



**CONTRACT NO: 1490-13849**

**FOR**

**OFFICE SUPPLIES**

**BETWEEN**



**COOK COUNTY GOVERNMENT  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER**

**AND**

**INDEPENDENT STATIONERS, INC.  
(Based on County of Los Angeles, California Master Agreement No. MA-IS-1140050)**

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT**

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INCORPORATION OF EXHIBITS

**List of Exhibits**

- Exhibit 1 Scope of Services and Price Proposal (Not Attached)
- Exhibit 2 County of Los Angeles, California Master Agreement No. MA-IS-1140050)
- Exhibit 3 Evidence of Insurance

- Economic Disclosure Statement (Including MBE/WBE participation plan)

**AGREEMENT**

This Agreement is made and entered into by and between the County of Cook, a public body corporate of the State of Illinois, hereinafter referred to as "County" and Independent Stationers, Inc., doing business as a corporation of the State of Illinois hereinafter referred to as "Contractor".

**BACKGROUND**

**Whereas**, the County, pursuant to Section 34-140 (the "Reference Contract Ordinance") of the Cook County Procurement Code, states: "If a governmental agency has awarded a contract through a competitive method for the same or similar supplies, equipment, goods or services as that sought by the County, the Procurement may be made from that vendor at a price or rate at least as favorable as that obtained by that government agency without utilizing a competitive procurement method set forth in this Procurement Code;" and

**Whereas**, the County of Los Angeles, California solicited a formal Request for Proposal process for Office Supplies and Products, and the Contractor was identified as the qualified and best value provider for the services; and

**Whereas**, the County of Los Angeles, California entered into a contract on September 1, 2010 for the provision of service by the Contractor for the County relative to Office Supplies and Products; and

**Whereas**, the County wishes to leverage the procurement efforts of the County of Los Angeles, California; and

**Whereas**, this contract made and entered into by and between the County of Cook, a public body corporate of the State of Illinois, herein after the "County" and Independent Stationers, Inc., herein after the "Contractor"; and

Whereas, the County, through the Office of the Chief Procurment Officer, desires certain similar services of the Contractor; and

**Whereas**, County Offices, Departments, and Agencies may utilize this agreement for specific contracted procurement efforts; and

**Whereas**, the Contractor agrees to provide to the County Office Supplies and Products, incorporated as Exhibit 1, Scope of Services and Price Proposal; and

**Whereas**, the Contractor warrants that it is ready, willing and able to deliver these services set forth in Exhibit 1, Scope of Services and Price Proposal, all on pricing and payment terms equivalent to or more favorable to the County than those contained in the County of Los Angeles, California Master Agreement No. MA-IS-1140050 as set forth in Exhibit 1, Scope of Services and Price Proposal, and incorporated herein by reference; and

**Whereas**, this Contract shall be effective August 1, 2014 through July 31, 2015 with a one (1) year renewal option; and

**Whereas**, Payment shall be as follows:

In no case shall such charges exceed the amount of \$140,000.00. Invoices in triplicate on County Invoice Form 29A shall be submitted by the Contractor to the Using Department when requesting payment. The County shall have the right to examine the books of the Contractor for the purpose of auditing the same with reference to all charges made to the County.

In the event the Contractor receives payment under the Contract, reimbursement for which is later disallowed by the County, the Contractor shall promptly refund the disallowed amount to the County on request, or at the County's option, the County may credit the amount disallowed from the next payment due or to become due to the Contractor under any contract with the County; and

**Whereas**, the County and the Contractor agree to the Terms and Conditions as stated in the County of Los Angeles, California contract, hereto incorporated by reference as Exhibit 2, County of Los Angeles, California Master Agreement No. MA-IS-1140050, all as may be applicable to the County; and

**Whereas**, the County General Conditions are incorporated and attached, and this Contract incorporates and is subject to the provisions attached hereto as General Conditions, and is incorporated herein by this reference; Notwithstanding such incorporation, none of the terms set forth in Exhibit 2 which conflict with the express terms of this Contract or its General Conditions shall be deemed or construed to supersede the terms of this Contract or its General Conditions; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants herein contained, the sufficiency of which is acknowledged by each of the Parties, the Contractor and the County agree and the information set forth is incorporated by reference herein.

**INCORPORATION OF BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The Background Information set forth above is incorporated and made a part of this Agreement by reference.

**INCORPORATION OF EXHIBITS**

The following attached Exhibits are made a part of this Agreement:

- Exhibit 1      Scope of Services and Price Proposal
- Exhibit 2      County of Los Angeles, California Master Agreement No. MA-IS-1140050
- Exhibit 3      Evidence of Insurance

**GENERAL CONDITIONS**

**GC-01      SUBCONTRACTING    OR    ASSIGNMENT    OF    CONTRACT    OR    CONTRACT FUNDS**

Once awarded, this Contract shall not be subcontracted or assigned, in whole or in part, without the advance written approval of the Chief Procurement Officer, which approval shall be granted or withheld at the sole discretion of the Chief Procurement Officer. In no case, however, shall such approval relieve the Contractor from its obligations or change the terms of the Contract. The Contractor shall not transfer or assign any Contract funds or any interest therein due or to become due without the advance written approval of the Chief Procurement Officer. The unauthorized subcontracting or assignment of the Contract, in whole or in part, or the unauthorized transfer or assignment of any Contract funds, either in whole or in part, or any interest therein, which shall be due or are to become due the Contractor shall have no effect on the County and are null and void.

Prior to the commencement of the Contract, the Contractor shall identify in writing to the Chief Procurement Officer the any and all Subcontractor it intends to use in the performance of the Contract. The Chief Procurement Officer shall have the right to disapprove any Subcontractor. Identification of Subcontractor to the Chief Procurement Officer shall be in addition to any communications with County offices other than the Chief Procurement Officer. All Subcontracts shall be subject to the terms of this Contract. Contractor shall incorporate into all subcontracts all of the provisions of the Contract which affect such subcontract. Copies of subcontracts shall be provided to the Chief Procurement Officer upon request.

The Contractor must disclose the name and business address of each Subcontractor, attorney, lobbyist, accountant, Contractor and any other person or entity whom the Contractor has retained or expects to retain in connection with the Matter, as well as the nature of the relationship, and the total amount of the fees paid or estimated to be paid. The Contractor is not required to disclose employees who are paid or estimated to be paid. The Contractor is not required to disclose employees who are paid solely through the Contractor's regular payroll. "Lobbyist" means any person or entity who undertakes to influence any legislation or administrative action on behalf of any person or entity other than: (1) a not-for-profit entity, on an unpaid basis, or (2), himself. "Lobbyist" also means any person or entity any part of whose duties as an employee of another includes undertaking to influence any legislative or administrative action. If the Contractor is uncertain whether a disclosure is required under this Section, the Contractor must either ask the County, whether disclosure is required or make the disclosure.

The County reserves the right to prohibit any person from entering any County facility for any reason. All Contractors and Subcontractor of the Contractor shall be accountable to the Director of the Using Department or his designee while on any County property and shall abide by all rules and regulations imposed by the County.

#### **GC-02 PERSONNEL**

The quality, experience and availability of personnel employed by the Contractor is of the essence. The Contractor shall provide the County with a list of all key personnel to be used on the project and their designated assignment. The list shall include the qualifications of each person named. The County may at any time request, in writing, the Contractor to remove any of the Contractor's assigned personnel for cause and forthwith furnish to the County other acceptable personnel with thirty (30) days of notification. Notwithstanding the County's approval of Contractor's personnel, the Contractor shall be fully responsible to County for all work performed pursuant to this Contract by Contractor's employees, Subcontractor or others who may be retained by the Contractor with the approval of the County.

#### **GC-03 INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS**

- 1) The Contractor shall require all policies of insurance that are in any way related to the work and are secured and maintained by Contractor and all tiers of Subcontractor to include clauses providing that each underwriter shall waive all of its rights of recovery, under subrogation or otherwise, against Cook County, Board of Commissioners and employees of the County.
- 2) The Contractor shall waive all rights of recovery against Cook County, Board of Commissioners, employees of the County and other Contractors and Subcontractor which Contractor may have or acquired because of deductible clauses in or inadequacy of limits of any policies of insurance that are in any way related to the work and that are secured and maintained by Contractor.

- 3) The Contractor shall require all tiers of Subcontractor to waive the rights of recovery against Cook County and all tiers of Subcontractor.

**Insurance Requirements of the Contractor**

Prior to the effective date of this Contract, the Contractor, at its cost, shall secure and maintain at all times, unless specified otherwise, until completion of the term of this Contract the insurance specified below.

Nothing contained in these insurance requirements is to be construed as limiting the extent of the Contractor's responsibility for payment of damages resulting from its operations under this Contract. The insurance purchased and maintained by the Contractor shall be primary and not excess or pro rata to any other insurance issued to the County.

The Contractor's insurance shall apply separately to each insured against whom claim is made or suit is brought, except with respect to the limits of the insurer's liability.

The limits of liability shall be as stated below, unless, prior to the effective date of this Contract, written approval is granted by the Cook County Department of Risk Management for variance from those limits.

**I. Coverages**

(a) **Workers Compensation Insurance**

Workers' Compensation shall be in accordance with the laws of the State of Illinois or any other applicable jurisdiction.

The Workers Compensation policy shall also include the following provisions:

- 1) Employers' Liability coverage with a limit of  
\$500,000 each Accident  
\$500,000 each Employee  
\$500,000 Policy Limit for Disease
- 2) Broad form all states coverage

(b) **Commercial General Liability Insurance**

- 1) The Commercial General Liability shall be on an occurrence form basis to cover bodily injury and property damage including loss of use.

General Liability limits shall not be less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 aggregate combined single limit for bodily injury and property damage. The General Liability policy shall include, without limitation the following coverages:

- (a) All premises and operations;
- (b) Broad Form Blanket Contractual Liability;
- (c) Products/Completed Operations;
- (d) Broad Form Property Damage Liability;
- (e) Cross Liability.

(c) **Comprehensive Automobile Liability Insurance**

Comprehensive Automobile Liability to cover all owned, non-owned and hired automobiles, trucks and trailers. The Comprehensive Automobile Liability limits shall not be less than the following:

- 1) Liability - All Autos: Bodily Injury & Property Damage - \$1,000,000 per Occurrence
- 2) Uninsured/Motorists: Per Illinois Requirements

(d) **Umbrella/Excess Liability Insurance**

In addition to the coverages and limits specified above, Contractor and Sub-Contractors of any tier shall secure and maintain a limit of liability no less than:

- 1) \$2,000,000 each occurrence for all liability
- 2) \$2,000,000 in the aggregate per policy year separately with respect to products and completed operations

**2. Additional requirements**

(a) **Additional Insured**

Cook County, its officials, employees and agents shall be named as additional insureds under the Commercial General Liability policy.

(b) Qualification of Insurers

All insurance companies providing coverage shall be licensed or approved by the Department of Insurance, State of Illinois, and shall have a financial rating no lower than (A-) VII as listed in A.M. Best's Key Rating Guide, current edition or interim report. Companies with ratings lower than (A-) VII will be acceptable only upon written consent of the Cook County Department of Risk Management.

(c) Insurance Notices

All policies of insurance which may be required under terms of this Contract shall be endorsed to provide that the insurance company shall notify the Cook County Office of the Chief Procurement Officer, 118 North Clark Street, Room 1018, Chicago, Illinois 60602 at least 30 days prior to the effective date of any cancellation or modification of such policies. Prior to the date on which Contractor commences performance of its part of the work, Contractor shall furnish to the County certificates of insurance maintained by Contractor.

In no event shall any failure of the County to receive Certificates of Insurance required hereof or to demand receipt of such Certificates of Insurance be construed as a waiver of Contractor's obligations to obtain insurance pursuant to these insurance requirements.

**GC-04 INSPECTION AND RESPONSIBILITY**

At any and at all times during the term of the Contract and at any location where the Contract is performed, the County shall have a right to inspect any Deliverables provided in carrying out this Contract. The Contractor shall be solely responsible for the quality and standards of all Deliverables furnished under this Contract. Deliverables may be rejected by the Chief Procurement Officer and/or the Director of the Using Department if they fail to meet Contract requirements or are provided in a manner which does not meet Contract requirements. In the event of such rejection, Deliverables shall be replaced and/or re-performed by the Contractor promptly and at no additional cost to the County. Any Deliverables rejected shall be removed within a reasonable time from the premises of the County at the entire expense of the Contractor, after notice has been given by the County to the Contractor that such Deliverables have been rejected.

**GC-05 INDEMNIFICATION**

The Contractor covenants and agrees to indemnify and save harmless the County and its commissioners, officials, employees, agents and representatives, and their respective heirs, successors and assigns, from and against any and all costs, expenses, attorney's fees, losses, damages and liabilities incurred or suffered directly or indirectly from or attributable to any claims arising out of or incident to the performance or nonperformance of the Contract by the Contractor, or the acts or omissions of the officers, agents, employees, Contractors, Subcontractor, licensees or invitees of the Contractor. The Contractor expressly understands and agrees that any Performance Bond or insurance protection required of the Contractor, or otherwise provided by the Contractor, shall in no way limit the responsibility to indemnify the County as hereinabove provided.

**GC-06 PAYMENT**

All invoices submitted by the Contractor shall be in accordance with the cost provisions contained in the Contract Documents and shall contain a detailed description of the Deliverables for which payment is requested. All invoices shall reflect the amounts invoiced by and the amounts paid to the Contractor as of the date of the invoice, and shall be submitted together with a properly completed County Voucher form (29A). Invoices for new charges shall not include "past due" amounts, if any, which amounts must be set forth on a separate invoice. No payments shall be made with respect to invoices which do not include the County Voucher form or which otherwise fail to comply with the requirements of this paragraph. Contractor shall not be entitled to invoice the County for any late fees or other penalties.

**GC-07 PREPAID FEES**

In the event this Contract is terminated by either party, for cause or otherwise, and the County has prepaid for any Deliverables, Contractor shall refund to the County, on a prorated basis to the effective date of termination, all amounts prepaid for Deliverables not actually provided as of the effective date of the termination. The refund shall be made within fourteen (14) days of the effective date of termination.

**GC-08 TAXES**

Federal Excise Tax does not apply to materials purchased by the County by virtue of Exemption Certificate No. 36-75-0038K. Illinois Retailers' Occupation Tax, Use Tax and Municipal Retailers' Occupation Tax do not apply to deliverables, materials or services purchased by the County by virtue of statute. The price or prices quoted herein shall include any and all other federal and/or state, direct and/or indirect taxes which apply to this Contract. The County's State of Illinois Sales Tax Exemption Identification No. is E-9998-2013-05.

**GC-09 PRICE REDUCTION**

If at any time after the contract award, Contractor makes a general price reduction in the price of any of the Deliverables, the equivalent price reduction based on similar quantities and/or considerations shall apply to this Contract for the duration of the Contract period. For purposes of this Section GC-09, Price Reduction, a general price reduction shall include reductions in the effective price charged by Contractor by reason of rebates, financial incentives, discounts, value points or other benefits with respect to the purchase of the Deliverables. Such price reductions shall be effective at the same time and in the same manner as the reduction Contractor makes in the price of the Deliverables to its prospective customers generally.

**GC-10 CONTRACTOR CREDITS**

To the extent the Contractor gives credits toward future purchases of goods or services, financial incentives, discounts, value points or other benefits based on the purchase of the materials or services provided for under this Contract, such credits belong to the County and not any specific using department. Contractor shall reflect any such credits on its invoices and in the amounts it invoices the County.

**GC-11 DISPUTES**

Any dispute arising under the Contract between the County and Contractor shall be decided by the Chief Procurement Officer. The complaining party shall submit a written statement detailing the dispute and specifying the specific relevant Contract provision(s) to the Chief Procurement Officer. Upon request of the Chief Procurement Officer, the party complained against shall respond to the complaint in writing within five days of such request. The Chief Procurement Officer will reduce his decision to writing and mail or otherwise furnish a copy thereof to the Contractor and the Director of the Using Department. The decision of the Chief Procurement Officer will be final and binding. Dispute resolution as provided herein shall be a condition precedent to any other action at law or in equity. However, unless a notice is issued by the Chief Procurement Officer indicating that additional time is required to review a dispute, the parties may exercise their contractual remedies, if any, if no decision is made within sixty (60) days following notification to the Chief Procurement Officer of a dispute. No inference shall be drawn from the absence of a decision by the Chief Procurement Officer. Notwithstanding a dispute, Contractor shall continue to discharge all its obligations, duties and responsibilities set forth in the Contract during any dispute resolution proceeding unless otherwise agreed to by the County in writing.

**GC-12 DEFAULT**

Contractor shall be in default hereunder in the event of a material breach by Contractor of any term or condition of this Contract including, but not limited to, a representation or warranty, where Contractor has failed to cure such breach within ten (10) days after written notice of breach is given to Contractor by the County, setting forth the nature of such breach.

In the event Contractor shall breach any material terms or conditions of this Contract on more than one occasion during any twelve month period during the term hereof, or in the event Contractor expresses an unwillingness or inability to continue performing the Contract in accordance with its terms, the County may, at its option, declare the Contractor to be in default and the County shall be entitled to exercise all available remedies including, but not limited to, termination of the Contract, without affording the Contractor further opportunity to cure such breach. Failure of County to give written notice of breach to the Contractor shall not be deemed to be a waiver of the County's right to assert such breach at a later time, should the Contractor commit a subsequent breach of this Contract.

A material breach of the contract by the Contractor includes but is not limited to the following:

1. Failure to begin performance under this Contract within the specified time;
2. Failure to perform under this Contract with sufficient personnel, equipment, or materials to ensure completion of said performance within the specified time or failure to assign qualified personnel to ensure completion within the specified time;
3. Performance of this contract in an unsatisfactory manner;

4. Refusal to perform services deemed to be defective or unsuitable;
5. Discontinuance of performance of Contractor's obligations under the Contract or the impairment or the reasonable progress of performance;
6. Becoming insolvent, being declared bankrupt or committing any act of bankruptcy or insolvency;
7. Any assignment of this contract for the benefit of creditors;
8. Any cause whatsoever which impairs performance in an acceptable manner; or
9. Any other material breach of any term or condition of this Contract.

County shall be in default hereunder if any material breach of the Contract by County occurs which is not cured by the County within ninety (90) days after written notice has been given by Contractor to the County, setting forth the nature of such breach.

**GC-13 COUNTY'S REMEDIES**

Following notice of material breach to Contractor, the County reserves the right to withhold payments otherwise owed to Contractor until such time as Contractor has cured the breach.

If the Contractor fails to remedy a material breach during the ten (10) day cure period pursuant to General Condition GC-12, Default, or if Contractor commits a subsequent material breach within a twelve month period or expresses an unwillingness or inability to continue performing the Contract in accordance with its terms, the County shall have the right to terminate this Contract upon written notice to the Contractor which shall set forth the effective date of such termination.

In addition, the County shall have the right to pursue all remedies in law or equity.

**GC-14 CONTRACTOR'S REMEDIES**

If the County has been notified of breach and fails to remedy the breach during the ninety(90) day cure period pursuant to General Condition GC-12, Default, the Contractor shall have the right to terminate this Contract upon not less than thirty (30) days prior written notice to the County, which notice shall set forth the effective date of termination.

Contractor shall have the right to pursue all remedies available in law or equity. In all cases the Contractor's damages shall be those actual provable damages not to exceed the amount of the Contract as awarded by the Cook County Board of Commissioners less all amounts paid to Contractor. In no event shall Contractor be entitled to any consequential damages. Irrespective of the exercise of remedies hereunder, Contractor shall not disrupt the County's operations or repossess any component thereof.

**GC-15 DELAYS**

Contractor agrees that no charges or claims for damages shall be made by Contractor for any delays or hindrances from any cause whatsoever during the progress of any portion of this Contract.

**GC-16 MODIFICATIONS AND AMENDMENTS**

The parties may during the term of the Contract make modifications and amendments to the Contract but only as provided in this section. Such modifications and amendments shall only be made by mutual agreement in writing.

In the case of Contracts not approved by the Board, the Chief Procurement Officer may amend a contract provided that any such amendment does not extend the Contract by more than one (1) year, and further provided that the total cost of all such amendments does not increase the total amount of the Contract beyond \$150,000. Such action may only be made with the advance written approval of the Chief Procurement Officer. If the amendment extends the Contract beyond one (1) year or increases the total award amount beyond \$150,000, then Board approval will be required.

No County department or employee thereof has authority to make any modifications or amendments to this Contract. Any modifications or amendments to this Contract made without the express written approval of the Chief Procurement Officer is void and unenforceable.

Contractor is hereby notified that, except for modifications and amendments which are made in accordance with this GC-10, Modifications and Amendments, no County department or employee thereof has authority to make any modification or amendment to this Contract.

**GC-17 PATENTS, COPYRIGHTS AND LICENSES**

Contractor shall furnish the Director of the Using Department with all licenses required for the County to utilize any software, including firmware or middleware, provided by Contractor as part of the Deliverables. Such licenses shall be clearly marked with a reference to the number of this County Contract. Contractor shall also furnish a copy of such licenses to the Chief Procurement Officer. Unless otherwise stated in these Contract documents, such licenses shall be perpetual and shall not limit the number of persons who may utilize the software on behalf of the County.

Contractor agrees to hold harmless and indemnify the County, its officers, agents, employees and affiliates from and defend, at its own expense (including reasonable attorneys', accountants' and Contractors' fees), any suit or proceeding brought against County based upon a claim that the ownership and/or use of equipment, hardware and software or any part thereof provided to the County or utilized in performing Contractor's services constitutes an infringement of any patent, copyright or license or any other property right.

In the event the use of any equipment, hardware or software or any part thereof is enjoined, Contractor with all reasonable speed and due diligence shall provide or otherwise secure for County, at the Contractor's election, one of the following: the right to continue use of the equipment, hardware or software; an equivalent system having the Specifications as provided in this Contract; or Contractor shall modify the system or its component parts so that they become non-infringing while performing in a substantially similar manner to the original system, meeting the requirements of this Contract.

**GC-18 COMPLIANCE WITH THE LAWS**

The Contractor shall observe and comply with the laws, ordinances, regulations and codes of the Federal, State, County and other local government agencies which may in any manner affect the performance of the Contract including, but not limited to, those County Ordinances set forth in the Certifications attached hereto and incorporated herein. Assurance of compliance with this requirement by the Contractor's employees, agents or Subcontractor shall be the responsibility of the Contractor.

The Contractor shall secure and pay for all federal, state and local licenses, permits and fees required hereunder.

**GC-19**      **MINORITY AND WOMEN BUSINESS ENTERPRISES**  
**COOK COUNTY ORDINANCE CHAPTER 10-43.7 PROFESSIONAL AND**  
**CONSULTING SERVICE AND SOLE SOURCE**

I.      **POLICY AND GOALS**

- A.      It is the policy of the County of Cook to prevent discrimination in the award of or participation in the County contracts and to eliminate arbitrary barriers for participation, as both prime and Subcontractor, in such contracts by local businesses certified as Minority Business Enterprises (MBE) and Women- Owned Business Enterprises (WBE). In furtherance of this policy, the Cook County Board of Commissioners has adopted a Minority-and-Women-Owned Business Enterprise Ordinance (the "Ordinance") which establishes a "best efforts" goal of awarding not less than thirty-five percent (35%) of the annual total dollar amount of professional, consulting service and sole source contracts and agreements to certified MBEs and WBEs.
  
- B.      A Proposer may achieve the MBE/WBE participation goals by its status as a MBE or WBE; by entering into a joint venture with one or more MBEs and/or WBEs; by subcontracting a portion of the work to one or more MBEs or WBEs; by entering into a Mentor-Protégé Agreement with a MBE or WBE; by the indirect participation of MBEs or WBEs in other aspects of the Proposer's business; or by a combination of the foregoing.
  
- C.      A Waiver Request must be submitted with the Proposal, documenting the inability of the Proposer to meet the goals, and providing written evidence of "Good Faith Efforts," to obtain goals.
  
- D.      A Proposer's failure to carry out its MBE/WBE commitments in the course of performance on a contract shall constitute a material breach of the contract, and if such breach is not appropriately cured, may result in the termination of the contract or such other remedies authorized by the Ordinance as the County deems appropriate.

II.      **REQUIRED SUBMITTALS**

To be considered responsive to the requirements of the Ordinance, a Proposer shall submit Items A, B and C listed below. All documentation submitted shall be reviewed by the Contract Compliance Administrator. Failure to submit one of the items required shall be cause to consider a contract non-responsive to the Ordinance goals and may be rejected.

A. MBE/WBE Participation Documentation

Each Proposer shall submit supporting documentation which evidences efforts taken to achieve the County's "best efforts" MBE/WBE participation goals. Such documentation shall include:

1. A **Utilization Plan** identifying all firms intended to be utilized to fulfill the goals; the MBE/WBE status of each firm; the name, address, e-mail address and telephone number of the contact person for each MBE/WBE firm; the dollar value of the goods and services to be provided by the MBE/WBE firm; and the dollar value expressed as a percentage (%) of the total value of the purposed contract. (See Section I)
2. A **Letter of Intent** for each MBE/WBE containing specific information regarding goods to be provided or services to be performed by the MBE/WBE; the dollar value of the goods or services, the percentage (%) of the dollar value; and the original signatures of the appropriate officer for both the Proposer and the MBE/WBE. (See Exhibit II)
3. Current **Letter of Certification** for each MBE/WBE firm. Acceptable certifying agencies are: Cook County, Illinois Unified Certification Program (IUCP) and U. S. Small Business Administration. (SBA) (8A) or any other governmental body or agency approved by the Contract Compliance Administrator as applying certification standards substantially similar to those applied by the County of Cook may also be accepted.
4. **Waiver/Goal Reduction Petition** must be included at the time of the submission of the Proposal document. Where the Proposer does not include all documentation in support of the Petition at the time of submission, such documentation must be submitted to the Office of Contract Compliance not less than three (3) business days after the submission date.

The Contract Compliance Administrator retains the right to reject the certification of any MBE or WBE on the ground that it does not meet the County's definition of a MBE or WBE.

B. Use of MBE/WBE Professionals

Each Proposer shall submit with its proposal, a statement which discloses how it intends to maximize the use of minority and women professionals in the course of performing the contract.

C. Affirmative Action Plan

Each Proposer shall submit a copy of its current EEO-1 Report and a copy of its current Letter of Compliance from the United States Department of Labor, Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs. Absent a Letter from OFCCP, the Proposer shall submit a written report of the inclusion of minority and women professional in the workforce of their company.

III. NON-COMPLIANCE

Where the County of Cook determines that the Proposer has failed to comply with its contractual commitments or any portion of the Ordinance, it will notify the Contractor of such non-compliance and may take any and all appropriate actions as set forth within the Ordinance.

IV. REPORTING/RECORD KEEPING REQUIREMENTS

The Proposer is required to comply with the reporting and record-keeping requirements as set forth in the Ordinance and as established by the Contract Compliance Administrator. Upon award of a contract, The Proposer is responsible for acquiring all necessary Office of Contract Compliance reporting and record-keeping forms as made available in the Office of Contract Compliance

The Office of Contract Compliance will notify each Contractor and Sub-Contractor upon award of a contract of their reporting obligations (Vendor Notification Letter)

The Office of Contract Compliance will notify each MBE/WBE Sub-Contractor of the award of a contract to a Prime Contractor, the MBE/WBE dollar amount of participation and the percentage (%) amount of participation. The Sub-Contractors will be required to submit on a timely basis, Sub-Contractors Payment Affidavits (see forms section) with proof of payment or money paid to them by the Prime Contractor.

The Office of Contract Compliance requests payment affidavits and proof of payment to MBE/WBE Sub-Contractors as follows:

1. **Annual Contracts:** monthly reporting from both Prime and Sub-Contractors.
2. **Multi Year Contracts:** quarterly reporting from both Prime and Sub-Contractors including proof of payments.
3. **One time purchases** require verification of proof of payment **immediately.**

Failure to comply with this section will be reviewed as non-compliance as stated under Section III. Non-Compliance.

V. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Compliance with MBE and WBE requirements will not diminish or supplant Equal Employment Opportunity and Civil Rights provisions as otherwise required by law as they relate to Contractor and Subcontractor obligations.

Any questions regarding this document should be directed to:

Administrator  
Cook County Office of Contract Compliance  
118 N. Clark Street – Room 1020  
Chicago, Illinois 60602  
(312)603-5502

**GC-20 MATERIAL DATA SAFETY SHEET**

Where required under the Illinois "Toxic Substance Disclosure To Employees Act", Illinois Compiled Statutes, 2002, 820 ILCS 255/1, Contractor shall submit with each delivery of Deliverables, a Material Safety Data Sheet.

**GC-21 CONDUCT OF THE CONTRACTOR**

The Contractor agrees to inform the County on a timely basis of all of the Contractor's interests, if any, which are or which the Contractor reasonably believes may be incompatible with any interest of the County. The Contractor shall take notice of and comply with the Cook County Lobbyist Registration Ordinance (No. 93-0-22, 6-22-93). Neither the Contractor nor any of its employees, agents or Subcontractor shall use for business or personal gain, or make other improper use of, confidential information which is acquired in connection with the Contract. To the extent Contractor will have access to the County's protected health information in performing its responsibilities under this Contract, Contractor shall contact the Chief Privacy Officer for the Using Department(s) and shall execute the County's business associate agreement prior to performing any responsibilities which involve access to protected health information.

**GC-22 ACCIDENT REPORTS**

Contractor shall provide the Chief Procurement Officer and the Director of the Using Department with prompt written notification (no later than twenty-four (24) hours) of any occurrence, on County premises or otherwise, which pertains in any way to this Contract and which results in either bodily injury to employees or third parties or property damage. The report shall include the name of person(s) injured, if any; name of the injured person's employer, if any; the date, time and location of the occurrence; description of the extent of injury and/or damage; the name(s) of witnesses; the names of any providers known to have provided treatment for injuries sustained; and such other information as may be required by the County. The Contractor shall notify the local police regarding any occurrence requiring an official police record. The report submitted to the County should indicate whether the police were notified and, if so, the number of the police report.

**GC-23 USE OF COUNTY PREMISES AND RESOURCES**

Contractor shall confer with the Director of the Using Department to ascertain full knowledge of all rules and regulations of the County facilities relative to this Contract and shall cause all of its employees, agents and Subcontractor to comply therewith. The Contractor shall confine the operations of its employees, agents and Subcontractor on County premises to the performance of the Contract consistent with limits indicated by laws, ordinances, permits and/or direction of the Director of the Using Department and shall not encumber the premises with materials or debris. In performing the Contract, the Contractor shall not cause or permit a condition that endangers the safety of others and shall not load or permit any part of a structure to be loaded with a weight that will endanger the safety of the structure or any persons.

**GC-24 TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE AND SUSPENSION OF CONTRACT**

The County may terminate this Contract, or any portion, at any time by notice in writing from the County to the Contractor. Unless otherwise stated in the notice, the effective date of such termination shall be three business days after the date the notice of termination is mailed by the County. If the County elects to terminate the Contract in full, unless otherwise specified in the notice of termination, the Contractor shall immediately cease performance and shall promptly tender to the County all Deliverables, whether completed or in process. If the County elects to terminate the Contract in part, unless otherwise specified in the notice of partial termination, the Contractor shall immediately cease performance of those portions of the Contract which are terminated and shall promptly tender to the County all Deliverables relating to said portions of the Contract, whether completed or in process. Contractor shall refrain from incurring any further costs with respect to portions of the Contract which are terminated except as specifically approved by the Chief Procurement Officer.

**GC-25 GENERAL NOTICE**

All notices required pursuant to this Contract shall be in writing and addressed to the parties at their respective addresses set forth below. All such notices shall be deemed duly given if hand delivered or if deposited in the United States mail, postage prepaid, registered or certified, return receipt requested. Notice as provided herein does not waive service of summons or process.

**TO THE COUNTY:**

COOK COUNTY CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER  
118 North Clark Street. Room 1018  
Chicago, Illinois 60602  
(Include County Contract Number in all notices)

**TO THE CONTRACTOR:**

At address provided on the Execution Pages or as otherwise indicated in writing to County Chief Procurement Officer in a written document which, in bold face type, references the name of the Contractor, the County Contract Number and states "NOTIFICATION OF CHANGE IN ADDRESS."

**GC-26 GUARANTEES AND WARRANTIES**

The Contractor shall furnish all guarantees and warranties applicable to the Deliverables to the Director of the Using Department prior to or at the time of delivery. All Deliverables shall be covered by the most favorable commercial warranties and guarantees the Contractor gives to any customer for the same or substantially similar Deliverables or Services. The rights and remedies so provided shall be in addition to and shall not limit any rights afforded to County under this Contract.

To the extent Contractor provides Deliverables manufactured by another entity, Contractor shall transfer original product warranty and any rights to manufacturer's related services to the County and shall submit all appropriate documentation of said transfer to the Director of the Using Department prior to or at the time the Contractor tenders the Deliverables.

**GC-27 STANDARD OF DELIVERABLES**

Except as may be expressly stated in the Special Conditions or Specifications of this Contract, only new, originally manufactured Deliverables will be accepted by the County. The County will not accept any Deliverables that have been refurbished, rebuilt, restored or renovated in any manner. In addition, experimental materials will not be acceptable. Deliverables not produced by regular production methods and/or which have not been offered for sale to the public through accepted industry trade channels for a reasonable period of time prior to the commencement of the Contract will be considered experimental.

**GC-28 DELIVERY**

All Contract Goods shipped to the County shall be shipped F.O.B., DESTINATION, FREIGHT PREPAID. Arrangements shall be made in advance by the Contractor in order that the County may arrange for receipt of the materials.

Truck deliveries will be accepted before 3:00 P.M. on weekdays only. No deliveries will be accepted on Saturdays, Sundays or County Holidays. The County is not responsible for delivery delays due to waiting times for loading and unloading at dock locations.

The quantity of Contract Goods delivered by truck will be ascertained from a weight certificate issued by a duly licensed Public Weight-Master. In the case of delivery by rail, weight will be ascertained from bill of lading from originating line, but the County reserves the right to re-weigh at the nearest available railroad scale.

The County reserves the right to add new delivery locations or delete previously listed delivery locations as required during the Contract period. The only restriction regarding the County's right to add new delivery locations shall be that any new or additional location shall be within the geographical boundaries of the County of Cook.

**GC-29 QUANTITIES**

Any quantities of indicated in the Proposal Pages for the performance of the Contract are estimates for the purpose of determining an approximate total Contract amount and may not be the actual quantities required by the County during the term of the Contract. The County reserves the right to increase or decrease such quantities at the Contract price to correspond to the actual needs of the County. If the County increases the quantities required, any such increase shall be subject to an agreed written amendment in the Contract Amount. The County will be obligated to order and pay for only such quantities as are from time to time ordered, delivered, and accepted on purchase orders issued by the Chief Procurement Officer.

**GC-30 CONTRACT INTERPRETATION**

Whenever the singular is used herein, the masculine, feminine and neuter gender shall be deemed to include the others. The headings of articles, paragraphs and sections in this Contract are included for convenience only and shall not be considered by either party in construing the meaning of this Contract. If any provision or clause of this Contract shall be held to be invalid, such provision or clause shall be deleted from the Contract and the Contract shall be construed to give effect to the remaining portions thereof.

This Contract shall be interpreted and construed based upon the following order of precedence of component parts. Such order of precedence shall govern to resolve all cases of conflict, ambiguity or inconsistency.

1. Addenda, if any.
2. Execution Forms
3. Specification.
4. Special Conditions.
5. General Conditions.
6. Instruction to Bidders.
7. Legal Advertisement.
8. Bid Proposal

**GC-31 CONFIDENTIALITY AND OWNERSHIP OF DOCUMENTS**

Contractor acknowledges and agrees that information regarding this Contract is confidential and shall not be disclosed, directly, indirectly or by implication, or be used by Contractor in any way, whether during the term of this Contract or at any time thereafter, except solely as required in the course of Contractor's performance hereunder. Contractor shall comply with the applicable privacy laws and regulations affecting County and will not disclose any of County's records, materials, or other data to any third party. Contractor shall not have the right to compile and distribute statistical analyses and reports utilizing data derived from information or data obtained from County without the prior written approval of County. In the event such approval is given, any such reports published and distributed by Contractor shall be furnished to County without charge.

All documents, data, studies, reports, work product or product created as a result of the performance of the Contract (the "Documents") shall be included in the Deliverables and shall be the property of the County of Cook. It shall be a breach of this Contract for the Contractor to reproduce or use any documents, data, studies, reports, work product or product obtained from the County of Cook or any Documents created hereby, whether such reproduction or use is for Contractor's own purposes or for those of any third party. During the performance of the Contract Contractor shall be responsible of any loss or damage to the Documents while they are in Contractor's possession, and any such loss or damage shall be restored at the expense of the Contractor. The County and its designees shall be afforded full access to the Documents and the work at all times.

**GC-32 GOVERNING LAW**

This Contract shall be governed by and construed under the laws of the State of Illinois. The Contractor irrevocably agrees that, subject to the County's sole and absolute election to the contrary, any action or proceeding in any way, manner or respect arising out of the Contract, or arising from any dispute or controversy arising in connection with or related to the Contract, shall be litigated only in courts within the Circuit Court of Cook County in the City of Chicago, County of Cook, State of Illinois, and the Contractor consents and submits to the jurisdiction thereof. In accordance with these provisions, Contractor waives any right it may have to transfer or change the venue of any litigation brought against it by the County pursuant to this Contract.

**GC-33 WAIVER**

No term or provision of this Contract shall be deemed waived and no breach consented to unless such waiver or consent shall be in writing and signed by the party claimed to have waived or consented. The waiver of any such provision shall be strictly limited to the identified provision.

**GC-34 ENTIRE CONTRACT**

It is expressly agreed that the provisions set forth in this Contract constitute all the understandings and agreements between the parties. Any prior agreements, promises, negotiations, or representations not expressly set forth in this Contract are of no force and effect.

**GC-35      AUDIT; EXAMINATION OF RECORDS**

The Contractor agrees that the Cook County Auditor or any of its duly authorized representatives shall, until expiration of three (3) years after the final payment under the Contract, have access and the right to examine any books, documents, papers, canceled checks, bank statements, purveyor's and other invoices, and records of the Contractor related to the Contract, or to Contractor's compliance with any term, condition or provision thereof. The Contractor shall be responsible for establishing and maintaining records sufficient to document the costs associated with performance under the terms of this Contract.

The Contractor further agrees that it shall include in all of its subcontracts hereunder a provision to the effect that the Subcontractor agrees that the Cook County Auditor or any of its duly authorized representatives shall, until expiration of three (3) years after final payment under the subcontract, have access and the right to examine any books, documents, papers, canceled checks, bank statements, purveyor's and other invoices and records of such Subcontractor involving transactions relating to the subcontract, or to such Subcontractor's compliance with any term, condition or provision thereunder or under the Contract.

In the event the Contractor receives payment under the Contract, reimbursement for which is later disallowed by the County, the Contractor shall promptly refund the disallowed amount to the County on request, or at the County's option, the County may credit the amount disallowed from the next payment due or to become due to the Contractor under any contract with the County.

To the extent this Contract pertains to Deliverables which may be reimbursable under the Medicaid or Medicare Programs, Contractor shall retain and make available upon request, for a period of four (4) years after furnishing services pursuant to this Agreement, the contract, books, documents and records which are necessary to certify the nature and extent of the costs of such services if requested by the Secretary of Health and Human Services or the Comptroller General of the United States or any of their duly authorized representatives. If Contractor carries out any of its duties under the Agreement through a subcontract with a related organization involving a value of cost of \$10,000.00 or more over a 12 month period, Contractor will cause such subcontract to contain a clause to the effect that, until the expiration of four years after the furnishing of any service pursuant to said subcontract, the related organization will make available upon request of the Secretary of Health and Human Services or the Comptroller General of the United States or any of their duly authorized representatives, copies of said subcontract and any books, documents, records and other data of said related organization that are necessary to certify the nature and extent of such costs. This paragraph relating to the retention and production of documents is included because of possible application of Section 1861(v)(1)(I) of the Social Security Act to this Agreement; if this Section should be found to be inapplicable, then this paragraph shall be deemed inoperative and without force and effect.

**GC-36 FORCE MAJEURE OR UNAVOIDABLE DELAYS**

Neither Contractor nor County shall be liable for failing to fulfill any obligation under this Contract if such failure is caused by an event beyond such party's reasonable control which is not caused by such party's fault or negligence. Such events shall be limited to acts of God, acts of war, fires, lightning, floods, epidemics, or riots.

**GC-37 INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR STATUS; NO THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARIES**

The Contractor and its employees, agents and Subcontractor are, for all purposes arising out of the Contract, independent Contractors and not employees of the County. It is expressly understood and agreed that neither the Contractor nor Contractor's employees, agents or Subcontractor shall be entitled to any benefit to which County employees may be entitled including, but not limited to, overtime or unemployment compensation, insurance or retirement benefits, workers' compensation or occupational disease benefits or other compensation or leave arrangements.

Nothing contained herein shall be deemed or construed by the parties hereto, or by any third party, as creating the relationship of principal and agent or of partnership or of joint venturer or any relationship between the parties hereto other than that of independent Contractors. Nothing herein shall be construed to confer upon any third parties the status of third party beneficiary.

**GC-38 GOVERNMENTAL JOINT PURCHASING AGREEMENT**

Pursuant to Section 4 of the Illinois Governmental Joint Purchasing Act (30 ILCS 525) and the Joint Purchase Agreement approved by the Cook County Board of Commissioners (April 9, 1965); other units of government may purchase goods or services under this contract.

**GC-39 COOPERATIVE PURCHASING**

As permitted by the County of Cook, other government entities may wish to also participate under the same terms and conditions contained in this contract (piggyback). Each entity wishing to piggyback must have prior authorization from the County of Cook and vendor. If such participation is authorized, all purchase orders will be issued directly from and shipped directly to the entity requiring supplies/services. The County shall not be held responsible for any orders placed, deliveries made or payment for supplies/services ordered by these entities. Each entity reserves the right to determine their participation in this contract.

**GC-40 COOPERATION WITH INSPECTOR GENERAL**

Persons or businesses seeking County contracts are required to abide by all of the applicable provisions of the Office of the Independent Inspector General Ordinance (Section 2-281 et. seq. of the Cook County Code of Ordinances). Failure to cooperate as required may result in monetary and/or other penalties.

Contractors, Subcontractor, licensees, grantees or persons or businesses who have a County contract, grant, license, or certification of eligibility for County contracts shall abide by all of the applicable provisions of the Office of the Independent Inspector General Ordinance. Failure to cooperate as required may result in monetary and/or other penalties.

**GC-41 FEDERAL CLAUSES**

1. Interest of Members of or Delegates to the United States Congress

In accordance with 41 U.S.C. § 22, the Contractor agrees that it will not admit any member of or delegate to the United States Congress to any share or part of the Contract or any benefit derived therefrom.

2. False or Fraudulent Statements and Claims

(a) The Contractor recognizes that the requirements of the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986, as amended, 49 U.S.C. §§ 3081 et seq and U.S. DOT regulations, "Program Fraud Civil Remedies," 49 C.F.R. Part 31, apply to its actions pertaining to the Contract. Accordingly, by signing the Contract, the Contractor certifies or affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of any statement it has made, it makes, or it may make pertaining to the Contract, including without limitation any invoice for its services. In addition to other penalties that may be applicable, the Contractor also acknowledges that if it makes a false, fictitious, or fraudulent claim, statement, submission, or certification, the Federal Government reserves the right to impose the penalties of the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986, as amended, on the Contractor to the extent the Federal Government deems appropriate.

(b) The Contractor also acknowledges that if it makes a false, fictitious, or fraudulent claim, statement, submission, or certification to the County or Federal Government in connection with an urbanized area formula project financed with Federal assistance authorized by 49 U.S.C. § 5307, the Government reserves the right to impose on the Contractor the penalties of 18 U.S.C. § 1001 and 49 U.S.C. § 5307(n)(1), to the extent the Federal Government deems appropriate.

3. Federal Interest in Patents

- (a) General. If any invention, improvement, or discovery of the Contractor is conceived or first actually reduced to practice in the course of or under the Contract, and that invention, improvement, or discovery is patentable under the laws of the United States of America or any foreign country, the Contractor agrees to notify County immediately and provide a detailed report.
- (b) Federal Rights. Unless the Federal Government later makes a contrary determination in writing, the rights and responsibilities of the County, Contractor, and the Federal Government pertaining to that invention, improvement, or discovery will be determined in accordance with applicable Federal laws and regulations, including any waiver thereof. Unless the Federal Government later makes a contrary determination in writing, the Contractor agrees that, irrespective of its status or the status of any Subcontractor at any tier (e.g., a large business, small business, non-profit organization, institution of higher education, individual), the Contractor agrees it will transmit to the Federal Government those rights due the Federal Government in any invention resulting from the contract.

4. Federal Interest in Data and Copyrights

- (a) Definition. The term "subject data" used in this section means recorded information, whether or not copyrighted, that is delivered or specified to be delivered under the Contract. Examples include, but are not limited, to: computer software, engineering drawings and associated lists, specifications, standards, process sheets, manuals, technical reports, catalog item identifications, and related information. The term "subject data" does not include financial reports, cost analyses, and similar information incidental to Contract administration.
- (b) Federal Restrictions. The following restrictions apply to all subject data first produced in the performance of the Contract. Except as provided in the Contract and except for its own internal use, the Contractor may not publish or publicly reproduce subject data in whole or in part, or in any manner or form, nor may the Contractor authorize others to do so, without the written consent of the County and the Federal Government, until such time as the Federal Government may have either released or approved the release of such data to the public.
- (c) Federal Rights in Data and Copyrights. In accordance with subparts 34 and 36 of the Common Rule, the County and the Federal Government reserve a royalty-free, non-exclusive and irrevocable license to reproduce, publish, or otherwise use, and to authorize others to use, for County or Federal Government purposes, the types of subject data described below. Without the copyright owner's consent, the County and Federal Government may not extend their license to other parties.

- (1) Any subject data developed under the contract or subagreement financed by a federal Grant Agreement or Cooperative Agreement, whether or not a copyright has been obtained; and
  - (2) Any rights of copyright which the Contractor purchases ownership with Federal assistance.
- (d) Special Federal Rights for Planning Research and Development Projects. When the Federal Government provides financial assistance for a planning, research, development, or demonstration project, its general intention is to increase public knowledge, rather than limit the benefits of the project to participants in the project. Therefore, unless the Federal Government determines otherwise, the Contractor on a planning, research, development, or demonstration project agrees that, in addition to the rights in data and copyrights set forth above, the County or Federal Government may make available to any third party either a license in the copyright to the subject data or a copy of the subject data. If the project is not completed for any reason whatsoever, all data developed under the project will become subject data and will be delivered as the County or Federal Government may direct. This subsection, however, does not apply to adaptations of automatic data processing equipment or previously existing software programs for the County's use whose costs are financed with Federal transportation funds for capital projects.
- (e) Hold Harmless. Unless prohibited by state law, upon request by the County or the Federal Government, the Contractor agrees to indemnify, save, and hold harmless the County and the Federal Government and their officers, agents, and employees acting within the scope of their official duties against any liability, including costs and expenses, resulting from any willful or intentional violation by the Contractor of proprietary rights, copyrights, or right of privacy, arising out of the publication, translation, reproduction, delivery, use, or disposition of any data furnished under the Contract. The Contractor will not be required to indemnify the County or Federal Government for any such liability arising out of the wrongful acts of employees or agents of the County or Federal Government.
- (f) Restrictions on Access to Patent Rights. Nothing contained in this section on rights in data will imply a license to the County or Federal Government under any patent or be construed as affecting the scope of any license or other right otherwise granted to the County or Federal Government under any patent.
- (g) Application on Materials Incorporated into Project. The requirements of Subsections 2, 3, and 4 of this Section do not apply to material furnished by the County and incorporated into the work.

5. Records and Audits

Contractor will deliver or cause to be delivered all documents (including but not limited to all Deliverables and supporting data, records, graphs, charts and notes) prepared by or for the County under the terms of this Agreement to the County promptly in accordance with the time limits prescribed in this Contract, and if no time limit is specified, then upon reasonable demand therefor or upon termination or completion of the Services hereunder. In the event of the failure by the Contractor to make such delivery, then and in that event, the Contractor will pay to County reasonable damages the County may sustain by reason thereof.

The County and the Federal Government will have the right to audit all payments made to the Contractor under this Agreement. Any payments to the Contractor which exceed the amount to which the Contractor is entitled under the terms of this Agreement will be subject to set-off.

The Contractor will keep and retain records relating to this Agreement and will make such records available to representatives of the County and the Federal Government, including without limitation the sponsoring federal agency, other participating agencies, and the Comptroller General of the United States, at reasonable times during the performance of this Agreement and for at least five years after termination of this Agreement for purposes of audit, inspection, copying, transcribing and abstracting.

No provision in this Agreement granting the County or the Federal Government a right of access to records is intended to impair, limit or affect any right of access to such records which the County or the Federal Government would have had in the absence of such provisions.

6. Environmental Requirements

The Contractor recognizes that many Federal and state laws imposing environmental and resource conservation requirements may apply to the Contract. Some, but not all, of the major Federal Laws that may affect the Contract include: the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§ 4321 et seq.; the Clean Air Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§ 7401 et seq. and scattered sections of 29 U.S.C.; the Clean Water Act, as amended, scattered sections of 33 U.S.C. and 12 U.S.C.; the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§ 6901 et seq.; and the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§ 9601 et seq. The Contractor also recognizes that U.S. EPA, U.S. DOT and other agencies of the Federal Government have issued and are expected in the future to issue regulations, guidelines, standards, orders, directives, or other requirements that may affect the Contract. Thus, the Contractor agrees to adhere to, and impose on its Subcontractor, any such Federal requirements as the Federal Government may now or in the future promulgate. Listed below are requirements of particular concern.

The Contractor acknowledges that this list does not constitute the Contractor's entire obligation to meet all Federal environmental and resource conservation requirements. The Contractor will include these provisions in all subcontracts.

- (a) Environmental Protection. The Contractor agrees to comply with the applicable requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§ 4321 et seq. in accordance with Executive Order No. 12898, "Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations," 59 Fed. Reg. 7629, Feb. 16, 1994; U.S. DOT statutory requirements on environmental matters at 49 U.S.C. § 5324(b); Council on Environmental Quality regulations on compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, 40 C.F.R. Part 1500 et seq.; and U.S. DOT regulations, "Environmental Impact and Related Procedures," 23 C.F.R. Part 771 and 49 C.F.R. Part 622.
- (b) Air Quality. The Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders, or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§ 7401 et seq. Specifically, the Contractor agrees to comply with applicable requirements of U.S. EPA regulations, "Conformity to State of Federal Implementation Plans of Transportation Plans, Programs, and Projects Developed, Funded or Approved Under Title 23 U.S.C. or the Federal Transit Act," 40 C.F.R. Part 51, Subpart T; and "Determining Conformity of Federal Actions to State or Federal Implementation Plans," 40 C.F.R. Part 93. The Contractor further agrees to report and require each Subcontractor at any tier to report any violation of these requirements resulting from any Contract implementation activity to the County and the appropriate U.S. EPA Regional Office.
- (c) Clean Water. The Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders, or regulations issued pursuant to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, 33 U.S.C. §§ 1251 et seq. The Contractor further agrees to report and require each Subcontractor at any tier to report any violation of these requirements resulting from any Contract implementation activity to the County and the appropriate U.S. EPA Regional Office.
- (d) List of Violating Facilities. The Contractor agrees that any facility to be used in the performance of the Contract or to benefit from the Contract will not be listed on the U.S. EPA List of Violating Facilities ("List"), and the Contractor will promptly notify the County if the Contractor receives any communication from the U.S. EPA that such a facility is under consideration for inclusion on the List.

- (e) Preference for Recycled Products. To the extent practicable and economically feasible and to the extent that it does not reduce or impair the quality of the work, the Contractor agrees to use recycled products in performance of the Contract pursuant to U.S. Environment Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) guidelines at 40 C.F.R. Parts 247-253, which implement section 6002 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 6962.
7. No Exclusionary or Discriminatory Specifications  
Apart from inconsistent requirements imposed by Federal statute or regulations, the Contractor agrees that it will comply with the requirements of 49 U.S.C. § 5323(h)(2) by refraining from using any Federal assistance to support subcontracts procured using exclusionary or discriminatory specifications.
8. Cargo Preference - Use of United States Flag Vessels  
The Contractor agrees to comply with U.S. Maritime Administration regulations, "Cargo-Preference -- U.S. Flag Vessels," 49 C.F.R. Part 381, and to include the clauses required by those regulations, modified as necessary to identify the affected parties, in each subcontract or subagreement involving equipment, materials, or commodities suitable for transport by ocean vessel.
9. Fly America  
Section 14.c of the Master Agreement states that if the contract or subcontracts may involve the international transportation of goods, equipment, or personnel by air, the contract must require Contractors and Subcontractor at every tier to use U.S.-flag air carriers, to the extent service by these carriers is available. 49 U.S.C. 40118 and 4 C.F.R. Part 52.
10. No Federal Government Obligations to Third Parties  
The Contractor agrees that, absent the Federal Government's express written consent, the Federal Government will not be subject to any obligations or liabilities to any Contractor or any other person not a party to the Grant Agreement or Cooperative Agreement between the County and the Federal Government which is a source of funds for this Contract. Notwithstanding any concurrence provided by the Federal Government in or approval of any solicitation, agreement, or contract, the Federal Government continues to have no obligations or liabilities to any party, including the Contractor.

11. Allowable Costs

Notwithstanding any compensation provision to the contrary, the Contractor's compensation under this Contract will be limited to those amounts which are allowable and allocable to the Contract in accordance with OMB Circular A-87 and the regulations in 49 C.F.R. Part 18. To the extent that an audit reveals that the Contractor has received payment in excess of such amounts, the County may offset such excess payments against any future payments due to the Contractor and, if no future payments are due or if future payments are less than such excess, the Contractor will promptly refund the amount of the excess payments to the County.

12. Trade Restrictions

Contractor certifies that neither it nor any Subcontractor:

- (a) is owned or controlled by one or more citizens of a foreign country included in the list of countries that discriminate against U.S. firms published by the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR);
- (b) has knowingly entered into any contract or subcontract with a person that is a citizen or national of a foreign country on said list, nor is owned or controlled directly or indirectly by one or more citizens or nationals of a foreign country on said list;
- (c) will procure, subcontract for, or recommend any product that is produced in a foreign country on said list.

Unless the restrictions of this clause are waived by the Secretary of Transportation in accordance with 49 CFR 30.17, no Notice-to-Proceed will be issued to an entity who is unable to certify to the above. If Contractor knowingly procures or subcontracts for the supply of any product or service of a foreign country on said list for use on the project, the USDOT may direct, through the County, cancellation of the Contract at no cost to the Government.

Further, Contractor agrees that it will incorporate this provision for certification without modification in each subcontract. Contractor may rely on the certification of a prospective Subcontractor unless it has knowledge that the certification is erroneous. Contractor will provide immediate written notice to the County if it learns that its certification or that of a Subcontractor was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances. Each Subcontractor must agree to provide written notice to Contractor if at any time it learns that its certification was erroneous by reason of changed circumstances. Nothing contained in the foregoing will be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render, in good faith, the certification required by this provision. The knowledge and information of the Contractor is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.

