

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

EVALUATION OF THE SUPPORTING EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT (SEED) PROGRAM

BETWEEN



COOK COUNTY GOVERNMENT

COOK COUNTY JUSTICE ADVISORY COUNCIL

AND

PUBLIC POLICY ASSOCIATES, LLC

CONTRACT NO. 2413-02051
PURCHASE ORDER NO. 70000355644

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDED CONTRACT
CORONAVIRUS STATE AND LOCAL FEDERAL RELIEF FUNDING (SLFRF) PROGRAM

Please see [Treasury's website](#) for additional information on the SLFRF program.

INITIATIVE #: NT085

ARPA EXPENDITURE GROUP:

- Public Health Negative Economic Impacts
 Premium Pay Public Health-Negative Economic Impact: Public Sector Capacity
 Infrastructure Revenue Replacement Administrative

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: **Community Violence Intervention**

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AGREEMENT

This Agreement is made and entered into by and between the County of Cook, a public body corporate of the State of Illinois, on behalf of Office of the Chief Procurement Officer hereinafter referred to as “County” and Public Policy Associates, LLC , doing business as a Limited Liability Company of the State of Michigan hereinafter referred to as “Consultant”, pursuant to authorization by the Cook County Board of Commissioners on May 15, 2025, as evidenced by Board Authorization letter attached hereto as EXHIBIT “5”.

BACKGROUND

The County of Cook issued a Request for Proposals “RFP” for Evaluation of the Supporting Education and Employment Development (SEED) Program. Proposals were evaluated in accordance with the evaluation criteria published in the RFP. The Consultant was selected based on the proposal submitted and evaluated by the County representatives.

Consultant represents that it has the professional experience and expertise to provide the necessary services and further warrants that it is ready, willing, and able to perform in accordance with the terms and conditions as set forth in this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, the County and Consultant agree as follows:

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

ARTICLE 1) INCORPORATION OF BACKGROUND

The Background information set forth above is incorporated by reference as if fully set forth here.

ARTICLE 2) DEFINITIONS

a) Definitions

The following words and phrases have the following meanings for purposes of this Agreement:

"Additional Services" means those services which are within the general scope of Services of this Agreement, but beyond the description of services required under Article 3, and all services reasonably necessary to complete the Additional Services to the standards of performance required by this Agreement. Any Additional Services requested by the Using Agency require the approval of the Chief Procurement Officer in a written amendment to this Agreement before Consultant is obligated to perform those Additional Services and before the County becomes obligated to pay for those Additional Services.

"Agreement" means this Professional Services Agreement, including all exhibits attached to it and incorporated in it by reference, and all amendments, modifications or revisions made in accordance with its terms.

"Chief Procurement Officer" means the Chief Procurement Officer for the County of Cook and any representative duly authorized in writing to act on his behalf.

"Services" means, collectively, the services, duties and responsibilities described in Article 3 of this Agreement and any and all work necessary to complete them or carry them out fully and to the standard of performance required in this Agreement.

"Subcontractor" or **"Subconsultant"** means any person or entity with whom Consultant contracts to provide any part of the Services, of any tier, suppliers and materials providers, whether or not in privity with Consultant.

"Subrecipient" shall mean an entity that receives all or a portion of grant funds received by a prime recipient in order to carry out a program or project on its behalf.

"Using Agency" shall mean the department of agency within Cook County including elected officials.

b) Interpretation

- i) The term **"include"** (in all its forms) means "include, without limitation" unless the context clearly states otherwise.
- ii) All references in this Agreement to Articles, Sections or Exhibits, unless otherwise expressed or indicated are to the Articles, Sections or Exhibits of this Agreement.
- iii) Words importing persons include firms, associations, partnerships, trusts, corporations and other legal entities, including public bodies, as well as natural persons.
- iv) Any headings preceding the text of the Articles and Sections of this Agreement, and any tables of contents or marginal notes appended to it are solely for convenience or reference and do not constitute a part of this Agreement, nor do they affect the meaning, construction or effect of this Agreement.
- v) Words importing the singular include the plural and vice versa. Words of the masculine gender include the correlative words of the feminine and neuter genders.
- vi) All references to a number of days mean calendar days, unless expressly indicated otherwise.

c) Incorporation of Exhibits

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

Exhibit 1	Scope of Services
Exhibit 2	Schedule of Compensation
Exhibit 3	American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)
Exhibit 4	Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprise Commitment
Exhibit 5	Evidence of Insurance
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ARTICLE 3) DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF CONSULTANT

a) **Scope of Services**

This description of Services is intended to be general in nature and is neither a complete description of Consultant's Services nor a limitation on the Services that Consultant is to provide under this Agreement. Consultant must provide the Services in accordance with the standards of performance set forth in Section 3c. The Services that Consultant must provide include, but are not limited to, those described in Exhibit 1, Scope of Services and Time Limits for Performance, which is attached to this Agreement and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth here.

b) **Deliverables**

In carrying out its Services, Consultant must prepare or provide to the County various Deliverables. "**Deliverables**" include work product, such as written reviews, recommendations, reports and analyses, produced by Consultant for the County.

The County may reject Deliverables that do not include relevant information or data, or do not include all documents or other materials specified in this Agreement or reasonably necessary for the purpose for which the County made this Agreement or for which the County intends to use the Deliverables. If the County determines that Consultant has failed to comply with the foregoing standards, it has 30 days from the discovery to notify Consultant of its failure. If Consultant does not correct the failure, if it is possible to do so, within 30 days after receipt of notice from the County specifying the failure, then the County, by written notice, may treat the failure as a default of this Agreement under Article 9.

