensive papers and inclusion of various viewpoints. The working group shall review data specified for tasks 4 and 5. SACOG will be responsible for supplying consultant-generated meeting materials and for making meeting announcements. The consultant will be responsible for compiling a contact list of stakeholders, presenting materials and responding to stakeholder feedback at the meetings or by telephone.
4. Collect spatial data to the extent possible. In an effort to provide better mapping and analytical capacity, SACOG is seeking updated and/or additional spatial data on forests. SACOG has three datasets supplied by UC Davis Information Center for the Environment describing forested areas:
 - o *Forests*, which contains federal, state, & locally-managed forested land. The data are from the California GAP Analysis Project.
 - o *FederalForestLands* is only land under federal management. It was built by the California Resources Agency's Legacy Project on the USBR's public lands mapping program.

- o *Hardwoods*, which shows the range of hardwood trees below the 5000' elevation. It comes from CDF's FRAP (Fire & Resource Assessment Program).
- Examples of spatial data desired include those that identify areas utilized for grazing, timber harvest, recreation, or habitat.
5. Research and provide cost and revenue data associated with forest-related industries and other economic activities. A primary objective of RUCS is to understand the factors that affect the economic viability of our rural areas. The amount or detail of the data should be sufficient to model how changes in land use, forest management, and other economic activities affect economic viability. Data are desired on a per acre basis. Original data development is not required. The consultant shall recommend the cost and revenue variables that should be included in a model to sufficiently describe economic activity in the region's forested areas, as well as a method or source for data for those variables.
 6. Present research and data findings outlined in the tasks above to the stakeholder working group, the SACOG Land Use and Housing Committee, and the SACOG Board of Directors. Materials shall be developed in PowerPoint and approved by the SACOG project manager. The number of presentations and the PowerPoint materials will depend on the contractor's approach and recommendation; however, at least six presentations are expected. Multiple presentations may be made from the same PowerPoint materials.

V. CONTRACT DELIVERABLES

1. Working papers as described in tasks 1 and 2
2. Stakeholder contact list
3. Correspondence with the stakeholder working group
4. Spatial data on forested areas as described in task 4
5. Cost and revenue data as described in task 5
6. PowerPoint and other presentation-related materials
7. Presentations as described in task 6

VI. CONTACT PERSONS

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VII. PROJECT TIMETABLE

The following is a proposed timeline for the consultant selection and project start and end dates.

September 4, 2009	Issue Request for Proposals
September 22, 2009	Closing date for receipt of proposals
September 25, 2009	Finalists contacted to schedule interviews
September 29, 2009	Conduct interviews (if needed); recommend consultant
October 2, 2009	Contract award, execute contract
October 19, 2009	Start of Project/Begin Work
March 2010	Conclude Project

The following is a proposed timeline for the tasks and contract deliverables outlined above. This timeline is an estimate and suggested changes should be included in proposals.

October 19, 2009	Start of Project/Begin Work
November 2009	Current Conditions/Kick-off Stakeholder Workshop
December 11, 2009	Current Conditions Reports Complete
December 2009/January 2010	Current Conditions Presentation to SACOG Land Use and Housing Committee and SACOG Board of Directors
February 2010	Innovations and Implementation Stakeholder Workshop
February 15, 2010	Innovations and Implementation Report(s) Complete
February 15, 2010	Cost and Revenue Data Complete
March 9, 2009	Final Presentation to SACOG Land Use and Housing Committee
March 18, 2009	Final Presentation to SACOG Board of Directors

Proposals must be received by SACOG, in both hard copy and electronic form as further described below, no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 22, 2009. If mail delivery is used, the proposer should mail the proposal early enough to provide for arrival by this deadline. Proposer uses mail or courier service at their own risk. SACOG will not be liable or responsible for any late delivery of proposals. Proposers shall submit one originally signed proposal and five copies in a sealed envelope or package clearly marked "Proposal for Rural Urban Connections Strategy- Forest Management." The Proposal must also be submitted in electronic version via e-mail to the Project Manager, as further specified in Section IX below.

By submitting a proposal, the proposer certifies that his or her name or the consultant firm's name, as well as the name of proposer subcontractors, does not appear on the Comptroller General's list of ineligible contractors for federally assisted projects.

VIII. GENERAL CONDITIONS

A. Limitations

This request for proposal (RFP) does not commit SACOG to award a contract, to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of proposals in response to this request, or to procure or contract for services or supplies. SACOG expressly reserves the right to reject any and all proposals or to waive any irregularity or informality in any proposal or in the RFP procedure and to be the sole judge of the responsibility of any proposer and of the suitability of the materials and/or services to be rendered. SACOG reserves the right to withdraw this RFP at any time without prior notice. Further SACOG reserves the right to modify the RFP schedule described above.

Until award of a contract, the proposals shall be held in confidence and shall not be available for public review. No proposal shall be returned after the date and time set for the opening thereof. All proposals become the property of SACOG. Upon award of a contract to the successful proposer, all proposals shall be public records.

B. Award

SACOG may ask RFP finalists to present oral briefings of their proposals. All finalists may be required to participate in negotiations and submit such price, technical, or other revisions of their proposals as may result from negotiations. SACOG also reserves the right to award the contract without oral briefings or discussion, based upon the initial written proposals. Accordingly, each initial proposal should be submitted on the most favorable terms from a price and a technical viewpoint.

C. RFP Addendum

Any changes to the RFP requirements will be made by written addenda issued by SACOG and shall be considered part of the RFP. Upon issuance, such addenda shall be incorporated in the agreement documents, and shall prevail over inconsistent provisions of earlier issued documentation.

D. Verbal Agreement or Conversation

No prior, current, or post award verbal conversations or agreement(s) with any officer, agent, or employee of SACOG shall affect or modify any terms or obligations of the RFP, or any contract resulting from this RFP.

E. Precontractual Expense

Precontractual expenses include any expenses incurred by proposers and selected contractor in:

1. Preparing proposals in response to this RFP
2. Submitting proposals to SACOG
3. Negotiations with SACOG on any matter related to proposals.
4. Other expenses incurred by a contractor or proposer prior to the date of award of any agreement.

In any event, SACOG shall not be liable for any precontractual expenses incurred by any proposer or selected contractor. Proposers shall not include any such expenses as part of the price proposed in response to this RFP. SACOG shall be held harmless and free from any and all liability, claims, or expenses whatsoever incurred by, or on behalf of, any person or organization responding to this RFP.