This certification concerns a matter within the jurisdiction of an agency of the United States of America and the making of a false, fictitious, or fraudulent certification may render the maker subject to prosecution under Title 18, United States Code, Section 100

13. Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act

If applicable according to their terms, the Contractor agrees to comply and assures compliance with sections 102 and 107 of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, as amended, 40 U.S.C. §§ 327 through 333, and implementing U.S. DOL regulations, "Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Contracts Governing Federally Financed and Assisted Construction (also Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Nonconstruction Contracts Subject to the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act)," 29 C.F.R. Part 5; and U.S. DOL regulations, "Safety and Health Regulations for Construction," 29 C.F.R. Part 1926. In addition to other requirements that may apply:

- (a) In accordance with section of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, as amended, 40 U.S.C. §§ 327 through 332, the Contractor agrees and assures that, for the Contract, the wages of every mechanic and laborer will be computed on the basis of a standard work week of 40 hours, and that each worker will be compensated for work exceeding the standard work week at a rate of not less than 1.5 times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours in the work week. The Contractor agrees that determinations pertaining to these requirements will be made in accordance with applicable U.S. DOL regulations, "Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Contracts Governing Federally Financed and Assisted Construction (also Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Nonconstruction Contracts Subject to the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act)," 29 C.F.R. Part 5.

- (b) In accordance with section 107 of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, as amended, 40 U.S.C. § 333, the Contractor agrees and assures that no laborer or mechanic working on a construction contract will be required to work in surroundings or under working conditions that are unsanitary, hazardous, or dangerous to his or her health and safety, as determined in accordance with U.S. DOL regulations, "Safety and Health Regulations for Construction," 29 C.F.R. Part 1926.

14. Veteran's Preference

In the employment of labor (except in executive, administrative, and supervisory positions), preference will be given to Vietnam-era veterans and disabled veterans. However, this preference may be given only where individuals are available and qualified to perform the work to which employment relates.

15. Copyright Ownership

Contractor and the County intend that, to the extent permitted by law, the Deliverables to be produced by Contractor at the County's instance and expense pursuant to this Agreement are conclusively deemed "works made for hire" within the meaning and purview of Section 101 of the United States Copyright Act, 17 U.S.C. §101 et seq. (the "Copyright Act"), and that the County will be the copyright owner of the Deliverables and of all aspects, elements and components of them in which copyright can subsist.

To the extent that any Deliverable does not qualify as a "work made for hire," Contractor irrevocably grants, conveys, bargains, sells, assigns, transfers and delivers to the County, its successors and assigns, all right, title and interest in and to the copyrights and all U.S. and foreign copyright registrations, copyright applications and copyright renewals for them, and other intangible, intellectual property embodied in or pertaining to the Deliverables prepared for the County under this Agreement, free and clear of any liens, claims or other encumbrances, to the fullest extent permitted by law. Contractor will execute all documents and perform all acts that the County may reasonably request in order to assist the County in perfecting its rights in and to the copyrights relating to the Deliverables, at the sole expense of the County. Contractor warrants to County, its successors and assigns, that on the date of transfer Contractor is the lawful owner of good and marketable title in and to the copyrights for the Deliverables and has the legal rights to fully assign them. Contractor further warrants that it has not assigned any copyrights nor granted any licenses, exclusive or nonexclusive, to any other party, and that it is not a party to any other agreements or subject to any other restrictions with respect to the Deliverables. Contractor warrants and represents that the Deliverables are complete and comprehensive, and the Deliverables are a work of original authorship.

16. Accessibility Compliance

If this Agreement involves design for construction, the Contractor warrants that all design documents produced or utilized under this Agreement and all construction or alterations undertaken under this Agreement will comply with all federal, state and local laws and regulations regarding accessibility standards for persons with disabilities or environmentally limited persons including, but not limited to, the following: the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. § 12101 et seq. and the Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines for Buildings and Facilities ("ADAAG"); the Architectural Barriers Act, Pub. L. 90-480 (1968), and the Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards ("UFAS"); and the Illinois Environmental Barriers Act, 410 ILCS 25/1 et seq., and all regulations promulgated thereunder, see Illinois Administrative Code, Title 71, Chapter 1, Section 400.110. If the above standards are inconsistent, the Contractor must comply with the standard providing the greatest accessibility. Also, the Contractor must, prior to construction, review the plans and specifications to insure compliance with the above referenced standards. If the Contractor fails to comply with the foregoing standards, the Contractor must perform again, at no expense, all services required to be re-performed as a direct or indirect result of such failure.

17. Visual Rights Act Waiver

The Contractor/Contractor waives any and all rights that may be granted or conferred under Section 106A and Section 113 of the United States Copyright Act, (17 U.S.C. § 101 et seq.) (the "Copyright Act") in any work of visual art that may be provided pursuant to this Agreement. Also, the Contractor/Contractor represents and warrants that the Contractor/Contractor has obtained a waiver of Section 106A and Section 113 of the Copyright Act as necessary from any employees and Subcontractor, if any.

18. Equal Employment Opportunity

All contracts shall contain a provision requiring compliance with E.O. 11246, "Equal Employment Opportunity," as amended by E.O. 11375, "Amending Executive Order 11246 Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity," and as supplemented by regulations at 41 CFR part 60, "Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor."

19. Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act (18 U.S.C. 874 and 40 U.S.C. 276c)  
 All contracts and subgrants in excess of \$2000 for construction or repair awarded by recipients and subrecipients shall include a provision for compliance with the Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act (18 U.S.C. 874), as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR part 3, "Contractors and Subcontractor on Public Building or Public Work Financed in Whole or in Part by Loans or Grants from the United States"). The Act provides that each Contractor or subrecipient shall be prohibited from inducing, by any means, any person employed in the construction, completion, or repair of public work, to give up any part of the compensation to which he is otherwise entitled. The recipient shall report all suspected or reported violations to the Federal awarding agency.
20. Davis-Bacon Act, as amended (40 U.S.C. 276a to a-7)  
 When required by Federal program legislation, all construction contracts awarded by the recipients and subrecipients of more than \$2000 shall include a provision for compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 276a to a-7) and as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR part 5, "Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Contracts Governing Federally Financed and Assisted Construction"). Under this Act, Contractors shall be required to pay wages to laborers and mechanics at a rate not less than the minimum wages specified in a wage determination made by the Secretary of Labor. In addition, Contractors shall be required to pay wages not less than once a week. The recipient shall place a copy of the current prevailing wage determination issued by the Department of Labor in each solicitation and the award of a contract shall be conditioned upon the acceptance of the wage determination. The recipient shall report all suspected or reported violations to the Federal awarding agency.
21. Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 327-333)  
 Where applicable, all contracts awarded by recipients in excess of \$2000 for construction contracts and in excess of \$2500 for other contracts that involve the employment of mechanics or laborers shall include a provision for compliance with Sections 102 and 107 of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 327-333), as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR part 5). Under Section 102 of the Act, each Contractor shall be required to compute the wages of every mechanic and laborer on the basis of a standard work week of 40 hours. Work in excess of the standard work week is permissible provided that the worker is compensated at a rate of not less than 1 ½ times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours in the work week. Section 107 of the Act is applicable to construction work and provides that no laborer or mechanic shall be required to work in surroundings or under working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous or dangerous. These requirements do not apply to the purchases of supplies or materials or articles ordinarily available on the open market, or contracts for transportation or transmission of intelligence.

22. Rights to Inventions Made Under a Contract or Agreement  
 Contracts or agreements for the performance of experimental, developmental, or research work shall provide for the rights of the Federal Government and the recipient in any resulting invention in accordance with 37 CFR part 401, "Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business Firms Under Government Grants, Contracts and Cooperative Agreements," and any implementing regulations issued by the awarding agency.
23. Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq.) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.), as amended  
 Contracts and subgrants of amounts in excess of \$100,000 shall contain a provision that requires the recipient to agree to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq.) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.). Violations shall be reported to the Federal awarding agency and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).
24. Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31 U.S.C. 1352)  
 Contractors who apply or bid for an award of \$100,000 or more shall file the required certification. Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. 1352. Each tier shall also disclose any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the recipient.
25. Debarment and Suspension (E.O.s 12549 and 12689)  
 No contract shall be made to parties listed on the General Services Administration's List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement or Nonprocurement Programs in accordance with E.O.s 12549 and 12689, "Debarment and Suspension." This list contains the names of parties debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded by agencies, and Contractors declared ineligible under statutory or regulatory authority other than E.O. 12549. Contractors with awards that exceed the small purchase threshold shall provide the required certification regarding its exclusion status and that of its principal employees.

**END OF SECTION**

CONTRACT NO: 1490-13849

EXHIBIT 1

**Scope of Services and Price Proposal**

CONTRACT NO: 1490-13849

EXHIBIT 2

**County of Los Angeles, California Master Agreement No. MA-IS-1140050**



**MASTER AGREEMENT #MA-IS-1140050**

**BY AND BETWEEN**

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

**and**

**INDEPENDENT STATIONERS INC**

**for**

**OFFICE SUPPLIES AND PRODUCTS**

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AGREEMENT

**CONTRACT BETWEEN  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
and  
INDEPENDENT STATIONERS INC  
for  
OFFICE SUPPLIES AND PRODUCTS**

This Contract and Exhibits made and entered into this   1st   day of   September  , 2010 by and between the County of Los Angeles, hereinafter referred to as County and Independent Stationers Inc, hereinafter referred to as Contractor. Independent Stationers Inc is located at: 250 E 96th Street

Parkwood One, Suite 510

Indianapolis, IN. 46240

**RECITALS**

WHEREAS, the County may contract with private businesses for Office Supplies and Products when certain requirements are met; and

WHEREAS, the Contractor is a private firm specializing in providing Office Supplies and Products; and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Agent has the authority to enter into such Contract; and

WHEREAS, this Contract is therefore authorized under California Government code Section 25500 et seq., and Los Angeles County Codes Section 2.81.800; and

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein, and for good and valuable consideration, the parties agree to the following:

## **1.0 APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS**

Exhibits A, B, C, D, E, F and G are attached to and form a part of this Contract. In the event of any conflict or inconsistency in the definition or interpretation of any word, responsibility, schedule, or the contents or description of any task, deliverable, goods, service, or other work, or otherwise between the base Contract and the Exhibits, or between Exhibits, such conflict or inconsistency shall be resolved by giving precedence first to the Contract and then to the Exhibits according to the following priority.

### **Standard Exhibits:**

- 1.1 EXHIBIT A - PRICING SCHEDULE (NOT ATTACHED)
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- 1.7 EXHIBIT G - CONTRACTOR'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT

This Contract and the Exhibits hereto constitute the complete and exclusive statement of understanding between the parties, and supersedes all previous Contracts, written and oral, and all communications between the parties relating to the subject matter of this Contract. No change to this Contract shall be valid unless prepared pursuant to sub-paragraph 8.1 - Amendments and signed by both parties.

## 2.0 DEFINITIONS

The headings herein contained are for convenience and reference only and are not intended to define the scope of any provision thereof. The following words as used herein shall be construed to have the following meaning, unless otherwise apparent from the context in which they are used.

- 2.1 **Contract:** Agreement executed between County and Contractor. It sets forth the terms and conditions for the issuance and performance tasks, deliverables and services to be provided. This term is synonymous with "Agreement" or "Master Agreement".
- 2.2 **Contractor:** The vendor, supplier, sole proprietor, partnership, or corporation that has entered into a contract with the County to perform or execute the work covered herein.
- 2.3 **Contractor Contract Manager:** The individual designated by the Contractor to administer the Contract operations after the Contract award.
- 2.4 **County Contract Monitor:** Person with responsibility to oversee the day to day activities of this Contract. Responsibility for inspections of any and all tasks, deliverables, goods, services and other work provided by the Contractor.
- 2.5 **County Contract Director:** Person designated by County with authority for County on contractual or administrative matters relating to this Contract that cannot be resolved by the County's Contract Manager.
- 2.6 **County Contract Manager:** Person designated by County's Contract Director to manage the operations under this Contract.
- 2.7 **Day(s):** Calendar day(s) unless otherwise specified.
- 2.8 **Fiscal Year:** The twelve (12) month period beginning July 1st and ending the following June 30th.
- 2.9 **Normal Working Hours:** one of the following work schedules, according to individual County Departments policy, excluding County holidays;
  - A. "5/40" which is normally eight (8) hours per day Monday through Friday ("Working Days") with starting and ending times departmentally established;
  - B. "9/80" which is a flexibly arranged nine (9) hours on each of eight Working Days in a given two-week period plus eight (8) hours arranged, per department policy, on the ninth Working Day;

- C. "4/40" which is a flexibly arranged ten (10) hours on each of four fixed Working Days each week, with starting and ending times departmentally established.

### **3.0 WORK**

- 3.1 Pursuant to the provisions of this Contract, the Contractor shall fully perform, complete and deliver on time, all tasks, deliverables, services and other work as set forth in herein.
- 3.2 If the Contractor provides any tasks, deliverables, goods, services, or other work, other than as specified in this Contract, the same shall be deemed to be a gratuitous effort on the part of the Contractor, and the Contractor shall have no claim whatsoever against the County.

### **4.0 TERM OF CONTRACT**

- 4.1 The term of this Contract shall be 3 years commencing after execution by County's Purchasing Agent, unless sooner terminated or extended, in whole or in part, as provided in this Contract.
- 4.2 The County shall have the sole option to extend this Contract term for up to two (2) additional one-year periods for a maximum total Contract term of 5 years. Each such option and extension shall be exercised at the sole discretion of the County's Purchasing Agent.

### **5.0 CONTRACT SUM**

- 5.1 Exhibit A sets forth the Pricing Schedule.
- 5.2 The Contractor shall not be entitled to payment or reimbursement for any tasks or services performed, nor for any incidental or administrative expenses whatsoever incurred in or incidental to performance hereunder, except as specified herein. Assumption or takeover of any of the Contractor's duties, responsibilities, or obligations, or performance of same by any entity other than the Contractor, whether through assignment, subcontract, delegation, merger, buyout, or any other mechanism, with or without consideration for any reason whatsoever, shall occur only with the County's express prior written approval.
- 5.3 **No Payment for Services Provided Following Expiration/  
Termination of Contract**

The Contractor shall have no claim against County for payment of any money or reimbursement, of any kind whatsoever, for any service provided by the Contractor after the expiration or other termination of this Contract. Should the Contractor receive any such payment, it shall immediately notify County and shall

immediately repay all such funds to County. Payment by County for services rendered after expiration/termination of this Contract shall not constitute a waiver of County's right to recover such payment from the Contractor. This provision shall survive the expiration or other termination of this Contract.

#### **5.4 Invoices and Payments**

- 5.4.1 The Contractor shall invoice the County only for providing the tasks, deliverables, goods, services, and other work specified in Exhibit A - Pricing Schedule and elsewhere hereunder. The Contractor shall prepare invoices, which shall include the charges owed to the Contractor by the County under the terms of this Contract. The Contractor's payments shall be as provided in Exhibit A - Pricing Schedule, and the Contractor shall be paid only for the tasks, deliverables, goods, services, and other work ordered by the County.
- 5.4.2 The Contractor's invoices shall be priced in accordance with Exhibit A - Pricing Schedule.
- 5.4.3 The Contractor's invoices shall contain the information set forth in departmental Purchase orders.
- 5.4.4 All invoices under this Contract shall be submitted to the address contained on the purchase order.

#### **5.5 Pricing Adjustments**

- 5.5.1 Except as specifically noted herein, product prices shall be firm, fixed prices for one year after the award. Thereafter, price adjustments may be authorized twice per year, with the appropriate justification/manufacture documentation. In all cases, the County will reserve the right to reject any substantial price increases during the terms of the Master Agreement. Approved pricing adjustments shall be effective April 1 and October 1 of each contract year following the initial contract year.
- 5.5.2 Copy paper price proposals shall be firm, fixed price for the first six months of the Master Agreement. Thereafter, price adjustments may be authorized with 30-days prior notice, with the appropriate justification/manufacture documentation. In all cases, the County will reserve the right to reject any substantial price increases during the term of the Master Agreement.

## **6.0 ADMINISTRATION OF CONTRACT - COUNTY**

### **COUNTY ADMINISTRATION**

#### **6.1 County's Contract Director**

Responsibilities of the County's Contract Director include:

- ensuring that the objectives of this Contract are met; and
- providing direction to the Contractor in the areas relating to County policy, information requirements, and procedural requirements.

#### **6.2 County's Contract Manager**

The responsibilities of the County's Contract Manager include:

- meeting with the Contractor's Contract Manager on a regular basis; and
- inspecting any and all tasks, deliverables, goods, services, or other work provided by or on behalf of the Contractor.

#### **6.3 County's Contract Monitor**

The County's Contract Monitor is responsible for overseeing the day-to-day administration of this Contract. The Contract Monitor reports to the County's Contract Manager.

## **7.0 ADMINISTRATION OF CONTRACT - CONTRACTOR**

#### **7.1 Contractor's Project Manager**

7.1.1 The Contractor's Contract Manager is designated in Exhibit C - Contractor's Administration. The Contractor shall notify the County in writing of any change in the name or address of the Contractor's Contract Manager.

7.1.2 The Contractor's Contract Manager shall be responsible for the Contractor's day-to-day activities as related to this Contract and shall coordinate with County's Contract Manager and County's Contract Monitor as needed.

#### **7.2 Approval of Contractor's Staff**

County has the absolute right to approve or disapprove all of the Contractor's staff performing work hereunder and any proposed changes in the Contractor's staff, including, but not limited to, the Contractor's Contract Manager and dealer agencies.

### **7.3 Background and Security Investigations**

7.4.1 Background and security investigations of Contractor's staff may be required at the discretion of the County as a condition of beginning and continuing work under this Contract. The cost of background checks is the responsibility of the Contractor.

### **7.4 Confidentiality**

7.4.1 Contractor shall maintain the confidentiality of all records and information in accordance with all applicable Federal, State and local laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, directives, guidelines, policies and procedures relating to confidentiality, including, without limitation, County policies concerning information technology security and the protection of confidential records and information.

7.4.2 Contractor shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless County, its officers, employees, and agents, from and against any and all claims, demands, damages, liabilities, losses, costs and expenses, including, without limitation, defense costs and legal, accounting and other expert, consulting, or professional fees, arising from, connected with, or related to any failure by Contractor, its officers, employees, agents, or subcontractors, to comply with this Paragraph 7.5, as determined by County in its sole judgment. Any legal defense pursuant to Contractor's indemnification obligations under this Paragraph 7.5 shall be conducted by Contractor and performed by counsel selected by Contractor and approved by County. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, County shall have the right to participate in any such defense at its sole cost and expense, except that in the event Contractor fails to provide County with a full and adequate defense, as determined by County in its sole judgment, County shall be entitled to retain its own counsel, including, without limitation, County Counsel, and reimbursement from Contractor for all such costs and expenses incurred by County in doing so. Contractor shall not have the right to enter into any settlement, agree to any injunction, or make any admission, in each case, on behalf of County without County's prior written approval.

7.4.3 Contractor shall inform all of its officers, employees, agents and subcontractors providing services hereunder of the confidentiality provisions of this Contract.

7.4.4 Contractor shall sign and adhere to the provisions of the "Contractor Acknowledgement and Confidentiality Agreement", Exhibit G.

## **8.0 STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

### **8.1 AMENDMENTS**

8.1.1 For any change which affects the scope of work, term, Contract Sum, payments, or any term or condition included under this Contract, an Amendment shall be prepared and executed by the Contractor and by the County Purchasing Agent or his designee.

8.1.2 The County Purchasing Agent may at his sole discretion, authorize extensions of time as defined in Paragraph 4.0 - Term of Contract. The Contractor agrees that such extensions of time shall not change any other term or condition of this Contract during the period of such extensions. To implement an extension of time, an Amendment to the Contract shall be prepared and executed by the Contractor and by County Purchasing Agent.

### **8.2 ASSIGNMENT AND DELEGATION**

8.2.1 The Contractor shall not assign its rights or delegate its duties under this Contract, or both, whether in whole or in part, without the prior written consent of County, in its discretion, and any attempted assignment or delegation without such consent shall be null and void. For purposes of this sub-paragraph, County consent shall require a written amendment to the Contract, which is formally approved and executed by the parties. Any payments by the County to any approved delegate or assignee on any claim under this Contract shall be deductible, at County's sole discretion, against the claims, which the Contractor may have against the County.

8.2.2 Shareholders, partners, members, or other equity holders of Contractor may transfer, sell, exchange, assign, or divest themselves of any interest they may have therein. However, in the event any such sale, transfer, exchange, assignment, or divestment is effected in such a way as to

give majority control of Contractor to any person(s), corporation, partnership, or legal entity other than the majority controlling interest therein at the time of execution of the Contract, such disposition is an assignment requiring the prior written consent of County in accordance with applicable provisions of this Contract.

- 8.2.3 Any assumption, assignment, delegation, or takeover of any of the Contractor's duties, responsibilities, obligations, or performance of same by any entity other than the Contractor, whether through assignment, subcontract, delegation, merger, buyout, or any other mechanism, with or without consideration for any reason whatsoever without County's express prior written approval, shall be a material breach of the Contract which may result in the termination of this Contract. In the event of such termination, County shall be entitled to pursue the same remedies against Contractor as it could pursue in the event of default by Contractor.

### **8.3 AUTHORIZATION WARRANTY**

The Contractor represents and warrants that the person executing this Contract for the Contractor is an authorized agent who has actual authority to bind the Contractor to each and every term, condition, and obligation of this Contract and that all requirements of the Contractor have been fulfilled to provide such actual authority.

### **8.4 COMPLAINTS**

The Contractor shall develop, maintain and operate procedures for receiving, investigating and responding to complaints.

- 8.4.1 Within 30 business days after Contract effective date, the Contractor shall provide the County with the Contractor's policy for receiving, investigating and responding to user complaints.
- 8.4.2 The County will review the Contractor's policy and provide the Contractor with approval of said plan or with requested changes.
- 8.4.3 If the County requests changes in the Contractor's policy, the Contractor shall make such changes and resubmit the plan within 10 business days for County approval.
- 8.4.4 If, at any time, the Contractor wishes to change the Contractor's policy, the Contractor shall submit proposed changes to the County for approval before implementation.

- 8.4.5 The Contractor shall preliminarily investigate all complaints and notify the County's Contract Manager of the status of the investigation within  5  business days of receiving the complaint.
- 8.4.6 When complaints cannot be resolved informally, a system of follow-through shall be instituted which adheres to formal plans for specific actions and strict time deadlines.
- 8.4.7 Copies of all written responses shall be sent to the County's Contract Manager within  5  business days of mailing to the complainant.

**8.5 COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAW**

- 8.5.1 In the performance of this Contract, Contractor shall comply with all applicable Federal, State and local laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, directives, guidelines, policies and procedures, and all provisions required thereby to be included in this Contract are hereby incorporated herein by reference.
- 8.5.2 Contractor shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless County, its officers, employees, and agents, from and against any and all claims, demands, damages, liabilities, losses, costs, and expenses, including, without limitation, defense costs and legal, accounting and other expert, consulting or professional fees, arising from, connected with, or related to any failure by Contractor, its officers, employees, agents, or subcontractors, to comply with any such laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, directives, guidelines, policies, or procedures, as determined by County in its sole judgment. Any legal defense pursuant to Contractor's indemnification obligations under this Paragraph 8.6 shall be conducted by Contractor and performed by counsel selected by Contractor and approved by County. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, County shall have the right to participate in any such defense at its sole cost and expense, except that in the event Contractor fails to provide County with a full and adequate defense, as determined by County in its sole judgment, County shall be entitled to retain its own counsel, including, without limitation, County Counsel, and reimbursement from Contractor for all such costs and expenses incurred by County in doing so. Contractor shall not have the right to enter into any settlement, agree to any injunction or other equitable relief, or make any admission, in each case, on behalf of County without County's prior written approval.

## **8.6 COMPLIANCE WITH CIVIL RIGHTS LAWS**

The Contractor hereby assures that it will comply with Subchapter VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 USC Sections 2000 (e) (1) through 2000 (e) (17), to the end that no person shall, on the grounds of race, creed, color, sex, religion, ancestry, age, condition of physical handicap, marital status, political affiliation, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under this Contract or under any project, program, or activity supported by this Contract.

## **8.7 COMPLIANCE WITH THE COUNTY'S JURY SERVICE PROGRAM**

### **8.7.1 Jury Service Program:**

This Contract is subject to the provisions of the County's ordinance entitled Contractor Employee Jury Service ("Jury Service Program") as codified in Sections 2.203.010 through 2.203.090 of the Los Angeles County Code, and hereby incorporated by reference into and made a part of this Contract.

### **8.7.2 Written Employee Jury Service Policy.**

1. Unless the Contractor has demonstrated to the County's satisfaction either that the Contractor is not a "Contractor" as defined under the Jury Service Program (Section 2.203.020 of the County Code) or that the Contractor qualifies for an exception to the Jury Service Program (Section 2.203.070 of the County Code), the Contractor shall have and adhere to a written policy that provides that its Employees shall receive from the Contractor, on an annual basis, no less than five days of regular pay for actual jury service. The policy may provide that Employees deposit any fees received for such jury service with the Contractor or that the Contractor deduct from the Employee's regular pay the fees received for jury service.
2. For purposes of this sub-paragraph, "Contractor" means a person, partnership, corporation or other entity which has a contract with the County or a subcontract with a County Contractor and has received or will receive an aggregate sum of \$50,000 or more in any 12-month period under one or more County contracts or subcontracts. "Employee" means any California resident who is a full-time employee of the Contractor.

**"Full-time" means 40 hours or more worked per week, or a lesser number of hours if: 1) the lesser number is a recognized industry standard as determined by the County, or 2) Contractor has a long-standing practice that defines the lesser number of hours as full-time. Full-time employees providing short-term, temporary services of 90 days or less within a 12-month period are not considered full-time for purposes of the Jury Service Program. If the Contractor uses any Subcontractor to perform services for the County under the Contract, the Subcontractor shall also be subject to the provisions of this sub-paragraph. The provisions of this sub-paragraph shall be inserted into any such subcontract agreement and a copy of the Jury Service Program shall be attached to the agreement.**

- 3. If the Contractor is not required to comply with the Jury Service Program when the Contract commences, the Contractor shall have a continuing obligation to review the applicability of its "exception status" from the Jury Service Program, and the Contractor shall immediately notify the County if the Contractor at any time either comes within the Jury Service Program's definition of "Contractor" or if the Contractor no longer qualifies for an exception to the Jury Service Program. In either event, the Contractor shall immediately implement a written policy consistent with the Jury Service Program. The County may also require, at any time during the Contract and at its sole discretion, that the Contractor demonstrate, to the County's satisfaction that the Contractor either continues to remain outside of the Jury Service Program's definition of "Contractor" and/or that the Contractor continues to qualify for an exception to the Program.**
- 4. Contractor's violation of this sub-paragraph of the Contract may constitute a material breach of the Contract. In the event of such material breach, County may, in its sole discretion, terminate the Contract and/or bar the Contractor from the award of future County contracts for a period of time consistent with the seriousness of the breach.**

## **8.8 CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

8.8.1 No County employee whose position with the County enables such employee to influence the award of this Contract or any competing Contract, and no spouse or economic dependent of such employee, shall be employed in any capacity by the Contractor or have any other direct or indirect financial interest in this Contract. No officer or employee of the Contractor who may financially benefit from the performance of work hereunder shall in any way participate in the County's approval, or ongoing evaluation, of such work, or in any way attempt to unlawfully influence the County's approval or ongoing evaluation of such work.

8.8.2 The Contractor shall comply with all conflict of interest laws, ordinances, and regulations now in effect or hereafter to be enacted during the term of this Contract. The Contractor warrants that it is not now aware of any facts that create a conflict of interest. If the Contractor hereafter becomes aware of any facts that might reasonably be expected to create a conflict of interest, it shall immediately make full written disclosure of such facts to the County. Full written disclosure shall include, but is not limited to, identification of all persons implicated and a complete description of all relevant circumstances. Failure to comply with the provisions of this sub-paragraph shall be a material breach of this Contract.