Partial or incomplete Deliverables may be accepted for review only when required for a specific and well-defined purpose and when consented to in advance by the County. Such Deliverables will not be considered as satisfying the requirements of this Agreement and partial or incomplete Deliverables in no way relieve Consultant of its commitments under this Agreement.

c) Standard of Performance

Consultant must perform all Services required of it under this Agreement with that degree of skill, care and diligence normally shown by a consultant performing services of a scope and purpose and magnitude comparable with the nature of the Services to be provided under this Agreement. Consultant acknowledges that it is entrusted with or has access to valuable and confidential information and records of the County and with respect to that information, Consultant agrees to be held to the standard of care of a fiduciary.

Consultant must assure that all Services that require the exercise of professional skills or judgment are accomplished by professionals qualified and competent in the applicable discipline and appropriately licensed, if required by law. Consultant must provide copies of any such licenses. Consultant remains responsible for the professional and technical accuracy of all Services or Deliverables furnished, whether by Consultant or its Subconsultants or others on its behalf. All Deliverables must be prepared in a form and content satisfactory to the Using Agency and delivered in a timely manner consistent with the requirements of this Agreement.

If Consultant fails to comply with the foregoing standards, Consultant must perform again, at its own expense, all Services required to be re-performed as a direct or indirect result of that failure. Any review, approval, acceptance, or payment for any of the Services by the County does not relieve Consultant of its responsibility for the professional skill and care and technical accuracy of its Services and Deliverables. This provision in no way limits the County's rights against consultant either under this Agreement, at law or in equity.

d) Personnel

i) Adequate Staffing

Consultant must, upon receiving a fully executed copy of this Agreement, assign and maintain during the term of this Agreement and any extension of it an adequate staff of competent personnel that is fully equipped, licensed as appropriate, available as needed, qualified and assigned exclusively to perform the Services. Consultant must include among its staff the Key Personnel and positions as identified below. The level of staffing may be revised from time to time by notice in writing from Consultant to the County and with written consent of the County, which consent the County will not withhold unreasonably. If the County fails to object to the revision within 14 days after receiving the notice, then the revision will be considered accepted by the County.

ii) **Key Personnel**

Consultant must not reassign or replace Key Personnel without the written consent of the County, which consent the County will not unreasonably withhold. "**Key Personnel**" means those job titles and the persons assigned to those positions in accordance with the provisions of this Section 3.d(ii). The Using Agency may at any time in writing notify Consultant that the County will no longer accept performance of Services under this Agreement by one or more Key Personnel listed. Upon that notice Consultant must immediately suspend the services of the key person or persons and must replace him or them in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. A list of Key Personnel is found in Exhibit 1, Scope of Services.

iii) **Salaries and Wages**

Consultant and Subconsultants must pay all salaries and wages due all employees performing Services under this Agreement unconditionally and at least once a month without deduction or rebate on any account, except only for those payroll deductions that are mandatory by law or are permitted under applicable law and regulations. If in the performance of this Agreement Consultant underpays any such salaries or wages, the Comptroller for the County may withhold, out of payments due to Consultant, an amount sufficient to pay to employees underpaid the difference between the salaries or wages required to be paid under this Agreement and the salaries or wages actually paid these employees for the total number of hours worked. The amounts withheld may be disbursed by the Comptroller for and on account of Consultant to the respective employees to whom they are due. The parties acknowledge that this Section 3.d(iii) is solely for the benefit of the County and that it does not grant any third party beneficiary rights.

e) **Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprises Commitment**

In the performance of this Agreement, including the procurement and lease of materials or equipment, Consultant must abide by the minority and women's business enterprise commitment requirements of the Cook County Ordinance, (Article IV, Section 34-267 through 272) except to the extent waived by the Compliance Director, which are set forth in Exhibit 4. Consultant's completed MBE/WBE Utilization Plan evidencing its compliance with this requirement are a part of this Agreement, in Form 1 of the MBE/WBE Utilization Plan, upon acceptance by the Compliance Director. Consultant must utilize minority and women's business enterprises at the greater of the amounts committed to by the Consultant for this Agreement in accordance with Form 1 of the MBE/WBE Utilization Plan.

f) Insurance

The Consultant, 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 Consultant's responsibility for payment of damages resulting from its operations under this Contract.

The Consultant shall require all Subcontractors to provide the insurance required in this Contract, or Consultant may provide the coverages for Subcontractors. All Subcontractors are subject to the same insurance requirements as Consultant except paragraph (d) Excess/Umbrella Liability or unless specified otherwise.

The Cook County Department of Risk Management maintains the right to modify, delete, alter or change these requirements.

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:

Employers' Liability coverage with a limit of
\$1,000,000 each Accident
\$1,000,000 each Employee
\$1,000,000 Policy Limit for Disease

(b) Commercial General Liability Insurance

The Commercial General Liability shall be on an occurrence form basis (ISO Form CG 0001 or equivalent) to cover bodily injury, personal injury and property damage.

Each Occurrence	\$1,000,000
General Aggregate	\$1,000,000
Completed Operations Aggregate	\$2,000,000

The General Liability policy shall include the following coverages:

- (1) All premises and operations;
- (2) Contractual Liability;
- (3) Products/Completed Operations;
- (4) Severability of interest/separation of insureds clause

(c) Commercial Automobile Liability Insurance

When any vehicles are used in the performance of this contract, Consultant shall secure Automobile Liability Insurance for bodily injury and property damage arising from the Ownership, maintenance or use of owned, hired, and non-owned vehicles with a limit no less than \$1,000,000 per accident.

