



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

AGENDA ITEM NO.

C-16

For the meeting of: June 6, 2017

Date: May 11, 2017

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Connie Beck, Director
Department of Health and Human Services, Children and Family Services

Subject: Issuance of a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Child Abuse Prevention, Intervention and Treatment Grant

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Authorizes the issuance of an RFP for an outside contractor to provide child abuse prevention and early intervention services in a community setting for the Child Abuse Prevention, Intervention, and Treatment (CAPIT) program;
2. Authorizes the Department of Health and Human Services to negotiate a contract with the selected contractor; and
3. Authorizes the Director of DHHS – Social Services to sign the contract for the CAPIT program awardee in the form of the attached sample contract subject to approval from County Counsel and Risk Management.

Prepared by Vonnie Fierro, Staff Services Analyst

CAO Approval

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REVIEW:

Auditor *MSM* County Counsel *ST* Human Resources *KLS* Other

TYPE OF ITEM:

Consent
 Departmental
 Public Hearing
 Other

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

Upon motion of Supervisor *Fennell* Seconded by Supervisor *Wilson*

Ayes *Fennell, Sundberg, Bohn, Wilson*

Nays

Abstain

Absent *Bass*

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No. _____

Meeting of: _____

and carried by those members present, the Board hereby approves the recommended action contained in this Board report.

Dated: *June 6, 2017*

By: *Kathy Hayes*
Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board

SOURCE OF FUNDING:
Social Services Fund 1160

DISCUSSION:

The California Department of Social Services (CDSS), Office of Child Abuse Prevention (OCAP), has provided funding through the Child Abuse Prevention, Intervention, and Treatment (CAPIT) program since fiscal year 2002/2003. The CAPIT program provides early intervention and prevention services to underserved populations throughout California. The services that are provided to at-risk children and families including but are not limited to: parenting classes, individualized parenting training, parent support meetings, and transportation on an individualized basis as needed.

The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) – Children and Family Services views child abuse prevention activities in the community to be essential services. DHHS desires to find a contractor or contractors that can provide community based CAPIT program services and is using the Request for Proposals method of procurement. Under the proposed terms of the RFP, the approved contract will be for three years beginning August 1, 2017.

DHHS - Children and Family Services continues its commitment to work in coordination with community providers in enhancing services that improve individual and family functioning. Through the promotion of the CAPIT program, DHHS anticipates the development of a continuum of services that encourages prevention and early intervention activities. The funding will provide programs for children and families that encourage coordinated services and maximizes the resources available to deliver these services.

Therefore DHHS-Children and Family Services recommends that the Board authorize the issuance of an RFP for an outside contractor to provide child abuse prevention and early intervention services in a community setting for the Child Abuse Prevention, Intervention, and Treatment (CAPIT) program, and authorizes DHHS to negotiate a contract with the selected contractor.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The annual grant amount of \$75,000 will be funded each of the three fiscal years (FY 17/18, FY 18/19, FY 19/20) in Fund 1160 Budget Unit 508. The FY 17/18 budget was developed to include this grant allocation and the expenses associated to the proposed RFP.

Authorizing the issuance of this RFP for an outside contractor to provide child abuse prevention and early intervention services in a community setting for the CAPIT program, supports the Board's Strategic Framework by protecting vulnerable populations in our community.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

The Child Abuse Prevention Coordinating Council (CAPCC) of Humboldt County will be involved in the scoring and decision making process of the distribution of the grant.

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Board could choose not to approve the RFP; however, this option is not recommended as the CAPIT funds for the proposed agreement will not be distributed by the designated public agency as required by the Office of Child Abuse Prevention for the State of California.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Request for Proposal for the CAPIT grant
2. Sample agreement for the CAPIT grant's Request for Proposal



**COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
FOR**

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION, INTERVENTION AND TREATMENT (CAPIT)

The County of Humboldt, Department of Health and Human Services – Children and Family Services Division (hereinafter COUNTY), in collaboration with the Office of Child Abuse Prevention (OCAP), seeks the services of a qualified non-profit agency to administer and manage a prevention/family support services program. The purpose of this Request for Proposals (RFP) is to solicit and award contracts. This RFP is the means for prospective contractors to submit their qualifications and request selection as a contractor.