F. Signature

The proposal will also provide the following information: name, title, address and telephone number of individual with authority to bind the consultant or consultant firm and also who may be contacted during the period of proposal evaluation. The proposal shall be signed by an official authorized to bind the consultant or consulting firm and shall contain a statement to the effect that the proposal is a firm offer for at least a sixty (60) day period. Execution of the contract is expected by October 16, 2009.

G. Contract Arrangements

The successful consultant is expected to execute a contract similar to SACOG's Standard Agreement, which meets the requirements of SAFETEA-LU. A copy of SACOG's Standard Agreement is attached as Part A. While \$1 million per occurrence in commercial general liability coverage is required, under special circumstances SACOG may consider a lesser amount of insurance coverage, but not an amount less than \$500,000 per occurrence.

1. Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Policy: It is the policy of SACOG, the California Department of Transportation ("Caltrans"), and the U.S. Department of Transportation that Disadvantaged Business Enterprises ("DBE's") shall have the maximum opportunity to participate in the performance of contracts financed in whole or in part with Federal funds. DBE's are for-profit small business concerns as defined in Title 49, Part 26.5, Code of Federal Regulations ("CFR").

2. **DBE Obligation:** The consultant or its subcontractor agrees to ensure that DBEs have the maximum opportunity to participate in the performance of contracts and subcontracts financed in whole or in part with Federal funds provided under this agreement. In this regard, all consultants or subcontractors shall take all necessary and reasonable steps in accordance with 49 CFR Part 26 to ensure that DBEs have the maximum opportunity to compete for and perform contracts. Consultants and their subcontractors shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the award and performance of DOT-assisted contracts.
3. **Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964:** The consultant agrees to comply with all the requirements imposed by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (49 USC 2000d) and the regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation issued thereunder in 49 CFR Part 21.
4. **Equal Employment Opportunity:** In connection with the performance of the contract, the consultant shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, age, creed, sex or national original. Such action shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff or termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation, and selection for training, including apprenticeship.

Each proposal, to be considered responsive, must include the following:

- (1) Consultant's affirmative action program, if required pursuant to the equal employment opportunity requirements of the U.S. Department of Labor Regulations (41 CFR Part 60, *et seq.*). These regulations require certain contractors to develop and maintain affirmative action programs, including service contractors (non-construction) with 50 or more employees and a federally assisted contract of \$50,000 or more.
- (2) Discussion of the consultant's proposed use of DBEs, if any, in the performance of this work, including the following:
 - The names and addresses of DBE firms that will participate
 - The description of the work each named firm will perform
 - The dollar amount of participation by each DBE firm

Additionally, the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Information Form, attached hereto as Exhibit "B," must be completed.

(3) Conflict of Interest

Consultants and consultant firms submitting proposals in response to this RFP must disclose to SACOG any actual, apparent, or potential conflicts of interest that may exist

relative to the services to be provided under Agreement for consultant services to be awarded pursuant to this RFP.

If the consultant or firm has no conflict of interest, a statement to that effect shall be included in the proposal.

IX. PROPOSAL CONTENT AND ORGANIZATION

Proposals should be limited to specific discussion of the elements outlined in this RFP. The intent of this RFP is to encourage responses which meet the stated requirements, and which propose the best methods to accomplish the work within the stated budget.

The organization of the proposal should follow the general outline below. Each proposal should consist of a technical proposal (items 1-7 below) and a cost proposal (item 8).

Form of Proposals: Proposals must be submitted in both hard copy and electronic form to David Shabazian, Project Manager, 1415 L Street, Suite 300, Sacramento, CA 95814, dshabazian@sacog.org no later than the closing date and time and with the proper number of copies, all as specified in Section VII above. The electronic form shall be a PDF version of the fully signed Proposal and shall be e-mailed to the Project Manager.

1. Transmittal Letter

The transmittal letter should include the name, title, address, phone number, and original signature of an individual with authority to negotiate on behalf of and to contractually bind the consultant or consulting firm, and who may be contacted during the period of proposal evaluation. Only one transmittal letter need be prepared to accompany all copies of the technical and cost proposals.

2. Table of Contents

A listing of the major sections in the proposal and the associated page numbers.

3. Introduction

In this section, the proposer should demonstrate an adequate understanding of the role and relationships of SACOG.

4. Technical Approach

This should include:

- a. A summary of the proposed approach
- b. An explanation of the consultant's intended role as related to the role of SACOG
- c. A thorough explanation of the consultant's proposed course of action. References should be made to RFP requirements and the consultant's plans for meeting those

requirements. If the consultant proposes major changes to the RFP approach, those changes should be specified clearly. The consultant should specify its technical approach, especially data elements to be sampled, staff to be interviewed, and documents to be reviewed, etc.

- d. An itemized description of the proposed project schedule (including visits, draft and final deliverables) and the deliverables to be produced

5. Project Management

The proposer must prepare an explanation of the project management system and practices to be used to assure that the project is completed within the scheduled time frame and that the quality of the required products will meet SACOG's requirements.

6. Consultant and Subcontractor Staff

The proposal must describe the qualifications and experience of each professional who will participate in the project, including a resume for each member of the project team. A project manager must be designated, and an organizational chart showing the manager and all project staff must be included. A matrix must be presented indicating the effort, either in percentage of the total project or in person-hours, which will be contributed by each professional, during each phase or task making up the project. If a subcontractor will be used, the proposer must include a letter from the subcontractor committing to perform at least the work shown for subcontractor professional in the above-described matrix.

7. Consultant Qualifications and References

The proposal must describe the nature and outcome of projects previously conducted by the consultant which are related to the work described within the RFP. Descriptions should include client contact names, address, phone numbers, descriptions of the type of work performed, approximate dates on which the work was completed, and professional staff who performed the work. If a subcontractor is proposed, two to three similar qualifications and references should be provided for the subcontractor. Up to two samples of the consultant's work on closely related projects can also be included with the proposal, if available. Additionally, the proposer must complete the Debarment Certification Form, attached hereto as Exhibit "C". The proposer must also complete the Levine Act Disclosure Statement attached hereto as Exhibit "D."

8. Cost Proposal

The cost proposal shall describe both the total and the detailed price for which the consultant will commit to complete the total scope of work and end products. The cost proposal detail shall describe estimated costs (only the total amount is a binding offer) for each professional's time, for the completion of each proposed task, for travel and per-diem (if applicable), and for materials and supplies. Failure to provide adequate cost data will result in the proposal rejection as unresponsive.