(d) Excess/Umbrella Liability

Such policy shall be excess over Commercial General Liability, Automobile Liability, and Employer's Liability with limits not less than the following amounts:

Each Occurrence: \$1,000,000

(e) Professional Liability (Errors & Omissions)

The Consultant shall secure insurance appropriate to the Consultant's profession covering all claims arising out of the performance or nonperformance of professional services for the County under this Contract. This insurance shall remain in force for the life of the Consultant's obligations under this Contract and shall have a limit of liability of not less than \$1,000,000 per claim.

If any such policy is written on a claims-made form:

- (1) The retroactive coverage date shall be no later than the effective date of this contract.
- (2) If coverage is canceled or non-renewed, and not replaced with another claims-made policy form with a retroactive date on or before this contract effective date, the Consultant must maintain "extended reporting" coverage for a minimum of three (3) year after completion of services.

(f) Network Security & Privacy Liability (Cyber)

The Consultant shall secure coverage for first and third-party claims with limits not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence or claim, \$1,000,000 aggregate.

If any such policy is written on a claims-made form:

- (1) The retroactive coverage date shall be no later than the effective date of this contract.
- (2) If coverage is canceled or non-renewed, and not replaced with another claims-made policy form with a retroactive date on or before this contract effective date, the Consultant must maintain "extended reporting" coverage for a minimum of three (3) year after completion of services.

Additional requirements

(a) Additional Insured

The required insurance policies, with the exception of Workers Compensation and Errors & Omissions, shall name Cook County, its officials, employees, and agents as additional insureds with respect to operations performed on a primary and non-contributory basis. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by Cook County shall be excess of the Consultant's insurance and shall not contribute with it. The full policy limits and scope of protection shall apply to Cook County as an additional insured even if they exceed the minimum insurance requirements specified herein.

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 consent of the Cook County Department of Risk Management. The insurance limits required herein may be satisfied by a combination of primary, umbrella and/or excess liability insurance policies.

(b) Insurance Notices

The Consultant shall provide the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer with thirty (30) days advance written notice in the event any required insurance will be cancelled, materially reduced or non-renewed. The Consultant shall secure replacement coverage to comply with the stated insurance requirements and provide new certificates of insurance to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer.

Prior to the date on which the Consultant commences performance of its part of the work, the Consultant shall furnish to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer certificates of insurance maintained by Consultant. The receipt of any certificate of insurance does not constitute Contract by the County that the insurance requirements have been fully met or that the insurance policies indicated on the certificate of insurance are in compliance with insurance required above.

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 the Consultant's obligations to obtain insurance pursuant to these insurance requirements.

(c) Waiver of Subrogation Endorsements

All insurance policies must contain a Waiver of Subrogation Endorsement in favor of Cook County.

g) Indemnification

The Consultant 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 Consultant, or the acts or omissions of the officers, agents, employees, Consultants, subconsultants, licensees or invitees of the Consultant. The Consultant expressly understands and agrees that any Performance Bond or insurance protection required of the Consultant, or otherwise provided by the Consultant, shall in no way limit the responsibility to indemnify the County as hereinabove provided.

h) Confidentiality and Ownership of Documents

Consultant acknowledges and agrees that information regarding this Contract is confidential and shall not be disclosed, directly, indirectly or by implication, or be used by Consultant in any way, whether during the term of this Contract or at any time thereafter, except solely as required in the course of Consultant's performance hereunder. Consultant 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. Consultant 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 Consultant 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 Consultant 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 Consultant's own purposes or for those of any third party. During the performance of the Contract Consultant shall be responsible of any loss or damage to the Documents while they are in Consultant's possession, and any such loss or damage shall be restored at the expense of the Consultant. The County and its designees shall be afforded full access to the Documents and the work at all times.

i) Patents, Copyrights and Licenses

If applicable, Consultant shall furnish the Chief Procurement Officer with all licenses required for the County to utilize any software, including firmware or middleware, provided by Consultant as part of the Deliverables. Such licenses shall be clearly marked with a reference to the number of this County Contract. Consultant 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.

Consultant agrees to hold harmless and indemnify the County, its officers, agents, employees and affiliates from and defend, as permitted by Illinois law, at its own expense (including reasonable attorneys', accountants' and consultants' 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 Consultant'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, Consultant with all reasonable speed and due diligence shall provide or otherwise secure for County, at the Consultant'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 Consultant 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.

j) Examination of Records and Audits

The Consultant 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 Consultant related to the Contract, or to Consultant's compliance with any term, condition or provision thereof. The Consultant shall be responsible for establishing and maintaining records sufficient to document the costs associated with performance under the terms of this Contract.

The Consultant 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 compliance with any term, condition or provision thereunder or under the Contract.

In the event the Consultant receives payment under the Contract, reimbursement for which is later disallowed by the County, the Consultant 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 Consultant under any contract with the County.

To the extent this Contract pertains to Deliverables which may be reimbursable under the Medicaid or Medicare Programs, Consultant 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 Consultant 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, Consultant 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.

k) 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 Consultant from its obligations or change the terms of the Contract. The Consultant 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 Consultant shall have no effect on the County and are null and void.