Proposals will be considered from non-profit service providers only.

Release Date: June 6, 2017
Closing Date: July 6, 2017
RFP Number: CAPITRFP2017

Questions regarding this RFP should be directed to vfierro@co.humboldt.ca.us, or to the RFP Contact Person at the address listed below, no later than July 6, 2017 by 5:00 p.m. (Pacific Time).

Proposals must be received by July 6, 2017 no later than 5 p.m. (Pacific Time). Proposals received after this date will not be considered. Faxes will not be accepted. No additional information or documentation will be accepted from proposers after the proposal due date.

Hard copy proposals must be delivered to:

CONTACT PERSON: Vonnie Fierro, Staff Services Analyst
Department of Health and Human Services
Children and Family Services
2440 6th Street, Eureka, CA 95501
Email to: vfierro@co.humboldt.ca.us
(707) 388-6689 Fax (707) 441-2096

1.0 INTRODUCTION:

- 1.1 COUNTY (through its Department of Health and Human Services – Children and Family Services' Division) is the primary agency responsible



for the administration of programs designed to respond and serve families and children involved in the Humboldt County child welfare system.

- 1.2 Humboldt County has unique service needs due to limited financial and prevention resources, dispersed populations and minimal or non-existent public transportation. Experience has shown that preventing child abuse and neglect by empowering families and building community resources provides more positive outcomes for family success. The effectiveness of service delivery requires the recognition of closely related factors that erode parental capacity to protect against – substance abuse, domestic violence, family isolation, mental illness, limited financial resources, significant health, dental and nutritional issues, developmental and other disabilities, lack of education and understanding of child development and a general lack of family and community support. It is expected that programs developed using available CAPIT funds will address these issues by using a comprehensive integrated approach in providing services to children and families with an emphasis on prevention.
- 1.3 Proposers are encouraged to review Child Welfare Services' System Improvement Plan for 2012-2017
<http://humboldt.gov/DocumentCenter/Home/View/1246>) prior to creating a proposal. Proposers are also encouraged to review the following documents and ensure consistency with these approaches:
 - 1.3.1 Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services AB 315 Strategic Plan
<http://humboldt.gov/DocumentCenter/Home/View/702>
 - 1.3.2 Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) 3-Year Plan
<http://humboldt.gov/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/990>
- 1.4 The following items are required of proposer:
 - CAPIT funds may not be used to supplant an existing program.
 - Humboldt County must be the county served.
 - The proposer must be headquartered in Humboldt County.
 - Must have the capacity to attend monthly CAPCC general membership meetings.
 - Must participate in training and implementation of the SafeCare model for children at risk of child abuse or neglect which is supported by the COUNTY.

2.0 SCOPE OF SERVICES:

- 2.1 Humboldt County has determined that the following service components have been beneficial based on the County Self Assessment and encourages prospective proposers to consider addressing these service elements in the proposal:

- 2.1.1 Services will be strength based and family oriented.



- 2.1.2 Methods for outreach to underserved areas and children/families in outlying areas of the County must be included.
- 2.1.3 Involvement by the consumer (parents, families, communities) must be part of core services and consumer feedback is required.
- 2.1.4 The funded agency shall have at least a ten (10) percent cash or in-kind match of finding other than what is provided from the State Department of Social Services.
- 2.1.5 Services which have proven to be efficacious (evidence based) will be encouraged, including the SafeCare model with services that are in support of or co-located at FRCs. Some specific services are:
- Parent education, both center-based and in home
 - Home visits and family support
 - Information and referral
 - Linkages to community resources and resource centers
 - Transportation with concentration on outlying and underserved communities
 - Material support to assist children and families in crisis situations
 - Services that are culturally and linguistically appropriate for their target populations
 - Emphasis on “hands-on” teaching whenever possible, as opposed to traditional classroom-type lectures.
- 2.1.6 Reporting: Information will be contained in semi-annual program reports that shall include, but not be limited to:
- The names of all families and children assisted.
 - The ages and ethnicity of all families and children assisted.
 - The names of parents attending parenting education classes with proof of attendance.
 - The number and dates of home visits per family.
 - The number and dates of transportation services provided per family.