## **8.9 CONSIDERATION OF HIRING COUNTY EMPLOYEES TARGETED FOR LAYOFF/OR RE-EMPLOYMENT LIST**

Should the Contractor require additional or replacement personnel after the effective date of this Contract to perform the services set forth herein, the Contractor shall give first consideration for such employment openings to qualified, permanent County employees who are targeted for layoff or qualified, former County employees who are on a re-employment list during the life of this Contract.

## **8.10 CONSIDERATION OF HIRING GAIN/GROW PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS**

8.10.1 Should the Contractor require additional or replacement personnel after the effective date of this Contract, the Contractor shall give consideration for any such employment openings to participants in the County's Department of Public Social Services Greater Avenues for Independence (GAIN) Program or General Relief Opportunity for Work (GROW) Program who meet the Contractor's minimum qualifications for the open position.

For this purpose, consideration shall mean that the Contractor will interview qualified candidates. The County will refer GAIN/GROW participants by job category to the Contractor.

8.10.2 In the event that both laid-off County employees and GAIN/GROW participants are available for hiring, County employees shall be given first priority.

## **8.11 CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITY AND DEBARMENT**

### **8.11.1 Responsible Contractor**

A responsible Contractor is a Contractor who has demonstrated the attribute of trustworthiness, as well as quality, fitness, capacity and experience to satisfactorily perform the contract. It is the County's policy to conduct business only with responsible Contractors.

### **8.11.2 Chapter 2.202 of the County Code**

The Contractor is hereby notified that, in accordance with Chapter 2.202 of the County Code, if the County acquires information concerning the performance of the Contractor on this or other contracts which indicates that the Contractor is not responsible, the County may, in addition to other remedies provided in the Contract, debar the Contractor from bidding or proposing on, or being awarded, and/or performing work on County contracts for a specified period of time, which generally will not exceed five years but may exceed five years or be permanent if warranted by the circumstances, and terminate any or all existing Contracts the Contractor may have with the County.

### **8.11.3 Non-responsible Contractor**

The County may debar a Contractor if the Board of Supervisors finds, in its discretion, that the Contractor has done any of the following: (1) violated a term of a contract with the County or a nonprofit corporation created by the County, (2) committed an act or omission which negatively reflects on the Contractor's quality, fitness or capacity to perform a contract with the County, any other public entity, or a nonprofit corporation created by the County, or engaged in a pattern or practice which negatively reflects on same, (3) committed an act or offense which indicates a lack of business integrity or business honesty, or (4) made or submitted a false claim against the County or any other public entity.

#### 8.11.4 Contractor Hearing Board

1. If there is evidence that the Contractor may be subject to debarment, the Purchasing Agent or his designee will notify the Contractor in writing of the evidence which is the basis for the proposed debarment and will advise the Contractor of the scheduled date for a debarment hearing before the Contractor Hearing Board.
2. The Contractor Hearing Board will conduct a hearing where evidence on the proposed debarment is presented. The Contractor and/or the Contractor's representative shall be given an opportunity to submit evidence at that hearing. After the hearing, the Contractor Hearing Board shall prepare a tentative proposed decision, which shall contain a recommendation regarding whether the Contractor should be debarred, and, if so, the appropriate length of time of the debarment. The Contractor and the Purchasing Agent or his designee shall be provided an opportunity to object to the tentative proposed decision prior to its presentation to the Board of Supervisors.
3. After consideration of any objections, or if no objections are submitted, a record of the hearing, the proposed decision, and any other recommendation of the Contractor Hearing Board shall be presented to the Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisors shall have the right to modify, deny, or adopt the proposed decision and recommendation of the Contractor Hearing Board.
4. If a Contractor has been debarred for a period longer than five (5) years, that Contractor may after the debarment has been in effect for at least five (5) years, submit a written request for review of the debarment determination to reduce the period of debarment or terminate the debarment. The County may, in its discretion, reduce the period of debarment or terminate the debarment if it finds that the Contractor has adequately demonstrated one or more of the following: (1) elimination of the grounds for which the debarment was imposed; (2) a bona fide change in ownership or management; (3) material evidence discovered after debarment was imposed;

or (4) any other reason that is in the best interests of the County.

5. The Contractor Hearing Board will consider a request for review of a debarment determination only where (1) the Contractor has been debarred for a period longer than five (5) years; (2) the debarment has been in effect for at least five (5) years; and (3) the request is in writing, states one or more of the grounds for reduction of the debarment period or termination of the debarment, and includes supporting documentation. Upon receiving an appropriate request, the Contractor Hearing Board will provide notice of the hearing on the request. At the hearing, the Contractor Hearing Board shall conduct a hearing where evidence on the proposed reduction of debarment period or termination of debarment is presented. This hearing shall be conducted and the request for review decided by the Contractor Hearing Board pursuant to the same procedures as for a debarment hearing.
6. The Contractor Hearing Board's proposed decision shall contain a recommendation on the request to reduce the period of debarment or terminate the debarment. The Contractor Hearing Board shall present its proposed decision and recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisors shall have the right to modify, deny, or adopt the proposed decision and recommendation of the Contractor Hearing Board.

#### **8.11.5 Subcontractors of Contractor**

These terms shall also apply to Subcontractors of County Contractors.

#### **8.12 CONTRACTOR'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTY'S COMMITMENT TO THE SAFELY SURRENDERED BABY LAW**

The Contractor acknowledges that the County places a high priority on the implementation of the Safely Surrendered Baby Law. The Contractor understands that it is the County's policy to encourage all County Contractors to voluntarily post the County's "Safely Surrendered Baby Law" poster in a prominent position at the Contractor's place of business. The Contractor will also encourage its Subcontractors, if any, to post this poster in a prominent position in the Subcontractor's place of business. The County's Department of Children and Family Services will supply the Contractor with the

poster to be used. Information on how to receive the poster can be found on the Internet at [www.babysafela.org](http://www.babysafela.org).

#### **8.13 CONTRACTOR'S WARRANTY OF ADHERENCE TO COUNTY'S CHILD SUPPORT COMPLIANCE PROGRAM**

8.13.1 The Contractor acknowledges that the County has established a goal of ensuring that all individuals who benefit financially from the County through Contract are in compliance with their court-ordered child, family and spousal support obligations in order to mitigate the economic burden otherwise imposed upon the County and its taxpayers.

8.13.2 As required by the County's Child Support Compliance Program (County Code Chapter 2.200) and without limiting the Contractor's duty under this Contract to comply with all applicable provisions of law, the Contractor warrants that it is now in compliance and shall during the term of this Contract maintain in compliance with employment and wage reporting requirements as required by the Federal Social Security Act (42 USC Section 653a) and California Unemployment Insurance Code Section 1088.5, and shall implement all lawfully served Wage and Earnings Withholding Orders or Child Support Services Department Notices of Wage and Earnings Assignment for Child, Family or Spousal Support, pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure Section 706.031 and Family Code Section 5246(b).

#### **8.14 COUNTY'S QUALITY ASSURANCE PLAN**

The County or its agent will evaluate the Contractor's performance under this Contract on a periodic basis. Such evaluation will include assessing the Contractor's compliance with all Contract terms and conditions and performance standards. Contractor deficiencies which the County determines are severe or continuing and that may place performance of the Contract in jeopardy if not corrected will be reported to the County Purchasing Agent.

The report will include improvement/corrective action measures taken by the County and the Contractor. If improvement does not occur consistent with the corrective action measures, the County may terminate this Contract or impose other penalties as specified in this Contract.

## **8.15 DAMAGE TO COUNTY FACILITIES, BUILDINGS OR GROUNDS**

- 8.15.1 The Contractor shall repair, or cause to be repaired, at its own cost, any and all damage to County facilities, buildings, or grounds caused by the Contractor or employees or agents of the Contractor. Such repairs shall be made immediately after the Contractor has become aware of such damage, but in no event later than thirty (30) days after the occurrence.
- 8.15.2 If the Contractor fails to make timely repairs, County may make any necessary repairs. All costs incurred by County, as determined by County, for such repairs shall be repaid by the Contractor by cash payment upon demand.

## **8.16 EMPLOYMENT ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION**

- 8.16.1 The Contractor warrants that it fully complies with all Federal and State statutes and regulations regarding the employment of aliens and others and that all its employees performing work under this Contract meet the citizenship or alien status requirements set forth in Federal and State statutes and regulations. The Contractor shall obtain, from all employees performing work hereunder, all verification and other documentation of employment eligibility status required by Federal and State statutes and regulations including, but not limited to, the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, (P.L. 99-603), or as they currently exist and as they may be hereafter amended. The Contractor shall retain all such documentation for all covered employees for the period prescribed by law.
- 8.16.2 The Contractor shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless, the County, its agents, officers, and employees from employer sanctions and any other liability which may be assessed against the Contractor or the County or both in connection with any alleged violation of any Federal or State statutes or regulations pertaining to the eligibility for employment of any persons performing work under this Contract.

## **8.17 FACSIMILE REPRESENTATIONS**

The County and the Contractor hereby agree to regard facsimile representations of original signatures of authorized officers of each party, when appearing in appropriate places on the Amendments prepared pursuant to sub-paragraph 8.1, and received via communications facilities, as legally sufficient evidence that such original signatures have been affixed to Amendments to this

Contract, such that the parties need not follow up facsimile transmissions of such documents with subsequent (non-facsimile) transmission of "original" versions of such documents.

#### **8.18 FAIR LABOR STANDARDS**

The Contractor shall comply with all applicable provisions of the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act and shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the County and its agents, officers, and employees from any and all liability, including, but not limited to, wages, overtime pay, liquidated damages, penalties, court costs, and attorneys' fees arising under any wage and hour law, including, but not limited to, the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act, for work performed by the Contractor's employees for which the County may be found jointly or solely liable.

#### **8.19 FORCE MAJEURE**

8.19.1 Neither party shall be liable for such party's failure to perform its obligations under and in accordance with this Contract, if such failure arises out of fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, other natural occurrences, strikes, lockouts (other than a lockout by such party or any of such party's subcontractors), freight embargoes, or other similar events to those described above, but in every such case the failure to perform must be totally beyond the control and without any fault or negligence of such party (such events are referred to in this sub-paragraph as "force majeure events").

8.19.2 Notwithstanding the foregoing, a default by a subcontractor of Contractor shall not constitute a force majeure event, unless such default arises out of causes beyond the control of both Contractor and such subcontractor, and without any fault or negligence of either of them. In such case, Contractor shall not be liable for failure to perform, unless the goods or services to be furnished by the subcontractor were obtainable from other sources in sufficient time to permit Contractor to meet the required performance schedule. As used in this sub-paragraph, the term "subcontractor" and "subcontractors" mean subcontractors at any tier.

8.19.3 In the event Contractor's failure to perform arises out of a force majeure event, Contractor agrees to use commercially reasonable best efforts to obtain goods or services from other sources, if applicable, and to otherwise mitigate the damages and reduce the delay caused by such force majeure event.

## **8.20 GOVERNING LAW, JURISDICTION, AND VENUE**

This Contract shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of California. The Contractor agrees and consents to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of the State of California for all purposes regarding this Contract and further agrees and consents that venue of any action brought hereunder shall be exclusively in the County of Los Angeles.

## **8.21 INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR STATUS**

8.21.1 This Contract is by and between the County and the Contractor and is not intended, and shall not be construed, to create the relationship of agent, servant, employee, partnership, joint venture, or association, as between the County and the Contractor. The employees and agents of one party shall not be, or be construed to be, the employees or agents of the other party for any purpose whatsoever.

8.21.2 The Contractor shall be solely liable and responsible for providing to, or on behalf of, all persons performing work pursuant to this Contract all compensation and benefits. The County shall have no liability or responsibility for the payment of any salaries, wages, unemployment benefits, disability benefits, Federal, State, or local taxes, or other compensation, benefits, or taxes for any personnel provided by or on behalf of the Contractor.

8.21.3 The Contractor understands and agrees that all persons performing work pursuant to this Contract are, for purposes of Workers' Compensation liability, solely employees of the Contractor and not employees of the County. The Contractor shall be solely liable and responsible for furnishing any and all Workers' Compensation benefits to any person as a result of any injuries arising from or connected with any work performed by or on behalf of the Contractor pursuant to this Contract.

8.21.4 The Contractor shall adhere to the provisions stated in subparagraph 7.5 - Confidentiality.

## **8.22 INDEMNIFICATION**

The Contractor shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the County, its Special Districts, elected and appointed officers, employees, and agents from and against any and all liability, including but not limited to demands, claims, actions, fees, costs, and expenses (including attorney and expert witness fees), arising from or connected with the Contractor's acts and/or omissions arising from and/or relating to this Contract.

## **8.23 GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR ALL INSURANCE COVERAGE**

Without limiting Contractor's indemnification of County, and in the performance of this Contract and until all of its obligations pursuant to this Contract have been met, Contractor shall provide and maintain at its own expense insurance coverage satisfying the requirements specified in Sections 8.24 and 8.25 of this Contract. These minimum insurance coverage terms, types and limits (the "Required Insurance") also are in addition to and separate from any other contractual obligation imposed upon Contractor pursuant to this Contract. The County in no way warrants that the Required Insurance is sufficient to protect the Contractor for liabilities which may arise from or relate to this Contract.

### **8.23.1 Evidence of Coverage and Notice to County**

- Certificate(s) of insurance coverage (Certificate) satisfactory to County, and a copy of an Additional Insured endorsement confirming County and its Agents (defined below) has been given Insured status under the Contractor's General Liability policy, shall be delivered to County at the address shown below and provided prior to commencing services under this Contract.
- Renewal Certificates shall be provided to County not less than 10 days prior to Contractor's policy expiration dates. The County reserves the right to obtain complete, certified copies of any required Contractor and/or Sub-Contractor insurance policies at any time.
- Certificates shall identify all Required Insurance coverage types and limits specified herein, reference this Contract by name or number, and be signed by an authorized representative of the insurer(s). The Insured party named on the Certificate shall match the name of the Contractor identified as the contracting party in this Contract. Certificates shall provide the full name of each insurer providing coverage, its NAIC (National

Association of Insurance Commissioners) identification number, its financial rating, the amounts of any policy deductibles or self-insured retentions exceeding fifty thousand (\$50,000.00) dollars, and list any County required endorsement forms.

- Neither the County's failure to obtain, nor the County's receipt of, or failure to object to a non-complying insurance certificate or endorsement, or any other insurance documentation or information provided by the Contractor, its insurance broker(s) and/or insurer(s), shall be construed as a waiver of any of the Required Insurance provisions.

Certificates and copies of any required endorsements shall be sent to:

Ted Lo  
County of Los Angeles  
Internal Service Department  
1100 N Eastern Ave Rm G115  
Los Angeles CA 90063

- Contractor also shall promptly report to County any injury or property damage accident or incident, including any injury to a Contractor employee occurring on County property, and any loss, disappearance, destruction, misuse, or theft of County property, monies or securities entrusted to Contractor.
- Contractor also shall promptly notify County of any third party claim or suit filed against Contractor or any of its Sub-Contractors which arises from or relates to this Contract, and could result in the filing of a claim or lawsuit against Contractor and/or County.

#### **8.23.2 Additional Insured Status and Scope of Coverage**

The County of Los Angeles, its Special Districts, Elected Officials, Officers, Agents, Employees and Volunteers (collectively County and its Agents) shall be provided additional insured status under Contractor's General Liability policy with respect to liability arising out of Contractor's ongoing and completed operations performed on behalf of the County. County and its Agents additional insured status shall apply with respect to liability and defense of suits arising out of the Contractor's acts or omissions, whether such liability is attributable to the Contractor or to the County. The full policy limits and

scope of protection also shall apply to the County and its Agents as an additional insured, even if they exceed the County's minimum Required Insurance specifications herein.

Use of an automatic additional insured endorsement form is acceptable providing it satisfies the Required Insurance provisions herein.

**8.23.3 Cancellation of Insurance**

Except in the case of cancellation for non-payment of premium, Contractor's insurance policies shall provide, and Certificates shall specify, that County shall receive not less than thirty (30) days advance written notice by mail of any cancellation of the Required Insurance. Ten (10) days prior notice may be given to County in event of cancellation for non-payment of premium.

**8.23.4 Failure to Maintain Insurance**

Contractor's failure to maintain or to provide acceptable evidence that it maintains the Required Insurance shall constitute a material breach of the Contract, upon which County immediately may withhold payments due to Contractor, and/or suspend or terminate this Contract. County, at its sole discretion, may obtain damages from Contractor resulting from said breach.

**8.23.5 Insurer Financial Ratings**

Coverage shall be placed with insurers acceptable to the County with A.M. Best ratings of not less than A:VII unless otherwise approved by County.

**8.23.6 Contractor's Insurance Shall Be Primary**

Contractor's insurance policies, with respect to any claims related to this Contract, shall be primary with respect to all other sources of coverage available to Contractor. Any County maintained insurance or self-insurance coverage shall be in excess of and not contribute to any Contractor coverage.

**8.23.7 Waivers of Subrogation**

To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Contractor hereby waives its rights and its insurer(s)' rights of recovery against County under all the Required Insurance

for any loss arising from or relating to this Contract. The Contractor shall require its insurers to execute any waiver of subrogation endorsements which may be necessary to effect such waiver.

#### **8.23.8 Sub-Contractor Insurance Coverage Requirements**

Contractor shall include all Sub-Contractors as insureds under Contractor's own policies, or shall provide County with each Sub-Contractor's separate evidence of insurance coverage. Contractor shall be responsible for verifying each Sub-Contractor complies with the Required Insurance provisions herein, and shall require that each Sub-Contractor name the County and Contractor as additional insureds on the Sub-Contractor's General Liability policy. Contractor shall obtain County's prior review and approval of any Sub-Contractor request for modification of the Required Insurance.

#### **8.23.9 Deductibles and Self-Insured Retentions (SIRs)**

Contractor's policies shall not obligate the County to pay any portion of any Contractor deductible or SIR. The County retains the right to require Contractor to reduce or eliminate policy deductibles and SIRs as respects the County, or to provide a bond guaranteeing Contractor's payment of all deductibles and SIRs, including all related claims investigation, administration and defense expenses. Such bond shall be executed by a corporate surety licensed to transact business in the State of California.

#### **8.23.10 Claims Made Coverage**

If any part of the Required Insurance is written on a claims made basis, any policy retroactive date shall precede the effective date of this Contract. Contractor understands and agrees it shall maintain such coverage for a period of not less than three (3) years following Contract expiration, termination or cancellation.

#### **8.23.11 Application of Excess Liability Coverage**

Contractors may use a combination of primary, and excess insurance policies which provide coverage as broad as ("follow form" over) the underlying primary policies, to satisfy the Required Insurance provisions.

**8.23.12 Separation of Insureds**

All liability policies shall provide cross-liability coverage as would be afforded by the standard ISO (Insurance Services Office, Inc.) separation of insureds provision with no insured versus insured exclusions or limitations.

**8.23.13 Alternative Risk Financing Programs**

The County reserves the right to review, and then approve, Contractor use of self-insurance, risk retention groups, risk purchasing groups, pooling arrangements and captive insurance to satisfy the Required Insurance provisions. The County and its Agents shall be designated as an Additional Covered Party under any approved program.

**8.23.14 County Review and Approval of Insurance Requirements**

The County reserves the right to review and adjust the Required Insurance provisions, conditioned upon County's determination of changes in risk exposures.

**8.24 INSURANCE COVERAGE**

**8.24.1 Commercial General Liability insurance** (providing scope of coverage equivalent to ISO policy form CG 00 01), naming County and its Agents as an additional insured, with limits of not less than:

General Aggregate:	\$2
million	
Products/Completed Operations Aggregate:	\$1 million
Personal and Advertising Injury:	\$1 million
Each Occurrence:	\$1 million

**8.24.2 Automobile Liability insurance** (providing scope of coverage equivalent to ISO policy form CA 00 01) with limits of not less than \$1 million for bodily injury and property damage, in combined or equivalent split limits, for each single accident. Insurance shall cover liability arising out of Contractor's use of autos pursuant to this Contract, including owned, leased, hired, and/or non-owned autos, as each may be applicable.

**8.24.3 Workers Compensation and Employers' Liability** insurance or qualified self-insurance satisfying statutory requirements, which includes Employers' Liability coverage with limits of not less than \$1 million per accident. If applicable to Contractor's operations, coverage also shall be arranged to satisfy the requirements of any federal workers or workmen's compensation law or any federal occupational disease law.

**8.24.4.1 Professional Liability/Errors and Omissions**

Insurance covering Contractor's liability arising from or related to this Contract, with limits of not less than \$1 million per claim and \$2 million aggregate. Further, Contractor understands and agrees it shall maintain such coverage for a period of not less than three (3) years following this Agreement's expiration, termination or cancellation.

**8.25 LIQUIDATED DAMAGES**

**8.25.1** If, in the judgment of the Purchasing Agent, or his designee, the Contractor is deemed to be non-compliant with the terms and obligations assumed hereby, the Purchasing Agent, or his designee, at his option, in addition to, or in lieu of, other remedies provided herein, may withhold the entire monthly payment or deduct pro rata from the Contractor's invoice for work not performed. A description of the work not performed and the amount to be withheld or deducted from payments to the Contractor from the County, will be forwarded to the Contractor by the Purchasing Agent, or his designee, in a written notice describing the reasons for said action.

**8.25.2** If the Purchasing Agent, or his designee, determines that there are deficiencies in the performance of this Contract that the Purchasing Agent, or his designee, deems are correctable by the Contractor over a certain time span, the Purchasing Agent, or his designee, will provide a written notice to the Contractor to correct the deficiency within specified time frames. Should the Contractor fail to correct deficiencies within said time frame, the Purchasing Agent, or his designee, may: (a) Deduct from the Contractor's payment, pro rata, those applicable portions of the Monthly Contract Sum; and/or (b) Deduct liquidated damages. The parties agree that it will be impracticable or extremely difficult to fix the extent of actual damages resulting from the failure of the Contractor to correct a deficiency within the specified time frame. The parties hereby agree that

under the current circumstances a reasonable estimate of such damages is One Hundred Dollars (\$100) per day per infraction, and that the Contractor shall be liable to the County for liquidated damages in said amount. Said amount shall be deducted from the County's payment to the Contractor; and/or (c) Upon giving five (5) days notice to the Contractor for failure to correct the deficiencies, the County may correct any and all deficiencies and the total costs incurred by the County for completion of the work by an alternate source, whether it be County forces or separate private contractor, will be deducted and forfeited from the payment to the Contractor from the County, as determined by the County.

8.25.3 The action noted in sub-paragraph 8.26.2 shall not be construed as a penalty, but as adjustment of payment to the Contractor to recover the County cost due to the failure of the Contractor to complete or comply with the provisions of this Contract.

8.25.4 This sub-paragraph shall not, in any manner, restrict or limit the County's right to damages for any breach of this Contract provided by law or as specified in the PRS or sub-paragraph 8.26.2, and shall not, in any manner, restrict or limit the County's right to terminate this Contract as agreed to herein.

#### **8.26 MOST FAVORED PUBLIC ENTITY**

If the Contractor's prices decline, or should the Contractor at any time during the term of this Contract provide the same goods or services under similar quantity and delivery conditions, based on a comparable aggregate annual spend, to the State of California or any county, municipality, or district of the State at prices below those set forth in this Contract, then such lower prices shall be immediately extended to the County.

#### **8.27 NONDISCRIMINATION AND AFFIRMATIVE ACTION**

8.27.1 The Contractor certifies and agrees that all persons employed by it, its affiliates, subsidiaries, or holding companies are and shall be treated equally without regard to or because of race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, sex, age, physical or mental disability, marital status, or political affiliation, in compliance with all applicable Federal and State anti-discrimination laws and regulations.

- 8.27.2 The Contractor shall certify to, and comply with, the provisions Contractor's EEO Certification submitted with RFP response.
- 8.27.3 The Contractor shall take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, sex, age, physical or mental disability, marital status, or political affiliation, in compliance with all applicable Federal and State anti-discrimination laws and regulations. Such action shall include, but is not limited to: employment, upgrading, demotion, transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff or termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation, and selection for training, including apprenticeship.
- 8.27.4 The Contractor certifies and agrees that it will deal with its subcontractors, bidders, or vendors without regard to or because of race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, sex, age, physical or mental disability, marital status, or political affiliation.
- 8.27.5 The Contractor certifies and agrees that it, its affiliates, subsidiaries, or holding companies shall comply with all applicable Federal and State laws and regulations to the end that no person shall, on the grounds of race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, sex, age, physical or mental disability, marital status, or political affiliation, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under this Contract or under any project, program, or activity supported by this Contract.
- 8.27.6 The Contractor shall allow County representatives access to the Contractor's employment records during regular business hours to verify compliance with the provisions of this sub-paragraph 8.28 when so requested by the County.
- 8.27.7 If the County finds that any provisions of this sub-paragraph 8.28 have been violated, such violation shall constitute a material breach of this Contract upon which the County may terminate or suspend this Contract. While the County reserves the right to determine independently that the anti-discrimination provisions of this Contract have been violated, in addition, a determination by the California Fair Employment and Housing Commission or the Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission that the Contractor has violated Federal or State anti-discrimination laws or regulations shall constitute a finding by the County

that the Contractor has violated the anti-discrimination provisions of this Contract.

8.27.8 The parties agree that in the event the Contractor violates any of the anti-discrimination provisions of this Contract, the County shall, at its sole option, be entitled to the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) for each such violation pursuant to California Civil Code Section 1671 as liquidated damages in lieu of terminating or suspending this Contract.

**8.28 NON EXCLUSIVITY**

Nothing herein is intended nor shall be construed as creating any exclusive arrangement with the Contractor. This Contract shall not restrict (Department) from acquiring similar, equal or like goods and/or services from other entities or sources.

**8.29 DELAYS**

Except as otherwise provided under this Contract, when either party has knowledge that any actual or potential situation is delaying or threatens to delay the timely performance of this Contract, that the party shall, within two (2) business days, give notice thereof, including all relevant information with respect thereto, to the other party.

**8.30 NOTICE OF DISPUTES**

The Contractor shall bring to the attention of the County, any dispute between the County and the Contractor regarding the performance of services as stated in this Contract.

The County Purchasing Agent and/or his designee shall make the sole determination regarding the disposition and resolution of the dispute.

**8.31 NOTICE TO EMPLOYEES REGARDING THE FEDERAL EARNED INCOME CREDIT**

The Contractor shall notify its employees, and shall require each Subcontractor to notify its employees, that they may be eligible for the Federal Earned Income Credit under the federal income tax laws. Such notice shall be provided in accordance with the requirements set forth in Internal Revenue Service Notice No. 1015.

**8.32 NOTICE TO EMPLOYEES REGARDING THE SAFELY SURRENDERED BABY LAW**

The Contractor shall notify and provide to its employees, and shall require each Subcontractor to notify and provide to its employees, a fact sheet regarding the Safely Surrendered Baby Law, its implementation in Los Angeles County, and where and how to safely surrender a baby. The fact sheet is available on the Internet at [www.babysafela.org](http://www.babysafela.org) for printing purposes.

**8.33 NOTICES**

All notices or demands required or permitted to be given or made under this Contract shall be in writing and shall be hand delivered with signed receipt or mailed by first-class registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the parties as identified in Exhibits B - County's Administration and C - Contractor's Administration.

Addresses may be changed by either party giving ten (10) days' prior written notice thereof to the other party. The County Purchasing Agent or his designee shall have the authority to issue all notices or demands required or permitted by the County under this Contract.

**8.34 PROHIBITION AGAINST INDUCEMENT OR PERSUASION**

Notwithstanding the above, the Contractor and the County agree that, during the term of this Contract and for a period of one year thereafter, neither party shall in any way intentionally induce or persuade any employee of one party to become an employee or agent of the other party. No bar exists against any hiring action initiated through a public announcement.

