



# COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

AGENDA ITEM NO.

C-2

For the meeting of: May 10, 2016

Date: April 15, 2016  
 To: Board of Supervisors  
 From: Auditor-Controller *MSM*  
 Subject: Contract for External Audit for Fiscal Year 2015-2016

### RECOMMENDATION (S):

1. That the Board of Supervisors approve the Professional Services and HIPAA Business Associate Agreements with the accounting firm of Gallina LLP, CPAs, of Roseville, California regarding the County's financial audit for the year ended June 30, 2016,
2. Authorize the Chair of the Board to sign two (2) originals of the proposed Professional Services Agreement as well as the engagement letter and HIPAA Business Associate Agreement attached thereto.
3. Direct the Clerk of the Board to return one (1) signed original of the proposed Professional Services Agreement to the Auditor-Controller.

### DISCUSSION:

Each year the County contracts with a CPA firm to conduct an audit of the County's finances and to prepare the single audit schedules required by federal agencies. Gallina LLP recently performed an audit of the County's finances for the year ended June 30, 2015. Gallina LLP's performance was professionally competent and they completed the process by the projected finish date. Therefore, the Auditor-Controller recommends that your Board contract with Gallina LLP to complete the audit for the year ended June 30, 2016, in order to maintain the County's compliance with the Single Audit Act and other regulatory

Prepared by: Joseph Mellett, Auditor-Controller

CAO Approval

*Kathy Hayes*

### REVIEW:

Auditor \_\_\_\_\_ County Counsel *Sm* Personnel \_\_\_\_\_ Risk Manager *KW* Other \_\_\_\_\_

### TYPE OF ITEM:

- Consent  
 Departmental  
 Public Hearing  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

### BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

Upon motion of Supervisor *Fennell*  
 Seconded by Supervisor *Bass*  
 And unanimously carried by those members present,  
 The Board hereby adopts the recommended action  
 contained in this report.

### PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No. \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting of: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: *May 10, 2016*  
KATHY HAYES, Clerk of the Board

By: *Joe Hurlburt*

requirements.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The remuneration for these services is \$71,500 with an additional travel and lodging element not to exceed \$5,000. These costs are paid out of the County General Fund, budget unit 101.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

None.

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Your Board could choose to contract with a CPA firm other than Gallina LLP or delay a decision pending more research on the matter. However, this is not recommended since Gallina LLP's previous performance was professionally competent and timely.

ATTACHMENTS:

Professional Services Agreement with Gallina LLP along with attached engagement letter (Exhibit A) and HIPAA Business Associate Agreement (Exhibit B).

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT  
BY AND BETWEEN  
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT  
AND  
GALLINA LLP, CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS**

This Agreement, entered into this 10<sup>th</sup> day of May 2016, by and between the County of Humboldt, a political subdivision of the State of California, hereinafter referred to as "COUNTY," and Gallina LLP, Certified Public Accountants, a limited liability partnership, hereinafter referred to as "AUDITOR," is made upon the following considerations:

WHEREAS, pursuant to California Government Code Section 25250, COUNTY is required to biennially examine and audit the financial accounts and records of COUNTY officers that are responsible for the care, management, collection, receipt or disbursement of money belonging to COUNTY; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Title 31 of the United States Code ("U.S.C."), Section 7502, COUNTY, as a recipient of federal financial assistance in excess of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00), is required to conduct an audit for each fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code Section 25250, COUNTY, by and through its Auditor-Controller's Office, desires to retain an independent certified public accountant firm to conduct an audit examination of COUNTY's financial statements and to report its findings to the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, AUDITOR is a California certified public accountant firm and represents that it is specially trained, skilled, experienced and qualified to perform the services required by COUNTY; and

WHEREAS, COUNTY has relied upon AUDITOR's professional ability and training as a material inducement to enter into this Agreement.

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

1. DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES:

AUDITOR agrees to provide the services described herein and in the Engagement Letter dated April 4, 2016, which is attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference as if set forth in full. In providing such services, AUDITOR agrees to fully cooperate with the Humboldt County Auditor-Controller or designee thereof, hereinafter referred to as "Auditor-Controller."

2. RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES:

A. Examination and Audit Services. AUDITOR shall conduct a careful and complete examination of the financial accounts and records of all COUNTY offices and other entities governed by the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors that are shown in the adopted Humboldt County Budget for the 2015-2016 fiscal year, copies of which are on file in the office of the Auditor-Controller.

1. AUDITOR shall conduct the audit in accordance with the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") Circular A-133. The audit shall be the financial and compliance type described in the Standards for Audit of Governmental Organizations, Programs, Activities and Functions published by the Comptroller General of the United States.

2. AUDITOR's examination of COUNTY's financial statements shall be the financial type described in the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("AICPA") Industry Audit Guide, Audits of State and Local Governmental Units, as revised, and the Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards published by the AICPA. The examination shall be conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards leading to the expression of an opinion in compliance with Rule 58.1 of the California State Board of Accountancy.
  3. AUDITOR's compliance examination shall enable AUDITOR to determine whether the offices and entities audited have complied with any and all laws and regulations that may have a material effect on each major federal assistance program. AUDITOR shall supply special reports and expressions as required by any federal agency, as that term is defined in 31 U.S.C. Section 7501, and express an opinion on compliance by COUNTY and other entities audited with all federal assistance programs in accordance with OMB Circular A-133.
  4. AUDITOR shall evaluate the internal control of all COUNTY departments with respect to their financial operations.
  5. AUDITOR shall commence the required examination upon the date of execution of this Agreement and shall report their findings by such date and time as the Auditor-Controller shall determine.
- B. Access to COUNTY Data. AUDITOR shall have access to and shall be permitted to use figures, tabulations, statistical schedules and other data already assembled or prepared by COUNTY or for COUNTY purposes. Neither the Auditor-Controller, nor any personnel in the Humboldt County Auditor-Controller's Office, shall be employed by AUDITOR in connection with the audits required by this Agreement, nor shall the Auditor-Controller, nor any personnel in the Humboldt County Auditor-Controller's Office, be called upon to perform any service other than the performance of the regular duties of the Humboldt County Auditor-Controller's Office.
- C. Reporting. AUDITOR agrees to appear in person before the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors, upon COUNTY's request, in order to report on the progress of the services being provided by AUDITOR pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement. AUDITOR anticipates presenting a final report to COUNTY by December 31, 2016 and agrees to present a final report to COUNTY no later than April 1, 2017.
- D. Submission of Opinions and Reports. AUDITOR shall submit to COUNTY up to seventy-five (75) copies of each opinion or report required hereunder. AUDITOR consents to the re-printing of its findings in official statements prepared by COUNTY, and COUNTY's underwriters, associated with short-term tax and revenue anticipation notes and/or commercial paper borrowings.
- E. Supplemental Investigations. AUDITOR shall prepare and submit to COUNTY a detailed report describing any irregularities or unforeseen conditions requiring investigations beyond the scope of the services required hereunder. Should further investigation be authorized by COUNTY, additional compensation therefor shall be in such amount as may then be agreed upon by AUDITOR and COUNTY.
- F. Incidental Costs and Expenses. AUDITOR shall bear any and all costs and expenses incurred in the preparation of each opinion or report required hereunder.

- G. Electronic Data Processing Costs. COUNTY shall pay, as authorized in writing by the Auditor-Controller, the costs incurred for Electronic Data Processing runs requested by AUDITOR.
- H. Management Responsibilities. COUNTY agrees to perform all of its obligations set forth herein in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Management Responsibilities described in Exhibit A – Engagement Letter.

3. TERM:

Unless sooner terminated as provided herein, the term of this Agreement shall begin upon execution by both parties and shall remain in full force and effect until all required services and responsibilities have been completed.