X. PROPOSAL EVALUATION AND SELECTION

A proposal review panel made up of members of SACOG and possibly select local jurisdiction staff will evaluate the proposals. Proposers may be telephoned and asked for further information, if necessary, and may be expected to appear for oral interviews. Previous clients may also be called. The panel will make recommendations to the SACOG Executive Director on the basis of the proposal, oral interview, and reference check. SACOG reserves the right to select a consultant based solely on written proposals and not convene oral interviews.

Upon receipt of the proposals, a technical evaluation will be performed. Each of the major sections of the proposal will be reviewed and evaluated with criteria designed to help judge the quality of the proposal. Evaluation criteria will include such considerations as:

- Understanding of the background and requirements of the project.
- The overall and technical approaches to be followed and the tasks to be performed, including detailed steps and resources required and proposed project schedule.
- The relative allocation of resources, in terms of quality and quantity, to key tasks including the time and skills of personnel assigned to the tasks and consultant's approach to managing resources and project output.
- Cost analysis and justification.
- Education and experience of proposed personnel

In addition, the participation of qualified Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE's) in this project is strongly encouraged. (See Section VIII. G. above.)

XI. PAYMENT SCHEDULE

The consultant will be paid in arrears, based upon the payment schedule agreed to in the contract. The consultant should forward a copy of all invoices for payment for work performed and associated expenses by the 15th day of the following month. At SACOG's discretion, SACOG may withhold ten percent (10%) of the payments until the successful completion of the project and the delivery and acceptance of all final products.

PART A

SACRAMENTO AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS STANDARD AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT, is made and entered into this _____ day of _____ 200____, at Sacramento, California, by and between the Sacramento Area Council of Governments, a joint powers agency (hereinafter "SACOG"), through its duly appointed Executive Director, and _____, a _____ (hereinafter "Contractor").

RECITALS:

1. Contractor represents that it is specially trained and/or has the experience and expertise necessary to competently perform the services set forth in this Agreement; and
2. Contractor is willing to perform the services and work described in this Agreement under the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement; and
3. SACOG desires to contract with Contractor to perform the services and work described in this Agreement under the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows:

1. Time of Performance: Contractor shall commence work upon execution of this Agreement and in accordance with the Scope of Work, attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein. Contractor shall complete work as expeditiously as is consistent with generally accepted standards of professional skill and care and the orderly progress of work. Work shall be completed and this Agreement shall expire on _____, unless otherwise terminated as provided for in this Agreement or extended by written agreement between the parties.

2. Scope of Work: Contractor agrees to fully perform the work described in Exhibit "A" - Scope of Work. In the event of any inconsistency between Exhibit "A" and other terms and conditions of this Agreement, Exhibit "A" shall control. SACOG reserves the right to review and approve all work to be performed by Contractor in relation to this Agreement. Any proposed amendment to the Scope of Work must be submitted by Contractor in writing for prior review and approval by SACOG's Executive Director. Approval shall not be presumed unless such approval is made by SACOG in writing.

3. Standard of Quality: All work performed by Contractor under this Agreement shall be in accordance with all applicable legal requirements and shall meet the standard of quality ordinarily to be expected of competent professionals in Contractor's field of expertise.

4. Compliance with Laws: Contractor shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, codes, ordinances, regulations, orders and decrees. Contractor warrants and

represents to SACOG that Contractor shall, at its own cost and expense, keep in effect or obtain at all times during the term of this Agreement, any licenses, permits, insurance and approvals that are legally required for Contractor to practice its profession or are necessary and incident to the performance of the services and work Contractor performs under this Agreement. Contractor shall provide written proof of such licenses, permits, insurance and approvals upon request by SACOG. SACOG is not responsible or liable for Contractor's failure to comply with any or all of the requirements contained in this paragraph.

5. Consideration: Payment to Contractor by SACOG shall be made as set forth in Exhibit "A". The amount to be paid to Contractor under this Agreement shall not exceed _____ dollars (\$ _____), unless expressly authorized in writing by the SACOG Executive Director. In no instance shall SACOG be liable for any payments or costs for work in excess of this amount, nor for any unauthorized or ineligible costs. Contractor shall be paid at the times and in the manner set forth in this Agreement. The consideration to be paid Contractor, as provided in this Agreement, shall be in compensation for all of Contractor's expenses incurred in the performance of work under this Agreement, including travel and per diem, unless otherwise expressly so provided.

- a. Contractor agrees that the Contract Cost Principles and Procedures, 48 CFR, Federal Acquisition Regulations System, Chapter 1, Part 31 et seq., (any subcontractors and subrecipients shall refer to the *Office of Management and Budget Circular A-87, Cost Principles for State, Local, and Indian Tribal Governments*) shall be used to determine the allowability of individual items of cost.
- b. Contractor also agrees to comply with Federal procedures in accordance with 49 CFR, Part 18, "Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments."
- c. Any costs for which payment has been made to Contractor that are determined by subsequent audit to be unallowable under 48 CFR, Federal Acquisition Regulations System, Chapter 1, Part 31 et seq.; *Office of Management and Budget Circular A-87, Cost Principles for State, Local, and Indian Tribal Governments*; or 49 CFR, Part 18, Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments, are subject to repayment by Contractor to SACOG. Disallowed costs must be reimbursed to SACOG within sixty (60) days unless SACOG approves in writing an alternative repayment plan.
- d. Any subcontract in excess of \$25,000 entered into as a result of this Agreement, shall contain all of the provisions of Sections 5 (a) through (c) above.

6. Reporting and Payment:

- a. Contractor shall submit monthly billings in arrears to SACOG no later than the 15th of each month and in accordance with the Scope of Work. Contractor shall

be notified within fifteen (15) working days following receipt of its invoice by SACOG of any circumstances or data identified by SACOG in Contractor's written billing which would cause withholding of approval and subsequent payment. Contractor shall be paid within thirty (30) days after SACOG approval of each billing; however, SACOG, at its own discretion, may withhold at least ten percent (10%) of each invoice until the successful completion of the scope of work and the delivery and acceptance by SACOG of all final products. Said billings shall indicate the number of hours worked by each of Contractor's personnel and reimbursable costs incurred to the date of such billing since the date of the preceding billing, if any. The billings shall include documentation of reimbursable expenses and billed items sufficient for SACOG, in its opinion, to substantiate billings. SACOG reserves the right to withhold payment of disputed amounts.