- A list of training provided to staff.
- If an Evidenced Based Practice is used, such as SafeCare, reporting will be compliant with the model standards.

2.1.7 In the event that sufficient funds do not become available to complete all the services identified in this RFP, the scope of services may be amended, as determined at the sole discretion of COUNTY. The COUNTY may also, from time-to-time, request changes in and/or additions to the services to be provided by the successful proposer. Such changes, including any increase or decrease in compensation, which are mutually agreed upon by and between COUNTY and the successful proposer, shall be incorporated into the contract prior to execution of the contract and by written amendments thereto after execution.

3.0 PROPOSAL FORMAT:

- 3.1 Proposal narratives must be word-processed or typewritten and no more than 15 pages in length.
- 3.2 Proposals must be submitted on standard 8 ½ X 11 inch white paper.
- 3.3 Each page must be clearly and consecutively numbered, including all attachments.
- 3.4 Each page is to have 1.25" margins and 12 point font.
- 3.5 An original and six (6) copies of the proposal must be submitted, with the name and address of the proposer clearly visible with CAPITRFP2017 plainly marked.
- 3.6 The proposal must include all information, documentation, statements, letters, etc. requested by this announcement in the original and each copy.
- 3.7 Each proposal must contain:
 - 3.7.1 **Cover letter:** Describe your agency/group/individual and summarize your qualifications and experience conducting a system review, as described in Sections 1 and 2 above.
 - 3.7.2 **Proposal Narrative:** The narrative portion of the proposal should address the following:
 - Vision Statement (5 points)
 - Proposer Experience and Capability (30 points)
 - Program Description and Requirements (50 points)
 - Budget (10 points)
 - Timeline (5 points)



4.0 OFFER PERIOD:

- 4.1 A Proposer's proposal is an irrevocable offer for one hundred twenty (120) days following the proposal submission deadline. In the event a final contract has not been awarded within this one hundred twenty (120) day period, COUNTY reserves the right to negotiate extensions to this period. COUNTY may release all offers upon issuance of a Notice to Award.
- 4.2 A proposer may withdraw a proposal at any time prior to the submission deadline by submitting a written notification of withdrawal signed by the proposer or his/her authorized agent. The proposer must, in person, retrieve the entire sealed submission package. Another proposal may be submitted prior to the deadline. A proposal may not be changed after the designated deadline for submission of proposals.
- 4.3 If a proposer discovers any ambiguity, conflict, discrepancy, omission, or other error in this RFP, the proposer shall immediately notify the Contact Person of such error in writing and request clarification or modification of the document. Modifications will be made by addenda as indicated below to all parties in receipt of this RFP. Addenda issued by the COUNTY interpreting or changing any of the items in this RFP, including all modifications thereof, shall be incorporated in the proposal. The proposer shall sign and date the Addenda Cover Sheet and submit same with the Proposal. Any oral communication by the COUNTY'S designated Contact Person or any other COUNTY staff member concerning this RFP is not binding on COUNTY and shall in no way modify this RFP or the obligations of COUNTY or any proposers.

5.0 PROPOSAL SUBMISSION:

- 5.1 All proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the title of the RFP # "CAPITRFP2017", closing date and time.
- 5.2 Late proposals will not be accepted.
- 5.3 All materials submitted in response to this RFP become the property of COUNTY. Any and all proposals received by COUNTY shall be subject to public disclosure and inspection, except to the extent the proposer designates trade secrets or other proprietary data to be confidential, after the Evaluation Committee has completed its deliberative process and either the proposer has been informed that they are not the proposer selected by the Evaluation Committee for recommendation, or the matter has been set for consideration, whichever comes first.
- 5.4 Cost of preparation of the proposal shall be borne by the proposer.
- 5.5 Proposals shall be signed by an authorized employee in order to receive consideration.