Prior to the commencement of the Contract, the Consultant shall identify in writing to the Chief Procurement Officer the names of any and all Subcontractors it intends to use in the performance of the Contract by completing the Identification of Subcontractor/Supplier/Subconsultant Form ("ISF"). The Chief Procurement Officer shall have the right to disapprove any Subcontractor. All Subcontractors shall be subject to the terms of this Contract. Consultant 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 Consultant must disclose the name and business address of each Subcontractor, attorney, lobbyist, accountant, consultant and any other person or entity whom the Consultant 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 Consultant is not required to disclose employees who are paid or estimated to be paid. The Consultant is not required to disclose employees who are paid solely through the Consultant'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 Consultant is uncertain whether a disclosure is required under this Section, the Consultant 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 Consultants and Subcontractor of the Consultant shall be accountable to the Chief Procurement Officer or his designee while on any County property and shall abide by all rules and regulations imposed by the County.

l) Professional Social Services

In accordance with 34-146, of the Cook County Procurement Code, all Consultants or providers providing services under a Professional Social Service Contracts or Professional Social Services Agreements, shall submit an annual performance report to the Using Agency, i.e., the agency for whom the Consultant or provider is providing the professional social services, that includes but is not limited to relevant statistics, an empirical analysis where applicable, and a written narrative describing the goals and objectives of the contract or agreement and programmatic outcomes. The annual performance report shall be provided and reported to the Cook County Board of Commissioners by the applicable Using Agency within forty-five days of receipt. Failure of the Consultant or provider to provide an annual performance report will be considered a breach of contract or agreement by the Consultant or provider, and may result in termination of the Contract or agreement.

For purposes of this Section, a Professional Social Service Contract or Professional Social Service Agreement shall mean any contract or agreement with a social service provider, including other governmental agencies, nonprofit organizations, or for profit business enterprises engaged in the field of and providing social services, juvenile justice, mental health treatment, alternative sentencing, offender rehabilitation, recidivism reduction, foster care, substance abuse treatment, domestic violence services, community transitioning services, intervention, or such other similar services which provide mental, social or physical treatment and services to individuals. Said Professional Social Service Contracts or Professional Social Service Agreements do not include CCHHS managed care contracts that CCHHS may enter into with health care providers.

ARTICLE 4) TERM OF PERFORMANCE

a) Term of Performance

This Agreement takes effect when approved by the Cook County Board and its term shall begin on June 1, 2025 ("**Effective Date**") and continue until May 31, 2026 or until this Agreement is terminated in accordance with its terms, whichever occurs first.

b) Timeliness of Performance

- i) Consultant must provide the Services and Deliverables within the term and within the time limits required under this Agreement, pursuant to the provisions of Section 4.a and Exhibit 1. Further, Consultant acknowledges that TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE and that the failure of Consultant to comply with the time limits described in this Section 4.b may result in economic or other losses to the County.
- ii) Neither Consultant nor Consultant's agents, employees nor Subcontractors are entitled to any damages from the County, nor is any party entitled to be reimbursed by the County, for damages, charges or other losses or expenses incurred by Consultant by reason of delays or hindrances in the performance of the Services, whether or not caused by the County.

c) Agreement Extension Option

The Chief Procurement Officer may at any time before this Agreement expires elect to renew this Agreement for one (1) additional one-year periods under the same terms and conditions as this original Agreement, except as provided otherwise in this Agreement, by notice in writing to Consultant. After notification by the Chief Procurement Officer, this Agreement must be modified to reflect the time extension in accordance with the provisions of Section 10.c.

ARTICLE 5) COMPENSATION

a) Basis of Payment

The County will pay Consultant according to the Schedule of Compensation in the attached Exhibit 2 for the successful completion of services.

b) Method of Payment

All invoices submitted by the Consultant shall be in accordance with the cost provisions contained in the Agreement and shall contain a detailed description of the Deliverables, including the quantity of the Deliverables, for which payment is requested. All invoices for services shall include itemized entries indicating the date or time period in which the services were provided, the amount of time spent performing the services, and a detailed description of the services provided during the period of the invoice. All Contracts for services that are procured as Sole Source must also contain a provision requiring the Contractor to submit itemized records indicating the dates that services were provided, a detailed description of the work performed on each such date, and the amount of time spent performing work on each such date. All invoices shall reflect the amounts invoiced by and the amounts paid to the Consultant as of the date of the invoice. Invoices for new charges shall not include "past due" amounts, if any, which amounts must be set forth on a separate invoice. Consultant shall not be entitled to invoice the County for any late fees or other penalties.

In accordance with Section 34-177 of the Cook County Procurement Code, the County shall have a right to set off and subtract from any invoice(s) or Contract price, a sum equal to any fines and penalties, including interest, for any tax or fee delinquency and any debt or obligation owed by the Consultant to the County.

The Consultant acknowledges its duty to ensure the accuracy of all invoices submitted to the County for payment. By submitting the invoices, the Consultant certifies that all itemized entries set forth in the invoices are true and correct. The Consultant acknowledges that by submitting the invoices, it certifies that it has delivered the Deliverables, i.e., the goods, supplies, services or equipment set forth in the Agreement to the Using Agency, or that it has properly performed the services set forth in the Agreement. The invoice must also reflect the dates and amount of time expended in the provision of services under the Agreement. The Consultant acknowledges that any inaccurate statements or negligent or intentional misrepresentations in the invoices shall result in the County exercising all remedies available to it in law and equity including, but not limited to, a delay in payment or non-payment to the Consultant, and reporting the matter to the Cook County Office of the Independent Inspector General.