Optional:

- b. SACOG shall reimburse Contractor for actual expenditures limited to costs for services or purchase of items identified in the line-item budget set forth in Exhibit "A" - Scope of Work, or approved in writing by SACOG.

7. Independent Contractor: The Contractor, and the agents and employees of the Contractor, in the performance of this Agreement, shall act as and be independent contractors and not officers or employees or agents of SACOG. Contractor, its officers, employees, agents, and subcontractors, if any, shall have no power to bind or commit SACOG to any decision or course of action, and shall not represent to any person or business that they have such power. Contractor has and shall retain the right to exercise full control of the supervision of the services and work and over the employment, direction, compensation and discharge of all persons assisting Contractor in the performance of services under this Agreement. Contractor shall be solely responsible for all matters relating to the payment of its employees, including but not limited to compliance with social security and income tax withholding, workers' compensation insurance and all regulations governing such matters.

8. Termination:

- a. SACOG shall have the right to terminate this Agreement for any reason, with or without cause, at any time, by giving Contractor fifteen (15) days written notice. The notice shall be deemed served and effective for all purposes on the date it is deposited in the U.S. mail, certified, return receipt requested, addressed to Contractor at the address indicated in Section 17.
- b. If SACOG issues a notice of termination:
 - (1) Contractor shall immediately cease rendering services pursuant to this Agreement.

- (2) Contractor shall deliver to SACOG copies of all Writings, whether or not completed, which were prepared by Contractor, its employees or its subcontractors, if any, pursuant to this Agreement. The term "Writings" shall include, but not be limited to, handwriting, typesetting, computer files and records, drawings, blueprints, printing, photostating, photographs, and every other means of recording upon any tangible thing, any form of communication or representation, including, letters, works, pictures, sounds, symbols computer data, or combinations thereof.
- (3) SACOG shall pay Contractor for work actually performed up to the effective date of the notice of termination, subject to the limitations in Section 5 less any compensation to SACOG for damages suffered as a result of Contractor's failure to comply with the terms of this Agreement. Such payment shall be in accordance with Section 6. However, if this Agreement is terminated because the work of Contractor does not meet the terms or standards specified in this Agreement, then SACOG shall be obligated to compensate Contractor only for that portion of Contractor's services which is of benefit to SACOG.

9. Assignment: The parties understand that SACOG entered into this Agreement based on the professional expertise and reputation of Contractor. Therefore, without the prior express written consent of SACOG, this Agreement is not assignable by the Contractor either in whole or in part.

10. Binding Agreement: This Agreement shall be binding on the parties hereto, their assigns, successors, administrators, executors, and other representatives.

11. Time: Time is of the essence in this Agreement.

12. Amendments: No alteration or variation of the terms of this Agreement shall be valid unless made in writing and signed by the parties hereto, and no oral understanding or agreement not incorporated herein, shall be binding on any of the parties hereto.

13. Contractors and Subcontractors: Contractor shall not subcontract any portion of the work without the prior express written authorization of SACOG. If SACOG consents to a subcontract, Contractor shall be fully responsible for all work performed by the subcontractor.

- a. SACOG reserves the right to review and approve any contract or agreement to be funded in whole or in part using funds provided under this Agreement.
- b. Any contract or sub-contract shall require the contractor and its subcontractors, if any, to:

- (1) Comply with applicable State and Federal requirements that pertain to, among other things, labor standards, non-discrimination, the Americans with Disabilities Act, Equal Employment Opportunity, and Drug-Free

Workplace, and *Office of Management and Budget Circular A-87, Cost Principles for State, Local and Indian Tribal Governments*.

- (2) Maintain at least the minimum State-required Workers' Compensation Insurance for those employees who will perform the work or any part of it.
- (3) Maintain unemployment insurance and disability insurance as required by law, along with liability insurance in an amount that is reasonable to compensate any person, firm, or corporation who may be injured or damaged by the Contractor or any subcontractor in performing work associated with this Agreement or any part of it.
- (4) Retain all books, records, computer records, accounts, documentation, and all other materials pertaining to the performance of this Agreement for a period of three (3) years from the date of termination of this Agreement, or three (3) years from the conclusion or resolution of any and all audits or litigation relevant to this Agreement and any amendments, whichever is later.
- (5) Permit SACOG and/or its designees, upon reasonable notice, unrestricted access to any or all books, records, computer records, accounts, documentation, and all other materials pertaining to the performance of this Agreement for the purpose of monitoring, auditing, or otherwise examining said materials.
- (6) Comply with all applicable requirements of Title 49, Part 26 of the Code of Federal Regulations, as set forth in Section 29, Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Participation.

14. Indemnity: Contractor specifically agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless SACOG, its directors, officers, agents, and employees (the "Indemnitees") from and against any and all actions, claims, demands, losses, expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees and costs, damages, and liabilities resulting from injury or death to a person or injury to property arising out of or in any way connected with the performance of this Agreement, however caused, regardless of any negligent act of an Indemnatee, whether active or passive, excepting only such injury or death as may be caused by the sole, active negligence or willful misconduct of an Indemnatee. Contractor shall pay all costs that may be incurred by SACOG in enforcing this indemnity, including reasonable attorneys' fees. The provisions of this Section shall survive the expiration, termination, or assignment of this Agreement.

15. Insurance Requirements: Contractor hereby warrants that it carries and shall maintain, at its sole cost and expense, in full force and effect during the full term of this Agreement and any extensions to this Agreement, the following described insurance coverage:

POLICY	MINIMUM LIMITS OF LIABILITY
(1) Workers' Compensation; Employer's Liability.	Statutory requirements for Workers' Compensation; \$1,000,000 Employer's Liability.
(2) Comprehensive Automobile: Insurance Services Office, form #CA 0001 covering Automobile Liability, code 1 (any auto).	Bodily Injury/Property Damage \$1,000,000 each accident.
(3) General Liability: Insurance Services Office Commercial General Liability coverage (occurrence form #CG 0001).	\$1,000,000 per occurrence. If Commercial General Liability Insurance or other form with a general aggregate limit, such limit shall apply separately to this project/location or the general aggregate limit shall be twice the required occurrence limit.
(4) Errors and Omissions/Professional Liability (errors and omissions liability insurance appropriate to the Contractor's profession as defined by SACOG).	\$1,000,000 per claim.