6.0 SELECTION PROCESS:

- 6.1 **Proposer Experience and Capability (30 points):** Describe your organization. Include the following information in your response:
- 6.1.1 Years established, location, and size (staff, budget, and facility);
 - Provide an organizational chart (as applicable)
 - Brief description of titles, responsibilities and qualifications (resume) of staff who will administer, and conduct the proposed SR.
 - Provide a resume for each staff person identified in Section 7 (7.3.1.3. These pages are not included in the 15 page maximum.
 - 6.1.2 Number and description of current population served and services offered.
 - 6.1.3 Proposed number of families and children to be served.
 - 6.1.4 Experience with program evaluation and outcome measures.
 - 6.1.5 Qualifications, experience, and capability necessary to develop, implement, and operate a successful child abuse prevention program.
 - 6.1.6 Documentation of non-profit status required.
- 6.2 **Program Description and Requirements (50 points):** Describe in detail how the Scope of Services, Section 2.1.1-6, will be met including the following elements:
- 6.2.1 A description of services to be preformed (See Scope of Services, Section 2.1.5).
 - 6.2.2 A description of the methods that will be used to analyze the outcomes of services described in Scope of Services Section 2.1.6.
- 6.3 **Budget (10 points):** Provide a line item budget for the total program requirements. Include administration and payroll costs, rent, training, equipment, supplies, insurance and other miscellaneous costs.
- 6.4 **Timeline (5 points):** Provide a proposed timeline for the development, implementation, and operation of the SR.
- 6.5 Any person or business entity which engages in practices which might result in unlawful activity relating to the selection process including, but not limited to, kickbacks or other unlawful consideration paid to COUNTY employees, will be disqualified from the selection process.



- 6.6 The proposer must not be suspended or barred from participation in the CAPIT program on the Excluded Parties List System at: <https://www.epls.gov>.

7.0 CONTRACT:

- 7.1 The successful Proposer/Contractor must sign a contract. A sample contract, including the non-negotiable COUNTY standard terms and conditions pertaining to conflict of interest, insurance, indemnification, termination, venue, and choice of law is attached to this RFP as Exhibit A.
- 7.2 The successful Proposer/Contractor must agree that the contract shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of California. Any dispute arising or relating to the contract shall be litigated in the State of California and venue shall lie in the County of Humboldt unless transferred by court order pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure §§394 and 395.

8.0 RESERVATION OF RIGHTS:

- 8.1 COUNTY reserves the right to:

Amend this RFP;

- Extend the deadline for submitting proposals;
- Waive minor irregularities, informalities, or failures to conform to the RFP;
- Reject any and all proposals without liability therefore; and
- Cancel this RFP at any time.



**PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT
BY AND BETWEEN
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
AND
NAME OF CONTRACTOR**

This Agreement, entered into this ____ day of _____, 2017, by and between the County of Humboldt, a political subdivision of the State of California, hereinafter referred to as "COUNTY," and NAME OF CONTRACTOR, a ____ [Name of State] ____ [type of business] ____, hereinafter referred to as "CONTRACTOR," is made upon the following considerations:

WHEREAS, COUNTY, by and through its Department of Health and Human Services – Social Services ("DHHS – Social Services"), desires to retain the services of CONTRACTOR to ____ [general description of the purpose of this Agreement] ____; and

WHEREAS, such work involves the performance of professional, expert and technical services of a temporary and occasional character; and

WHEREAS, COUNTY has no employees available to perform such services and is unable to hire employees for the performance thereof for the temporary period; and

WHEREAS, CONTRACTOR has represented that it is qualified to perform such services.

NOW THEREFORE, the parties hereto mutually agree as follows:

1. DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES:

CONTRACTOR agrees to furnish the services described in Exhibit A – Scope of Services, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. In providing such services, CONTRACTOR agrees to fully cooperate with the DHHS – Social Services Director or designee thereof, hereinafter referred to as "Director."

2. TERM:

This Agreement shall begin on August 1, 2017 and shall remain in full force and effect until June 30, 2018, unless sooner terminated as provided herein.

3. TERMINATION:

- A. Breach of Contract. If, in the opinion of COUNTY, CONTRACTOR 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 CONTRACTOR. 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 CONTRACTOR 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, CONTRACTOR shall be entitled to compensation for uncompensated services rendered hereunder through and including the effective date of such termination. However, this provision shall not limit or reduce any damages owing to COUNTY resulting from a breach of this Agreement by CONTRACTOR.