4. TERMINATION:

- A. Breach of Contract. If, in the opinion of COUNTY, AUDITOR fails to adequately perform the services required hereunder within the time limits specified herein, or otherwise fails to comply with the terms of this Agreement, or violates any ordinance, regulation or other law applicable to its performance herein, COUNTY may terminate this Agreement immediately, upon notice.
- B. Without Cause. COUNTY may terminate this Agreement without cause upon thirty (30) days advance written notice to AUDITOR. Such notice shall state the effective date of the termination.
- C. Insufficient Funding. COUNTY's obligations under this Agreement are contingent upon the availability of local, state and/or federal funds. In the event such funding is reduced or eliminated, COUNTY shall, at its sole discretion, determine whether this Agreement shall be terminated. COUNTY shall provide AUDITOR seven (7) days advance written notice of its intent to terminate this Agreement due to insufficient funding.
- D. Compensation Upon Termination. In the event of any termination of this Agreement, AUDITOR shall be entitled to compensation for uncompensated services rendered hereunder through and including the effective date of such termination. This provision shall not limit or reduce any damages owed to COUNTY due to a breach of this Agreement by AUDITOR.

5. COMPENSATION:

- A. Maximum Amount Payable. The maximum amount payable by COUNTY for services rendered, and costs and expenses incurred, including, without limitation, travel and living expenses, pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall not exceed Seventy-Six Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$76,500.00). AUDITOR agrees to perform all services required by this Agreement for an amount not to exceed such maximum dollar amount. However, if local, state or federal funding or allowance rates are reduced or eliminated, COUNTY may, by amendment, reduce the maximum amount payable for services provided hereunder, or terminate this Agreement as provided herein.
- B. Schedule of Rates. The specific rates and costs applicable to this Agreement are set forth in Exhibit A – Engagement Letter.
- C. Additional Services. Any additional services not otherwise provided for herein shall not be provided by AUDITOR, or compensated by COUNTY, without written authorization by

COUNTY. All unauthorized costs and expenses incurred above the maximum payable amount set forth herein shall be the responsibility of AUDITOR.

6. PAYMENT:

AUDITOR shall submit to COUNTY monthly invoices itemizing all services rendered, and costs and expenses incurred, pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement. Invoices shall be in a format approved by, and shall include backup documentation as specified by, the Auditor-Controller. AUDITOR shall submit a final invoice for payment within thirty (30) days following the expiration or termination date of this Agreement. Payment for services rendered, and costs and expenses incurred, pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall be made within thirty (30) days after the receipt of approved invoices. All invoices submitted by AUDITOR shall be sent to COUNTY at the following address:

COUNTY: Humboldt County Administrative Office  
Attention: Amy Nilsen, County Administrative Officer  
825 Fifth Street, Room 112  
Eureka, California 95501

7. NOTICES:

Any and all notices required to be given pursuant to the terms of this Agreement shall be in writing and either served personally, or sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the respective addresses set forth below. Notice shall be effective upon actual receipt or refusal as shown on the receipt obtained pursuant to the foregoing.

COUNTY: Humboldt County Administrative Office  
Attention: Amy Nilsen, County Administrative Officer  
825 Fifth Street, Room 112  
Eureka, California 95501

AUDITOR: Gallina LLP, Certified Public Accountants  
Attention: Brad Constantine  
925 Highland Pointe Drive, Suite 450  
Roseville, California 95678

8. RECORD RETENTION AND INSPECTION:

A. Maintenance and Preservation of Records. AUDITOR agrees to timely prepare accurate and complete financial, performance and payroll records, documents and other evidence relating to the services provided hereunder, and to maintain and preserve said records for at least three (3) years from the date of final payment under this Agreement, except that if any litigation, claim, negotiation, audit or other action is pending, the records shall be retained until completion and resolution of all issues arising therefrom. The books and records shall be original entry books with a general ledger itemizing all debits and credits for the services provided pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

B. Inspection of Records. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 8546.7, all records, documents, conditions and activities of AUDITOR, and its subcontractors, related to the services provided hereunder, shall be subject to the examination and audit of the California State Auditor and any other duly authorized agents of the State of California for a period of three (3) years after final payment under this Agreement. AUDITOR hereby agrees to make

all such records available during normal business hours to inspection, audit and reproduction by COUNTY and any duly authorized local, state and/or federal agencies. AUDITOR further agrees to allow interviews of any of its employees who might reasonably have information related to such records by COUNTY and any duly authorized local, state and/or federal agencies. All examinations and audits conducted hereunder shall be strictly confined to those matters connected with the performance of this Agreement, including, but not limited to, the costs of administering this Agreement.

- C. Audit Exceptions. In the event of an audit exception or exceptions related to the services provided pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the party responsible for not meeting the requirements set forth herein shall be responsible for the deficiency and for the cost of the audit. If the allowable expenditures cannot be determined because AUDITOR's documentation is nonexistent or inadequate, according to generally accepted accounting practices, the questionable cost shall be disallowed by COUNTY.

9. MONITORING:

AUDITOR agrees that COUNTY has the right to monitor all activities related to this Agreement, including, without limitation, the right to review and monitor AUDITOR's records, programs or procedures, at any time, as well as the overall operation of AUDITOR's programs, in order to ensure compliance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement. AUDITOR will cooperate with a corrective action plan, if deficiencies in AUDITOR's records, programs or procedures are identified by COUNTY. However, COUNTY is not responsible, and will not be held accountable, for overseeing or evaluating the adequacy of the results of services performed by AUDITOR pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

10. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION:

- A. Disclosure of Confidential Information. In the performance of this Agreement, AUDITOR may receive information that is confidential under local, state or federal law. AUDITOR hereby agrees to protect all confidential information in conformance with any and all applicable local, state and federal laws, regulations, policies, procedures and standards, including, but not limited to: California Welfare and Institutions Code Sections 827, 5328, 10850 and 14100.2; California Health and Safety Code Sections 1280.15 and 1280.18; the California Information Practices Act of 1977; the California Confidentiality of Medical Information Act ("CMIA"); the United States Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act ("HITECH Act"); the United States Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 ("HIPAA") and any current and future implementing regulations promulgated thereunder, including, without limitation, the Federal Privacy Regulations contained in Title 45 of the Code of Federal Regulations ("C.F.R.") Parts 160 and 164, the Federal Security Standards contained in 45 C.F.R. Parts 160, 162 and 164 and the Federal Standards for Electronic Transactions contained in 45 C.F.R. Parts 160 and 162, all as may be amended from time to time.
- B. HIPAA Business Associate Agreement. AUDITOR hereby agrees to adhere to the terms and conditions of the "County of Humboldt HIPAA Business Associate Agreement," which is attached hereto as Exhibit B and incorporated herein by reference as if set forth in full.
- C. Continuing Compliance with Confidentiality Laws. The parties acknowledge that local, state and federal laws, regulations and standards pertaining to confidentiality, electronic data security and privacy are rapidly evolving and that amendment of this Agreement may be required to ensure compliance with such developments. Each party agrees to promptly enter

into negotiations concerning an amendment to this Agreement embodying written assurances consistent with the standards and requirements of HIPAA, the HITECH Act, the CMIA and any other applicable local, state and federal laws, regulations or standards.