- a. Deductibles and Self-insured Retentions: Any deductibles or self-insured retentions in excess of \$5,000 must be declared to and approved by SACOG.
- b. Required Provisions: The general liability and automobile liability policies are to contain, or be endorsed to contain, the following provisions:
 - (1) For any claims related to this Agreement, the Contractor's insurance coverage shall be primary insurance as respects SACOG, its directors, officers, employees and agents. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by SACOG, its directors, officers, employees or agents shall be in excess of the Contractor's insurance and shall not contribute to it.
 - (2) Any failure by Contractor to comply with reporting or other provisions of the policies including breaches of warranties shall not affect coverage provided to SACOG, its directors, officers, employees or agents.
 - (3) Contractor's insurance shall apply separately to each insured against whom claim is made or suit is brought, except with respect to the limits of the insurer's liability.
 - (4) Each insurance policy required by this Agreement shall be endorsed to state that coverage shall not be suspended, voided, canceled by either party, reduced in coverage or in limits except after thirty (30) days' prior written notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, has been given to SACOG.

- c. Acceptability of Insurers: Insurance is to be placed with insurers with a current A.M. Best's rating of no less than A: VII, unless otherwise approved by SACOG.
 - d. Certificate of Insurance and Additional Insured Requirement: Contractor shall furnish to SACOG an original Certificate of Insurance on a standard ACORD form, or other form acceptable to SACOG, substantiating the required coverages and limits set forth above and also containing the following:
 - (1) Thirty (30) days prior written notice to SACOG of the cancellation, non-renewal, or reduction in coverage of any policy listed on the Certificate; and
 - (2) The following statement with respect to the Commercial General Liability policy: "SACOG and its directors, officers, employees and agents, are made additional insureds, but only insofar as the operations under this Agreement are concerned."
 - e. Certified Copies of Policies: Upon request by SACOG, Contractor shall immediately furnish a complete copy of any policy required hereunder, including all endorsements, with said copy certified by the insurance company to be a true and correct copy of the original policy.
 - f. Contractor's Responsibility: Nothing herein shall be construed as limiting in any way the extent to which Contractor may be held responsible for damages resulting from Contractor's operations, acts, omissions, or negligence. Insurance coverage obtained in the minimum amounts specified above shall not relieve Contractor of liability in excess of such minimum coverage, nor shall it preclude SACOG from taking other actions available to it under this Agreement or by law, including but not limited to, actions pursuant to Contractor's indemnity obligations.
16. Audit, Retention and Inspection of Records:
- a. SACOG or its designee shall have the right to review, obtain, and copy all books, records, computer records, accounts, documentation and any other materials (collectively "Records") pertaining to performance of this Agreement, including any Records in the possession of any subcontractors, for the purpose of monitoring, auditing, or otherwise examining the Records. Contractor agrees to provide SACOG or its designees with any relevant information requested and shall permit SACOG or its designees access to its premises, upon reasonable notice, during normal business hours, for the purpose of interviewing employees and inspecting and copying such Records to determine compliance with any applicable federal and state laws and regulations. Contractor further agrees to maintain such Records for a period of three (3) years after final payment under the Agreement or three (3) years from the conclusion or resolution of any and all

audits or litigation relevant to this Agreement and any amendments, whichever is later.

- b. If so directed by SACOG upon expiration of this Agreement, the Contractor shall cause all Records to be delivered to SACOG as depository.

17. Project Managers: SACOG's project manager for this Agreement is _____ unless SACOG otherwise informs Contractor. Any notice, report, or other communication required by this Agreement shall be mailed by first-class mail to the SACOG Project Manager at the following address:

Name, Title

Sacramento Area Council of Governments
1415 L Street, Suite 300
Sacramento, California 95814

Contractor's project manager for this Agreement is _____. No substitution of Contractor's project manager is permitted without the prior written agreement of SACOG, which agreement shall not be unreasonably withheld. With the exception of notice pursuant to Section 8 (a) above, any notice, report, or other communication to Contractor required by this Agreement shall be mailed by first-class mail to:

Name, Title

Contractor

Address

Address

18. Successors: This Agreement shall be binding on the parties hereto, their assigns, successors, administrators, executors, and other representatives.

19. Waivers: No waiver of any breach of this Agreement shall be held to be a waiver of any prior or subsequent breach. The failure of SACOG to enforce at any time the provisions of this Agreement or to require at any time performance by the Contractor of these provisions, shall in no way be construed to be a waiver of such provisions nor to affect the validity of this Agreement or the right of SACOG to enforce these provisions.

20. Litigation: Contractor shall notify SACOG immediately of any claim or action undertaken by it or against it that affects or may affect this Agreement or SACOG, and shall take such action with respect to the claim or action as is consistent with the terms of this Agreement and the interests of SACOG.

21. National Labor Relations Board Certification: Contractor, by signing this Agreement, does swear under penalty of perjury that no more than one final unappealable finding of contempt of court by a federal court has been issued against Contractor within the immediately preceding two-year period because of Contractor's failure to comply with an order of a federal court which orders Contractor to comply with an order of the National Labor Relations Board (Public Contract Code § 10296).

22. Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990: By signing this Agreement, Contractor assures SACOG that it complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 (42 U.S.C. § 12101, et seq.), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability, as well as all applicable regulations and guidelines issued pursuant to the ADA.

23. Non-discrimination Clause:

- a. During the performance of this Agreement, Contractor and its subcontractors shall not unlawfully discriminate, harass, or allow harassment, against any employee or applicant for employment because of sex, sexual orientation, race, color, ancestry, religion, national origin, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, age or marital status. Contractor and its subcontractors shall insure that the evaluation and treatment of their employees and applicants for employment are free from such discrimination and harassment. Contractor and its subcontractors shall comply with the provisions of the Fair Employment and Housing Act (Government Code § 12900, et seq.) and the applicable regulations promulgated thereunder (California Code of Regulations, Title 2, § 7285.0, et seq.). The applicable regulations of the Fair Employment and Housing Commission implementing Government Code §§ 12990 (a-f), set forth in Chapter 5 of Division 4 of Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations, are incorporated into this Agreement by reference and made a part hereof as if set forth in full. Contractor and its subcontractors shall give written notice of their obligations under this clause to labor organizations with which they have a collective bargaining or other agreement.
- b. Contractor shall include the non-discrimination and compliance provisions of this clause in all subcontracts to perform work under this Agreement.