4. COMPENSATION:

- A. Maximum Amount Payable. The maximum amount payable by COUNTY for services rendered, and costs and expenses incurred, pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement is Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00). CONTRACTOR 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 B – Schedule of Rates, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.
- C. Additional Services. Any additional services not otherwise provided for herein shall not be provided by CONTRACTOR, or compensated by COUNTY, without written authorization by COUNTY. All unauthorized costs and expenses incurred above the maximum dollar amount set forth herein shall be the responsibility of CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR shall notify COUNTY, in writing, at least six (6) weeks prior to the date upon which CONTRACTOR estimates that the maximum dollar amount will be reached.

5. PAYMENT:

CONTRACTOR shall submit to COUNTY quarterly 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, Director and the Humboldt County Auditor-Controller. CONTRACTOR 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 will be made within thirty (30) days after the receipt of approved invoices. All invoices submitted by CONTRACTOR shall be sent to COUNTY at the following address:

COUNTY: Humboldt County DHHS – Social Services
Attention: Social Services Director
2440 6th Street
Eureka, CA 95501

6. 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 DHHS – Social Services
Attention: Social Services Director
2440 6th Street
Eureka, CA 95501

CONTRACTOR: [Name of Contractor]
Attention: [Name of Contact Person]
[Street Address]
[City, State Zip Code]

7. REPORTS:

CONTRACTOR agrees to provide COUNTY with any and all reports that may be required by local, state and/or federal agencies for compliance with this Agreement. Reports shall be submitted no later than fifteen (15) days after the end of each calendar quarter using the format required by the State of California as appropriate.

8. RECORD RETENTION AND INSPECTION:

A. Maintenance and Preservation of Records. CONTRACTOR 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 hereunder.

B. Inspection of Records. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 8546.7, all records, documents, conditions and activities of CONTRACTOR, 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. CONTRACTOR 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. CONTRACTOR 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 Costs. In the event of an audit exception or exceptions, the party responsible for not meeting the program requirements shall be responsible for the deficiency and for the cost of the audit. If the allowable expenditures cannot be determined because CONTRACTOR's

documentation is nonexistent or inadequate, according to generally accepted accounting practices, the questionable cost shall be disallowed by COUNTY.

9. MONITORING:

CONTRACTOR agrees that COUNTY has the right to monitor all activities related to this Agreement, including, without limitation, the right to review and monitor CONTRACTOR's records, programs or procedures, at any time, as well as the overall operation of CONTRACTOR's programs, in order to ensure compliance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement. CONTRACTOR will cooperate with a corrective action plan, if deficiencies in CONTRACTOR'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 CONTRACTOR pursuant to the terms of this Agreement.

10. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION:

A. Disclosure of Confidential Information. In the performance of this Agreement, CONTRACTOR may receive information that is confidential under local, state or federal law. CONTRACTOR 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: Division 19 of the California Department of Social Services Manual of Policies and Procedures – Confidentiality of Information; 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. Continuing Compliance with Confidentiality Laws. The parties acknowledge that federal and state confidentiality laws 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 or regulations.

11. NON-DISCRIMINATION COMPLIANCE:

A. Nondiscriminatory Delivery of Social Services. In connection with the execution of this Agreement, CONTRACTOR, and its subcontractors, shall not unlawfully discriminate in the administration of public assistance and social services programs. CONTRACTOR hereby assures that no person shall be excluded from participation in, be denied benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving local, state or federal financial assistance 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 or any other classifications protected by local, state or federal laws or regulations. COUNTY reserves the right to monitor the CONTRACTOR's provision of services in order to ensure compliance with the requirements of this section.

B. Professional Services and Employment. In connection with the execution of this Agreement, CONTRACTOR, 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.

C. Compliance with Anti-Discrimination Laws. CONTRACTOR 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 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:

CONTRACTOR certifies by its signature below that it is not a Nuclear Weapons Contractor, in that CONTRACTOR 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. CONTRACTOR 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 CONTRACTOR subsequently becomes a Nuclear Weapons Contractor.

13. DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE:

By executing this Agreement, CONTRACTOR 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. CONTRACTOR'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 hereunder will:
 - 1. Receive a copy of CONTRACTOR's Drug-Free Policy Statement; and
 - 2. Agree to abide by the terms of CONTRACTOR'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 CONTRACTOR may be ineligible for award of future contracts if COUNTY determines that the foregoing certification is false or if CONTRACTOR violates the certification by failing to carry out the above-referenced requirements.