11. NON-DISCRIMINATION COMPLIANCE:

- A. Professional Services and Employment. In the performance of this Agreement, AUDITOR, and its subcontractors, shall not unlawfully discriminate in the provision of professional services or against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion or religious creed, color, age (over forty (40) years of age), sex (including gender identity and expression, pregnancy, childbirth and related medical conditions), sexual orientation (including heterosexuality, homosexuality and bisexuality), national origin, ancestry, marital status, medical condition (including cancer and genetic characteristics), mental or physical disability (including HIV status and AIDS), political affiliation, military service, denial of family care leave or any other classifications protected by local, state or federal laws or regulations. Nothing herein shall be construed to require the employment of unqualified persons.
- B. Compliance with Anti-Discrimination Laws. AUDITOR further assures that it, and its subcontractors, will abide by the applicable provisions of: Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975; the Food Stamp Act of 1977; Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990; the California Fair Employment and Housing Act; California Civil Code Sections 51, et seq.; California Government Code Sections 4450, et seq.; California Welfare and Institutions Code Section 10000; Division 21 of the California Department of Social Services Manual of Policies and Procedures; United States Executive Order 11246, as amended and supplemented by United States Executive Order 11375 and 41 C.F.R. Part 60; and any other applicable local, state and/or federal laws and regulations, all as may be amended from time to time. The applicable regulations of the California Fair Employment and Housing Commission implementing California Government Code Section 12990, set forth in Chapter 5, 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.

12. NUCLEAR FREE HUMBOLDT COUNTY ORDINANCE COMPLIANCE:

By executing this Agreement, AUDITOR certifies that it is not a Nuclear Weapons Contractor, in that AUDITOR is not knowingly or intentionally engaged in the research, development, production or testing of nuclear warheads, nuclear weapons systems or nuclear weapons components, as defined by the Nuclear Free Humboldt County Ordinance. AUDITOR agrees to notify COUNTY immediately if it becomes a Nuclear Weapons Contractor as defined above. COUNTY may immediately terminate this Agreement if it determines that the foregoing certification is false or if AUDITOR subsequently becomes a Nuclear Weapons Contractor.

13. DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE CERTIFICATION:

By executing this Agreement, AUDITOR certifies that it will comply with the requirements of the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1990 (California Government Code Sections 8350, et seq.) and will provide a drug-free workplace by doing all of the following:

- A. Drug-Free Policy Statement. Publish, as required by California Government Code Section 8355(a)(1), a Drug-Free Policy Statement which notifies employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession or use of a controlled substance is prohibited, and specifies the actions to be taken against employees for violations.

- B. Drug-Free Awareness Program. Establish, as required by California Government Code Section 8355(a)(2), a Drug-Free Awareness Program which informs employees about the following:
1. The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;
  2. AUDITOR'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. Drug-Free Employment Agreement. Ensure, as required by California Government Code Section 8355(a)(3), that every employee who provides services pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement will:
1. Receive a copy of AUDITOR's Drug-Free Policy Statement; and
  2. Agree to abide by the terms of AUDITOR's Drug-Free Policy as a condition of employment.
- D. Effect of Noncompliance. Failure to comply with the above-referenced requirements may result in suspension of payments under this Agreement and/or termination thereof, and AUDITOR may be ineligible for award of future contracts if COUNTY determines that the foregoing certification is false or if AUDITOR violates the certification by failing to carry out the above-referenced requirements.

14. INDEMNIFICATION:

- A. Hold Harmless, Defense and Indemnification. AUDITOR shall hold harmless, defend and indemnify COUNTY and its agents, officers, officials, employees and volunteers from and against any and all claims, demands, losses, damages, liabilities, expenses and costs of any kind or nature, including, without limitation, attorney's fees and other costs of litigation, arising out of, or in connection with, AUDITOR's negligent performance of, or failure to comply with, any of the duties and/or obligations contained herein, except such loss or damage which was caused by the sole negligence or willful misconduct of COUNTY.
- B. Effect of Insurance. Acceptance of insurance, if required by this Agreement, does not relieve AUDITOR from liability under this provision. This provision shall apply to all claims for damages related to the services performed by AUDITOR pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement regardless if any insurance is applicable or not. The insurance policy limits set forth herein shall not act as a limitation upon the amount of indemnification or defense to be provided by AUDITOR hereunder.

15. INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS:

This Agreement shall not be executed by COUNTY, and AUDITOR is not entitled to any rights hereunder, unless certificates of insurance or other sufficient proof that the following provisions have been complied with, are filed with the Clerk of the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors.

- A. General Insurance Requirements. Without limiting AUDITOR's indemnification obligations provided for herein, AUDITOR shall, and shall require that all subcontractors hereunder, take out and maintain, throughout the entire period of this Agreement, and any extended term

thereof, the following policies of insurance, placed with insurers authorized to do business in the State of California with a current A.M. Bests rating of no less than A: VII or its equivalent against personal injury, death and property damage which may arise from, or in connection with, the activities of AUDITOR and its agents, officers, directors, employees, licensees, invitees, assignees or subcontractors:

1. Comprehensive or Commercial General Liability Insurance at least as broad as Insurance Services Office Commercial General Liability Coverage (occurrence form CG 0001), in an amount of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) per occurrence for any one (1) incident, including, but not limited to, personal injury, death and property damage. If a general aggregate limit is used, such limit shall apply separately hereto or shall be twice the required occurrence limit.
  2. Automobile/Motor Liability Insurance with a limit of liability not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) combined single limit coverage. Such insurance shall include coverage of all owned, hired and non-owned vehicles. Said coverage shall be at least as broad as Insurance Service Offices Form Code 1 (any auto).
  3. Workers' Compensation Insurance, as required by the Labor Code of the State of California, with statutory limits, and Employers Liability Insurance with a limit of no less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) per accident for bodily injury or disease. Said policy shall contain, or be endorsed to contain, a waiver of subrogation against COUNTY, its agents, officers, officials, employees and volunteers.
  4. Professional Liability Insurance – Error and Omission Coverage including coverage in an amount no less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) for each occurrence (Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00) general aggregate). Said insurance shall be maintained for the statutory period during which AUDITOR may be exposed to liability. AUDITOR shall require that such coverage be incorporated into its agreements with other entities.
- B. Special Insurance Requirements. Said policies shall, unless otherwise specified herein, be endorsed with the following provisions:
1. The Comprehensive or Commercial General Liability Policy shall provide that COUNTY, and its agents, officers, officials, employees and volunteers, are covered as additional insured for liability arising out of the operations performed by, or on behalf of, AUDITOR. The coverage shall contain no special limitations on the scope of protection afforded to COUNTY, its agents, officers, officials, employees and volunteers. Said policy shall also contain a provision stating that such coverage:
    - a. Includes contractual liability.
    - b. Does not contain exclusions as to loss or damage to property caused by explosion or resulting from collapse of buildings or structures or damage to property underground, commonly referred to as "XCU Hazards."
    - c. Is the primary insurance with regard to COUNTY.
    - d. Does not contain a pro-rata, excess only and/or escape clause.
    - e. Contains a cross liability, severability of interest or separation of insureds clause.

2. The above-referenced policies shall not be canceled, non-renewed or materially reduced in coverage without thirty (30) days prior written notice being provided to COUNTY in accordance with the notice provisions set forth herein. It is further understood that AUDITOR shall not terminate such coverage until COUNTY receives adequate proof that equal or better insurance has been secured.
3. The inclusion of more than one insured shall not operate to impair the rights of one insured against another insured, and the coverage afforded shall apply 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 insurer's liability.
4. For claims related to this Agreement, AUDITOR's insurance is the primary coverage to COUNTY, and any insurance or self-insurance programs maintained thereby are excess to AUDITOR's insurance and will not be used to contribute therewith.
5. Any failure to comply with the provisions of this Agreement, including breach of warranties, shall not affect coverage provided to COUNTY, its agents, officers, officials, employees and volunteers.
6. AUDITOR shall furnish COUNTY with certificates and original endorsements effecting the required coverage prior to execution of this Agreement. The endorsements shall be on forms approved by the Humboldt County Risk Manager or County Counsel. Any deductible or self-insured retention over One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) shall be disclosed to, and approved by, COUNTY. If AUDITOR does not keep all required policies in full force and effect, COUNTY may, in addition to other remedies under this Agreement, take out the necessary insurance, and AUDITOR agrees to pay the cost thereof. COUNTY is also hereby authorized with the discretion to deduct the cost of said insurance from the monies owed to AUDITOR under this Agreement.
7. COUNTY is to be notified immediately if twenty-five percent (25%) or more of any required insurance aggregate limit is encumbered, and AUDITOR shall be required to purchase additional coverage to meet the above-referenced aggregate limits.