24. Drug-Free Certification: By signing this Agreement, Contractor hereby certifies under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that Contractor will comply with the requirements of the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1990 (Government Code § 8350, et seq.) and will provide a drug-free workplace by taking the following actions:

- a. Publish a statement notifying employees that unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited, and specifying actions to be taken against employees for violations.
- b. Establish a Drug-Free Awareness Program to inform employees about:
 - (1) The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;
 - (2) The person's or the organization's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;
 - (3) Any available counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and
 - (4) Penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations.

- c. Every employee of Contractor who works under this Agreement shall:
 - (1) Receive a copy of Contractor's Drug-Free Workplace Policy Statement; and
 - (2) Agree to abide by the terms of Contractor's Statement as a condition of employment on this Agreement.

25. Union Organizing: By signing this Agreement, Contractor hereby acknowledges the applicability of Government Code § 16645 through § 16649 to this Agreement, excluding § 16645.2 and § 16645.7.

- a. Contractor will not assist, promote, or deter union organizing by employees performing work on this Agreement if such assistance, promotion, or deterrence contains a threat of reprisal or force, or a promise of benefit.
- b. Contractor will not meet with employees or supervisors on SACOG or state property if the purpose of the meeting is to assist, promote, or deter union organizing, unless the property is equally available to the general public for meetings.

26. Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibilities: Contractor certifies and warrants that neither the Contractor firm nor any owner, partner, director, officer, or principal of Contractor, nor any person in a position with management responsibility or responsibility for the administration of funds:

- a. Is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any federal or state department or agency.
- b. Has within the three-year period preceding this Agreement, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against it for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (federal, state, or local) transaction or contract; violation of federal or state antitrust statutes; or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property.
- c. Is presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a government entity (federal, state, or local) with commissions of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph "b" above.
- d. Has within a three-year period preceding this Agreement, had one or more public transactions or contracts (federal, state, or local) terminated for cause or default.
- e. Contractor shall complete the Debarment Certification Form, attached hereto as Exhibit "B."

27. Conflicts of Interest: Contractor shall exercise reasonable care and diligence to prevent any actions or conditions that could result in a conflict with SACOG's interest. During the term of this Agreement, Contractor shall not accept any employment or engage in any consulting work that would create a conflict of interest with SACOG or in any way compromise the services to be performed under this Agreement. Contractor shall immediately notify SACOG of any and all potential violations of this paragraph upon becoming aware of the potential violation.

28. Political Reform Act Compliance: Contractor is aware and acknowledges that certain contractors that perform work for governmental agencies are "consultants" under the Political Reform Act (the "Act") (Government Code § 81000, et seq.) and its implementing regulations (2 California Code of Regulations § 18110, et seq.). Contractor agrees that any of its officers or employees deemed to be "consultants" under the Act by SACOG, as provided for in the Conflict of Interest Code for SACOG, shall promptly file economic disclosure statements for the disclosure categories determined by SACOG, to be relevant to the work to be performed under this Agreement and shall comply with the disclosure and disqualification requirements of the Act, as required by law.

29. Prohibition of Expending State or Federal Funds for Lobbying:

a. Contractor certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge or belief, that:

- (1) No State or Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the Contractor, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any State or Federal agency, a Member of the State Legislature or United States Congress, an officer or employee of the Legislature or Congress, or any employee of a Member of the Legislature or Congress in connection with the awarding of any State or Federal contract, the making of any State or Federal grant, the making of any State or Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any State or Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
- (2) If any funds other than Federally appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any Federal agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or any employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal Agreement, the Contractor shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.

b. This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this Agreement was entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this Agreement imposed by Section 1352, Title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification

shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

- c. Contractor also agrees by signing this Agreement that he or she shall require that the language of this certification be included in all lower tier subcontracts, which exceed \$100,000, and that all such sub-recipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

30. Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBEs) Participation: This Agreement is subject to Title 49, Part 26 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) entitled "Participation by Disadvantaged Business Enterprises in Department of Transportation (DOT) Financial Assistance Programs." DBE's and other small businesses, as defined in Title 49 CFR Part 26, are encouraged to participate in the performance of agreements financed in whole or in part with federal funds; however, DBE participation is not a condition of award. In any event, Contractor shall complete the DBE Information Form attached to this Agreement as Exhibit "C" so that SACOG may compile statistics for federal reporting purposes.

- a. Non-Discrimination: Contractor shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the performance of this Agreement. Contractor shall carry out applicable requirements of 49 CFR Part 26 in the award and administration of DOT-assisted contracts. Failure by Contractor to carry out these requirements is a material breach of this Agreement, which may result in the termination of this Agreement or such other remedy as SACOG may deem appropriate. Each subcontract signed by Contractor in the performance of this Agreement must include an assurance that Contractor and subcontractor shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin or sex in the performance of this Agreement.
- b. Prompt Payments of Withheld Funds to DBE and Non-DBE Subcontractors: Contractor shall pay to subcontractor(s) all moneys withheld in retention from the subcontractor within thirty (30) days from receiving payment from SACOG for work satisfactorily completed, even if other work is not completed and has not been accepted in conformance with the terms of the contract. This requirement shall not be construed to limit or impair any contractual, administrative, or judicial remedies otherwise available to Contractor or subcontractor in the event of a dispute involving late payment or non-payment to the Contractor or deficient subcontract performance or noncompliance by a subcontractor.
- c. Records: Contractor shall maintain records of all subcontracts entered into with certified DBE subcontractors and records of materials purchased from certified DBE suppliers. The records shall show the name and business address of each DBE subcontractor or vendor and the total dollar amount actually paid each DBE subcontractor or vendor. The records shall show the date of payment and the total dollar figure paid to all firms. Upon completion of the contract, a summary of these records shall be prepared and submitted to SACOG.

- d. Termination of a DBE: In conformance with Federal DBE regulation Section 26.53(f)(1) and 26.53(f)(2), Part 26, 49 CFR, Contractor shall not:
- (1) Terminate for convenience a listed DBE subcontractor and then perform that work with its own forces (personnel), or those of an affiliate, unless Contractor has received prior written authorization from the Project Manager of SACOG to perform the work with other forces (other than Contractor's own personnel) or to obtain materials from other sources; and
 - (2) If a DBE subcontractor is terminated or fails to complete its work for any reason, Contractor shall be required to make good faith efforts to replace the original DBE subcontractor with another DBE.
 - (3) Noncompliance by Contractor with the requirements of this paragraph is considered a material breach of this Agreement and may result in termination of the Agreement or other such appropriate remedies for a breach of this Agreement as SACOG deems appropriate.
- e. DBE Certification and Decertification: If a DBE subcontractor is decertified during the life of the contract, the decertified subcontractor shall notify Contractor in writing with the date of decertification. If a subcontractor becomes a certified DBE during the life of the contract, the subcontractor shall notify Contractor in writing with the date of certification. Contractor shall then provide to the Project Manager of SACOG written documentation indicating the DBE's existing certification status.