14. INDEMNIFICATION:

- A. Hold Harmless, Defense and Indemnification. CONTRACTOR 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, and liabilities of any kind or nature, including, without limitation, attorney fees and other costs of litigation, arising out of, or in connection with, CONTRACTOR'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 CONTRACTOR from liability under this provision. This provision shall apply to all claims for damages related to the services performed by CONTRACTOR 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 CONTRACTOR hereunder.

15. INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS:

This Agreement shall not be executed by COUNTY, and CONTRACTOR 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 CONTRACTOR's indemnification obligations provided for herein, CONTRACTOR 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 CONTRACTOR, 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 Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) per occurrence for any one 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 Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) for each occurrence (Four Million Dollars (\$4,000,000.00) general aggregate). Said insurance shall be maintained for the statutory period during which CONTRACTOR may be exposed to liability. CONTRACTOR shall require that such coverage be incorporated into its professional services agreements with any 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, 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 CONTRACTOR. 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 CONTRACTOR 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, CONTRACTOR's insurance is the primary coverage to COUNTY, and any insurance or self-insurance programs maintained thereby are excess to CONTRACTOR'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. CONTRACTOR 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 CONTRACTOR 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 CONTRACTOR 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 CONTRACTOR 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 CONTRACTOR 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
Attn: Risk Management
825 Fifth Street, Room 131

CONTRACTOR: [Name of Contractor]
Attention: [Name of Contact Person]
[Street Address]
[City, State Zip Code]

16. RELATIONSHIP OF PARTIES:

It is understood that this is an Agreement by and between two (2) independent contractors 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 CONTRACTOR 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. CONTRACTOR 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:

CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with any and all local, state and federal laws, regulations, policies and procedures applicable to the services covered by this Agreement. CONTRACTOR 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. PROTOCOLS:

Both parties recognize that the inclusion of additional protocols may be required to make this Agreement specific. All such protocols shall be negotiated, determined and agreed upon by Director and CONTRACTOR.

21. 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.

22. 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 CONTRACTOR 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 CONTRACTOR to obtain supplies, technical support or professional services.

23. 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.

24. 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 CONTRACTOR. 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 CONTRACTOR shall promptly refund, any funds disbursed to CONTRACTOR which, in the judgment of COUNTY, were not expended in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

25. 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.

26. 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.

27. STANDARD OF PRACTICE:

CONTRACTOR 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. CONTRACTOR's duty is to exercise such care, skill and diligence as professionals engaged in the same profession ordinarily exercise under like circumstances.

28. TITLE TO INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTS:

It is understood that any and all documents, information and reports concerning the subject matter of this Agreement prepared and/or submitted by CONTRACTOR shall become the property of COUNTY. However, CONTRACTOR may retain copies of such documents and information for its records. In the event of termination of this Agreement, for any reason whatsoever, CONTRACTOR shall promptly turn over all information, writings and documents pertaining to the services provided hereunder to COUNTY without exception or reservation.

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. 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. CONTRACTOR 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 Director.

31. SUBCONTRACTS:

CONTRACTOR shall obtain prior written approval from COUNTY before subcontracting any of the services to be provided hereunder. Any and all subcontracts will be subject to all applicable terms and conditions of this Agreement, including, without limitation, the licensing, certification, privacy, security and confidentiality requirements provided herein. CONTRACTOR 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.

32. 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.

33. SURVIVAL:

The duties and obligations of the parties set forth in Section [] – Compensation Upon Termination, Section [] – Record Retention and Inspection, Section [] – Confidential Information and Section [] – Indemnification shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

34. CONFLICTING TERMS OR CONDITIONS:

In the event of any conflict in the terms or conditions set forth in any other agreements in place between the parties hereto and the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement, the terms and conditions set forth herein shall have priority.

35. INTERPRETATION:

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.

36. INDEPENDENT CONSTRUCTION:

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.

37. FORCE MAJEURE:

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.

38. HIPAA BUSINESS ASSOCIATE AGREEMENT:

CONTRACTOR hereby agrees to adhere to the terms and conditions set forth in the "County of Humboldt HIPAA Business Associate Agreement," which is attached hereto as Exhibit C and incorporated herein by reference. A breach of the attached Business Associate Agreement shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement.