C. Insurance Notices. Any and all insurance notices required to be given pursuant to the terms of this Agreement shall be sent to the addresses set forth below in accordance with the notice provisions described herein.

COUNTY: County of Humboldt  
Attention: Risk Management  
825 Fifth Street, Room 131  
Eureka, California 95501

AUDITOR: Gallina LLP, Certified Public Accountants  
Attention: Brad Constantine  
925 Highland Pointe Drive, Suite 450  
Roseville, California 95678

16. RELATIONSHIP OF PARTIES:

It is understood that this is an Agreement by and between two (2) independent entities and is not intended to, and shall not be construed to, create the relationship of agent, servant, employee, partnership, joint venture or any other similar association. Both parties further agree that

AUDITOR shall not be entitled to any benefits to which COUNTY employees are entitled, including, but not limited to, overtime, retirement benefits, leave benefits or workers' compensation. AUDITOR shall be solely responsible for the acts or omissions of its agents, officers, employees, assignees and subcontractors.

17. COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAWS AND LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS:

AUDITOR agrees to comply with any and all local, state and federal laws, regulations, policies and procedures applicable to the services provided pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement. AUDITOR further agrees to comply with any and all applicable local, state and federal licensure and certification requirements.

18. PROVISIONS REQUIRED BY LAW:

This Agreement is subject to any additional local, state and federal restrictions, limitations, or conditions that may affect the provisions, terms or funding of this Agreement. This Agreement shall be read and enforced as though all legally required provisions are included herein, and if for any reason any such provision is not included, or is not correctly stated, the parties agree to amend the pertinent section to make such insertion or correction.

19. REFERENCE TO LAWS AND RULES:

In the event any law, regulation, policy or procedure referred to in this Agreement is amended during the term hereof, the parties agree to comply with the amended provision as of the effective date of such amendment.

20. 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.

21. ASSIGNMENT:

Neither party shall delegate its duties nor assign its rights hereunder, either in whole or in part, without the other party's prior written consent. Any assignment by AUDITOR in violation of this provision shall be void, and shall be cause for immediate termination of this Agreement. This provision shall not be applicable to service agreements or other arrangements usually or customarily entered into by either party to obtain supplies, technical support or professional services.

22. AGREEMENT SHALL BIND SUCCESSORS:

All provisions of this Agreement shall be fully binding upon, and inure to the benefit of, the parties and to each of their heirs, executors, administrators, successors and permitted assigns.

23. NO WAIVER OF DEFAULT:

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. In no event shall any payment by COUNTY constitute a waiver of any breach of this Agreement or any default which may then exist on the part of AUDITOR. Nor shall such payment impair or prejudice any remedy available to COUNTY with respect to any breach or

default. COUNTY shall have the right to demand repayment of, and AUDITOR shall promptly refund, any funds disbursed to AUDITOR which in the judgment of COUNTY were not expended in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

24. NON-LIABILITY OF COUNTY OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES:

No official or employee of COUNTY shall be personally liable for any default or liability under this Agreement.

25. AMENDMENT:

This Agreement may be amended at any time during the term of this Agreement upon the mutual consent of both parties. No addition to, or alteration of, the terms of this Agreement shall be valid unless made in writing and signed by the parties hereto.

26. STANDARD OF PRACTICE:

AUDITOR warrants that it has the degree of learning and skill ordinarily possessed by reputable professionals practicing in similar localities in the same profession and under similar circumstances. AUDITOR's duty is to exercise such care, skill and diligence as professionals engaged in the same profession ordinarily exercise under like circumstances.

27. CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

AUDITOR hereby covenants that it presently has no interest, and shall not acquire any interest, either direct or indirect, which would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of the services to be provided pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement. AUDITOR further assures that no person having such an interest shall be employed to perform any of the services provided hereunder. In addition, if requested to do so by COUNTY, AUDITOR's employees providing services pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall complete and file a "Statement of Economic Interest" with COUNTY which discloses any actual and/or potential financial interest.

28. TITLE TO INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTS:

It is understood that any and all statements, records, schedules, working papers and memoranda created or prepared by AUDITOR pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall be the property of AUDITOR. AUDITOR shall provide copies of these documents to COUNTY if requested thereby. In the event of termination of this Agreement, for any reason whatsoever, AUDITOR shall promptly turn over to COUNTY all original information, writings, and documents created or prepared by COUNTY without exception or reservation. The audit examination reports prepared annually under this Agreement shall be the property of COUNTY. In accordance with California Business and Professions Code Section 5037, the statements, records, schedules, working papers and memoranda created or prepared by AUDITOR pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall not be disclosed to third parties without COUNTY's prior written consent.

29. JURISDICTION AND VENUE:

This Agreement shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of California. Any dispute arising hereunder, or relating hereto, shall be litigated in the State of California and venue shall lie in the County of Humboldt unless transferred by court order pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure Sections 394 or 395.

30. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ASSURANCES:

AUDITOR shall take all reasonable precautions to ensure that any hardware, software and/or embedded chip devices used by AUDITOR in the performance of the services provided pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, other than those owned or provided by COUNTY, shall be free from viruses. Nothing herein shall be construed to limit any rights or remedies otherwise available to COUNTY under this Agreement.

31. ADVERTISING AND MEDIA RELEASE:

All informational material related to this Agreement shall receive approval from COUNTY prior to being used as advertising or released to the media, including, but not limited to, television, radio, newspapers and internet. AUDITOR shall inform COUNTY of all requests for interviews by the media related to this Agreement before such interviews take place; and COUNTY shall be entitled to have a representative present at such interviews. All notices required by this provision shall be given to the Humboldt County Administrative Officer or designee thereof.

32. SUBCONTRACTS:

AUDITOR shall obtain prior written approval from COUNTY before subcontracting any of the services to be provided hereunder. Any and all subcontracts shall be subject to all applicable terms and conditions of this Agreement, including, without limitation, the licensing, certification and confidentiality requirements set forth herein. AUDITOR shall remain legally responsible for the performance of all terms and conditions of this Agreement, including work performed by third parties under subcontracts, whether approved by COUNTY or not.

33. ATTORNEYS' FEES:

If either party shall commence any legal action or proceeding, including an action for declaratory relief, against the other by reason of the alleged failure of the other to perform or keep any provision of this Agreement to be performed or kept, the party prevailing in said action or proceeding shall be entitled to recover court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees, including the reasonable value of services rendered by the Humboldt County Counsel's Office, to be fixed by the court, and such recovery shall include court costs and attorneys' fees on appeal, if applicable. As used herein, "prevailing party" means the party who dismisses an action or proceeding in exchange for payment of substantially all sums allegedly due, performance of provisions allegedly breached, or other considerations substantially equal to the relief sought by said party, as well as the party in whose favor final judgment is rendered.

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The duties and obligations of the parties set forth in Section 4(D) – Compensation Upon Termination, Section 8 – Record Retention and Inspection, Section 10 – Confidential Information and Section 14 – Indemnification shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

35. CONFLICTING TERMS OR CONDITIONS:

The manner in which the parties will perform the responsibilities described herein is set forth in Exhibit A – Engagement Letter. In the event of any conflict in the terms or conditions set forth in Exhibit A and the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement, the terms and conditions set forth herein shall have priority.