Any subcontract entered into as a result of this Agreement shall contain all of the provisions of this section.

31. Campaign Contribution Disclosure. Contractor has complied with the campaign contribution disclosure provisions of the California Levine Act (Government Code § 84308) and has completed the Levine Act Disclosure Statement attached hereto as Exhibit "D."

32. Costs and Attorneys' Fees: If either party commences any legal action against the other party arising out of this Agreement or the performance thereof, the prevailing party in such action may recover its reasonable litigation expenses, including court costs, expert witness fees, discovery expenses, and reasonable attorneys' fees.

33. Governing Law and Choice of Forum: This Agreement shall be administered and interpreted under California law as if written by both parties. Any litigation arising from this Agreement shall be brought in the Superior Court of Sacramento County.

34. Integration: This Agreement represents the entire understanding of SACOG and Contractor as to those matters contained herein and supersedes all prior negotiations, representations, or agreements, both written and oral. This Agreement may not be modified or altered except in accordance with Section 12.

35. Severability: If any term or provision of this Agreement or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall, to any extent, be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this Agreement, or the application of such term or provision to persons or circumstances other than those to which it is invalid or unenforceable, shall not be affected thereby, and each term and provision of this Agreement shall be valid and shall be enforced to the fullest extent permitted by law, unless the exclusion of such term or provision, or the application of such term or provision, would result in such a material change so as to cause completion of the obligations contemplated herein to be unreasonable.

36. Headings: The headings of the various sections of this Agreement are intended solely for convenience of reference and are not intended to explain, modify, or place any interpretation upon any of the provisions of this Agreement.

37. Authority: Each person signing this Agreement on behalf of a party hereby certifies, represents, and warrants that he or she has the authority to bind that party to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

38. Ownership; Permission:

- a. Contractor agrees that all work products, including but not limited to, notes, designs, drawings, reports, memoranda, and all other tangible personal property produced in the performance of this Agreement, shall be the sole property of SACOG, provided that Contractor may retain file copies of said work products. Contractor shall provide said work products to SACOG upon request.
- b. Contractor represents and warrants that: (i) all materials used or work products produced in the performance of this Agreement, including, without limitation, all computer software materials and all written materials, are either owned by or produced by Contractor or that all required permissions and license agreements have been obtained and paid for by Contractor; and (ii) SACOG is free to use, reuse, publish or otherwise deal with all such materials or work products except as otherwise specifically provided in Exhibit "A." Consultant shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless SACOG and its directors, officers, employees, and agents from any claim, loss, damage, cost, liability, or expense to the extent of any violation or falsity of the foregoing representation and warranty.

39. Counterparts: This Agreement may be executed in multiple counterparts, each of which shall constitute an original, and all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, THE PARTIES HAVE ENTERED INTO THIS AGREEMENT AS OF THE DATE HEREIN ABOVE APPEARING:

SACRAMENTO AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

MIKE MCKEEVER
Executive Director

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Miller, Owen & Trost
Legal Counsel to SACOG

RECOMMENDED BY:

Director

CONTRACTOR COMPANY

Name, Title

EXHIBIT “A”

Scope of Work

(Include detailed description of tasks to be performed and timing)

(Include detailed description of terms of payment, e.g., specify fixed amount with no reimbursable costs, specify hourly rate with identified reimbursable costs up to a “not to exceed” figure)

EXHIBIT "B"
DEBARMENT CERTIFICATION FORM

The Contractor certifies that, neither the Contractor firm nor any owner, partner, director, officer, or principal of the Contractor, nor any person in a position with management responsibility or responsibility for the administration of federal funds:

(a) Is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any federal or state department/agency;

(b) Has within a three-year period preceding this certification been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against it for: commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public transaction or contract (federal, state, or local); violation of federal or state antitrust statutes; or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;

(c) Is presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (federal, state, or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (b) above; or

(d) Has within a three-year period preceding this certification had one or more public transactions or contracts (federal, state, or local) terminated for cause or default.

The Contractor further certifies that it shall not knowingly enter into any transaction with any subcontractor, material supplier, or vendor who is debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any federal or state department/agency.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20 _____

By _____
Authorized Signature for Contractor

Printed Name and Title

Contractor Firm Name and Type of Entity (*Corp., Partnership, Sole Proprietor*)

Address

City/State/Zip Code

Area Code/Telephone Number and E-Mail Address

EXHIBIT "C"
DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE INFORMATION FORM

Background

The term "Disadvantaged Business Enterprise" or "DBE" means a for-profit small business concern as defined in Title 49, Part 26.5, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). It is the policy of the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG), the California Department of Transportation ("Caltrans"), and the U.S. Department of Transportation that DBE's have the maximum opportunity to participate in the performance of contracts financed in whole or in part with Federal transportation funds. A certified DBE may participate in the performance of SACOG contracts as a contractor, subcontractor, joint venture partner, or as a vendor of material or supplies.

Requirements and Purpose of Form

The awardee shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the award and performance of subcontracts. Even if no DBE participation will be reported, the awardee shall check the "No DBE Participation" option below (Option #1), and sign and return this form.

Resources

The California Unified Certification Program (CUCP) may be used for DBE certification and to identify firms eligible to participate as DBE's. The CUCP database may be accessed on-line at <http://www.californiaucp.com>. If you believe a firm is certified but cannot locate it in the CUCP database, you may contact the CalTrans Office of Certification toll free number 1-866-810-6346 for assistance. If you do not have internet access, you may order a written directory of certified DBE firms from the CalTrans Division of Procurement and Contracts/Publication Unit, 1900 Royal Oaks Drive, Sacramento, CA 95815, Telephone: (916) 445-3520.

DBE Participation Information

(Awardee must check Option #1 or #2 below, provide required information regarding certified DBE's, and sign this Information Sheet on page 2)

_____ **Option #1 - No Certified DBE participation proposed for this contract.**

_____ **Option #2 - It is proposed that the following DBE(s) be used on this contract:**
(Please attach an additional sheet if necessary)

Name of Certified DBE

DBE Certification No.