**8.35 PUBLIC RECORDS ACT**

8.35.1 Any documents submitted by the Contractor; all information obtained in connection with the County's right to audit and inspect the Contractor's documents, books, and accounting records pursuant to sub-paragraph 8.38 - Record Retention and Inspection/Audit Settlement of this Contract; as well as those documents which were required to be submitted in response to the Request for Proposals (RFP) used in the solicitation process for this Contract, become the exclusive property of the County. All such documents become a matter of public record and shall be regarded as public records. Exceptions will be those elements in the California Government Code Section 6250 et seq. (Public Records Act) and which are marked "trade secret", "confidential", or "proprietary". The County shall not in any way be liable or responsible for the disclosure of any such records including,

without limitation, those so marked, if disclosure is required by law, or by an order issued by a court of competent jurisdiction.

- 8.35.2 In the event the County is required to defend an action on a Public Records Act request for any of the aforementioned documents, information, books, records, and/or contents of a proposal marked "trade secret", "confidential", or "proprietary", the Contractor agrees to defend and indemnify the County from all costs and expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees, in action or liability arising under the Public Records Act.

### **8.36 PUBLICITY**

- 8.36.1 The Contractor shall not disclose any details in connection with this Contract to any person or entity except as may be otherwise provided hereunder or required by law.

A. However, in recognizing the Contractor's need to identify its services and related clients to sustain itself, the County shall not inhibit the Contractor from publishing its role under this Contract within the following conditions:

- The Contractor shall develop all publicity material in a professional manner; and
- During the term of this Contract, the Contractor shall not, and shall not authorize another to, publish or disseminate any commercial advertisements, press releases, feature articles, or other materials using the name of the County without the prior written consent of the County's Contract Director. The County shall not unreasonably withhold written consent.

B. The Contractor may, without the prior written consent of County, indicate in its proposals and sales materials that it has been awarded this Contract with the County of Los Angeles, provided that the requirements of this sub-paragraph 8.37 shall apply.

### **8.37 RECORD RETENTION AND INSPECTION/AUDIT SETTLEMENT**

The Contractor shall maintain accurate and complete financial records of its activities and operations relating to this Contract in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The Contractor shall also maintain accurate and complete employment and other records relating to its performance of this Contract. The Contractor agrees that the County, or its authorized representatives, shall have access to and the right to examine, audit, excerpt, copy, or transcribe any pertinent transaction, activity, or record relating to this Contract.

All such material, including, but not limited to, all financial records, bank statements, cancelled checks or other proof of payment, timecards, sign-in/sign-out sheets and other time and employment records, and proprietary data and information, shall be kept and maintained by the Contractor and shall be made available to the County during the term of this Contract and for a period of five (5) years thereafter unless the County's written permission is given to dispose of any such material prior to such time.

All such material shall be maintained by the Contractor at a location in Los Angeles County, provided that if any such material is located outside Los Angeles County, then, at the County's option, the Contractor shall pay the County for travel, per diem, and other costs incurred by the County to examine, audit, excerpt, copy, or transcribe such material at such other location.

8.37.1 In the event that an audit of the Contractor is conducted specifically regarding this Contract by any Federal or State auditor, or by any auditor or accountant employed by the Contractor or otherwise, then the Contractor shall file a copy of such audit report with the County's Purchasing Agent within thirty (30) days of the Contractor's receipt thereof, unless otherwise provided by applicable Federal or State law or under this Contract. Subject to applicable law, the County shall make a reasonable effort to maintain the confidentiality of such audit report(s).

8.37.2 Failure on the part of the Contractor to comply with any of the provisions of this sub-paragraph 8.38 shall constitute a material breach of this Contract upon which the County may terminate or suspend this Contract.

8.37.3 If, at any time during the term of this Contract or within five (5) years after the expiration or termination of this Contract, representatives of the County conduct an audit of the Contractor regarding the work performed under this

Contract, and if such audit finds that the County's dollar liability for any such work is less than payments made by the County to the Contractor, then the difference shall be either: a) repaid by the Contractor to the County by cash payment upon demand or b) at the sole option of the County's Purchasing Agent, deducted from any amounts due to the Contractor from the County, whether under this Contract or otherwise.

8.37.4 Each provision as stated herein shall also apply to participating public agencies.

### **8.38 RECYCLED BOND PAPER**

Consistent with the Board of Supervisors' policy to reduce the amount of solid waste deposited at the County landfills, the Contractor agrees to use recycled-content paper to the maximum extent possible on this Contract.

### **8.39 SUBCONTRACTING**

8.39.1 The requirements of this Contract may not be subcontracted by the Contractor **without the advance approval of the County**. Any attempt by the Contractor to subcontract without the prior consent of the County may be deemed a material breach of this Contract.

8.39.2 If the Contractor desires to subcontract, the Contractor shall provide the following information promptly at the County's request:

- A description of the work to be performed by the Subcontractor;
- A draft copy of the proposed subcontract; and
- Other pertinent information and/or certifications requested by the County.

8.39.3 The Contractor shall indemnify and hold the County harmless with respect to the activities of each and every Subcontractor in the same manner and to the same degree as if such Subcontractor(s) were the Contractor employees.

8.39.4 The Contractor shall remain fully responsible for all performances required of it under this Contract, including those that the Contractor has determined to subcontract, notwithstanding the County's approval of the Contractor's proposed subcontract.

- 8.39.5 The County's consent to subcontract shall not waive the County's right to prior and continuing approval of any and all personnel, including Subcontractor employees, providing services under this Contract. The Contractor is responsible to notify its Subcontractors of this County right.
- 8.39.6 The County's Purchasing Agent or his designee is authorized to act for and on behalf of the County with respect to approval of any subcontract and Subcontractor employees. After approval of the subcontract by the County, Contractor shall forward a fully executed subcontract to the County for their files.
- 8.39.7 The Contractor shall be solely liable and responsible for all payments or other compensation to all Subcontractors and their officers, employees, agents, and successors in interest arising through services performed hereunder, notwithstanding the County's consent to subcontract.
- 8.39.8 The Contractor shall obtain certificates of insurance, which establish that the Subcontractor maintains all the programs of insurance required by the County from each approved Subcontractor. The Contractor shall ensure delivery of all such documents to:

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Internal Services Department  
1100 N Eastern Ave Rm G115  
Los Angeles CA 90063

before any Subcontractor employee may perform any work hereunder.

**8.40 TERMINATION FOR BREACH OF WARRANTY TO MAINTAIN COMPLIANCE WITH COUNTY'S CHILD SUPPORT COMPLIANCE PROGRAM**

Failure of the Contractor to maintain compliance with the requirements set forth in sub-paragraph 8.13 - Contractor's Warranty of Adherence to County's Child Support Compliance Program, shall constitute default under this Contract. Without limiting the rights and remedies available to the County under any other provision of this Contract, failure of the Contractor to cure such default within ninety (90) calendar days of written notice shall be grounds upon which the County may terminate this Contract pursuant to sub-paragraph 8.42 - Termination for Default and pursue debarment of the Contractor, pursuant to County Code Chapter 2.202.

#### **8.41 TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE**

8.41.1 This Contract may be terminated, in whole or in part, from time to time, when such action is deemed by the County, in its sole discretion, to be in its best interest. Such termination shall be effected by notice of termination to the Contractor specifying the extent to which performance of work is terminated and the date upon which such termination becomes effective. The date upon which such termination becomes effective shall be no less than sixty (60) days after the notice is sent.

8.41.2 This Contract may be terminated, in whole or in part, from time to time, after the initial year, when such action is deemed by the Contractor, in its sole discretion, to be in its best interest. Such termination shall be effected by notice of termination to the County specifying the extent to which performance of work is terminated and the date upon which such termination becomes effective. The date upon which such termination becomes effective shall be no less than six (6) months after the notice is sent.

8.41.3 After receipt of a notice of termination from the County, or giving a notice of termination to the County, and except as otherwise directed by the County, the Contractor shall:

- Stop work under this Contract on the date and to the extent specified in such notice, and
- Complete performance of such part of the work as shall not have been terminated by such notice.

8.41.4 All material including books, records, documents, or other evidence bearing on the costs and expenses of the Contractor under this Contract shall be maintained by the Contractor in accordance with sub-paragraph 8.37, Record Retention AND Inspection/Audit Settlement.

#### **8.42 TERMINATION FOR DEFAULT**

8.42.1 The County may, by written notice to the Contractor, terminate the whole or any part of this Contract, if, in the judgment of County's Purchasing Agent or designee:

- Contractor has materially breached this Contract; or
- Contractor fails to timely provide and/or satisfactorily perform any task, deliverable, service, or other work required either under this Contract; or

- Contractor fails to demonstrate a high probability of timely fulfillment of performance requirements under this Contract, or of any obligations of this Contract and in either case, fails to demonstrate convincing progress toward a cure within five (5) working days (or such longer period as the County may authorize in writing) after receipt of written notice from the County specifying such failure.

8.42.2 In the event that the County terminates this Contract in whole or in part as provided in sub-paragraph 8.42.1, the County may procure, upon such terms and in such manner as the County may deem appropriate, goods and services similar to those so terminated. The Contractor shall be liable to the County for any and all excess costs incurred by the County, as determined by the County, for such similar goods and services. The Contractor shall continue the performance of this Contract to the extent not terminated under the provisions of this sub-paragraph.

8.42.3 Except with respect to defaults of any Subcontractor, the Contractor shall not be liable for any such excess costs of the type identified in sub-paragraph 8.42.2 if its failure to perform this Contract arises out of causes beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the Contractor. Such causes may include, but are not limited to: acts of God or of the public enemy, acts of the County in either its sovereign or contractual capacity, acts of Federal or State governments in their sovereign capacities, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, strikes, freight embargoes, and unusually severe weather; but in every case, the failure to perform must be beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the Contractor. If the failure to perform is caused by the default of a Subcontractor, and if such default arises out of causes beyond the control of both the Contractor and Subcontractor, and without the fault or negligence of either of them, the Contractor shall not be liable for any such excess costs for failure to perform, unless the goods or services to be furnished by the Subcontractor were obtainable from other sources in sufficient time to permit the Contractor to meet the required performance schedule. As used in this sub-paragraph, the term "Subcontractor(s)" means Subcontractor(s) at any tier.

8.42.4 If, after the County has given notice of termination under the provisions of this sub-paragraph 8.42, it is determined by the County that the Contractor was not in default under the

provisions of this sub-paragraph 8.42, or that the default was excusable under the provisions of sub-paragraph 8.42.3, the rights and obligations of the parties shall be the same as if the notice of termination had been issued pursuant to sub-paragraph 8.41 - Termination for Convenience.

8.42.5 The rights and remedies of the County provided in this sub-paragraph 8.42 shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this Contract.

#### **8.43 TERMINATION FOR IMPROPER CONSIDERATION**

8.43.1 The County may, by written notice to the Contractor, immediately terminate the right of the Contractor to proceed under this Contract if it is found that consideration, in any form, was offered or given by the Contractor, either directly or through an intermediary, to any County officer, employee, or agent with the intent of securing this Contract or securing favorable treatment with respect to the award, amendment, or extension of this Contract or the making of any determinations with respect to the Contractor's performance pursuant to this Contract. In the event of such termination, the County shall be entitled to pursue the same remedies against the Contractor as it could pursue in the event of default by the Contractor.

8.43.2 The Contractor shall immediately report any attempt by a County officer or employee to solicit such improper consideration. The report shall be made either to the County manager charged with the supervision of the employee or to the County Auditor-Controller's Employee Fraud Hotline at (800) 544-6861.

8.43.3 Among other items, such improper consideration may take the form of cash, discounts, service, the provision of travel or entertainment, or tangible gifts.

#### **8.44 TERMINATION FOR INSOLVENCY**

8.44.1 The County may terminate this Contract forthwith in the event of the occurrence of any of the following:

- Insolvency of the Contractor. The Contractor shall be deemed to be insolvent if it has ceased to pay its debts for at least sixty (60) days in the ordinary course of business or cannot pay its debts as they become due, whether or not a petition has been filed under the

Federal Bankruptcy Code and whether or not the Contractor is insolvent within the meaning of the Federal Bankruptcy Code;

- The filing of a voluntary or involuntary petition regarding the Contractor under the Federal Bankruptcy Code;
- The appointment of a Receiver or Trustee for the Contractor; or
- The execution by the Contractor of a general assignment for the benefit of creditors.

8.44.2 The rights and remedies of the County provided in this subparagraph 8.45 shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this Contract.

#### **8.45 TERMINATION FOR NON-ADHERENCE OF COUNTY LOBBYIST ORDINANCE**

The Contractor, and each County Lobbyist or County Lobbying firm as defined in County Code Section 2.160.010 retained by the Contractor, shall fully comply with the County's Lobbyist Ordinance, County Code Chapter 2.160. Failure on the part of the Contractor or any County Lobbyist or County Lobbying firm retained by the Contractor to fully comply with the County's Lobbyist Ordinance shall constitute a material breach of this Contract, upon which the County may in its sole discretion, immediately terminate or suspend this Contract.

#### **8.46 TERMINATION FOR NON-APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS**

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Contract, the County shall not be obligated for the Contractor's performance hereunder or by any provision of this Contract during any of the County's future fiscal years unless and until the County's Board of Supervisors appropriates funds for this Contract in the County's Budget for each such future fiscal year. In the event that funds are not appropriated for this Contract, then this Contract shall terminate as of June 30 of the last fiscal year for which funds were appropriated. The County shall notify the Contractor in writing of any such non-allocation of funds at the earliest possible date.

**8.47 VALIDITY**

If any provision of this Contract or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of this Contract and the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

**8.48 WAIVER**

No waiver by the County of any breach of any provision of this Contract shall constitute a waiver of any other breach or of such provision. Failure of the County to enforce at any time, or from time to time, any provision of this Contract shall not be construed as a waiver thereof. The rights and remedies set forth in this subparagraph 8.49 shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this Contract.

**8.49 WARRANTY AGAINST CONTINGENT FEES**

8.49.1 The Contractor warrants that no person or selling agency has been employed or retained to solicit or secure this Contract upon any Contract or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee, excepting bona fide employees or bona fide established commercial or selling agencies maintained by the Contractor for the purpose of securing business.

8.49.2 For breach of this warranty, the County shall have the right to terminate this Contract and, at its sole discretion, deduct from the Contract price or consideration, or otherwise recover, the full amount of such commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee.

**8.50 WARRANTY OF COMPLIANCE WITH COUNTY'S DEFAULTED PROPERTY TAX REDUCTION PROGRAM**

Contractor acknowledges that County has established a goal of ensuring that all individuals and businesses that benefit financially from County through contract are current in paying their property tax obligations (secured and unsecured roll) in order to mitigate the economic burden otherwise imposed upon County and its taxpayers.

Unless Contractor qualifies for an exemption or exclusion, Contractor warrants and certifies that to the best of its knowledge it is now in compliance, and during the term of this contract will maintain compliance, with Los Angeles County Code Chapter 2.206.

**8.51 TERMINATION FOR BREACH OF WARRANTY TO MAINTAIN COMPLIANCE WITH COUNTY'S DEFAULTED PROPERTY TAX REDUCTION PROGRAM**

Failure of Contractor to maintain compliance with the requirements set forth in Paragraph 8.51 "Warranty of Compliance with County's Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program" shall constitute default under this contract. Without limiting the rights and remedies available to County under any other provision of this contract, failure of Contractor to cure such default within 10 days of notice shall be grounds upon which County may terminate this contract and/or pursue debarment of Contractor, pursuant to County Code Chapter 2.206.

**9.0 UNIQUE TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

**9.1 CONTRACTOR'S ONGOING OBLIGATION TO REPORT LABOR LAW/PAYROLL VIOLATIONS AND CLAIMS**

During the term of the Contract, if the Contractor becomes aware of any labor law/payroll violation or any complaint, investigation or proceeding ("claim") concerning any alleged labor law/payroll violation (including but not limited to any violation or claim pertaining to wages, hours and working conditions such as minimum wage, prevailing wage, living wage, the Fair Labor Standards Act, employment of minors, or unlawful employment discrimination), the Contractor shall immediately inform the County of any pertinent facts known by the Contractor regarding same. This disclosure obligation is not limited to any labor law/payroll violation or claim arising out of the Contractor's contract with the County, but instead applies to any labor law/payroll violation or claim arising out of any of the Contractor's operations in California.

**9.2 CONTRACTOR'S OBLIGATIONS AS A "BUSINESS ASSOCIATE" UNDER HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 1996 (HIPAA) AND THE HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY FOR ECONOMIC AND CLINICAL HEALTH ACT (HITECH)**

The County is subject to the Administrative Simplification requirements of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA). Under this Contract, the Contractor provides services to the County and the Contractor receives, has access to, and/or creates Protected Health Information as defined in Exhibit D in order to provide those services. The County and the Contractor therefore agree to the terms of Exhibit D, Contractor's Obligations As a "Business Associate" Under Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) and the Health Information

Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act (HITECH)  
(Business Associate Agreement).

**9.3 PATENT, COPYRIGHT AND TRADE SECRET  
INDEMNIFICATION**

9.3.1 The Contractor shall indemnify, hold harmless and defend County from and against any and all liability, damages, costs, and expenses, including, but not limited to, defense costs and attorneys' fees, for or by reason of any actual or alleged infringement of any third party's patent or copyright, or any actual or alleged unauthorized trade secret disclosure, arising from or related to the operation and utilization of the Contractor's work under this Contract. County shall inform the Contractor as soon as practicable of any claim or action alleging such infringement or unauthorized disclosure, and shall support the Contractor's defense and settlement thereof.

9.3.2 In the event any equipment, part thereof, or software product becomes the subject of any complaint, claim, or proceeding alleging infringement or unauthorized disclosure, such that County's continued use of such item is formally restrained, enjoined, or subjected to a risk of damages, the Contractor, at its sole expense, and providing that County's continued use of the system is not materially impeded, shall either:

- Procure for County all rights to continued use of the questioned equipment, part, or software product; or
- Replace the questioned equipment, part, or software product with a non-questioned item; or
- Modify the questioned equipment, part, or software so that it is free of claims.

9.3.3 The Contractor shall have no liability if the alleged infringement or unauthorized disclosure is based upon a use of the questioned product, either alone or in combination with other items not supplied by the Contractor, in a manner for which the questioned product was not designed nor intended.

**9.4 TRANSITIONAL JOB OPPORTUNITIES PREFERENCE PROGRAM**

9.4.1 This Contract is subject to the provisions of the County's ordinance entitles Transitional Job Opportunities Preference Program, as codified in Chapter 2.205 of the Los Angeles County Code.

9.4.2 Contractor shall not knowingly and with the intent to defraud, fraudulently obtain, retain, attempt to obtain or retain, or aid another in fraudulently obtaining or retaining or attempting to obtain or retain certification as a Transitional Job Opportunity vendor.

9.4.3 Contractor shall not willfully and knowingly make a false statement with the intent to defraud, whether by affidavit, report, or other representation, to a County official or employee for the purpose of influencing the certification or denial of certification of any entity as a Transitional Job Opportunity vendor.

9.4.4 If Contractor has obtained County certification as a Transitional Job Opportunity vendor by reason of having furnished incorrect supporting information or by reason of having withheld information, and which knew, or should have known, the information furnished was incorrect or the information withheld was relevant to its request for certification, and which by reason of such certification has been awarded this contract to which it would not otherwise have been entitled, shall:

1. Pay to the County any difference between the contract amount and what the County's costs would have been if the contract had been properly awarded;
2. In addition to the amount described in subdivision (1), be assessed a penalty in an amount of not more than 10 percent (10%) of the amount of the contract; and
3. Be subject to the provisions of Chapter 2.202 of the Los Angeles County Code (Determinations of Contractor Non-responsibility and Contractor Debarment).

The above penalties shall also apply to any entity that has previously obtained proper certification, however, as a result of a change in their status would no longer be

eligible for certification, and fails to notify the certifying department of this information prior to responding to a solicitation or accepting a contract award.

#### **10.0 INJURY & ILLNESS PREVENTION PROGRAM (IIPP)**

Contractor shall be required to comply with the State of California's Cal OSHA's regulations. Section 3203 of Title 8 in the California Code of Regulations requires all California employers to have a written, effective Injury and Illness Prevention Program (IIPP) that addresses hazards pertaining to the particular workplace covered by the program. Contractor must provide a copy of Vendor's IIPP if requested by County.

#### **11.0 GRATUITIES**

It is improper for any County officer, employee or agent to solicit consideration, in any form, from a Contractor with the implication, suggestion or statement that the Contractor's provision of the consideration may secure more favorable treatment for the Contractor in the award of the Contract or that the Contractor's failure to provide such consideration may negatively affect the County's consideration of the Contractor's submission.

A Contractor shall not offer or give either directly or through an intermediary, consideration, in any form, to a County officer, employee or agent for the purpose of securing favorable treatment with respect to the award of the Contract.

#### **12.0 CONSUMPTION REPORTS/ITEM NUMBERS/PURCHASES**

Each County department or participating agency is to be assigned a customer number to be used in identifying each sale and proper billing address.

Contractor shall be required to furnish to the County's Purchasing Agent/designee or requesting participating agency, monthly computer based usage reports of purchases separated by individual County departments or entity, and/or delivery locations, and employee purchases, listing quantities of separate items purchased and total dollars expended.

Usage reports listing items in alphabetical order and descending dollar volume order must also be provided upon request.

Contractor must provide any other usage reports that the County Purchasing Agent/designee or participating agencies may require for

their internal controls including but not limited to Green Product consumption, HUB/DBE use, etc.

### **13.0 PARTICIPATING MUNICIPALITIES**

Excluding any local awards, the County has designated U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance (herein "U.S. Communities") as the agency to provide administrative services related to purchases by other governmental entities (Participating Public Agencies) under the Contract. At the County's sole discretion and option, and upon Contractor entering into the requisite U.S. Communities Administration Agreement, Participating Agencies may acquire products under the Contract. Such acquisitions shall be at the prices stated in the Contract, or lower.

The awarded Contractor must deal directly with any Participating Public Agency concerning the placement of orders, issuance of the purchase order, contractual disputes, invoicing, and payment. The County is acting as "Contracting Agent" for the Participating Public Agencies and shall not be held liable for any costs, damages, etc. incurred by any other Participating Public Agency.

In no event shall the County be considered a dealer, remarketer, agent or representative of the Contractor.

### **14.0 PRE-PRINTED TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

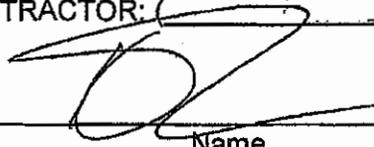
Pre-printed terms and conditions/bidders contract documents. Contractor's pre-printed terms and conditions or restrictions commonly appearing on the reverse side of letters submitted with the bid and/or bidders specifications material and contract documents will be disregarded in the absence of a positive written statement from Contractor and approved in writing by the County Purchasing Agent that all or a particular portion of such writings are in addition to or supersede the County terms and conditions.

### **15.0 RETURN OF GOODS RECEIVED**

Contractor agrees to accept for full credit any merchandise returned in good condition within five days after receipt of goods without any handling charges; however, no return shall be made of any material which has been put into operation other than for test. When products delivered fail to meet specification, cost of inspection shall be for account of vendor.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Contractor has executed this Contract, or caused it to be duly executed and the County of Los Angeles, by order of its Board of Supervisors has caused this Contract to be executed on its behalf by the Chair of said Board and attested by the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board of Supervisors thereof, the day and year first above written.

*INDEPENDENT STATIONERS, INC*  
CONTRACTOR: \_\_\_\_\_

By  \_\_\_\_\_  
Name

*VICE PRESIDENT - NATIONAL ACCOUNTS*  
Title

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

By  \_\_\_\_\_  
Purchasing Agent or designee

*Division Manager, Purchasing*

**COUNTY'S ADMINISTRATION**

**CONTRACT NO. MA-IS-1140050**

**COUNTY CONTRACT DIRECTOR:**

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**CONTRACTOR'S ADMINISTRATION**

**CONTRACT NO: MA-IS-1140050**

**CONTRACTOR'S NAME: INDEPENDENT STATIONERS, INC**

**CONTRACTOR'S CONTRACT MANAGER:**

Name: Kevin France  
Title: Vice President National Accounts  
Address: 250 E. 96th Street, Suite 510, Indianapolis, IN 46240  
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Facsimile: 317-579-0575  
E-Mail Address: france@isgroup.org

**CONTRACTOR'S AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL(S)**

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Title: President & CEO  
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Facsimile: 317-579-0575  
E-Mail Address: gentile@isgroup.org

**Notices to Contractor shall be sent to the following:**

Name: Kevin France  
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**AGREEMENT  
CONTRACTOR'S OBLIGATIONS AS A  
"BUSINESS ASSOCIATE" UNDER THE HEALTH INSURANCE  
PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 1996  
AND THE HEALTH CARE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
FOR ECONOMIC AND CLINICAL HEALTH ACT  
(BUSINESS ASSOCIATE AGREEMENT)**

Under this Agreement, Contractor ("Business Associate") provides services ("Services") to County ("Covered Entity") and Business Associate receives, has access to or creates Protected Health Information in order to provide those Services.

Covered Entity is subject to the Administrative Simplification requirements of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, Public Law 104-191 ("HIPAA"), and regulations promulgated there under, including the Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information ("Privacy Regulations") and the Health Insurance Reform: Security Standards ("the Security Regulations") at 45 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) Parts 160 and 164 (together, the "Privacy and Security Regulations"). The Privacy and Security Regulations require Covered Entity to enter into a contract with Business Associate ("Business Associate Agreement") in order to mandate certain protections for the privacy and security of Protected Health Information, and those Regulations prohibit the disclosure to or use of Protected Health Information by Business Associate if such a contract is not in place.

Further, pursuant to the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act, Public Law 111-005, *title XIII and title IV of Division B*, ("HITECH Act"), effective February 17, 2010, certain provisions of the HIPAA Privacy and Security Regulations apply to Business Associates in the same manner as they apply to Covered Entity and such provisions must be incorporated into the Business Associate Agreement.

This Business Associate Agreement and the following provisions are intended to protect the privacy and provide for the security of Protected Health Information disclosed to or used by Business Associate in compliance with HIPAA's Privacy and Security Regulations and the HITECH Act, as they now exist or may hereafter be amended.

Therefore, the parties agree as follows:

**DEFINITIONS**

- 1.1 "Breach" has the same meaning as the term "breach" in 45 C.F.R. § 164.402.
- 1.2 "Disclose" and "Disclosure" mean, with respect to Protected Health Information, the release, transfer, provision of access to, or divulging in any other manner of Protected Health Information outside Business Associate's internal operations or to other than its employees.