When a Consultant receives any payment from the County for any supplies, equipment, goods, or services, it has provided to the County pursuant to its Agreement, the Consultant must make payment to its Subcontractors within 15 days after receipt of payment from the County, provided that such Subcontractor has satisfactorily provided the supplies, equipment, goods or services in accordance with the Contract and provided the Consultant with all of the documents and information required of the Consultant. The Consultant may delay or postpone payment to a Subcontractor when the Subcontractor's supplies, equipment, goods, or services do not comply with the requirements of the Contract, the Consultant is acting in good faith, and not in retaliation for a Subcontractor exercising legal or contractual rights.

c) Funding

The source of funds for payments under this Agreement is identified in Exhibit 2, Schedule of Compensation. Payments under this Agreement must not exceed the dollar amount shown in Exhibit 2 without a written amendment in accordance with Section 10.c.

d) Non-Appropriation

If no funds or insufficient funds are appropriated and budgeted in any fiscal period of the County for payments to be made under this Agreement, then the County will notify Consultant in writing of that occurrence, and this Agreement will terminate on the earlier of the last day of the fiscal period for which sufficient appropriation was made or whenever the funds appropriated for payment under this Agreement are exhausted. Payments for Services completed to the date of notification will be made to Consultant. No payments will be made or due to Consultant and under this Agreement beyond those amounts appropriated and budgeted by the County to fund payments under this Agreement.

e) 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-9998-2013-07.

f) Price Reduction

If at any time after the contract award, Consultant 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 5.f., Price Reduction, a general price reduction shall include reductions in the effective price charged by Consultant 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 Consultant makes in the price of the Deliverables to its prospective customers generally.

g) Consultant Credits

To the extent the Consultant 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 Agency. Consultant shall reflect any such credits on its invoices and in the amounts it invoices the County.

ARTICLE 6) DISPUTES

Any dispute arising under the Contract between the County and Consultant 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 her decision to writing and mail or otherwise furnish a copy thereof to the Consultant. 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, Consultant 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.

ARTICLE 7) COOPERATION WITH INSPECTOR GENERAL AND COMPLIANCE WITH ALL LAWS

The Consultant, 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 (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.

The Consultant 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 Consultant's employees, agents or Subcontractor shall be the responsibility of the Consultant.

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

ARTICLE 8) SPECIAL CONDITIONS

a) Warranties and Representations

In connection with signing and carrying out this Agreement, Consultant:

- i) warrants that Consultant is appropriately licensed under Illinois law to perform the Services required under this Agreement and will perform no Services for which a professional license is required by law and for which Consultant is not appropriately licensed;
- ii) warrants it is financially solvent; it and each of its employees, agents and Subcontractors of any tier are competent to perform the Services required under this Agreement; and Consultant is legally authorized to execute and perform or cause to be performed this Agreement under the terms and conditions stated in this Agreement;
- iii) warrants that it will not knowingly use the services of any ineligible consultant or Subcontractor for any purpose in the performance of its Services under this Agreement;

- iv) warrants that Consultant and its Subcontractors are not in default at the time this Agreement is signed, and has not been considered by the Chief Procurement Officer to have, within 5 years immediately preceding the date of this Agreement, been found to be in default on any contract awarded by the County;
- v) represents that it has carefully examined and analyzed the provisions and requirements of this Agreement; it understands the nature of the Services required; from its own analysis it has satisfied itself as to the nature of all things needed for the performance of this Agreement; this Agreement is feasible of performance in accordance with all of its provisions and requirements, and Consultant warrants it can and will perform, or cause to be performed, the Services in strict accordance with the provisions and requirements of this Agreement;
- vi) represents that Consultant and, to the best of its knowledge, its Subcontractors are not in violation of the provisions of the Illinois Criminal Code, 720 ILCS 5/33E as amended; and
- vii) acknowledges that any certification, affidavit or acknowledgment made under oath in connection with this Agreement is made under penalty of perjury and, if false, is also cause for termination under Sections 9.a and 9.c.

b) Ethics

- i) In addition to the foregoing warranties and representations, Consultant warrants:
 - (1) no officer, agent or employee of the County is employed by Consultant or has a financial interest directly or indirectly in this Agreement or the compensation to be paid under this Agreement except as may be permitted in writing by the Board of Ethics.
 - (2) no payment, gratuity or offer of employment will be made in connection with this Agreement by or on behalf of any Subcontractors to the prime Consultant or higher tier Subcontractors or anyone associated with them, as an inducement for the award of a subcontract or order.

c) Joint and Several Liability

If Consultant, or its successors or assigns, if any, is comprised of more than one individual or other legal entity (or a combination of them), then under this Agreement, each and without limitation every obligation or undertaking in this Agreement to be fulfilled or performed by Consultant is the joint and several obligation or undertaking of each such individual or other legal entity.

d) Business Documents

At the request of the County, Consultant must provide copies of its latest articles of incorporation, by-laws and resolutions, or partnership or joint venture agreement, as applicable.

e) Conflicts of Interest

- i) No member of the governing body of the County or other unit of government and no other officer, employee or agent of the County or other unit of government who exercises any functions or responsibilities in connection with the Services to which this Agreement pertains is permitted to have any personal interest, direct or indirect, in this Agreement. No member of or delegate to the Congress of the United States or the Illinois General Assembly and no Commissioner of the Cook County Board or County employee is allowed to be admitted to any share or part of this Agreement or to any financial benefit to arise from it.
- ii) Consultant covenants that it, and to the best of its knowledge, its Subcontractors if any (collectively, "**Consulting Parties**"), presently have no direct or indirect interest and will not acquire any interest, direct or indirect, in any project or contract that would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of its Services under this Agreement.
- iii) Upon the request of the County, Consultant must disclose to the County its past client list and the names of any clients with whom it has an ongoing relationship. Consultant is not permitted to perform any Services for the County on applications or other documents submitted to the County by any of Consultant's past or present clients. If Consultant becomes aware of a conflict, it must immediately stop work on the assignment causing the conflict and notify the County.
- iv) Without limiting the foregoing, if the Consulting Parties assist the County in determining the advisability or feasibility of a project or in recommending, researching, preparing, drafting or issuing a request for proposals or bid specifications for a project, the Consulting Parties must not participate, directly or indirectly, as a prime, Subcontractor or joint venturer in that project or in the preparation of a proposal or bid for that project during the term of this Agreement or afterwards. The Consulting Parties may, however, assist the County in reviewing the proposals or bids for the project if none of the Consulting Parties have a relationship with the persons or entities that submitted the proposals or bids for that project.