39. ENTIRE AGREEMENT:

This Agreement contains all of the terms and conditions agreed upon by the parties hereto and no other agreements, oral or otherwise, regarding the subject matter of this Agreement shall be deemed to exist or to bind either of the parties hereto. In addition, this Agreement shall supersede in its entirety any and all prior agreements, promises, representations, understandings and negotiations, whether oral or written, concerning the same subject matter. Any and all acts which may have already been consummated pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement are hereby ratified.

40. AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE:

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.

[Signatures on Following Page]

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

TWO SIGNATURES ARE REQUIRED FOR CORPORATIONS:

- (1) CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD, PRESIDENT, OR VICE PRESIDENT; AND
- (2) SECRETARY, ASSISTANT SECRETARY, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER OR TREASURER.

[CONTRACTOR'S NAME]:

By: _____

Date: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

By: _____

Date: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT:

By: _____

Date: _____

[Name of Board Chair]
Chair, Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

INSURANCE AND INDEMNIFICATION REQUIREMENTS APPROVED:

By: _____

Date: _____

Risk Analyst

LIST OF EXHIBITS:

- Exhibit A – Scope of Services
- Exhibit B – Schedule of Rates
- Exhibit C – County of Humboldt HIPAA Business Associate Agreement

EXHIBIT A
SCOPE OF SERVICES
NAME OF CONTRACTOR
[Agreement Term]

[Brief description of the purpose of the services to be provided] _____

1. SERVICES:

[List and describe the services to be performed under the Agreement]

2. SCHEDULE:

[List and describe project milestones/timeline for performance]

3. DELIVERABLES:

[List and describe deliverables]

4. ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA:

[List and describe the criteria and standards to be achieved for each deliverable]

5. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:

[List and describe reporting requirements, as applicable]

6. PLACE OF PERFORMANCE:

[List and describe place of performance]

7. COUNTY RESPONSIBILITIES:

[List and describe County responsibilities, as applicable]

EXHIBIT B
SCHEDULE OF RATES
NAME OF CONTRACTOR
[Agreement Term]

[Brief description of the compensation to be provided to CONTRACTOR] _____

1. RATE OF COMPENSATION:

[List and describe each specific rate to be charged CONTRACTOR under the Agreement]

2. EXPENSES:

[List and describe expenses to be reimbursed by COUNTY under the Agreement, as applicable]