- 1.3 "Electronic Health Record" has the same meaning as the term "electronic health record" in the HITECH Act, 42 U.S.C. section 17921. Electronic Health Record means an electronic record of health-related information on an individual that is created, gathered, managed, and consulted by authorized health care clinicians and staff.
- 1.4 "Electronic Media" has the same meaning as the term "electronic media" in 45 C.F.R. § 160.103. Electronic Media means (1) Electronic storage media including memory devices in computers (hard drives) and any removable/transportable digital memory medium, such as magnetic tape or disk, optical disk, or digital memory card; or (2) Transmission media used to exchange information already in electronic storage media. Transmission media include, for example, the internet (wide-open), extranet (using internet technology to link a business with information accessible only to collaborating parties), leased lines, dial-up lines, private networks, and the physical movement of removable/transportable electronic storage media. Certain transmissions, including of paper, via facsimile, and of voice, via telephone, are not considered to be transmissions via electronic media, because the information being exchanged did not exist in electronic form before the transmission. The term "Electronic Media" draws no distinction between internal and external data, at rest (that is, in storage) as well as during transmission.
- 1.5 "Electronic Protected Health Information" has the same meaning as the term "electronic protected health information" in 45 C.F.R. § 160.103. Electronic Protected Health Information means Protected Health Information that is (i) transmitted by electronic media; (ii) maintained in electronic media.
- 1.6 "Individual" means the person who is the subject of Protected Health Information and shall include a person who qualifies as a personal representative in accordance with 45 C.F.R. § 164.502(g).
- 1.7 "Minimum Necessary" refers to the minimum necessary standard in 45 C.F.R. § 162.502 (b) as in effect or as amended.
- 1.8 "Privacy Rule" means the Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information at 45 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) Parts 160 and 164, also referred to as the Privacy Regulations.
- 1.9 "Protected Health Information" has the same meaning as the term "protected health information" in 45 C.F.R. § 160.103, limited to the information created or received by Business Associate from or on behalf of Covered Entity. Protected Health Information includes information that (i) relates to the past, present or future physical or mental health or 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; (ii) identifies the Individual (or for which

there is a reasonable basis for believing that the information can be used to identify the Individual); and (iii) is received by Business Associate from or on behalf of Covered Entity, or is created by Business Associate, or is made accessible to Business Associate by Covered Entity. "Protected Health Information" includes Electronic Health Information.

- 1.10 "Required By Law" means a mandate contained in law that compels an entity to make a Use or Disclosure of Protected Health Information and that is enforceable in a court of law. Required by law includes, but is not limited to, court orders and court-ordered warrants; subpoenas or summons issued by a court, grand jury, a governmental or tribal inspector general, or any administrative body authorized to require the production of information; a civil or an authorized investigative demand; Medicare conditions of participation with respect to health care providers participating in the program; and statutes or regulations that require the production of information, including statutes or regulations that require such information if payment is sought under a government program providing benefits.
- 1.11 "Security Incident" means the attempted or successful unauthorized access, Use, Disclosure, modification, or destruction of information in, or interference with system operations of, an Information System which contains Electronic Protected Health Information. However, Security Incident does not include attempts to access an Information System when those attempts are not reasonably considered by Business Associate to constitute an actual threat to the Information System.
- 1.12 "Security Rule" means the Security Standards for the Protection of Electronic Health Information also referred to as the Security Regulations at 45 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) Part 160 and 164.
- 1.13 "Services" has the same meaning as in the body of this Agreement.
- 1.14 "Unsecured Protected Health Information" has the same meaning as the term "unsecured protected health information" in 45 C.F.R. § 164.402.
- 1.15 "Use" or "Uses" mean, with respect to Protected Health Information, the sharing, employment, application, utilization, examination or analysis of such Information within Business Associate's internal operations.
- 1.16 Terms used, but not otherwise defined in this Business Associate Agreement shall have the same meaning as those terms in the HIPAA Regulations and HITECH Act.

## **OBLIGATIONS OF BUSINESS ASSOCIATE**

- 2.1 Permitted Uses and Disclosures of Protected Health Information. Business Associate:

(a) shall Use and Disclose Protected Health Information only as necessary to perform the Services, and as provided in Sections 2.4, 2.5, 2.6, 2.7, 2.8, 2.9, 2.10, 4.3 and 5.2 of this Agreement;

(b) shall Disclose Protected Health Information to Covered Entity upon request;

(c) may, as necessary for the proper management and administration of its business or to carry out its legal responsibilities:

(i) Use Protected Health Information; and

(ii) Disclose Protected Health Information if the Disclosure is Required by Law.

Business Associate shall not Use or Disclose Protected Health Information for any other purpose or in any manner that would constitute a violation of the Privacy Regulations or the HITECH Act if so Used or Disclosed by Covered Entity.

2.2 Prohibited Uses and Disclosures of Protected Health Information. Business Associate:

(a) shall not Use or Disclose Protected Health Information for fundraising or marketing purposes.

(b) shall not disclose Protected Health Information to a health plan for payment or health care operations purposes if the Individual has requested this special restriction and has paid out of pocket in full for the health care item or service to which the Protected Health Information solely relates.

(c) shall not directly or indirectly receive payment in exchange for Protected Health Information, except with the prior written consent of Covered Entity and as permitted by the HITECH Act. This prohibition shall not affect payment by Covered Entity to Business Associate. Covered Entity shall not provide such written consent except upon express approval of the departmental privacy officer and only to the extent permitted by law, including HIPAA and the HITECH Act.

2.3 Adequate Safeguards for Protected Health Information. Business Associate:

(a) shall implement and maintain appropriate safeguards to prevent the Use or Disclosure of Protected Health Information in any manner other than as permitted by this Business Associate Agreement. Business Associate agrees to limit the Use and Disclosure of Protected Health Information to the

Minimum Necessary in accordance with the Privacy Regulation's minimum necessary standard as in effect or as amended.

- (b) as to Electronic Protected Health Information, shall implement and maintain administrative, physical, and technical safeguards that reasonably and appropriately protect the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of Electronic Protected Health Information; effective February 17, 2010, said safeguards shall be in accordance with 45 C.F.R. Sections 164.308, 164.310, and 164.312, and shall comply with the Security Rule's policies and procedure and documentation requirements.

2.4 Reporting Non-Permitted Use or Disclosure and Security Incidents and Breaches of Unsecured Protected Health Information. Business Associate

- (a) shall report to Covered Entity each Use or Disclosure of Protected Health Information that is made by Business Associate, its employees, representatives, Agents, subcontractors, or other parties under Business Associate's control with access to Protected Health Information but which is not specifically permitted by this Business Associate Agreement or otherwise required by law.
- (b) shall report to Covered Entity each Security Incident of which Business Associate becomes aware.
- (c) shall notify Covered Entity of each Breach by Business Associate, its employees, representatives, agents or subcontractors of Unsecured Protected Health Information that is known to Business Associate or, by exercising reasonable diligence, would have been known to Business Associate. Business Associate shall be deemed to have knowledge of a Breach of Unsecured Protected Health Information if the Breach is known, or by exercising reasonable diligence would have been known, to any person, other than the person committing the Breach, who is an employee, officer, or other agent of the Business Associate as determined in accordance with the federal common law of agency.

2.4.1 Immediate Telephonic Report. Except as provided in Section 2.4.3, notification shall be made immediately upon discovery of the non-permitted Use or Disclosure of Protected Health Information, Security Incident or Breach of Unsecured Protected Health Information by telephone call to County Contract Manager.

2.4.2 Written Report. Except as provided in Section 2.4.3, the initial telephonic notification shall be followed by written notification made without unreasonable delay and in no event later than three (3) business days from the date of discovery of the non-permitted Use or

Disclosure of Protected Health Information, Security Incident, or Breach by the Business Associate to the Chief Privacy Officer at:

Chief Privacy Officer  
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Suite 525  
Los Angeles, California 90012  
HIPAA@auditor.lacounty.gov  
(213) 974-2166

- (a) The notification required by section 2.4 shall include, to the extent possible, the identification of each Individual whose Unsecured Protected Health Information has been, or is reasonably believed by the Business Associate to have been, accessed, acquired, Used, or Disclosed; and
- (b) The notification required by section 2.4 shall include, to the extent possible, all information required to provide notification to the Individual under 45 C.F.R. 164.404(c), including:
  - (i) A brief description of what happened, including the date of the Breach and the date of the discovery of the Breach, if known;
  - (ii) A description of the types of Unsecured Protected Health Information that were involved in the Breach (such as whether full name, social security number, date of birth, home address, account number, diagnosis, disability code, or other types of information were involved);
  - (iii) Any other details necessary to conduct an assessment of whether there is a risk of harm to the Individual;
  - (iv) Any steps Business Associate believes that the Individual could take to protect him or herself from potential harm resulting from the breach;
  - (v) A brief description of what Business Associate is doing to investigate the Breach, to mitigate harm to the Individual, and to protect against any further Breaches; and
  - (vi) The name and contact information for the person most knowledge regarding the facts and circumstances of the Breach.

If Business Associate is not able to provide the information specified in section 2.3.2 (a) or (b) at the time of the notification required by section 2.4.2, Business Associate shall provide such information promptly thereafter as such information becomes available.

**2.4.3 Request for Delay by Law Enforcement.** Business Associate may delay the notification required by section 2.4 if a law enforcement official states to Business Associate that notification would impede a criminal investigation or cause damage to national security. If the law enforcement official's statement is in writing and specifies the time for which a delay is required, Business Associate shall delay notification, notice, or posting for the time period specified by the official; if the statement is made orally, Business Associate shall document the statement, including the identity of the official making the statement, and delay notification, notice, or posting temporarily and no longer than 30 days from the date of the oral statement, unless a written statement as described in paragraph (a) of this section is submitted during that time.

**2.5 Mitigation of Harmful Effect.** Business Associate agrees to mitigate, to the extent practicable, any harmful effect that is known to Business Associate of a Use or Disclosure of Protected Health Information by Business Associate in violation of the requirements of this Business Associate Agreement.

**2.6 Breach Notification.** Business Associate shall, to the extent Covered Entity determines that there has been a Breach of Unsecured Protected Health Information, provide Breach notification for each and every Breach of Unsecured Protected Health Information by Business Associate, its employees, representatives, agents or subcontractors, in a manner that permits Covered Entity to comply with its obligations under Subpart D, Notification in the Case of Breach of Unsecured PHI, of the Privacy and Security Regulations, including:

- (a) Notifying each Individual whose Unsecured Protected Health Information has been, or is reasonably believed to have been, accessed, acquired, Used, or Disclosed as a result of such Breach;
- (b) The notification required by paragraph (a) of this Section 2.6 shall include, to the extent possible:
  - (i) A brief description of what happened, including the date of the Breach and the date of the discovery of the Breach, if known;
  - (ii) A description of the types of Unsecured Protected Health Information that were involved in the Breach (such as whether full name, social security number, date of birth, home address, account number, diagnosis, disability code, or other types of information were involved);

- (iii) Any steps the Individual should take to protect him or herself from potential harm resulting from the Breach;
- (iv) A brief description of what Business Associate is doing to investigate the Breach, to mitigate harm to individuals, and to protect against any further Breaches; and
- (v) Contact procedures for Individual(s) to ask questions or learn additional information, which shall include a toll-free telephone number, an e-mail address, Web site, or postal address.
- (vi) The notification required by paragraph (a) of this section shall be written in plain language

Covered Entity, in its sole discretion, may elect to provide the notification required by this Section 2.6, and Business Associate shall reimburse Covered Entity any and all costs incurred by Covered Entity, including costs of notification, internet posting, or media publication, as a result of Business Associate's Breach of Unsecured Protected Health Information.

**2.7 Availability of Internal Practices, Books and Records to Government Agencies.**

Business Associate agrees to make its internal practices, books and records relating to the Use and Disclosure of Protected Health Information available to the Secretary of the federal Department of Health and Human Services for purposes of determining Covered Entity's compliance with the Privacy and Security Regulations. Business Associate shall immediately notify Covered Entity of any requests made by the Secretary and provide Covered Entity with copies of any documents produced in response to such request.

**2.8 Access to Protected Health Information.** Business Associate shall, to the extent Covered Entity determines that any Protected Health Information constitutes a "designated record set" as defined by 45 C.F.R. § 164.501, make the Protected Health Information specified by Covered Entity available to the Individual(s) identified by Covered Entity as being entitled to access and copy that Protected Health Information. Business Associate shall provide such access for inspection of that Protected Health Information within two (2) business days after receipt of request from Covered Entity. Business Associate shall provide copies of that Protected Health Information within five (5) business days after receipt of request from Covered Entity. If Business Associate maintains an Electronic Health Record, Business Associate shall provide such information in electronic format to enable Covered Entity to fulfill its obligations under the HITECH Act.

**2.9 Amendment of Protected Health Information.** Business Associate shall, to the extent Covered Entity determines that any Protected Health Information constitutes a "designated record set" as defined by 45 C.F.R. § 164.501, make

any amendments to Protected Health Information that are requested by Covered Entity. Business Associate shall make such amendment within ten (10) business days after receipt of request from Covered Entity in order for Covered Entity to meet the requirements under 45 C.F.R. § 164.526.

- 2.10 Accounting of Disclosures. Upon Covered Entity's request, Business Associate shall provide to Covered Entity an accounting of each Disclosure of Protected Health Information made by Business Associate or its employees, agents, representatives or subcontractors, in order to permit Covered Entity to respond to a request by an Individual for an accounting of disclosures of Protected Health Information in accordance with 45 C.F.R. § 164.528 and/or the HITECH Act which requires an Accounting of Disclosures of Protected Health Information maintained in an Electronic Health Record for treatment, payment, and health care operations.

*[Optional, to be used when all Uses and Disclosures permitted in order to perform the Services will be for the Covered Entity's payment or health care operations activities: However, Business Associate is not required to provide an Accounting of Disclosures that are necessary to perform the Services because such Disclosures are for either payment or health care operations purposes, or both.]*

Any accounting provided by Business Associate under this Section 2.10 shall include: (a) the date of the Disclosure; (b) the name, and address if known, of the entity or person who received the Protected Health Information; (c) a brief description of the Protected Health Information disclosed; and (d) a brief statement of the purpose of the Disclosure. For each Disclosure that could require an accounting under this Section 2.10, Business Associate shall document the information specified in (a) through (d), above, and shall securely maintain the information for six (6) years from the date of the Disclosure. Business Associate shall provide to Covered Entity, within ten (10) business days after receipt of request from Covered Entity, information collected in accordance with this Section 2.10 to permit Covered Entity to respond to a request by an Individual for an accounting of disclosures of Protected Health Information in accordance with 45 C.F.R. § 164.528. If Business Associate maintains an Electronic Health Record, Business Associate shall provide such information in electronic format to enable Covered Entity to fulfill its obligations under the HITECH Act.

- 2.11 Indemnification. Business Associate shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Covered Entity, including its elected and appointed officers, employees, and agents, from and against any and all liability, including but not limited to demands, claims, actions, fees, costs, penalties and fines (including regulatory penalties and/or fines), and expenses (including attorney and expert witness fees), arising from or connected with Business Associate's acts and/or omissions arising from and/or relating to this Business Associate Agreement; Business

Associate's obligations under this provision extend to compliance and/or enforcement actions and/or activities, whether formal or informal, of Secretary of the federal Department of Health and Human Services and/or Office for Civil Rights.

### 3.0 OBLIGATION OF COVERED ENTITY

- 3.1 Obligation of Covered Entity. Covered Entity shall notify Business Associate of any current or future restrictions or limitations on the use of Protected Health Information that would affect Business Associate's performance of the Services, and Business Associate shall thereafter restrict or limit its own uses and disclosures accordingly.

### 4.0 TERM AND TERMINATION

- 4.1 Term. The term of this Business Associate Agreement shall be the same as the term of this Agreement. Business Associate's obligations under Sections 2.1 (as modified by Section 4.2), 2.4, 2.5, 2.6, 2.7, 2.8, 2.9, 2.10, 4.3 and 5.2 shall survive the termination or expiration of this Agreement.

- 4.2 Termination for Cause. In addition to and notwithstanding the termination provisions set forth in this Agreement, upon either party's knowledge of a material breach by the other party, the party with knowledge of the other party's breach shall:

- (a) Provide an opportunity for the breaching party to cure the breach or end the violation and terminate this Agreement if the breaching party does not cure the breach or end the violation within the time specified by the non-breaching party;
- (b) Immediately terminate this Agreement if a party has breached a material term of this Agreement and cure is not possible; or
- (c) If neither termination nor cure is feasible, report the violation to the Secretary of the federal Department of Health and Human Services.

### 4.3 Disposition of Protected Health Information Upon Termination or Expiration.

- (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, upon termination for any reason or expiration of this Agreement, Business Associate shall return or destroy all Protected Health Information received from Covered Entity, or created or received by Business Associate on behalf of Covered Entity. This provision shall apply to Protected Health Information that is in the possession of subcontractors or agents of Business Associate. Business Associate shall retain no copies of the Protected Health Information.

(b) In the event that Business Associate determines that returning or destroying the Protected Health Information is infeasible, Business Associate shall provide to Covered Entity notification of the conditions that make infeasible. If return or destruction is infeasible, Business Associate shall extend the protections of this Business Associate Agreement to such Protected Health Information and limit further Uses and Disclosures of such Protected Health Information to those purposes that make the return or destruction infeasible, for so long as Business Associate maintains such Protected Health Information.

## 5.0 MISCELLANEOUS

- 5.1 No Third Party Beneficiaries. Nothing in this Business Associate Agreement shall confer upon any person other than the parties and their respective successors or assigns, any rights, remedies, obligations, or liabilities whatsoever.
- 5.2 Use of Subcontractors and Agents. Business Associate shall require each of its agents and subcontractors that receive Protected Health Information from Business Associate, or create Protected Health Information for Business Associate, on behalf of Covered Entity, to execute a written agreement obligating the agent or subcontractor to comply with all the terms of this Business Associate Agreement.
- 5.3 Relationship to Services Agreement Provisions. In the event that a provision of this Business Associate Agreement is contrary to another provision of this Agreement, the provision of this Business Associate Agreement shall control. Otherwise, this Business Associate Agreement shall be construed under, and in accordance with, the terms of this Agreement.
- 5.4 Regulatory References. A reference in this Business Associate Agreement to a section in the Privacy or Security Regulations means the section as in effect or as amended.
- 5.5 Interpretation. Any ambiguity in this Business Associate Agreement shall be resolved in favor of a meaning that permits Covered Entity to comply with the Privacy and Security Regulations.
- 5.6 Amendment. The parties agree to take such action as is necessary to amend this Business Associate Agreement from time to time as is necessary for Covered Entity to comply with the requirements of the Privacy and Security Regulations and other privacy laws governing Protected Health Information

CONTRACTOR NAME: Independent Stationers Inc Contract No. MA-IS-1140050

GENERAL INFORMATION:

The Contractor referenced above has entered into a contract with the County of Los Angeles to provide certain services to the County. The County requires the Corporation to sign this Contractor Acknowledgement and Confidentiality Agreement.

CONTRACTOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

Contractor understands and agrees that the Contractor employees, consultants, Outsourced Vendors and independent contractors (Contractor's Staff) that will provide services in the above referenced agreement are Contractor's sole responsibility. Contractor understands and agrees that Contractor's Staff must rely exclusively upon Contractor for payment of salary and any and all other benefits payable by virtue of Contractor's Staff's performance of work under the above-referenced contract.

Contractor understands and agrees that Contractor's Staff are not employees of the County of Los Angeles for any purpose whatsoever and that Contractor's Staff do not have and will not acquire any rights or benefits of any kind from the County of Los Angeles by virtue of my performance of work under the above-referenced contract. Contractor understands and agrees that Contractor's Staff will not acquire any rights or benefits from the County of Los Angeles pursuant to any agreement between any person or entity and the County of Los Angeles.

CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT:

Contractor and Contractor's Staff may be involved with work pertaining to services provided by the County of Los Angeles and, if so, Contractor and Contractor's Staff may have access to confidential data and information pertaining to persons and/or entities receiving services from the County. In addition, Contractor and Contractor's Staff may also have access to proprietary information supplied by other vendors doing business with the County of Los Angeles. The County has a legal obligation to protect all such confidential data and information in its possession, especially data and information concerning health, criminal, and welfare recipient records. Contractor and Contractor's Staff understand that if they are involved in County work, the County must ensure that Contractor and Contractor's Staff, will protect the confidentiality of such data and information. Consequently, Contractor must sign this Confidentiality Agreement as a condition of work to be provided by Contractor's Staff for the County.

Contractor and Contractor's Staff hereby agrees that they will not divulge to any unauthorized person any data or information obtained while performing work pursuant to the above-referenced contract between Contractor and the County of Los Angeles. Contractor and Contractor's Staff agree to forward all requests for the release of any data or information received to County's Project Manager.

Contractor and Contractor's Staff agree to keep confidential all health, criminal, and welfare recipient records and all data and information pertaining to persons and/or entities receiving services from the County, design concepts, algorithms, programs, formats, documentation, Contractor proprietary information and all other original materials produced, created, or provided to Contractor and Contractor's Staff under the above-referenced contract. Contractor and Contractor's Staff agree to protect these confidential materials against disclosure to other than Contractor or County employees who have a need to know the information. Contractor and Contractor's Staff agree that if proprietary information supplied by other County vendors is provided to me during this employment, Contractor and Contractor's Staff shall keep such information confidential.

Contractor and Contractor's Staff agree to report any and all violations of this agreement by Contractor and Contractor's Staff and/or by any other person of whom Contractor and Contractor's Staff become aware.

Contractor and Contractor's Staff acknowledge that violation of this agreement may subject Contractor and Contractor's Staff to civil and/or criminal action and that the County of Los Angeles may seek all possible legal redress.

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: 8/31/10

PRINTED NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

KEVIN FRANCE

POSITION: \_\_\_\_\_

VICE PRESIDENT - NATIONAL ACCOUNTS



**Amendment #30**

**May 22, 2014**

**Los Angeles County Office Supplies Contract**

MA-IS-1140050 Independent Stationers Group

- 1.) Effective July 1st, 2014 the contract is revised to include price reductions on 38 items averaging 8.93% decrease, 581 items discontinued, and an addition of 153 items.

These changes are in accordance with the terms and conditions of this contract.

All other pricing, terms and conditions remain unchanged.

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Kevin France  
Vice President National Accounts  
Independent Stationers Group

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Gerald Plummer  
Division Manager, Purchasing  
County of Los Angeles



**Amendment #29**

**May 5, 2014**

**Los Angeles County Office Supplies Contract**

MA-IS-1140050 Independent Stationers Group

- 1.) Effective May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014 the contract is revised to allow for special, volume based, manufacturer discounts.

These changes are in accordance with the terms and conditions of this contract.

All other pricing, terms and conditions remain unchanged.

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Vice President National Accounts  
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Division Manager, Purchasing  
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**Amendment #28**

**March 4, 2014**

**Los Angeles County Office Supplies Contract**

MA-IS-1140050 Independent Stationers Group

- 1.) Effective April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014 the contract pricing is revised for scheduled pricing increases on 4,998 items, and price decreases on 641 items.
- 2.) Revised Promotional items will also go into effect April 1, 2014 through June 30, 2014.

These changes are in accordance with the terms and conditions of this contract.

All other pricing, terms and conditions remain unchanged.

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Vice President National Accounts  
Independent Stationers Group

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Division Manager, Purchasing  
County of Los Angeles



**Amendment #27**

**January 13, 2013**

**Los Angeles County Office Supplies Contract**

MA-IS-1140050 Independent Stationers Group

- 1.) Effective March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014 the contract pricing is revised to include increases on 140 paper items. These changes are in accordance with the terms and conditions of this contract.

All other pricing, terms and conditions remain unchanged.

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Vice President National Accounts  
Independent Stationers Group

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Division Manager, Purchasing  
County of Los Angeles



**Amendment #26**

**November 21, 2013**

**Los Angeles County Office Supplies Contract**

MA-IS-1140050 Independent Stationers Group

- 1.) Effective 12/12/13 the contract pricing is revised to include unit of measure changes on 77 items, reduced pricing on 19 items, price increases on 129 paper items only and 514 items are discontinued. These changes are in accordance with the terms and conditions of this contract.
- 2.) Revised promotional items will also go into effect starting January 1, 2014 through March 31, 2014.

All other pricing, terms and conditions remain unchanged.

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Vice President National Accounts  
Independent Stationers Group

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Division Manager, Purchasing  
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**Amendment #25**

**September 4, 2013**

**Los Angeles County Office Supplies Contract**

MA-IS-1140050 Independent Stationers Group

- 1.) Effective 10/01/13 the contract pricing is revised to include reduced pricing on 420 items, price increases on 1,500 and 345 items are discontinued. These changes are in accordance with the terms and conditions of this contract.
- 2.) Revised promotional items will also go into effect started October 1, 2013 through Dec 31, 2013.

All other pricing, terms and conditions remain unchanged.

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Vice President National Accounts  
Independent Stationers Group

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Division Manager, Purchasing  
County of Los Angeles



**Amendment #24**

**August 1, 2013**

**Los Angeles County Office Supplies Contract**

MA-IS-1140050 Independent Stationers Group

- 1.) Effective 8/8/13 the Bulk Buy Promotional Program (Implemented with Amendment #17) is revised to increase discount to a range of 12% to 19%. This program may be cancelled with 30 days notice. Program is available to any/all eligible Participating Public Agency.

All other pricing, terms and conditions remain unchanged.

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Vice President National Accounts  
Independent Stationers Group

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Gerald Plummer  
Division Manager, Purchasing  
County of Los Angeles



**Amendment #23**

**July 8, 2013**

**Los Angeles County Office Supplies Contract**

**Effective: 9/01/13**

MA-IS-1140050 Independent Stationers Group

- 1.) Extend the current contract for the first optional 1 year extension through August 30, 2014.

All other pricing, terms and conditions remain unchanged.

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Michael A. Gentile  
President & CEO  
Independent Stationers Group

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Gerald Plummer  
Division Manager, Purchasing  
County of Los Angeles



**Amendment #22**

**June 20, 2013**

**Los Angeles County Office Supplies Contract**

**Effective: 7/01/13**

MA-IS-1140050 Independent Stationers Group

- 1.) Extend the current promotional items from Amendment #19 (started April 1, 2013) through September 30, 2013.

All other pricing, terms and conditions remain unchanged.

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Vice President National Accounts  
Independent Stationers Group

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Gerald Plummer  
Division Manager, Purchasing  
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**Amendment #21**

**June 6, 2013**

**Los Angeles County Office Supplies Contract**

**Effective: 6/17/13**

MA-IS-1140050 Independent Stationers Group

- 1.) Addition of 547 new items, 1,229 items have been discontinued and 33 HP items decreasing in price.

The attached spreadsheets detail the changes.

All other pricing, terms and conditions remain unchanged.

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Kevin France  
Vice President National Accounts  
Independent Stationers Group

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Gerald Plummer  
Division Manager, Purchasing  
County of Los Angeles



**Amendment #20**

**April 11, 2013**

**Los Angeles County Office Supplies Contract**

MA-IS-1140050 Independent Stationers Group

- 1.) Addition of 21 new items, 3,000+ price increases and 799 items decreasing in price. Prices effective May 1, 2013.

The attached spreadsheets detail the changes.

All other pricing, terms and conditions remain unchanged.

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Independent Stationers Group

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Division Manager, Purchasing  
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**Amendment #19**

**March 18, 2013**

**Los Angeles County Office Supplies Contract**

MA-IS-1140050 Independent Stationers Group

- 1.) Revised list of 220 promotional items. Prices effective April 1, 2013.

The attached spreadsheets detail the changes.

All other pricing, terms and conditions remain unchanged.

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Kevin France  
Vice President National Accounts  
Independent Stationers Group

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Division Manager, Purchasing  
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**Amendment #18**

**January 10, 2013**

**Los Angeles County Office Supplies Contract**

MA-IS-1140050 Independent Stationers Group

- 1.) Addition of SP Richards products to the price file. Existing United products have no price change.
- 2.) Addition of SP Richards products on promotional file and addition of UNV21200 to the promo list effective January 14, 2013 through March 31, 2013. Existing United products have no price change.

The attached spreadsheets detail the changes.

All other pricing, terms and conditions remain unchanged.

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Vice President National Accounts  
Independent Stationers Group

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Division Manager, Purchasing  
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**Amendment #17**

**December 12, 2012**

**Los Angeles County Office Supplies Contract**

**MA-IS-1140050 Independent Stationers Group**

- 1.) Paper changes - Pricing increase on 20 items and reductions to 21 items. 5 items received a unit of measure change. Discontinued items totaled 2,054. Prices effective December 31, 2012.
- 2.) 378 items on promotion, effective December 31, 2012 through March 31, 2013.
- 3.) Implementation of a Bulk Buy Promotional Program. Program is available to any/all eligible Participating Public Agency. Effective 1/1/13 and may be cancelled with 30 days notice.

The attached spreadsheets detail the changes.

All other pricing, terms and conditions remain unchanged.