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This Agreement, as well as its individual provisions, shall be deemed to have been prepared equally by both of the parties hereto, and shall not be construed or interpreted more favorably for one party on the basis that the other party prepared it.

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The titles of the sections, subsections and paragraphs set forth in this Agreement are inserted for convenience of reference only, and shall be disregarded in construing or interpreting any of the provisions of this Agreement.

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Neither party hereto shall be liable or responsible for delays or failures in performance resulting from events beyond the reasonable control of such party and without fault or negligence of such party. Such events shall include, without limitation, acts of God, strikes, lockouts, riots, acts of war, epidemics, acts of government, fire, power failures, nuclear accidents, earthquakes, unusually severe weather, acts of terrorism or other disasters, whether or not similar to the foregoing.

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Each person executing this Agreement represents and warrants that he or she is duly authorized and has legal authority to execute and deliver this Agreement. Each party represents and warrants to the other that the execution and delivery of this Agreement and the performance of such party's obligations hereunder have been duly authorized.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have entered this Agreement as of the first date written above.

**GALLINA LLP, CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS:**

By: Brad W. Constantine

Date: 4/14/16

Name: BRAD W. CONSTANTINE

Title: PARTNER

**COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT:**

By: Mark Lovelace  
Mark Lovelace  
Chair, Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

Date: 5/10/16

**INSURANCE AND INDEMNIFICATION REQUIREMENTS APPROVED:**

By: K. Khyandi  
Risk Analyst

Date: 2/18/2016

**LIST OF EXHIBITS:**

- Exhibit A – Engagement Letter
- Exhibit B – County of Humboldt HIPAA Business Associate Agreement

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**EXHIBIT B**  
**COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT**  
**HIPAA BUSINESS ASSOCIATE AGREEMENT**

**Recitals:**

- A. COUNTY, as a "Covered Entity" (defined below) wishes to disclose certain information to AUDITOR, hereafter known as the "BUSINESS ASSOCIATE" (defined below) pursuant to the terms of the Agreement, some of which may constitute Protected Health Information ("PHI") (defined below).
- B. COUNTY and BUSINESS ASSOCIATE intend to protect the privacy and provide for the security of PHI disclosed to BUSINESS ASSOCIATE pursuant to the Agreement in compliance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, Public Law 104-191 ("HIPAA"), the Health Information and Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act, Public Law 111-005 ("the HITECH Act"), and regulations promulgated thereunder by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (the "HIPAA Regulations") and other applicable laws.
- C. As part of the HIPAA Regulations, the Privacy Rule and Security Rule (defined below) requires COUNTY to enter into an Agreement containing specific requirements with BUSINESS ASSOCIATE prior to the disclosure of PHI, as set forth in, but not limited to, Title 45, Sections 164.314(a), 164.502(e), and 164.504(e) of the Code of Federal Regulations ("C.F.R.") and contained in this Agreement.

The parties agree as follows:

**1. Definitions**

- a. **Breach** shall have the meaning given to such term under the HITECH Act and HIPAA Regulations [42 U.S.C. Section 17921 and 45 C.F.R. Section 164.402].
- b. **Breach Notification Rule** shall mean the HIPAA Regulation that is codified at 45 C.F.R. Parts 160 and 164, Subparts A and D.
- c. **Business Associate** shall have the meaning given to such term under the Privacy Rule, the Security Rule, and the HITECH Act, including, but not limited to, 42 U.S.C. Section 17938 and 45 C.F.R. Section 160.103.
- d. **Covered Entity** shall have the meaning given to such term under the Privacy Rule and the Security Rule, including, but not limited to, 45 C.F.R. Section 160.103.
- e. **Designated Record Set** shall have the meaning given to such term under the Privacy Rule, including, but not limited to, 45 C.F.R. Section 164.501.
- f. **Electronic Protected Health Information** means Protected Health Information that is maintained in or transmitted by electronic media.
- g. **Electronic Health Record** shall have the meaning given to such term in the HITECH Act, including, but not limited to, 42 U.S.C. Section 17921.
- h. **Health Care Operations** shall have the meaning given to such term under the Privacy Rule, including, but not limited to, 45 C.F.R. Section 164.501.

- i. **Privacy Rule** shall mean the HIPAA Regulation that is codified at 45 C.F.R. Parts 160 and 164, Subparts A and E.
- j. **Protected Health Information or PHI** means any information, whether oral or recorded in any form or medium: (i) that relates to the past, present or future physical or mental condition of an individual; the provision of health care to an individual; or the past, present or future payment for the provision of health care to an individual; and (ii) that identifies the individual or with respect to which there is a reasonable basis to believe the information can be used to identify the individual, and shall have the meaning given to the term under the Privacy Rule, including, but not limited to, 45 C.F.R. Section 164.501. Protected Health Information includes Electronic Protected Health Information [45 C.F.R. Sections 160.103, 164.501].
- k. **Protected Information** shall mean PHI provided by COUNTY to BUSINESS ASSOCIATE or created, maintained, received, or transmitted by BUSINESS ASSOCIATE on COUNTY's behalf.
- l. **Security Incident** shall have the same meaning given to such term under the Security Rule, including, but not limited to, 45 C.F.R. Section 164.304.
- m. **Security Rule** shall mean the HIPAA Regulation that is codified at 45 C.F.R. Parts 160 and 164, Subparts A and C.
- n. **Unsecured PHI** shall have the meaning given to such term under the HITECH Act and any guidance issued pursuant to such Act including, but not limited to, 42 U.S.C. Section 17932(h) and 45 C.F.R. Section 164.402.

## 2. **Obligations of Business Associate**

- a. **Permitted Uses.** BUSINESS ASSOCIATE shall use Protected Information only for the purpose of performing BUSINESS ASSOCIATE's obligations under the Agreement and as permitted or required under the Agreement, or as required by law. Further, BUSINESS ASSOCIATE shall not use Protected Information in any manner that would constitute a violation of the Privacy Rule or the HITECH Act if so used by COUNTY. However, BUSINESS ASSOCIATE may use Protected Information as necessary (i) for the proper management and administration of BUSINESS ASSOCIATE; (ii) to carry out the legal responsibilities of BUSINESS ASSOCIATE; or (iii) as required by law. [45 C.F.R. Sections 164.504(e)(2), 164.504(e)(4)(i)].
- b. **Permitted Disclosures.** BUSINESS ASSOCIATE shall disclose Protected Information only for the purpose of performing BUSINESS ASSOCIATE's obligations under the Agreement and as permitted or required under the Agreement, or as required by law. BUSINESS ASSOCIATE shall not disclose Protected Information in any manner that would constitute a violation of the Privacy Rule or the HITECH Act if so disclosed by COUNTY. However, BUSINESS ASSOCIATE may disclose Protected Information as necessary (i) for the proper management and administration of BUSINESS ASSOCIATE; (ii) to carry out the legal responsibilities of BUSINESS ASSOCIATE; or (iii) as required by law. If BUSINESS ASSOCIATE discloses Protected Information to a third party, BUSINESS ASSOCIATE must obtain, prior to making any such disclosure, (i) reasonable *written* assurances from such third party that such Protected Information will be held confidential as provided pursuant to this Agreement and used or disclosed only as required by law or for the purposes for which it was disclosed to such third party, and (ii) a written agreement from such third party to immediately notify BUSINESS ASSOCIATE of any breaches, suspected breaches, security incidents, or unauthorized uses or disclosures of the Protected Information in accordance with paragraph 2.l. of the Agreement, to the extent it has obtained knowledge of such occurrences [42 U.S.C. Section 17932; 45 C.F.R. Section 164.504(e)].