- v) The Consultant further covenants that, in the performance of this Agreement, no person having any conflicting interest will be assigned to perform any Services or have access to any confidential information, as defined in Section 3.h of this Agreement. If the County, by the Chief Procurement Officer in his reasonable judgment, determines that any of Consultant's Services for others conflict with the Services Consultant is to render for the County under this Agreement, Consultant must terminate such other services immediately upon request of the County.

- vi) Furthermore, if any federal funds are to be used to compensate or reimburse Consultant under this Agreement, Consultant represents that it is and will remain in compliance with federal restrictions on lobbying set forth in Section 319 of the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for Fiscal year 1990, 31 U.S.C. § 1352, and related rules and regulations set forth at 54 Fed. Reg. 52,309 ff. (1989), as amended. If federal funds are to be used, Consultant must execute a Certification Regarding Lobbying, which will be attached as an exhibit and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth here.

f) Non-Liability of Public Officials

Consultant and any assignee or Subcontractor of Consultant must not charge any official, employee or agent of the County personally with any liability or expenses of defense or hold any official, employee or agent of the County personally liable to them under any term or provision of this Agreement or because of the County's execution, attempted execution or any breach of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 9) EVENTS OF DEFAULT, REMEDIES, TERMINATION, SUSPENSION AND RIGHT TO OFFSET

a) Events of Default Defined

The following constitute events of default:

- i) Any material misrepresentation, whether negligent or willful and whether in the inducement or in the performance, made by Consultant to the County.

- ii) Consultant's material failure to perform any of its obligations under this Agreement including the following:
 - (a) Failure due to a reason or circumstances within Consultant's reasonable control to perform the Services with sufficient personnel and equipment or with sufficient material to ensure the performance of the Services;

- (b) Failure to perform the Services in a manner reasonably satisfactory to the Chief Procurement Officer or inability to perform the Services satisfactorily as a result of insolvency, filing for bankruptcy or assignment for the benefit of creditors;
 - (c) Failure to promptly re-perform within a reasonable time Services that were rejected as erroneous or unsatisfactory;
 - (d) Discontinuance of the Services for reasons within Consultant's reasonable control; and
 - (e) Failure to comply with any other material term of this Agreement, including the provisions concerning insurance and nondiscrimination.
- iii) Any change in ownership or control of Consultant without the prior written approval of the Chief Procurement Officer, which approval the Chief Procurement Officer will not unreasonably withhold.
 - iv) Consultant's default under any other agreement it may presently have or may enter into with the County during the life of this Agreement. Consultant acknowledges and agrees that in the event of a default under this Agreement the County may also declare a default under any such other Agreements.
 - v) Failure to comply with Article 7 in the performance of the Agreement.
 - vi) Consultant's repeated or continued violations of County ordinances unrelated to performance under the Agreement that in the opinion of the Chief Procurement Officer indicate a willful or reckless disregard for County laws and regulations.

b) Remedies

The occurrence of any event of default permits the County, at the County's sole option, to declare Consultant in default. The Chief Procurement Officer may in his sole discretion give Consultant an opportunity to cure the default within a certain period of time, which period of time must not exceed 30 days, unless extended by the Chief Procurement Officer. Whether to declare Consultant in default is within the sole discretion of the Chief Procurement Officer and neither that decision nor the factual basis for it is subject to review or challenge under the Disputes provision of this Agreement.

The Chief Procurement Officer will give Consultant written notice of the default, either in the form of a cure notice ("**Cure Notice**"), or, if no opportunity to cure will be granted, a default notice ("**Default Notice**"). If the Chief Procurement Officer gives a Default Notice, he will also indicate any present intent he may have to terminate this Agreement, and the decision to terminate (but not the decision not to terminate) is final and effective upon giving the notice. The Chief Procurement Officer may give a Default Notice if Consultant fails to affect a cure within the cure period given in a Cure Notice. When a Default Notice with intent to terminate is given as provided in this Section 9.b and Article 11, Consultant must discontinue any Services, unless otherwise directed in the notice, and deliver all materials accumulated in the performance of this Agreement, whether completed or in the process, to the County. After giving a Default Notice, the County may invoke any or all of the following remedies:

- i) The right to take over and complete the Services, or any part of them, at Consultant's expense and as agent for Consultant, either directly or through others, and bill Consultant for the cost of the Services, and Consultant must pay the difference between the total amount of this bill and the amount the County would have paid Consultant under the terms and conditions of this Agreement for the Services that were assumed by the County as agent for the Consultant under this Section 9.b;
- ii) The right to terminate this Agreement as to any or all of the Services yet to be performed effective at a time specified by the County;
- iii) The right of specific performance, an injunction or any other appropriate equitable remedy;
- iv) The right to money damages;
- v) The right to withhold all or any part of Consultant's compensation under this Agreement;
- vi) The right to consider Consultant non-responsible in future contracts to be awarded by the County.

If the Chief Procurement Officer considers it to be in the County's best interests, he may elect not to declare default or to terminate this Agreement. The parties acknowledge that this provision is solely for the benefit of the County and that if the County permits Consultant to continue to provide the Services despite one or more events of default, Consultant is in no way relieved of any of its responsibilities, duties or obligations under this Agreement, nor does the County waive or relinquish any of its rights.