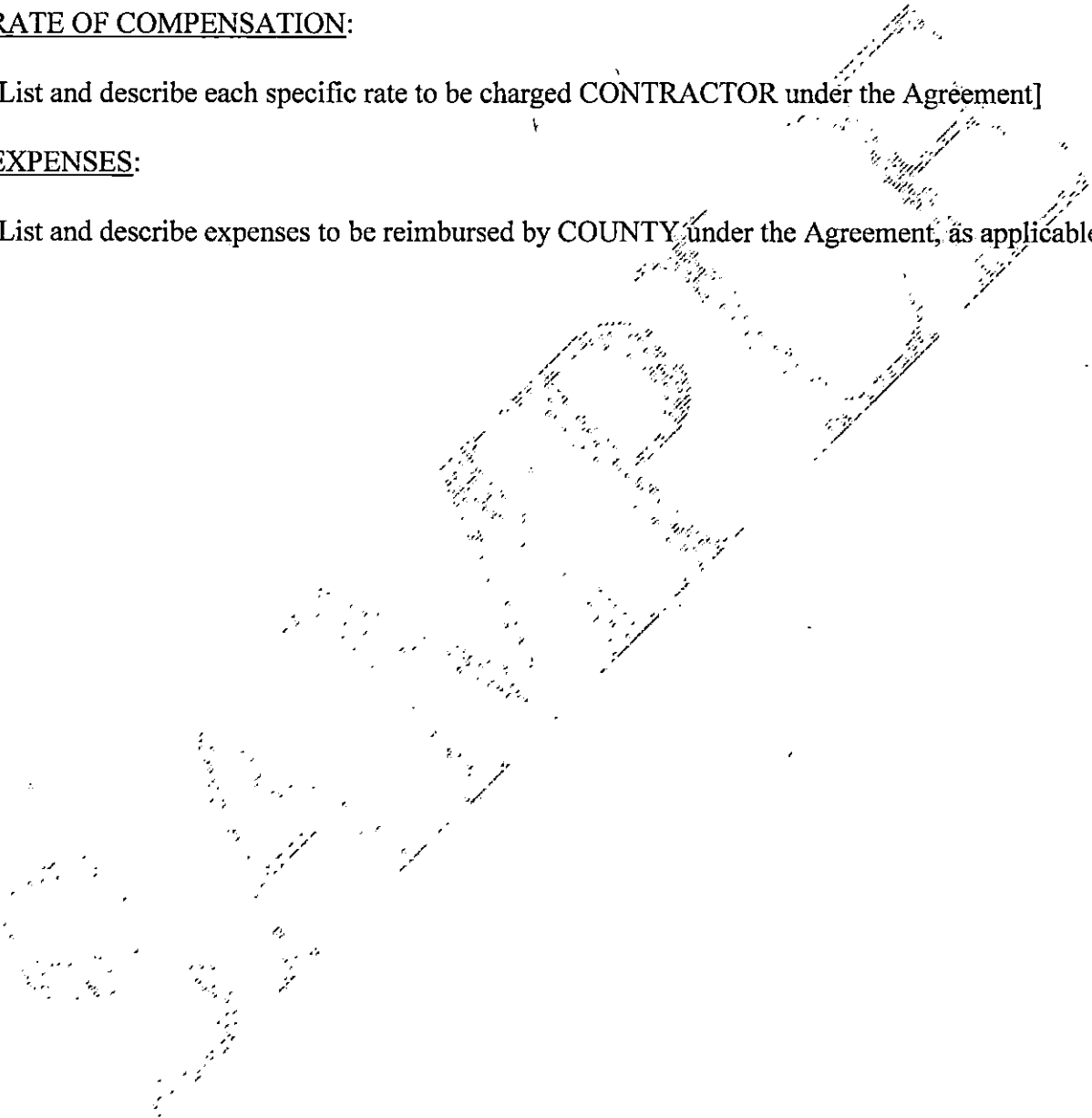


EXHIBIT C
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
HIPAA BUSINESS ASSOCIATE AGREEMENT
NAME OF CONTRACTOR
[Agreement Term]

Recitals:

- A. COUNTY, as a "Covered Entity" (defined below) wishes to disclose certain information to CONTRACTOR, 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 164.408, 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.
- n. Audits, Inspection and Enforcement.** Within ten (10) days of a request by COUNTY, BUSINESS ASSOCIATE and its agents and subcontractors shall allow COUNTY or its agents or subcontractors to conduct a reasonable inspection of the facilities, systems, books, records, agreements, policies and procedures relating to the use or disclosure of Protected Information pursuant to this Agreement for the purpose of determining whether BUSINESS ASSOCIATE has complied with this Agreement or maintains adequate security safeguards. BUSINESS ASSOCIATE shall notify COUNTY within five (5) days of learning that BUSINESS ASSOCIATE has become the subject of an audit, compliance review, or complaint investigation by the Office for Civil Rights or other state or federal government entity.

3. Termination

- 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)].
- b. Effect of Termination.** Upon termination of the Agreement for any reason, BUSINESS ASSOCIATE shall, at the option of COUNTY, return or destroy all Protected Information that

BUSINESS ASSOCIATE or its agents or subcontractors still maintain in any form, and shall retain no copies of such Protected Information. If return or destruction is not feasible, as determined by COUNTY, BUSINESS ASSOCIATE shall continue to extend the protections of Section 2 of this Agreement to such information, and limit further use and disclosure of such PHI to those purposes that make the return or destruction of the information infeasible [45 C.F.R. Section 164.504(e)(ii)(2)(J)]. If COUNTY elects destruction of the PHI, BUSINESS ASSOCIATE shall certify in writing to COUNTY that such PHI has been destroyed in accordance with the Secretary's guidance regarding proper destruction of PHI.

4. **Interpretation.** Any ambiguity in this Agreement shall be resolved in favor of a meaning that complies and is consistent with HIPAA, the HITECH Act, and the HIPAA regulations.