- c. **Prohibited Uses and Disclosures.** BUSINESS ASSOCIATE shall not use or disclose PHI other than as permitted or required by the Agreement, or as required by law. BUSINESS ASSOCIATE shall not use or disclose Protected Information for fundraising or marketing purposes. BUSINESS ASSOCIATE shall not disclose Protected Information to a health plan for payment or health care operations purposes if the patient has requested this special restriction, and has paid out of pocket in full for the health care item or service to which PHI solely relates [42 U.S.C. Section 17935(a) and 45 C.F.R. Section 164.522(a)(vi)]. BUSINESS ASSOCIATE shall not directly or indirectly receive remuneration in exchange for Protected Information, except with prior written consent of COUNTY and as permitted by the HITECH Act, 42 U.S.C. Section 17935(d)(2), and the HIPAA regulations, 45 C.F.R. Section 164.502(a)(5)(ii); however this prohibition shall not affect payment by COUNTY to BUSINESS ASSOCIATE for services provided pursuant to the Agreement.
- d. **Appropriate Safeguards.** BUSINESS ASSOCIATE shall implement appropriate safeguards as are necessary to prevent the use or disclosure of Protected Information otherwise than as permitted by the Agreement, including, but not limited to, administrative, physical and technical safeguards in accordance with the Security Rule, including but not limited to, 45 C.F.R. Sections 164.308, 164.310, and 164.312. [45 C.F.R. Section 164.504(e)(2)(ii)(B); 45 C.F.R. Section 164.308(b)]. BUSINESS ASSOCIATE shall comply with the policies, procedures and documentation requirements of the Security Rule, including, but not limited to, 45 C.F.R. Section 164.316. [42 U.S.C. Section 17931].
- e. **Business Associate's Subcontractors and Agents.** BUSINESS ASSOCIATE shall ensure that any agents and subcontractors that create, receive, maintain or transmit Protected Information on behalf of COUNTY, agree in writing to the same restrictions and conditions that apply to COUNTY with respect to such Protected Information and implement the safeguards required by paragraph 2.d. above with respect to Electronic PHI [45 C.F.R. Section 164.504(e)(2)(ii)(D); 45 C.F.R. Section 164.308(b)]. BUSINESS ASSOCIATE shall implement and maintain sanctions against agents and subcontractors that violate such restrictions and conditions and shall mitigate the effects of any such violation (see 45 C.F.R. Sections 164.530(f) and 164.530(e)(1)).
- f. **Access to Protected Information.** If BUSINESS ASSOCIATE maintains a designated record set on behalf of COUNTY, BUSINESS ASSOCIATE shall make Protected Information maintained by BUSINESS ASSOCIATE or its agents or subcontractors in Designated Record Sets available to COUNTY for inspection and copying within five (5) days of a request by COUNTY to enable COUNTY to fulfill its obligations under state law [California Health and Safety Code Section 123110] and the Privacy Rule, including, but not limited to, 45 C.F.R. Section 164.524 [45 C.F.R. Section 164.504(e)(2)(ii)(e)]. If BUSINESS ASSOCIATE maintains Protected Information in electronic format, BUSINESS ASSOCIATE shall provide such information in electronic format as necessary to enable COUNTY to fulfill its obligations under the HITECH Act and HIPAA Regulations, including, but not limited to, 42 U.S.C. Section 17935(e) and 45 C.F.R. Section 164.524.
- g. **Amendment of PHI.** If BUSINESS ASSOCIATE maintains a designated record set on behalf of COUNTY, within ten (10) days of a request by COUNTY for an amendment of Protected Information or a record about an individual contained in a Designated Record Set, BUSINESS ASSOCIATE and its agents and subcontractors shall make such Protected Information available to COUNTY for amendment and incorporate any such amendment or other documentation to enable COUNTY to fulfill its obligations under the Privacy Rule, including, but not limited to, 45 C.F.R. Section 164.526. If an individual requests an amendment of Protected Information directly from BUSINESS ASSOCIATE or its agents or subcontractors, BUSINESS ASSOCIATE must notify COUNTY in writing within five (5) days of the request and of any approval or denial of amendment of Protected Information maintained by BA or its agents or subcontractors [45 C.F.R.

Section 164.504(e)(2)(ii)(F)].

- h. **Accounting of Disclosures.** Within ten (10) days of a request by COUNTY for an accounting of disclosures of Protected Information, BUSINESS ASSOCIATE and its agents and subcontractors shall make available to COUNTY the information required to provide an accounting of disclosures to enable COUNTY to fulfill its obligations under the Privacy Rule, including, but not limited to, 45 C.F.R. Section 164.528, and the HITECH Act, including but not limited to 42 U.S.C. Section 17935(c), as determined by COUNTY. BUSINESS ASSOCIATE agrees to implement a process that allows for an accounting to be collected and maintained by BUSINESS ASSOCIATE and its agents and subcontractors for at least six (6) years prior to the request. However, accounting of disclosures from an Electronic Health Record for treatment, payment or health care operations purposes are required to be collected and maintained for only three (3) years prior to the request, and only to the extent that BUSINESS ASSOCIATE maintains an Electronic Health Record. At a minimum, the information collected and maintained shall include: (i) the date of disclosure; (ii) the name of the entity or person who received Protected Information and, if known, the address of the entity or person; (iii) a brief description of Protected Information disclosed; and (iv) a brief statement of purpose of the disclosure that reasonably informs the individual of the basis for the disclosure, or a copy of the individual's authorization, or a copy of the written request for disclosure. If a patient submits a request for an accounting directly to BUSINESS ASSOCIATE or its agents or subcontractors, BUSINESS ASSOCIATE shall within five (5) days of the request forward it to COUNTY in writing.
- i. **Governmental Access to Records.** BUSINESS ASSOCIATE shall make its internal practices, books and records relating to the use and disclosure of Protected Information available to COUNTY and to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (the "Secretary") for purposes of determining BUSINESS ASSOCIATE's compliance with HIPAA [45 C.F.R. Section 164.504(e)(2)(ii)(I)]. BUSINESS ASSOCIATE shall provide COUNTY a copy of any Protected Information and other documents and records that BUSINESS ASSOCIATE provides to the Secretary concurrently with providing such Protected Information to the Secretary.
- j. **Minimum Necessary.** BUSINESS ASSOCIATES, its agents and subcontractors shall request, use and disclose only the minimum amount of Protected Information necessary to accomplish the purpose of the request, use or disclosure. [42 U.S.C. Section 17935(b); 45 C.F.R. Section 164.514(d)]. BUSINESS ASSOCIATE understands and agrees that the definition of "minimum necessary" is in flux and shall keep itself informed of guidance issued by the Secretary with respect to what constitutes "minimum necessary."
- k. **Data Ownership.** BUSINESS ASSOCIATE understands that BUSINESS ASSOCIATE has no ownership rights with respect to the Protected Information.
- l. **Notification of Possible Breach.** BUSINESS ASSOCIATE shall notify COUNTY within twenty-four (24) hours of any suspected or actual breach of Protected Information; any use or disclosure of Protected Information not permitted by the Agreement; any security incident (i.e., any attempted or successful unauthorized access, use, disclosure, modification, or destruction of information or interference with system operations in an information system) related to Protected Information, and any actual or suspected use or disclosure of data in violation of any applicable federal or state laws by BUSINESS ASSOCIATE or its agents or subcontractors. The notification shall include, to the extent possible, the identification of each individual whose unsecured Protected Information has been, or is reasonably believed by the BUSINESS ASSOCIATE to have been accessed, acquired, used, or disclosed, as well as any other available information that COUNTY is required to include in notification to the individual, the media, the Secretary, and any

other entity under the Breach Notification Rule and any other applicable state or federal laws, including, but not limited, to 45 C.F.R. Section 164.404 through 45 C.F.R. Section 164.1408, at the time of the notification required by this paragraph or promptly thereafter as information becomes available. BUSINESS ASSOCIATE shall take (i) prompt corrective action to cure any deficiencies and (ii) any action pertaining to unauthorized uses or disclosures required by applicable federal and state laws. [42 U.S.C. Section 17921; 45 C.F.R. Section 164.504(e)(2)(ii)(C); 45 C.F.R. Section 164.308(b)].