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Vice President National Accounts  
Independent Stationers Group

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Division Manager, Purchasing  
County of Los Angeles



**Amendment #16**

**October 15, 2012**

**Los Angeles County Office Supplies Contract**

MA-IS-1140050 Independent Stationers Group

**Effective: November 1, 2012**

- 1.) Pricing increase on 3,579 items and 1,084 items received a price decrease. Discontinued items totaled 1,149.
- 2.) 278 items on promotion, effective November 1 through December 31, 2012.

The attached spreadsheet details the changes.

All other pricing, terms and conditions remain unchanged.

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**Amendment #15**

**August 07, 2012**

**Los Angeles County Office Supplies Contract**

MA-IS-1140050 Independent Stationers Group

**Effective: August 13, 2012**

1.) Contract Revision: Page 5, paragraph 5.5 Pricing Adjustments Shall be revised to delete the last sentence as follows.

**5.5 Pricing Adjustments**

5.5.1 Except as specifically noted herein, product prices shall be firm, fixed prices for one year after the award. Thereafter, price adjustments may be authorized twice per year, with the appropriate justification/manufacture documentation. In all cases, the County will reserve the right to reject any price increases during the terms of the Master Agreement. ~~Approved pricing adjustments shall be effective April 1 and October 1 of each contract year following the initial contract year.~~

All other pricing, terms and conditions remain unchanged.

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**Amendment #14**

**July 11, 2012**

**Los Angeles County Office Supplies Contract**

MA-IS-1140050 Independent Stationers Group

**Effective: July 30, 2012**

1. 741 items will be reduced in price.
2. 506 items will be discontinued.
3. 2 items unit with of measure corrections

Above 3 items are listed on the attached spreadsheet for this Amendment.

All other pricing, terms and conditions remain unchanged.

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**Amendment #13**

**July 31, 2012**

**Los Angeles County Office Supplies Contract**

MA-IS-1140050 Independent Stationers Group

**Effective: August 06, 2012**

The Conventional Sourcing Model Enhanced (CSME) program is included as a contract option. The CSME program shall contain but not be limited to:

1. A common web ordering platform containing the agency's servicing dealer's logo on the home page; web content shall be controlled by Independent Stationers Inc;
2. Local dealer invoicing;
3. Local dealer customer service during the local dealer's regular operating business hours;
4. Local dealer "Special Local Pricing" on specific paper SKU's (such pricing shall not exceed the National Pricing Schedule);
5. If applicable, Tier 1 credits for an MWBE qualified local dealer;
6. Independent Stationers Inc and 3<sup>rd</sup> party audits for contract compliance, as necessary;
7. All detailed sales reports, reporting and agency rebates to be completed by Independent Stationers Inc;
8. A formal agreement between Independent Stationers Inc and the participating public agency outlining the CSME program.

All other terms and conditions remain unchanged.

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**Amendment #12**

**June 26, 2012**

**Los Angeles County Office Supplies Contract**

MA-IS-1140050 Independent Stationers Group

**Effective: July 1 through September 30, 2012**

1. 298 items will be on special "promotional" status at a lowered price on a separate attached file.

All other pricing, terms and conditions remain unchanged.

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Vice President National Accounts  
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**Amendment #11**

**May 22, 2012**

**Los Angeles County Office Supplies Contract**

MA-IS-1140050 Independent Stationers Group

**Effective: June 4, 2012**

- A.) ISG will be increasing prices an average of 4% on all paper products.
- B.) Promotional items referenced in Amendment #10, section B to be extended through June 30, 2012.

The pricing is reflected in the attached USC pricing file.

All other pricing, terms and conditions remain unchanged.

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Vice President National Accounts  
Independent Stationers Group

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County of Los Angeles



**Amendment #11**

**May 2, 2012**

**Los Angeles County Office Supplies Contract**

MA-IS-1140050 Independent Stationers Group

**Effective: June 1, 2012**

A.) ISG will be increasing prices an average of 4% on all paper products effective June 1, 2012.

The pricing is reflected in the attached USC pricing file.

All other pricing, terms and conditions remain unchanged.

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Independent Stationers Group

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**Amendment #10**

**March 8, 2012**

**Los Angeles County Office Supplies Contract**

MA-IS-1140050 Independent Stationers Group

**Effective: April 1, 2012**

- A.) Per the contract terms, contract updates are effective April 1, 2012. 437 items were reduced in price, 1,000 new items added, 76 discontinued items were deleted, and 4,355 items were increased in price.
- B.) 435 items will be on special "promotional" status at a lowered price for 60 days from April 1, 2012 to May 31, 2012 on a separate attached file.

The pricing is reflected in the attached USC pricing file.

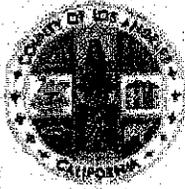
All other pricing, terms and conditions remain unchanged.

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Vice President National Accounts  
Independent Stationers Group

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Division Manager, Purchasing  
County of Los Angeles



**Amendment #9**

**Los Angeles County Office Supplies Contract**

MA-IS-1140050 Independent Stationers Group

January 12, 2012

- A.) Independent Stationers decreased the pricing on 26 items, added 840 new items and deleted 1,133 items that are discontinued.
- B.) The pricing is reflected in the attached USC pricing file.

All other pricing, terms and conditions remain unchanged.

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Kevin France  
Vice President National Accounts  
Independent Stationers Group

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Gerald Plummer  
Division Manager, Purchasing  
County of Los Angeles



## Amendment #8

### Los Angeles County Office Supplies Contract

MA-IS-1140050 Independent Stationers Group

December 1, 2011

- A.) Independent Stationers decreased the pricing on 134 items effective November 22, 2011. One item on Nov 17, 2011 and an additional 34 items will be reduced on December 1, 2011. See spreadsheet for dates and details.

The new pricing is reflected in the attached USC pricing file.

- B.) Agreement is modified to state all price adjustment requests must be submitted no less than 60 days prior to implementation.

All other pricing, terms and conditions remain unchanged.

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Vice President National Accounts  
Independent Stationers Group

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County of Los Angeles



**Amendment #7**

**Los Angeles County Office Supplies Contract**

MA-IS-1140050 Independent Stationers Group

Effective Oct 23, 2011

A.) Independent Stationers Inc. will be increasing the pricing on approximately 10,300 items. They will also be reducing the pricing on approximately 6,500 items. The new pricing is reflected in the attached pricing file.

All other terms and conditions remain unchanged.

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Kevin France  
Vice President National Accounts  
Independent Stationers Group

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Gerald Plummer  
Division Manager, Purchasing  
County of Los Angeles



**Amendment #6**

**Los Angeles County Office Supplies Contract**

MA-IS-1140050 Independent Stationers Group

Effective July 07, 2011

A.) Independent Stationers will be passing along a 5.65% price increase on 70 sku# specialty, color and white paper products. ISG will also be lowering 2,108 items averaging 14%. The 70 paper items and 2,108 lowered items affected are reflected in the attached USC pricing file.

All other pricing, terms and conditions remain unchanged.

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Kevin France  
Vice President National Accounts  
Independent Stationers Group

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Division Manager, Purchasing  
County of Los Angeles



**Amendment #5**

**Los Angeles County Office Supplies Contract**

MA-IS-1140050 Independent Stationers Group

Effective June 11, 2011

A.) Per the Terms and Conditions of the agreement, a 5.65% price increase on 46 sku# paper products will be effective June 11, 2011. The 46 paper items affected are reflected in the attached USC pricing file.

All other pricing, terms and conditions remain unchanged.

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Independent Stationers Group

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## Amendment #4

### Los Angeles County Office Supplies Contract

MA-IS-1140050 Independent Stationers Group

Effective May 23, 2011

- A.) Independent Stationers will offer LA County, thru its US Communities agreement, their private label brand called Legacy Office Products (LOP). The product offering will consist of approximately 185 SKU's (that will change based on product availability, SKU's will be added or deleted as it relates to stock availability.)
- B.) The LOP are considered "Clearance Items". Once stock has been depleted it will no longer be available on the contract. The LOP items will be shipped separately, usually delivered within 3-5 days.

All other pricing, terms and conditions remain unchanged.

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Kevin France  
Vice President National Accounts  
Independent Stationers Group

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Division Manager, Purchasing  
County of Los Angeles

**Amendment #3**

**Los Angeles County Office Supplies Contract**

MA-IS-1140050 Independent Stationers Group

**Effective March 25, 2011**

A.) 2 paper SKU price reduction: UNI21200 - \$32.83, UNV2120PLT - \$1,298.39

**Effective April 1, 2011**

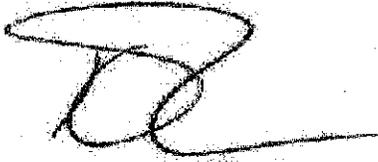
1.) About 4,000 items have changed as follows:

Lowered Pricing: 3,206 items (includes 2 paper sku's above)

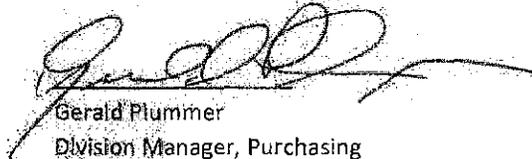
Manufacture Discontinue: 698 items (drop off list)

Replacements: 63 items

Changed SKU# : 47 items



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Independent Stationers Group



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## Amendment #2

### Q1 Update

MA-IS-1140050 ISGroup

Effective January 1, 2011

1.) About 280 items have changed as follows:

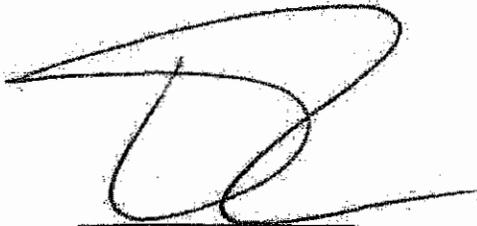
Replaced SKU#: 126 items

Lowered Pricing: 116 items

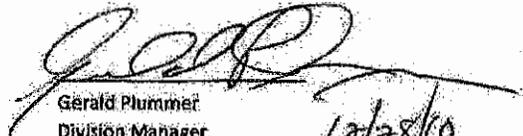
Manufacture Discontinue: 34 items (drop off list)

New Items: 5 items

Corrected UOM: 1 item



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Vice President National Accounts  
ISGroup



Gerald Plummer  
Division Manager  
County of Los Angeles  
Purchasing Division

12/28/10

# Amendment #1

MA-IS-1140050 IS.Group

Effective December 1, 2010

1.) 8,800 added items - 28k total now - new spreadsheet list attached

2.) Special Order, Custom Items and Manufacturer Direct

Special and custom item, such as medical first aid items, are only returnable in the event of a manufacturer's defect or incorrect shipment. These items also include custom stamps, food, dated goods and items not normally stocked but special ordered from the manufacturer.

3.) Quarterly - additions and deletions

On a calendar quarterly basis, Independent Stationers will provide County of Los Angeles an updated file of all manufacturers adds/deletes for review and implementation into the contract. Approval will be based on mutual agreement. Independent Stationers will provide the data to the County of Los Angeles on the last month of each quarter for contract implementation starting the next quarter period.

4.) Alaska & Hawaii exception to the standard delivery time frame

#### Shipping Mode

Drop ship orders destined for Alaska and Hawaii are available through shipment by United Parcel Service (UPS). Shipment restrictions include but are not limited to weight, dimensions, and the presence of hazardous or restricted materials.

#### Fulfillment Process

Shipments will originate from a west coast facility within the distribution network. After the shipment is prepared, it will flow through the UPS delivery network.

#### Cost and Transit Time

For standard service, the cost for small package shipments to Alaska and Hawaii is based on UPS published ground freight prices. Shipments are discounted 50% off UPS list rates for these destinations. These prices are dependent on the package weight and UPS shipping zone (Zone 44 - Metro Alaska and Hawaii - Zone 46 - Remote Alaska and Hawaii). For shipping information including cost, shipping zone and shipping time, please contact customer care at the ISGroup.

5.) Damaged merchandise or incorrect shipment must be reported within working 10 days

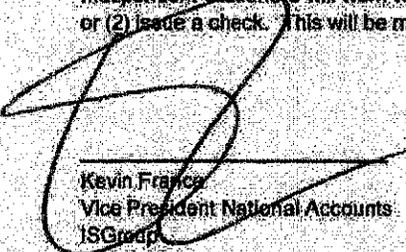
Damaged merchandise or incorrect shipment must be reported within 10 working days (Monday - Friday) from the receipt of the order. Contact Independent Stationers Inc. for return instructions and Return Authorization.

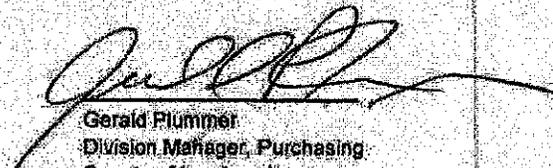
6.) No returns after 60 days

All product returns must be processed through the Return Authorization Process within 60 days of product receipt. All products must be returned unopened and in the original packaging, in resalable condition within the 60 day time period to receive full credit. "Resalable condition" means: Unopened box and/or inside product seal unbroken, outside box unmarked in any way.

7.) Payment of Rebates

Independent Stationers will work with the Participating Public Agency (PPA) and will either (1) offer a credit against future purchases, or (2) issue a check. This will be mutually agreed upon by Independent Stationers and the PPA.

  
Kevin Francis  
Vice President National Accounts  
ISGroup

  
Gerald Plummer  
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CONTRACT NO: 1490-13849

EXHIBIT 3

**Evidence of Insurance**



## DESCRIPTIONS (Continued from Page 1)

The Certificate Holder and others as defined in the written agreement and the Automobile additional insured and loss payee Endorsement CA2001 03/06 are included as additional insured and loss payee subject to the terms, conditions and exclusions on the policy(s).

Waiver of Subrogation applies to General Liability per Endorsement G300639A 02/08 and Workers Compensation per endt WC000313 04/84 subject to the terms, conditions and exclusions on the policy(s).

Primary & Noncontributory applies to General Liability per Endorsement G147167B99 12/06 subject to the terms, conditions and exclusions on the policy(s).

HOLDER CON'T: Cook County, its officials, employees and agents

**THIS ENDORSEMENT CHANGES THE POLICY. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY.**  
**DISTRIBUTORS GENERAL LIABILITY ENDORSEMENT**

This endorsement modifies insurance provided under the following:

**COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY COVERAGE PART**

Coverage afforded under this extension of coverage endorsement does not apply to any person or organization covered as an additional insured on any other endorsement now or hereafter attached to this Coverage Part.

**I. BROADENED NAMED INSURED**

Any organization, other than a partnership or joint venture, over which a Named Insured shown in the Declarations maintained an ownership interest of more than 50% on the effective date of the policy will qualify as a Named Insured if there is no other similar insurance available to that organization. Any such organization will cease to qualify as a Named Insured as of the date during the policy period when a Named Insured shown in the Declarations no longer maintains an ownership interest of more than 50% in the organization.

This provision I. does not apply to any organization for which coverage is excluded by endorsement.

**II. NEWLY FORMED OR ACQUIRED ORGANIZATIONS**

A. Paragraph 3. of SECTION II – WHO IS AN INSURED is deleted and replaced by the following:

3. Any organization you newly acquire or form, other than a partnership or joint venture, and over which you maintain ownership or majority interest, will qualify as a Named Insured if there is no other similar insurance available to that organization. However:

- a. Coverage under this provision is afforded only until the end of the policy period or the next anniversary of this policy's effective date after you acquire or form the organization, whichever is earlier;
- b. Coverage A does not apply to "bodily injury" or "property damage" that occurred before you acquired or formed the organization; and
- c. Coverage B does not apply to "personal and advertising injury" arising out of an offense committed before you acquired or formed the organization.

B. The last paragraph of SECTION II – WHO IS AN INSURED is deleted and replaced by the following:

Except as provided in Paragraph 3. above, provision I. of the Distributors General Liability

Endorsement, or by the attachment of another endorsement (if any), no person or organization is an insured with respect to the conduct of any current or past partnership, joint venture or limited liability company that is not shown as a Named Insured in the Declarations.

This provision II. does not apply to any organization for which coverage is excluded by endorsement.

**III. ADDITIONAL INSURED – "YOUR WORK"**

A. SECTION II – WHO IS AN INSURED is amended to include as an insured any person or organization whom you are required under a written contract or written agreement to add as an additional insured on this policy, but only if the written contract or written agreement:

- 1. Is in effect or becomes effective during the term of this policy; and
- 2. Was executed prior to:
  - a. The "occurrence" that caused the "bodily injury" or "property damage"; or
  - b. The offense that caused the "personal and advertising injury."

B. The insurance provided to the additional insured is limited as follows:

- 1. That person or organization for whom you do work is an additional insured solely for liability due to your negligence specifically resulting from "your work" for the additional insured which is the subject of the written contract or written agreement. No coverage applies to liability resulting from the sole negligence of the additional insured.
- 2. The Limits of Insurance applicable to the additional insured are those specified in the written contract or written agreement or in the Declarations of this policy, whichever is less. These Limits of Insurance are inclusive of, and not in addition to, the Limits of Insurance shown in the Declarations.
- 3. The coverage provided to the additional insured does not apply to "bodily injury" or "property damage" arising out of the

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"products-completed operations hazard" unless:

- a. It is required by the written contract or written agreement; and
  - b. "Bodily injury" or "property damage" included within the "products-completed operations hazard" is not excluded either by the provisions of the Coverage Part or by endorsement.
4. The insurance provided to the additional insured does not apply to "bodily injury," "property damage," or "personal and advertising injury" arising out of the rendering or failure to render any professional services.
  5. As respects the coverage provided under this provision III., Paragraph 4.b. **SECTION IV - COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY CONDITIONS** is deleted and replaced with the following:

4. **Other Insurance**

b. **Excess Insurance**

This insurance is excess over:

Any other insurance naming the additional insured as an insured whether primary, excess, contingent or on any other basis unless a written contract or agreement

specifically requires that this insurance be either primary or primary and noncontributing. Where required by written contract or written agreement, we will consider any other insurance maintained by the additional insured for injury or damage covered by this endorsement to be excess and noncontributing with this insurance.

**IV. BLANKET WAIVER OF SUBROGATION**

The Transfer Of Rights Of Recovery Against Others To Us Condition (**SECTION IV - COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY CONDITIONS**) is amended by the addition of the following:

We waive any right of recovery we may have against any person or organization because of payments we make for injury or damage arising out of your ongoing operations or "your work" done under a contract with that person or organization and included in the "products-completed operations hazard." This waiver applies only when you have agreed to do so in a written contract or written agreement, but only if the written contract or written agreement:

1. Is in effect or becomes effective during the term of this policy; and
2. Was executed prior to loss.

**ECONOMIC DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
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**INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETION OF  
ECONOMIC DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AND EXECUTION DOCUMENT**

This Economic Disclosure Statement and Execution Document ("EDS") is to be completed and executed by every Bidder on a County contract, every party responding to a Request for Proposals or Request for Qualifications ("Proposer"), and others as required by the Chief Procurement Officer. If the Undersigned is awarded a contract pursuant to the procurement process for which this EDS was submitted (the "Contract"), this Economic Disclosure Statement and Execution Document shall stand as the Undersigned's execution of the Contract.

**Definitions.** Capitalized terms used in this EDS and not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings given to such terms in the Instructions to Bidders, General Conditions, Request for Proposals, Request for Qualifications, or other documents, as applicable.

**"Affiliated Entity"** means a person or entity that, directly or indirectly: controls the Bidder, is controlled by the Bidder, or is, with the Bidder, under common control of another person or entity. Indicia of control include, without limitation, interlocking management or ownership; identity of interests among family members; shared facilities and equipment; common use of employees; and organization of a business entity following the ineligibility of a business entity to do business with the County under the standards set forth in the Certifications included in this EDS, using substantially the same management, ownership or principals as the ineligible entity.

**"Bidder," "Proposer," "Undersigned," or "Applicant,"** is the person or entity executing this EDS. Upon award and execution of a Contract by the County, the Bidder, Proposer, Undersigned or Applicant, as the case may be, shall become the Contractor or Contracting Party.

**"Proposal,"** for purposes of this EDS, is the Undersigned's complete response to an RFP/RFQ, or if no RFQ/RFP was issued by the County, the "Proposal" is such other proposal, quote or offer submitted by the Undersigned, and in any event a "Proposal" includes this EDS.

**"Code"** means the Code of Ordinances, Cook County, Illinois available through the Cook County Clerk's Office website (<http://www.cookctyclerk.com/sub/ordinances.asp>). This page can also be accessed by going to [www.cookctyclerk.com](http://www.cookctyclerk.com), clicking on the tab labeled "County Board Proceedings," and then clicking on the link to "Cook County Ordinances."

**"Contractor" or "Contracting Party"** means the Bidder, Proposer or Applicant with whom the County has entered into a Contract.

**"EDS"** means this complete Economic Disclosure Statement and Execution Document, including all sections listed in the Index and any attachments.

**"Lobby" or "lobbying"** means to, for compensation, attempt to influence a County official or County employee with respect to any County matter.

**"Lobbyist"** means any person or entity who lobbies.

**"Prohibited Acts"** means any of the actions or occurrences which form the basis for disqualification under the Code, or under the Certifications hereinafter set forth.

**Sections 1 through 3: MBE/WBE Documentation.** Sections 1 and 2 must be completed in order to satisfy the requirements of the County's MBE/WBE Ordinance, as set forth in the Contract Documents, if applicable. If the Undersigned believes a waiver is appropriate and necessary, Section 3, the Petition for Waiver of MBE/WBE Participation must be completed.

**Section 4: Certifications.** Section 4 sets forth certifications that are required for contracting parties under the Code. Execution of this EDS constitutes a warranty that all the statements and certifications contained, and all the facts stated, in the Certifications are true, correct and complete as of the date of execution.

**Section 5: Economic and Other Disclosures Statement.** Section 5 is the County's required Economic and Other Disclosures Statement form. Execution of this EDS constitutes a warranty that all the information provided in the EDS is true, correct and complete as of the date of execution, and binds the Undersigned to the warranties, representations, agreements and acknowledgements contained therein.

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETION OF  
ECONOMIC DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AND EXECUTION DOCUMENT**

**Sections 6, 7, 8, 9: Execution Forms.** The Bidder executes this EDS, and the Contract, by completing and signing three copies of the appropriate Signature Page. Section 6 is the form for a sole proprietor; Section 7 is the form for a partnership or joint venture; Section 8 is the form for a Limited Liability Corporation, and Section 9 is the form for a corporation. Proper execution requires **THREE ORIGINALS**; therefore, the appropriate Signature Page must be filled in, three copies made, and all three copies must be properly signed, notarized and submitted. The forms may be printed and completed by typing or hand writing the information required.

**Required Updates.** The information provided in this EDS will be kept current. In the event of any change in any information provided, including but not limited to any change which would render inaccurate or incomplete any certification or statement made in this EDS, the Undersigned will supplement this EDS up to the time the County takes action, by filing an amended EDS or such other documentation as is requested.

**Additional Information.** The County's Governmental Ethics and Campaign Financing Ordinances, impose certain duties and obligations on persons or entities seeking County contracts, work, business, or transactions. For further information please contact the Director of Ethics at (312) 603-4304 (69 W. Washington St. Suite 3040, Chicago, IL 60602) or visit our web-site at [www.cookcounty.gov](http://www.cookcounty.gov) and go to the Ethics Department link. The Bidder must comply fully with the applicable ordinances.

**MBE/WBE UTILIZATION PLAN (SECTION 1)**

BIDDER/PROPOSER HEREBY STATES that all MBE/WBE firms included in this Plan are certified MBEs/WBEs by at least one of the entities listed in the General Conditions.

**I. BIDDER/PROPOSER MBE/WBE STATUS: (check the appropriate line)**

- Bidder/Proposer is a certified MBE or WBE firm. (If so, attach copy of appropriate Letter of Certification)
- Bidder/Proposer is a Joint Venture and one or more Joint Venture partners are certified MBEs or WBEs. (If so, attach copies of Letter(s) of Certification, a copy of Joint Venture Agreement clearly describing the role of the MBE/WBE firm(s) and its ownership interest in the Joint Venture and a completed Joint Venture Affidavit -- available from the Office of Contract Compliance)
- Bidder/Proposer is not a certified MBE or WBE firm, nor a Joint Venture with MBE/WBE partners, but will utilize MBE and WBE firms either directly or indirectly in the performance of the Contract. (If so, complete Sections II and III)

ii.  Direct Participation of MBE/WBE Firms       Indirect Participation of MBE/WBE Firms

*McAdams*      *Synco*

Where goals have not been achieved through direct participation, Bidder/Proposer shall include documentation outlining efforts to achieve Direct Participation at the time of Bid/Proposal submission. Indirect Participation will only be considered after all efforts to achieve Direct Participation have been exhausted. Only after written documentation of Good Faith Efforts (approved via Indirect Participation) be considered.

MBE/WBEs that will perform as subcontractors, suppliers, or consultants include the following:

MBE/WBE Firm: McAdams      Orville      Synco

Address: 1000 N. 1st St. Suite 100

Phone: 508-885-1111

**COOK COUNTY GOVERNMENT LETTER OF INTENT (SECTION 2)**

MWBE Firm: Meadow's Office Supply Certifying Agency: Cook County Dept of Procurement  
Address: 30W260 BUTTERFIELD RD, SUITE 210 Certification Expiration Date: 9-1-14  
City/State: WARRENVILLE, IL 60555 FEIN #: 36-3337097  
Phone: 847-781-8800 Fax: 847-781-8972 Contact Person: SANDRA WONG  
Email: sandra.wong@meadows.com Contract #: \_\_\_\_\_

Participation:  Direct  Indirect

Will the MWBE firm be subcontracting any of the performance of this contract to another firm?

No  Yes - Please attach explanation. Proposed Subcontractor: \_\_\_\_\_

The undersigned MWBE is prepared to provide the following Commodities/Services for the above named Project/Contract:

Office supply products, servicing, and delivery

Indicate the Dollar Amount, or Percentage, and the Terms of Payment for the above described Commodities/Services:

\$3,000 or 25% of contract amount

(If more space is needed to fully describe MWBE firm's proposed scope of work and/or payment schedule, attach additional sheets)

THE UNDERSIGNED PARTIES AGREE that this Letter of Intent will become a binding Subcontract Agreement conditioned upon the Bidder's successful receipt of a signed contract from the County of Cook. The Undersigned Parties do also certify that they do not owe their respective obligations until all areas under Description of Service/Supply and Fee/Cost was completed.

  
Signature (MWBE)

  
Signature (Prime Bidder/Proposer)

SANDRA WONG  
Print Name

BRUCE A. CAMPBELL  
Print Name

MEADOWS OFFICE SUPPLY  
Print Name

Industrial Services  
Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

6/27/14  
Date

2014 MWBE Bid # 14  
Subcontract Award Reference

27th of June 2014  
This Bidder's Award Reference

  
Notary Public

  
Notary Public



SEAL Sept 15, 2014



DEPARTMENT OF PROCUREMENT SERVICES  
CITY OF CHICAGO

May 30, 2014

Ms. Sandra Wong  
**Nova Stationers dba Meadows Office Supply**  
30W280 Butterfield Road  
Warrenville, IL 60555

Dear Ms. Wong:

This letter is to inform you that the City of Chicago has extended your status as a **Minority Business Enterprise (MBE)**, and as a **Woman Business Enterprise (WBE)** until **September 1, 2014**. We are providing this extension to allow enough time to provide any additional documentation that your application may be missing and/or for our office to complete our review of all of the submitted documents.

This extension does not guarantee eligibility in the program but will act as a courtesy extension until we receive all of the required documentation and complete a review of that documentation.

Please present this letter as evidence of your certification to be included with bid document submittals as needed.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call our office at 312-744-4900.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George Coleman".