The remedies under the terms of this Agreement are not intended to be exclusive of any other remedies provided, but each and every such remedy is cumulative and is in addition to any other remedies, existing now or later, at law, in equity or by statute. No delay or omission to exercise any right or power accruing upon any event of default impairs any such right or power, nor is it a waiver of any event of default nor acquiescence in it, and every such right and power may be exercised from time to time and as often as the County considers expedient.

c) Early Termination

In addition to termination under Sections 9.a and 9.b of this Agreement, the County may terminate this Agreement, or all or any portion of the Services to be performed under it, at any time by a notice in writing from the County to Consultant. The County will give notice to Consultant in accordance with the provisions of Article 11. The effective date of termination will be the date the notice is received by Consultant or the date stated in the notice, whichever is later. If the County elects to terminate this Agreement in full, all Services to be provided under it must cease and all materials that may have been accumulated in performing this Agreement, whether completed or in the process, must be delivered to the County effective 10 days after the date the notice is considered received as provided under Article 11 of this Agreement (if no date is given) or upon the effective date stated in the notice.

After the notice is received, Consultant must restrict its activities, and those of its Subcontractors, to winding down any reports, analyses, or other activities previously begun. No costs incurred after the effective date of the termination are allowed. Payment for any Services actually and satisfactorily performed before the effective date of the termination is on the same basis as set forth in Article 5, but if any compensation is described or provided for on the basis of a period longer than 10 days, then the compensation must be prorated accordingly. No amount of compensation, however, is permitted for anticipated profits on unperformed Services. The County and Consultant must attempt to agree on the amount of compensation to be paid to Consultant, but if not agreed on, the dispute must be settled in accordance with Article 6 of this Agreement. The payment so made to Consultant is in full settlement for all Services satisfactorily performed under this Agreement.

Consultant must include in its contracts with Subcontractors an early termination provision in form and substance equivalent to this early termination provision to prevent claims against the County arising from termination of subcontracts after the early termination. Consultant will not be entitled to make any early termination claims against the County resulting from any Subcontractor's claims against Consultant or the County to the extent inconsistent with this provision.

If the County's election to terminate this Agreement for default under Sections 9.a and 9.b is determined in a court of competent jurisdiction to have been wrongful, then in that case the termination is to be considered to be an early termination under this Section 9.c.

d) Suspension

The County may at any time request that Consultant suspend its Services, or any part of them, by giving 15 days prior written notice to Consultant or upon informal oral, or even no notice, in the event of emergency. No costs incurred after the effective date of such suspension are allowed. Consultant must promptly resume its performance of the Services under the same terms and conditions as stated in this Agreement upon written notice by the Chief Procurement Officer and such equitable extension of time as may be mutually agreed upon by the Chief Procurement Officer and Consultant when necessary for continuation or completion of Services. Any additional costs or expenses actually incurred by Consultant as a result of recommencing the Services must be treated in accordance with the compensation provisions under Article 5 of this Agreement.

No suspension of this Agreement is permitted in the aggregate to exceed a period of 45 days within any one year of this Agreement. If the total number of days of suspension exceeds 45 days, Consultant by written notice may treat the suspension as an early termination of this Agreement under Section 9.c.

e) Right to Offset

In connection with performance under this Agreement, the County may offset any excess costs incurred:

- i) if the County terminates this Agreement for default or any other reason resulting from Consultant's performance or non-performance;
- ii) if the County exercises any of its remedies under Section 9.b of this Agreement;
or
- iii) if the County has any credits due or has made any overpayments under this Agreement.

The County may offset these excess costs by use of any payment due for Services completed before the County terminated this Agreement or before the County exercised any remedies. If the amount offset is insufficient to cover those excess costs, Consultant is liable for and must promptly remit to the County the balance upon written demand for it. This right to offset is in addition to and not a limitation of any other remedies available to the County.

f) Delays

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

g) Prepaid Fees

In the event this Contract is terminated by either party, for cause or otherwise, and the County has prepaid for any Deliverables, Consultant 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.

ARTICLE 10) GENERAL CONDITIONS

a) Entire Agreement

i) General

This Agreement, and the exhibits attached to it and incorporated in it, constitute the entire agreement between the parties and no other warranties, inducements, considerations, promises or interpretations are implied or impressed upon this Agreement that are not expressly addressed in this Agreement.

ii) No Collateral Agreements

Consultant acknowledges that, except only for those representations, statements or promises expressly contained in this Agreement and any exhibits attached to it and incorporated by reference in it, no representation, statement or promise, oral or in writing, of any kind whatsoever, by the County, its officials, agents or employees, has induced Consultant to enter into this Agreement or has been relied upon by Consultant, including any with reference to:

- (a) the meaning, correctness, suitability or completeness of any provisions or requirements of this Agreement;
- (b) the nature of the Services to be performed;
- (c) the nature, quantity, quality or volume of any materials, equipment, labor and other facilities needed for the performance of this Agreement;
- (d) the general conditions which may in any way affect this Agreement or its performance;
- (e) the compensation provisions of this Agreement; or
- (f) any other matters, whether similar to or different from those referred to in (a) through (e) immediately above, affecting or having any connection with this Agreement, its negotiation, any discussions of its performance or those employed or connected or concerned with it.

iii) **No Omissions**

Consultant acknowledges that Consultant was given an opportunity to review all documents forming this Agreement before signing this Agreement in order that it might request inclusion in this Agreement of any statement, representation, promise or provision that it desired or on that it wished to place reliance. Consultant did so review those documents, and either every such statement, representation, promise or provision has been included in this Agreement or else, if omitted, Consultant relinquishes the benefit of any such omitted statement, representation, promise or provision and is willing to perform this Agreement in its entirety without claiming reliance on it or making any other claim on account of its omission.

b) **Counterparts**

This Agreement is comprised of several identical counterparts, each to be fully signed by the parties and each to be considered an original having identical legal effect.

c) **Contract Amendments**

The parties may during the term of the Contract make amendments to the Contract but only as provided in this section. Such 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 the total cost of all such amendments does not increase the total amount of the Contract beyond \$200,000. Such action may only be made with the advance written approval of the Chief Procurement Officer. If the amendment increases the total award amount beyond \$200,000, then Board approval will be required.