- m. **Breach Pattern or Practice by Business Associate's Subcontractors and Agents.** Pursuant to 42 U.S.C. Section 17934(b) and 45 C.F.R. Section 164.504(e)(1)(ii), if BUSINESS ASSOCIATE knows of a pattern or activity or practice of a subcontractor or agent that constitutes a material breach or violation of the subcontractor or agent's obligations under the Agreement or other arrangement, BUSINESS ASSOCIATE must take reasonable steps to cure the breach or end the violation. If the steps are unsuccessful, BUSINESS ASSOCIATE must terminate the Agreement or other arrangement if feasible. BUSINESS ASSOCIATE shall provide written notice to COUNTY of any pattern of activity or practice of a subcontractor or agent that BUSINESS ASSOCIATE believes constitutes a material breach or violation of the subcontractor or agent's obligations under the Agreement or other arrangement within five (5) days of discovery and shall meet with COUNTY to discuss and attempt to resolve the problem as one of the reasonable steps to cure the breach or end the violation.
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- a. **Material Breach.** A breach by BUSINESS ASSOCIATE of any provision of this Agreement, as determined by COUNTY, shall constitute a material breach of the Agreement and shall provide grounds for *immediate* termination of the Agreement, any provision in the Agreement to the contrary notwithstanding. [45 C.F.R. Section 164.504(e)(2)(iii)].
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement on the dates hereinafter indicated.

**GALLINA LLP, CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS**

By: Brad W. Constantine

Date: 4/14/12

Name: BRAD W. CONSTANTINE

Title: PARTNER

**COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT:**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mark Lovelace  
Chair, Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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April 4, 2016

Joe Mellett, Auditor-Controller  
County of Humboldt  
County Courthouse  
825 Fifth Street, Room 126  
Eureka, CA 95501

Dear Joe:

We are pleased to provide a proposal and summarize our understanding of the services we will provide the County of Humboldt.

You have requested that we audit the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the County of Humboldt, as of June 30, 2016, and for the year then ended and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the County of Humboldt's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. We are pleased to confirm our acceptance and our understanding of this audit engagement by means of this letter. Our audits will be conducted with the objective of our expressing an opinion on each opinion unit.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that *management's discussion and analysis, budgetary comparison information*, pension related ratios and funding progress of other post-employment benefits be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by *the Governmental Accounting Standards Board*, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. As part of our engagement, we will apply certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information (RSI) in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. These limited procedures will consist primarily of inquiries of management regarding their methods of measurement and presentation, and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries. We will not express an opinion or provide any form of assurance on the RSI. The following RSI is required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. This RSI will be subjected to certain limited procedures but will not be audited:

- Management's Discussion and Analysis
- Budgetary Comparison Schedules
- Pension related ratios and contributions
- Funding Progress of post-employment benefits

Supplementary information other than RSI will accompany the County of Humboldt's basic financial statements. We will subject the following supplementary information to the auditing procedures applied in our audit of the basic financial statements and perform certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling the supplementary information to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. We intend to

provide an opinion on the following supplementary information in relation to the financial statements as a whole:

- Combining fund statements
- Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

We will subject the schedule of expenditures of federal awards to the auditing procedures applied in our audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling the schedule to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. We intend to provide an opinion on whether the schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented fairly in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

#### Data Collection Form

Prior to the completion of our engagement, we will complete the sections of the Data Collection Form that are our responsibility. The form will summarize our audit findings, amounts and conclusions. It is management's responsibility to submit a reporting package including financial statements, schedule of expenditure of federal awards, summary schedule of prior audit findings and corrective action plan along with the Data Collection Form to the federal audit clearinghouse. The financial reporting package must be text searchable, unencrypted, and unlocked. Otherwise, the reporting package will not be accepted by the federal audit clearinghouse. We will assist you in the electronic submission and certification. You may request from us copies of our report for you to include with the reporting package submitted to pass-through entities.

The Data Collection Form is required to be submitted within the earlier of 30 days after receipt of our auditors' reports or nine months after the end of the audit period, unless specifically waived by a federal cognizant or oversight agency for audits. Data Collection Forms submitted untimely are one of the factors in assessing programs at a higher risk.

#### Audit of the Financial Statements

We will conduct our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAS), the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States of America; the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance). Those standards and the Uniform Guidance require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the basic financial statements are free from material misstatement. An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to error, fraudulent financial reporting, misappropriation of assets, or violations of laws, governmental regulations, grant agreements, or contractual agreements. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, together with the inherent limitations of internal control, an unavoidable risk that some material misstatements or noncompliance may not be detected exists, even though the audit is properly planned and performed in accordance with U.S. GAAS and Government Auditing Standards of the Comptroller General of the United States of America.

In making our risk assessments, we consider internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. However, we will communicate to you in writing concerning any significant deficiencies or material weaknesses in internal control relevant to the audit of the financial statements that we have identified during the audit.

We will issue a written report upon completion of our audit of County of Humboldt's basic financial statements. Our report will be addressed to the governing body of County of Humboldt. We cannot provide assurance that unmodified opinions will be expressed. Circumstances may arise in which it is necessary for us to modify our opinions, add an emphasis-of-matter or other-matter paragraph(s), or withdraw from the engagement.

In accordance with the requirements of Government Auditing Standards, we will also issue a written report describing the scope of our testing over internal control over financial reporting and over compliance with laws, regulations, and provisions of grants and contracts, including the results of that testing. However, providing an opinion on internal control and compliance over financial reporting will not be an objective of the audit and, therefore, no such opinion will be expressed.

#### Audit of Major Program Compliance

Our audit of the County of Humboldt's major federal award program(s) compliance will be conducted in accordance with the requirements of the Single Audit Act, as amended; and the Uniform Guidance, and will include tests of accounting records, a determination of major programs in accordance with the Uniform Guidance and other procedures we consider necessary to enable us to express such an opinion on major federal award program compliance and to render the required reports. We cannot provide assurance that an unmodified opinion on compliance will be expressed. Circumstances may arise in which it is necessary for us to modify our opinion or withdraw from the engagement.

The Uniform Guidance requires that we also plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the entity has complied with applicable laws and regulations and the provisions of contracts and grant agreements applicable to major federal award programs. Our procedures will consist of determining major federal programs and performing the applicable procedures described in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget OMB Compliance Supplement for the types of compliance requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each of the entity's major programs. The purpose of those procedures will be to express an opinion on the entity's compliance with requirements applicable to each of its major programs in our report on compliance issued pursuant to the Uniform Guidance.

Also, as required by the Uniform Guidance, we will perform tests of controls to evaluate the effectiveness of the design and operation of controls that we consider relevant to preventing or detecting material noncompliance with compliance requirements applicable to each of the entity's major federal award programs. However, our tests will be less in scope than would be necessary to render an opinion on these controls and, accordingly, no opinion will be expressed in our report.

We will issue a report on compliance that will include an opinion or disclaimer of opinion regarding the entity's major federal award programs, and a report on internal controls over compliance that will report any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses identified; however, such report will not express an opinion on internal control.