George Coleman  
Deputy Procurement Officer

GC/cm



DEPARTMENT OF PROCUREMENT SERVICES  
CITY OF CHICAGO

JAN 25 2013

Sandra Wong, President  
Nova Stationers, Inc., d/b/a Meadows Office Supply  
30W260 Butterfield Road, Suite 210  
Warrenville, IL 60555

**Certificate Expires: August 31, 2013**

Dear Ms. Sandra Wong:

Congratulations on your continued eligibility for certification as a **Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) and Women Business Enterprise (WBE)** by the City of Chicago. This certification is valid until **August 31, 2013**.

You have an affirmative duty to file for recertification 60 days prior to the date of expiration. Therefore, you must file for recertification by **June 31, 2013**.

It is important to note that you also have an ongoing affirmative duty to notify the City of Chicago of any changes in ownership or control of your firm, or any other fact affecting your firm's eligibility for certification within 10 days of such change. These changes may include but are not limited to a change of address, change of business structure, change in ownership or ownership structure, change of business operations, and/or gross receipts that exceed the program threshold.

Please note – you shall be deemed to have had your certification lapse and will be ineligible to participate as a MBE/WBE if you fail to:

- o file your No Change Affidavit within the required time period;
- o provide financial or other records requested pursuant to an audit within the required time period; or
- o notify the City of any changes affecting your firm's certification within 10 days of such change.
- o re-certify with the city within prescribed time frame.

JAN 25 2013

*Further, if you or your firm is found to be involved in certification, bidding and/or contractual fraud or abuse, the City will pursue decertification and debarment. And in addition to any other penalty imposed by law, any person who knowingly obtains, or knowingly assists another in obtaining; a contract with the city by falsely representing that the individual or entity, or the individual or entity assisted, is a minority-owned business or a woman-owned business, is guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by incarceration in the county jail for a period not to exceed six months or a fine of not less than \$5,000.00 and not more than \$10,000.00, or both.*

Your firm is listed in the City's Directory of Minority Business Enterprises (MBE) and Women Business Enterprises (WBE) in the specialty area(s) of:

<b>NIGP 99829</b>	<b>Computers, Parts and Supplies</b>
<b>NIGP 99846</b>	<b>Furniture</b>
<b>NIGP 99872</b>	<b>Office Equipment</b>

Your firm's participation on City contracts will be credited only toward Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) and Women Business Enterprise goals in your area(s) of specialty. While your participation on City contracts is not limited to your specialty, credit toward Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) and Women Business Enterprise (WBE) goals will be given only for work done in a specialty category.

Thank you for your continued participation in the City's Minority Business Enterprises (MBE) and Women Business Enterprises (WBE) Diversity Program.

Sincerely,



Jamie L. Rhee  
Chief Procurement Officer

JLR/sl



OFFICE OF CONTRACT COMPLIANCE

JACQUELINE GOMEZ

DIRECTOR

118 N Clark Street • Chicago, Illinois 60602 • (312) 603-5502

June 18, 2013

Ms. Sandra Wong, President  
Nova Stationers Inc., d/b/a  
Meadows Office Supply  
30W260 Butterfield Road, Suite #210  
Warrenville, IL 60555

Dear Ms. Wong,

Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle and City of Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel have launched a reciprocal Minority and Women Business Enterprise initiative. This initiative will allow your business to be certified by either the County or City, and have that certification apply to both agencies. This combined effort by the County and City will lessen the financial burden and streamline the certification process by providing a "one stop shop" for MBE/WBEs interested in participating in County and City procurement opportunities.

Nova Stationers Inc., d/b/a Meadows Office Supply is currently certified by the City of Chicago as a M/WBE. Our office has received a No Change affidavit from your company for the same certification status in the same area of expertise.

This letter is to notify you that your designated Host Agency will be the City of Chicago and your M/WBE certification will be recognized for Cook County contracts, provided that your status with the City of Chicago's M/WBE Program remains in good standing. As such, you will no longer be required to submit your annual No Change Affidavit to Cook County Government. However, if you wish for Cook County to be your designated Host Agency, you must submit a written request stating your preference on company letterhead to [paulette.brooks@cookcountyil.gov](mailto:paulette.brooks@cookcountyil.gov), no later than 14 days from the date of this letter.

Please note that if you are currently certified with the City of Chicago in a *non-construction* area i.e., professional services or goods, the County Code requires that you do not exceed 1.) the S.B.A. Size Standards and, 2.) Personal Net Worth standards of approximately \$2MM. If you are a non-construction firm and wish to participate as an MBE/WBE in an upcoming County contract, you must submit an affidavit regarding your Size and Personal Net Worth at the time of the bid. You can download the affidavit from [www.cookcountyil.gov/contractcompliance](http://www.cookcountyil.gov/contractcompliance).

If you have further questions and/or comments, please contact Paulette Brooks at 312-603-6843.

Sincerely,

Jacqueline Gomez  
Contract Compliance Director

JG/pgb

**TONI PRECKWINKLE**

PRESIDENT  
Cook County Board  
of Commissioners

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1st District

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JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI  
16th District

ELIZABETH ANN DODDY GERMAN  
17th District

MBE/WBE LETTER OF INTENT - FORM 2

M/WBE Firm: Smedd Mtg. Certifying Agency: WBEA/C  
Contact Person: JIM GREEN Certification Expiration Date: 6/30/14  
Address: 601 Smedd Blvd. Ethnicity: Female  
City/State: Hastings MN Zip: 55033 Bid/Proposal/Contract #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: 651-438-2074 Fax: 800-951-9134 FEIN #: 41-0543420  
Email: jim.green@smeddmtg.  
Participation: [ ] Direct [X] Indirect

Will the M/WBE firm be subcontracting any of the goods or services of this contract to another firm?

[X] No [ ] Yes - Please attach explanation. Proposed Subcontractor(s): \_\_\_\_\_

The undersigned M/WBE is prepared to provide the following Commodities/Services for the above named Project/ Contract: (If more space is needed to fully describe M/WBE Firm's proposed scope of work and/or payment schedule, attach additional sheets)

We currently purchase product from  
Smedd Mtg. printing products, various other products  
We purchase approx. \$350,000 in products  
from Smedd per year

Indicate the Dollar Amount, Percentage, and the Terms of Payment for the above-described Commodities/ Services:

\$ 15,000 or 10% Net 30

THE UNDERSIGNED PARTIES AGREE that this Letter of Intent will become a binding Subcontract Agreement for the above work, conditioned upon (1) the Bidder/Proposer's receipt of a signed contract from the County of Cook; (2) Undersigned Subcontractor remaining compliant with all relevant credentials, codes, ordinances and statutes required by Contractor, Cook County, and the State to participate as a MBE/WBE firm for the above work. The Undersigned Parties do also certify that they did not affix their signatures to this document until all areas under Description of Service/ Supply and Fee/Cost were completed.

[X] Jim Green  
Signature (M/WBE)

[X] James R Green  
Print Name

Smedd Mtg  
Firm Name

6/26/14  
Date

Subscribed and sworn before me  
this 9<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2014.

Notary Public John M. Marsalec

Signature (Prime Bidder/Proposer)

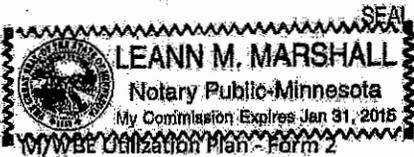
Scott Z...  
Print Name

Independent Stationers  
Firm Name

6/26/14  
Date

Subscribed and sworn before me  
this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_, 20\_\_.

Notary Public \_\_\_\_\_



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**WBENC** Women's Business Enterprise  
National Council

hereby grants

**National Women's Business Enterprise Certification**  
to  
**SMEAD MANUFACTURING COMPANY**

who has successfully met WBENC's standards as a Women's Business Enterprise (WBE).  
This certification affirms the business is woman-owned, operated and controlled, and is valid through the date herein.

WBENC National WBE Certification was processed and validated by Women's  
Business Development Center - Chicago, a WBENC Regional Partner Organization.

Expiration Date: 06/30/2015

WBENC National Certificate Number: 241168

*Erilia D'Amico*

Authorized by Erilia D'Amico, President & CEO

Women's Business Development Center - Chicago



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UNSPSC Codes: 14110000



## CERTIFICATIONS (SECTION 4)

THE FOLLOWING CERTIFICATIONS ARE MADE PURSUANT TO STATE LAW AND THE CODE. THE UNDERSIGNED IS CAUTIONED TO CAREFULLY READ THESE CERTIFICATIONS PRIOR TO SIGNING THE SIGNATURE PAGE. SIGNING THE SIGNATURE PAGE SHALL CONSTITUTE A WARRANTY BY THE UNDERSIGNED THAT ALL THE STATEMENTS, CERTIFICATIONS AND INFORMATION SET FORTH WITHIN THESE CERTIFICATIONS ARE TRUE, COMPLETE AND CORRECT AS OF THE DATE THE SIGNATURE PAGE IS SIGNED. THE UNDERSIGNED IS NOTIFIED THAT IF THE COUNTY LEARNS THAT ANY OF THE FOLLOWING CERTIFICATIONS WERE FALSELY MADE, THAT ANY CONTRACT ENTERED INTO WITH THE UNDERSIGNED SHALL BE SUBJECT TO TERMINATION.

### **A. PERSONS AND ENTITIES SUBJECT TO DISQUALIFICATION**

No person or business entity shall be awarded a contract or sub-contract, for a period of five (5) years from the date of conviction or entry of a plea or admission of guilt, civil or criminal, if that person or business entity:

- 1) Has been convicted of an act committed, within the State of Illinois, of bribery or attempting to bribe an officer or employee of a unit of state, federal or local government or school district in the State of Illinois in that officer's or employee's official capacity;
- 2) Has been convicted by federal, state or local government of an act of bid-rigging or attempting to rig bids as defined in the Sherman Anti-Trust Act and Clayton Act. Act. 15 U.S.C. Section 1 *et seq.*;
- 3) Has been convicted of bid-rigging or attempting to rig bids under the laws of federal, state or local government;
- 4) Has been convicted of an act committed, within the State, of price-fixing or attempting to fix prices as defined by the Sherman Anti-Trust Act and the Clayton Act. 15 U.S.C. Section 1, *et seq.*;
- 5) Has been convicted of price-fixing or attempting to fix prices under the laws the State;
- 6) Has been convicted of defrauding or attempting to defraud any unit of state or local government or school district within the State of Illinois;
- 7) Has made an admission of guilt of such conduct as set forth in subsections (1) through (6) above which admission is a matter of record, whether or not such person or business entity was subject to prosecution for the offense or offenses admitted to; or
- 8) Has entered a plea of *nolo contendere* to charge of bribery, price-fixing, bid-rigging, or fraud, as set forth in sub-paragraphs (1) through (6) above.

In the case of bribery or attempting to bribe, a business entity may not be awarded a contract if an official, agent or employee of such business entity committed the Prohibited Act on behalf of the business entity and pursuant to the direction or authorization of an officer, director or other responsible official of the business entity, and such Prohibited Act occurred within three years prior to the award of the contract. In addition, a business entity shall be disqualified if an owner, partner or shareholder controlling, directly or indirectly, 20 % or more of the business entity, or an officer of the business entity has performed any Prohibited Act within five years prior to the award of the Contract.

**THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY CERTIFIES THAT:** The Undersigned has read the provisions of Section A, Persons and Entities Subject to Disqualification, that the Undersigned has not committed any Prohibited Act set forth in Section A, and that award of the Contract to the Undersigned would not violate the provisions of such Section or of the Code.

### **B. BID-RIGGING OR BID ROTATING**

**THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY CERTIFIES THAT:** *In accordance with 720 ILCS 5/33 E-11, neither the Undersigned nor any Affiliated Entity is barred from award of this Contract as a result of a conviction for the violation of State laws prohibiting bid-rigging or bid rotating.*

### **C. DRUG FREE WORKPLACE ACT**

**THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY CERTIFIES THAT:** The Undersigned will provide a drug free workplace, as required by Public Act 86-1459 (30 ILCS 580/2-11).

**D. DELINQUENCY IN PAYMENT OF TAXES**

**THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY CERTIFIES THAT:** *The Undersigned is not an owner or a party responsible for the payment of any tax or fee administered by Cook County, by a local municipality, or by the Illinois Department of Revenue, which such tax or fee is delinquent, such as bar award of a contract or subcontract pursuant to the Code, Chapter 34, Section 34-129.*

**E. HUMAN RIGHTS ORDINANCE**

No person who is a party to a contract with Cook County ("County") shall engage in unlawful discrimination or sexual harassment against any individual in the terms or conditions of employment, credit, public accommodations, housing, or provision of County facilities, services or programs (Code Chapter 42, Section 42-30 *et seq.*).

**F. ILLINOIS HUMAN RIGHTS ACT**

**THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY CERTIFIES THAT:** *It is in compliance with the the Illinois Human Rights Act (775 ILCS 5/2-105), and agrees to abide by the requirements of the Act as part of its contractual obligations.*

**G. MACBRIDE PRINCIPLES, CODE CHAPTER 34, SECTION 34-132**

If the primary contractor currently conducts business operations in Northern Ireland, or will conduct business during the projected duration of a County contract, the primary contractor shall make all reasonable and good faith efforts to conduct any such business operations in Northern Ireland in accordance with the MacBride Principles for Northern Ireland as defined in Illinois Public Act 85-1390.

**H. LIVING WAGE ORDINANCE PREFERENCE (COOK COUNTY CODE, CHAPTER 34, SECTION 34-127;**

The Code requires that a living wage must be paid to individuals employed by a Contractor which has a County Contract and by all subcontractors of such Contractor under a County Contract, throughout the duration of such County Contract. The amount of such living wage is determined from time to time by, and is available from, the Chief Financial Officer of the County.

For purposes of this EDS Section 4, H, "Contract" means any written agreement whereby the County is committed to or does expend funds in connection with the agreement or subcontract thereof. The term "Contract" as used in this EDS, Section 4, I, specifically excludes contracts with the following:

- 1) Not-For Profit Organizations (defined as a corporation having tax exempt status under Section 501(C)(3) of the United State Internal Revenue Code and recognized under the Illinois State not-for-profit law);
- 2) Community Development Block Grants;
- 3) Cook County Works Department;
- 4) Sheriff's Work Alternative Program; and
- 5) Department of Correction inmates.

**REQUIRED DISCLOSURES (SECTION 5)**

**1. DISCLOSURE OF LOBBYIST CONTACTS**

List all persons or entities that have made lobbying contacts on your behalf with respect to this contract:

Name	Address
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<u>Not Applicable</u>	
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**2. LOCAL BUSINESS PREFERENCE DISCLOSURE; CODE, CHAPTER 34, SECTION 34-151(p);**

"Local Business" shall mean a person authorized to transact business in this State and having a bona fide establishment for transacting business located within Cook County at which it was actually transacting business on the date when any competitive solicitation for a public contract is first advertised or announced and further which employs the majority of its regular, full time work force within Cook County, including a foreign corporation duly authorized to transact business in this State and which has a bona fide establishment for transacting business located within Cook County at which it was actually transacting business on the date when any competitive solicitation for a public contract is first advertised or announced and further which employs the majority of its regular, full time work force within Cook County.

a) Is Bidder a "Local Business" as defined above?

Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No:     X    

b) If yes, list business addresses within Cook County:

\_\_\_\_\_

None

\_\_\_\_\_

c) Does Bidder employ the majority of its regular full-time workforce within Cook County?

Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No:     X    

**3. THE CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT ORDINANCE (PREFERENCE (CODE, CHAPTER 34, SECTION 34-366)**

Every Applicant for a County Privilege shall be in full compliance with any child support order before such Applicant is entitled to receive or renew a County Privilege. When delinquent child support exists, the County shall not issue or renew any County Privilege, and may revoke any County Privilege.

**All Applicants are required to review the Cook County Affidavit of Child Support Obligations attached to this EDS (EDS-8) and complete the following, based upon the definitions and other information included in such Affidavit.**

**4. REAL ESTATE OWNERSHIP DISCLOSURES.**

The Undersigned must indicate by checking the appropriate provision below and providing all required information that either:

- a) The following is a complete list of all real estate owned by the Undersigned in Cook County:

**PERMANENT INDEX NUMBER(S):** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**(ATTACH SHEET IF NECESSARY TO LIST ADDITIONAL INDEX NUMBERS)**

**OR:**

- b)  The Undersigned owns no real estate in Cook County.

**5. EXCEPTIONS TO CERTIFICATIONS OR DISCLOSURES.**

If the Undersigned is unable to certify to any of the Certifications or any other statements contained in this EDS and not explained elsewhere in this EDS, the Undersigned must explain below:

Not Applicable

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If the letters, "NA", the word "None" or "No Response" appears above, or if the space is left blank, it will be conclusively presumed that the Undersigned certified to all Certifications and other statements contained in this EDS.

## COOK COUNTY DISCLOSURE OF OWNERSHIP INTEREST STATEMENT

The Cook County Code of Ordinances (§2-610 *et seq.*) requires that any Applicant for any County Action must disclose information concerning ownership interests in the Applicant. This Disclosure of Ownership Interest Statement must be completed with all information current as of the date this Statement is signed. Furthermore, this Statement must be kept current, by filing an amended Statement, until such time as the County Board or County Agency shall take action on the application. The information contained in this Statement will be maintained in a database and made available for public viewing.

If you are asked to list names, but there are no applicable names to list, you must state NONE. An incomplete Statement will be returned and any action regarding this contract will be delayed. A failure to fully comply with the ordinance may result in the action taken by the County Board or County Agency being voided.

"Applicant" means any Entity or person making an application to the County for any County Action.

"County Action" means any action by a County Agency, a County Department, or the County Board regarding an ordinance or ordinance amendment, a County Board approval, or other County agency approval, with respect to contracts, leases, or sale or purchase of real estate.

"Entity" or "Legal Entity" means a sole proprietorship, corporation, partnership, association, business trust, estate, two or more persons having a joint or common interest, trustee of a land trust, other commercial or legal entity or any beneficiary or beneficiaries thereof.

This Disclosure of Ownership Interest Statement must be submitted by :

1. An Applicant for County Action and
2. An individual or Legal Entity that holds stock or a beneficial interest in the Applicant and is listed on the Applicant's Statement (a "Holder") must file a Statement and complete #1 only under **Ownership Interest Declaration**.

Please print or type responses clearly and legibly. Add additional pages if needed, being careful to identify each portion of the form to which each additional page refers.

This Statement is being made by the  Applicant or  Stock/Beneficial Interest Holder

This Statement is an:  Original Statement or  Amended Statement

**Identifying Information:**

Name Independent Stationers, Inc. D/B/A: \_\_\_\_\_ EIN NO.: 35-1405363

Street Address: 250 E. 96th Street, Parkwood One, Suite 510

City: Indianapolis State: Indiana Zip Code: 46240

Phone No.: 317-579-1189

**Form of Legal Entity:**

Sole Proprietor  Partnership  Corporation  Trustee of Land Trust

Business Trust  Estate  Association  Joint Venture

Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

**Ownership Interest Declaration:**

1. List the name(s), address, and percent ownership of each individual and each Entity having a legal or beneficial interest (including ownership) of more than five percent (5%) in the Applicant/Holder.

Name	Address	Percentage Interest in Applicant/Holder
Not Applicable / None		

2. If the interest of any individual or any Entity listed in (1) above is held as an agent or agents, or a nominee or nominees, list the name and address of the principal on whose behalf the interest is held.

Name of Agent/Nominee	Name of Principal	Principal's Address
Not Applicable / None		

3. Is the Applicant constructively controlled by another person or Legal Entity? [ ] Yes [ X ] No  
 If yes, state the name, address and percentage of beneficial interest of such person or legal entity, and the relationship under which such control is being or may be exercised.

Name	Address	Percentage of Beneficial Interest	Relationship

**Declaration (check the applicable box):**

- I state under oath that the Applicant has withheld no disclosure as to ownership interest in the Applicant nor reserved any information, data or plan as to the intended use or purpose for which the Applicant seeks County Board or other County Agency action.
- I state under oath that the Holder has withheld no disclosure as to ownership interest nor reserved any information required to be disclosed.

Bruce A. Campbell  
 Name of Authorized Applicant/Holder Representative (please print or type)

Bruce A. Campbell  
 Signature

campbell@independentstationers.coop  
 E-mail address

Chief Financial Officer  
 Title

6/26/14  
 Date

317-579-1116  
 Phone Number

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 26 day of June, 2014.

My commission expires: Sept 15, 2019

X [Signature]  
 Notary Public Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Notary Seal



## COOK COUNTY BOARD OF ETHICS

69 W. WASHINGTON STREET, SUITE 3040

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60602

312/603-4304

312/603-9988 FAX 312/603-1011 TT/TDD

### **FAMILIAL RELATIONSHIP DISCLOSURE PROVISION:**

Section 2-582 of the Cook County Ethics Ordinance requires any person or persons doing business with Cook County, upon execution of a contract with Cook County, to disclose to the Cook County Board of Ethics the existence of familial relationships they may have with all persons holding elective office in the State of Illinois, the County of Cook, or in any municipality within the County of Cook.

The disclosure required by this section shall be filed by January 1 of each calendar year or within thirty (30) days of the execution of any contract or lease. Any person filing a late disclosure statement after January 31 shall be assessed a late filing fee of \$100.00 per day that the disclosure is late. Any person found guilty of violating any provision of this section or knowingly filing a false, misleading, or incomplete disclosure to the Cook County Board of Ethics shall be prohibited, for a period of three (3) years, from engaging, directly or indirectly, in any business with Cook County. *Note:* Please see Chapter 2 Administration, Article VII Ethics, Section 2-582 of the Cook County Code to view the full provisions of this section.

If you have questions concerning this disclosure requirement, please call the Cook County Board of Ethics at (312) 603-4304.

*Note:* A current list of contractors doing business with Cook County is available via the Cook County Board of Ethics' website at:

[http://www.cookcountygov.com/taxonomy/ethics/Listings/cc\\_ethics\\_VendorList\\_.pdf](http://www.cookcountygov.com/taxonomy/ethics/Listings/cc_ethics_VendorList_.pdf)

### **DEFINITIONS:**

"*Calendar year*" means January 1 to December 31 of each year.

"*Doing business*" for this Ordinance provision means any one or any combination of leases, contracts, or purchases to or with Cook County or any Cook County agency in excess of \$25,000 in any calendar year.

"*Familial relationship*" means a person who is related to an official or employee as spouse or any of the following, whether by blood, marriage or adoption:

- |           |                   |                |
|-----------|-------------------|----------------|
| ▪ Parent  | ▪ Grandparent     | ▪ Stepfather   |
| ▪ Child   | ▪ Grandchild      | ▪ Stepmother   |
| ▪ Brother | ▪ Father-in-law   | ▪ Stepson      |
| ▪ Sister  | ▪ Mother-in-law   | ▪ Stepdaughter |
| ▪ Aunt    | ▪ Son-in-law      | ▪ Stepbrother  |
| ▪ Uncle   | ▪ Daughter-in-law | ▪ Stepsister   |
| ▪ Niece   | ▪ Brother-in-law  | ▪ Half-brother |
| ▪ Nephew  | ▪ Sister-in-law   | ▪ Half-sister  |

"*Person*" means any individual, entity, corporation, partnership, firm, association, union, trust, estate, as well as any parent or subsidiary of any of the foregoing, and whether or not operated for profit.

**SWORN FAMILIAL RELATIONSHIP DISCLOSURE FORM**

Pursuant to Section 2-582 of the Cook County Ethics Ordinance, any *person\* doing business\** with Cook County must disclose, to the Cook County Board of Ethics, the existence of *familial relationships\** to any person holding elective office in the State of Illinois, Cook County, or in any municipality within Cook County. Please print your responses.

Name of Owner/Employee: Bruce A. Campbell Title: Chief Financial Officer

Business Entity Name: Independent Stationers, Inc. Phone: 317-579-1189

Business Entity Address: 250 E. 96th Street, Suite 510, Indianapolis, IN 46240

\_\_\_\_\_ The following familial relationship exists between the owner or any employee of the business entity contracted to do business with Cook County *and* any person holding elective office in the State of Illinois, Cook County, or in any municipality within Cook County.

Owner/Employee Name:	Related to:	Relationship:
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____

If more space is needed, attach an additional sheet following the above format.

There is *no* familial relationship that exists between the owner or any employee of the business entity contracted to do business with Cook County and any person holding elective office in the State of Illinois, Cook County, or in any municipality within Cook County.

To the best of my knowledge and belief, the information provided above is true and complete.

Bruce A. Campbell \_\_\_\_\_ Date 6/26/14  
Owner/Employee's Signature

Subscribe and sworn before me this 26 Day of June, 2014

a Notary Public in and for Hamilton County

[Signature]  
(Signature)

NOTARY PUBLIC  
SEAL

My Commission expires Sept 15, 2019

Completed forms must be filed within 30 days of the execution of any contract or lease with Cook County and should be mailed to:

**Cook County Board of Ethics  
69 West Washington Street,  
Suite 3040  
Chicago, Illinois 60602**

**SIGNATURE BY A CORPORATION**  
**(SECTION 9)**

The Undersigned hereby certifies and warrants: that all of the statements, certifications, and representations set forth in this EDS are true, complete and correct; that the Undersigned is in full compliance and will continue to be in compliance throughout the term of the Contract or County Privilege issued to the Undersigned with all the policies and requirements set forth in this EDS; and that all of the facts and information provided by the Undersigned in this EDS are true, complete and correct. The Undersigned agrees to inform the Chief Procurement Officer in writing if any of such statements, certifications, representations, facts or information becomes or is found to be untrue, incomplete or incorrect during the term of the Contract or County Privilege.

BUSINESS NAME: Independent Stationers, Inc.

BUSINESS ADDRESS: 250 E. 96th Street, Parkwood One, Suite 510  
Indianapolis, IN 46240

BUSINESS TELEPHONE: 317-579-1189 FAX NUMBER: 317-585-8763

CONTACT PERSON: Scott Zintz, National Account Business Development Manager, 630-220-9505

FEIN: 35-1405363 \*IL CORPORATE FILE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

**LIST THE FOLLOWING CORPORATE OFFICERS:**

PRESIDENT: Michael Gentile VICE PRESIDENT: Kevin France

SECRETARY: Bruce Campbell/Assistant Secretary TREASURER/Chief Financial Officer: Bruce Campbell

\*\*SIGNATURE OF PRESIDENT: *Michael Gentile*  
*CEO/ASSISTANT SECRETARY*

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_ (CORPORATE SECRETARY)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

26 day of June, 2014

X *Notary Public*  
Notary Public Signature

My commission expires: Sept 15, 2019

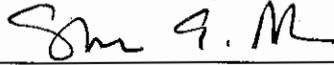
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Notary Seal

\* If the corporation is not registered in the State of Illinois, a copy of the Certificate of Good Standing from the state of incorporation must be submitted with this Signature Page.

\*\* In the event that this Signature Page is signed by any persons than the President and Secretary, attach either a certified copy of the corporate by-laws, resolution or other authorization by the corporation, authorizing such persons to sign the Signature Page on behalf of the corporation.

COOK COUNTY SIGNATURE PAGE  
(SECTION 10)

ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY OF COOK, A BODY POLITIC AND CORPORATE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THIS CONTRACT IS HEREBY EXECUTED BY:



\_\_\_\_\_  
COOK COUNTY CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER

DATED AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS THIS 31 DAY OF July, 2014.

IN THE CASE OF A BID PROPOSAL, THE COUNTY HEREBY ACCEPTS:

THE FOREGOING BID/PROPOSAL AS IDENTIFIED IN THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS FOR CONTRACT NUMBER

**1490-13849**

**OR**

ITEM(S), SECTION(S), PART(S): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL AMOUNT OF CONTRACT: \$ **140,000.00**  
(DOLLARS AND CENTS)

FUND CHARGEABLE: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

**NOT REQUIRED**

ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEY  
(Required on contracts over \$1,000,000.00)