DBE Address

DBE Telephone No.

DBE E-Mail Address

Capacity of DBE (*e.g., contractor, subcontractor, vendor*)

\$ Amount DBE Participation

Description of services or materials to be provided by DBE

Name of Certified DBE

DBE Certification No.

DBE Address

DBE Telephone No.

DBE E-Mail Address

Capacity of DBE (*e.g., contractor, subcontractor, vendor*)

\$ Amount DBE Participation

Description of services or materials to be provided by DBE

Submitted by:

Signature

Date

Print Name and Title

Name of Contractor, if different than signatory

EXHIBIT “D”
LEVINE ACT DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

California Government Code § 84308, commonly referred to as the “Levine Act,” precludes an Officer of a local government agency from participating in the award of a contract if he or she receives any political contributions totaling more than \$250 in the 12 months preceding the pendency of the contract award, and for three months following the final decision, from the person or company awarded the contract. This prohibition applies to contributions to the Officer, or received by the Officer on behalf of any other Officer, or on behalf of any candidate for office or on behalf of any committee. The Levine Act also requires disclosure of such contributions by a party to be awarded a specified contract. Please refer to the attachment for the complete statutory language.

Current members of the SACOG Board of Directors are:

Harold Anderson	Mary Jane Griego	Susan Peters
Christina Billeci	Kevin Hanley	Gene Resler
Linda Budge	Peter Hill	Pierre Rivas
Christopher Cabaldon	Diane Hodges	Suzanne Roberts
Darryl Clare	Kevin Johnson	Rocky Rockholm
Steve Cohn	John Knight	Don Saylor
Tom Cosgrove	Roberta MacGlashan	Walt Scherer
Skip Davies	Leslie McBride	James Shelby
Gary Davis	Steve Miklos	Helen Thomson
Roger Dickinson	Larry Montna	Rick West
Jim Gray		

1. Have you or your company, or any agent on behalf of you or your company, made any political contributions of more than \$250 to any SACOG Director(s) in the 12 months preceding the date of the issuance of this request for proposal or request for qualifications?

___ YES ___ NO

If yes, please identify the Director(s): _____

2. Do you or your company, or any agency on behalf of you or your company, anticipate or plan to make any political contributions of more than \$250 to any SACOG Director(s) in the three months following the award of the contract?

___ YES ___ NO

If yes, please identify the Director(s): _____

Answering yes to either of the two questions above does not preclude SACOG from awarding a contract to your firm. It does, however, preclude the identified Director(s) from participating in the contract award process for this contract.

DATE

(SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL)

(TYPE OR WRITE APPROPRIATE NAME, TITLE)

(TYPE OR WRITE NAME OF COMPANY)

California Government Code Section 84308

- (a) The definitions set forth in this subdivision shall govern the interpretation of this section.
 - (1) "Party" means any person who files an application for, or is the subject of, a proceeding involving a license, permit, or other entitlement for use.
 - (2) "Participant" means any person who is not a party but who actively supports or opposes a particular decision in a proceeding involving a license, permit, or other entitlement for use and who has a financial interest in the decision, as described in Article 1 (commencing with Section 87100) of Chapter 7. A person actively supports or opposes a particular decision in a proceeding if he or she lobbies in person the officers or employees of the agency, testifies in person before the agency, or otherwise acts to influence officers of the agency.
 - (3) "Agency" means an agency as defined in Section 82003 except that it does not include the courts or any agency in the judicial branch of government, local governmental agencies whose members are directly elected by the voters, the Legislature, the Board of Equalization, or constitutional officers. However, this section applies to any person who is a member of an exempted agency but is acting as a voting member of another agency.
 - (4) "Officer" means any elected or appointed officer of an agency, any alternate to an elected or appointed officer of an agency, and any candidate for elective office in an agency.
 - (5) "License, permit, or other entitlement for use" means all business, professional, trade and land use licenses and permits and all other entitlements for use, including all entitlements for land use, all contracts (other than competitively bid, labor, or personal employment contracts), and all franchises.
 - (6) "Contribution" includes contributions to candidates and committees in federal, state, or local elections.
- (b) No officer of an agency shall accept, solicit, or direct a contribution of more than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) from any party, or his or her agent, or from any participant, or his or her agent, while a proceeding involving a license, permit, or other entitlement for use is pending before the agency and for three months following the date a final decision is rendered in the proceeding if the officer knows or has reason to know that the participant has a financial interest, as that term is used in Article 1 (commencing with Section 87100) of Chapter 7. This prohibition shall apply regardless of whether the officer accepts, solicits, or directs the contribution for himself or herself, or on behalf of any other officer, or on behalf of any candidate for office or on behalf of any committee.
- (c) Prior to rendering any decision in a proceeding involving a license, permit or other entitlement for use pending before an agency, each officer of the agency who received a contribution within the preceding 12 months in an amount of more than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) from a party or from any participant shall disclose that fact on the record of

the proceeding. No officer of an agency shall make, participate in making, or in any way attempt to use his or her official position to influence the decision in a proceeding involving a license, permit, or other entitlement for use pending before the agency if the officer has willfully or knowingly received a contribution in an amount of more than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) within the preceding 12 months from a party or his or her agent, or from any participant, or his or her agent if the officer knows or has reason to know that the participant has a financial interest in the decision, as that term is described with respect to public officials in Article 1 (commencing with Section 87100) of Chapter 7. If an officer receives a contribution which would otherwise require disqualification under this section, returns the contribution within 30 days from the time he or she knows, or should have known, about the contribution and the proceeding involving a license, permit, or other entitlement for use, he or she shall be permitted to participate in the proceeding.

- (d) A party to a proceeding before an agency involving a license, permit, or other entitlement for use shall disclose on the record of the proceeding any contribution in an amount of more than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) made within the preceding 12 months by the party, or his or her agent, to any officer of the agency. No party, or his or her agent, to a proceeding involving a license, permit, or other entitlement for use pending before any agency and no participant, or his or her agent, in the proceeding shall make a contribution of more than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) to any officer of that agency during the proceeding and for three months following the date a final decision is rendered by the agency in the proceeding. When a closed corporation is a party to, or a participant in, a proceeding involving a license, permit, or other entitlement for use pending before an agency, the majority shareholder is subject to the disclosure and prohibition requirements specified in subdivisions (b), (c), and this subdivision.
- (e) Nothing in this section shall be construed to imply that any contribution subject to being reported under this title shall not be so reported.

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