#### Management's Responsibilities

Our audit will be conducted on the basis that management and those charged with governance acknowledge and understand that they have responsibility:

1. For the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America;
2. For the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to error fraudulent financial reporting, misappropriation of assets, or violations of laws, governmental regulations, grant agreements, or contractual agreements;
3. For safeguarding assets;
4. For identifying all federal awards expended during the period including federal awards and funding increments received prior to December 26, 2014, and those received in accordance with the Uniform Guidance generally received after December 26, 2014;
5. For preparing the schedule of expenses of federal awards (including notes and noncash assistance received) in accordance with the Uniform Guidance requirements;
6. For the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control over compliance;
7. For identifying and ensuring that the entity complies with laws, regulations, grants, and contracts applicable to its activities and its federal award programs;
8. For following up and taking corrective action on reported audit findings from prior periods and preparing a summary schedule of prior audit findings;
9. For following up and taking corrective action on current year audit findings and preparing a corrective action plan for such findings;
10. For submitting the reporting package and data collection form to the appropriate parties;
11. For making the auditor aware of any significant vendor relationships where the vendor is responsible for program compliance;

To provide us with:

12. Access to all information of which management is aware that is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements, and relevant to federal award programs, such as records, documentation, and other matters;
13. Additional information that we may request from management for the purpose of the audit; and

14. Unrestricted access to persons within the entity from whom we determine it necessary to obtain audit evidence.
15. For adjusting the financial statements to correct material misstatements and confirming to us in the management representation letter that the effects of any uncorrected misstatements aggregated by us during the current engagement and pertaining to the current year period(s) under audit are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements as a whole; and
16. For confirming your understanding of your responsibilities as defined in this letter to us in your management representation letter.

With regard to the supplementary information referred to above, you acknowledge and understand your responsibility (a) for the preparation of the supplementary information in accordance with the applicable criteria, (b) to provide us with the appropriate written representations regarding supplementary information, (c) to include our report on the supplementary information in any document that contains the supplementary information and that indicates that we have reported on such supplementary information, and (d) to present the supplementary information with the audited financial statements, or if the supplementary information will not be presented with the audited financial statements, to make the audited financial statements readily available to the intended users of the supplementary information no later than the date of issuance by you of the supplementary information and our report thereon.

As part of our audit process, we will request from management and those charged with governance], written confirmation concerning representations made to us in connection with the audit.

We understand that your employees will prepare all confirmations we request and will locate any documents or invoices selected by us for testing.

If you intend to publish or otherwise reproduce the financial statements and make reference to our firm, you agree to provide us with printers' proofs or masters for our review and approval before printing. You also agree to provide us with a copy of the final reproduced material for our approval before it is distributed.

#### Fees and Timing

The timing of our audit will be scheduled for performance and completion based on a mutually agreed schedule. We expect to issue all audit reports no later than December 31, 2016 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016 audit.

Brad Constantine is the engagement partner for the audit services specified in this letter. His responsibilities include supervising GALLINA LLP's services performed as part of this engagement and signing or authorizing another qualified firm representative to sign the audit report.

Our fees are based on the amount of time required at various levels of responsibility and include out-of-pocket expenses. Invoices will be rendered after completion of interim fieldwork, year-end fieldwork and delivery of the reports and are payable upon presentation. Our proposed fees are as follows:

June 30, 2016*	
<b>County of Humboldt's Basic Financial Statements</b>	\$50,300
<b>Major program testing - Uniform Guidance</b>	21,200
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$71,500</b>

\*Does not include travel (maximum of \$5,000)

We will notify you immediately of any circumstances we encounter that could significantly affect this initial fee estimate. Whenever possible, we will attempt to use County of Humboldt's personnel to assist in the preparation of schedules and analyses of accounts. This effort could substantially reduce our time requirements and facilitate the timely conclusion of the audit.

#### Other Matters

During the course of the engagement, we may communicate with you or your personnel via fax or e-mail, and you should be aware that communication in those mediums contains a risk of misdirected or intercepted communications.

The audit documentation for this engagement is the property of GALLINA LLP and constitutes confidential information. However, we may be requested to make certain audit documentation available to the State Controller and federal agencies and the U.S. Government Accountability Office pursuant to authority given to it by law or regulation, or to peer reviewers. If requested, access to such audit documentation will be provided under the supervision of GALLINA LLP personnel. Furthermore, upon request, we may provide copies of selected audit documentation to these agencies and regulators. The regulators and agencies may intend, or decide, to distribute the copies of information contained therein to others, including other governmental agencies. We agree to retain our audit documentation or work papers for a period of at least five years from the date of our report.

The parties agree that any controversy or claim arising out of or relating to the services provided pursuant to this engagement letter agreement shall be determined by arbitration in accordance with the applicable Arbitration Rules for Professional Accounting and Related Services Disputes of the American Arbitration Association; and judgment on the award rendered by the arbitrator(s) may be rendered in any court of competent jurisdiction

Further, we will be available during the year to consult with you on financial management and accounting matters of a routine nature.

During the course of the audit, we may observe opportunities for economy in, or improved controls over, your operations. We will bring such matters to the attention of the appropriate level of management, either orally or in writing.

We agree to retain our audit documentation or work papers for a period of at least five years from the date of our report.

At the conclusion of our audit engagement, we will communicate to management and the Board of Supervisors the following significant findings from the audit:

- Our view about the qualitative aspects of the entity's significant accounting practices;
- Significant difficulties, if any, encountered during the audit;
- Uncorrected misstatements, other than those we believe are trivial, if any;
- Disagreements with management, if any;
- Other findings or issues, if any, arising from the audit that are, in our professional judgment, significant and relevant to those charged with governance regarding their oversight of the financial reporting process;
- Material, corrected misstatements that were brought to the attention of management as a result of our audit procedures;
- Representations we requested from management;
- Management's consultations with other accountants, if any; and
- Significant issues, if any, arising from the audit that were discussed, or the subject of correspondence, with management.

In accordance with the requirements of Government Auditing Standards, we have attached a copy of our latest external peer review report of our firm for your consideration and files.

Please sign and return the attached copy of this letter to indicate your acknowledgment of, and agreement with, the arrangements for our audit of the financial statements compliance over major federal award programs including our respective responsibilities.

We appreciate the opportunity to be your financial statement auditors and look forward to working with you and your staff.

Respectfully,



GALLINA LLP  
925 Highland Pointe Drive, Suite 450  
Roseville, CA 95678

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RESPONSE:

This letter correctly sets forth our understanding.

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

Acknowledged and agreed on behalf of County of Humboldt by:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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### System Review Report

To the Partners  
 Gallina LLP  
 and the Peer Review Committee of the California Society of CPA's

We have reviewed the system of quality control for the accounting and auditing practice of Gallina LLP (the firm) in effect for the year ended May 31, 2015. Our peer review was conducted in accordance with the Standards for Performing and Reporting on Peer Reviews established by the Peer Review Board of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. As a part of our peer review, we considered reviews of regulatory entities, if applicable, in determining the nature and extent of our procedures. The firm is responsible for designing a system of quality control and complying with it to provide the firm with reasonable assurance of performing and reporting in conformity with applicable professional standards in all material respects. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the design of the system of quality control and the firm's compliance therewith based on our review. The nature, objectives, scope, limitations of, and the procedures performed in a System Review are described in the standards at [www.aicpa.org/prsummary](http://www.aicpa.org/prsummary).

As required by the standards, engagements selected for review included engagements performed under the *Government Auditing Standards* and audits of employee benefit plans.

In our opinion, the system of quality control for the accounting and auditing practice of Gallina LLP, in effect for the year ended May 31, 2015, has been suitably designed and complied with to provide the firm with reasonable assurance of performing and reporting in conformity with applicable professional standards in all material respects. Firms can receive a rating of *pass*, *pass with deficiency(ies)* or *fail*. Gallina LLP has received a rating of *pass*.

*Postlethwaite ; Netterville*

Baton Rouge, Louisiana  
 October 29, 2015