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

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

d) Governing Law and Jurisdiction

This Contract shall be governed by and construed under the laws of the State of Illinois. The Consultant 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, State of Illinois, and the Consultant consents and submits to the jurisdiction thereof. In accordance with these provisions, Consultant 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.

e) Severability

If any provision of this Agreement is held or considered to be or is in fact invalid, illegal, inoperative or unenforceable as applied in any particular case in any jurisdiction or in all cases because it conflicts with any other provision or provisions of this Agreement or of any constitution, statute, ordinance, rule of law or public policy, or for any other reason, those circumstances do not have the effect of rendering the provision in question invalid, illegal, inoperative or unenforceable in any other case or circumstances, or of rendering any other provision or provisions in this Agreement invalid, illegal, inoperative or unenforceable to any extent whatsoever. The invalidity, illegality, inoperativeness or unenforceability of any one or more phrases, sentences, clauses or sections in this Agreement does not affect the remaining portions of this Agreement or any part of it.

f) Assigns

All of the terms and conditions of this Agreement are binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties and their respective legal representatives, successors and assigns.

g) Cooperation

Consultant must at all times cooperate fully with the County and act in the County's best interests. If this Agreement is terminated for any reason, or if it is to expire on its own terms, Consultant must make every effort to assure an orderly transition to another provider of the Services, if any, orderly demobilization of its own operations in connection with the Services, uninterrupted provision of Services during any transition period and must otherwise comply with the reasonable requests and requirements of the Using Agency in connection with the termination or expiration.

h) Waiver

Nothing in this Agreement authorizes the waiver of a requirement or condition contrary to law or ordinance or that would result in or promote the violation of any federal, state or local law or ordinance.

Whenever under this Agreement the County by a proper authority waives Consultant's performance in any respect or waives a requirement or condition to either the County's or Consultant's performance, the waiver so granted, whether express or implied, only applies to the particular instance and is not a waiver forever or for subsequent instances of the performance, requirement or condition. No such waiver is a modification of this Agreement regardless of the number of times the County may have waived the performance, requirement or condition. Such waivers must be provided to Consultant in writing.

i) Independent Consultant

This Agreement is not intended to and will not constitute, create, give rise to, or otherwise recognize a joint venture, partnership, corporation or other formal business association or organization of any kind between Consultant and the County. The rights and the obligations of the parties are only those expressly set forth in this Agreement. Consultant must perform under this Agreement as an independent Consultant and not as a representative, employee, agent, or partner of the County.

This Agreement is between the County and an independent Consultant and, if Consultant is an individual, nothing provided for under this Agreement constitutes or implies an employer-employee relationship such that:

- i) The County will not be liable under or by reason of this Agreement for the payment of any compensation award or damages in connection with the Consultant performing the Services required under this Agreement.
- ii) Consultant is not entitled to membership in the County Pension Fund, Group Medical Insurance Program, Group Dental Program, Group Vision Care, Group Life Insurance Program, Deferred Income Program, vacation, sick leave, extended sick leave, or any other benefits ordinarily provided to individuals employed and paid through the regular payrolls of the County.
- iv) The County is not required to deduct or withhold any taxes, FICA or other deductions from any compensation provided to the Consultant.

j) 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.

In the event that other agencies participate in a joint procurement, the County reserves the right to renegotiate the price to accommodate the larger volume.

k) Comparable Government Procurement

As permitted by the County of Cook, other government entities, if authorized by law, may wish to purchase the goods, supplies, services or equipment under the same terms and conditions contained in this Contract (i.e., comparable government procurement). Each entity wishing to reference this Contract must have prior authorization from the County of Cook and the Consultant. If such participation is authorized, all purchase orders will be issued directly from and shipped directly to the entity requiring the goods, supplies, equipment or services supplies/services. The County shall not be held responsible for any orders placed, deliveries made or payment for the goods, supplies, equipment or services supplies/services ordered by these entities. Each entity reserves the right to determine the amount of goods, supplies, equipment or services it wishes to purchase under this Contract.

l) Force Majeure

Neither Consultant 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 and 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.

m) Federal Clauses

Section (m) Federal Clauses – New Federal Clauses – May 2025

The following provisions apply to all Contracts which are funded in whole or in part with federal funds.

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 subcontractors, 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

If the contract or subcontracts may involve the international transportation of goods, equipment, or personnel by air, the Contractor and subcontractors at every tier must 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

This provision applies to agreements for design for construction. 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, Contractor must comply with the standard providing the greatest accessibility. Also, Contractor must, prior to construction, review the plans and specifications to ensure compliance with the above referenced standards. If Contractor fails to comply with the foregoing standards, 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

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 represents and warrants that the Contractor has obtained a waiver of Section 106A and Section 113 of the Copyright Act as necessary from any employees and subcontractors, if any.

18. Equal Employment Opportunity

During the performance of this contract, the Contractor agrees as follows:

(1) The Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. The Contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following:

Employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The Contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.

(2) The Contractor will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin.

(3) The Contractor will not discharge or in any other manner discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because such employee or applicant has inquired about, discussed, or disclosed the compensation of the employee or applicant or another employee or applicant. This provision shall not apply to instances in which an employee who has access to the compensation information of other employees or applicants as a part of such employee's essential job functions discloses the compensation of such other employees or applicants to individuals who do not otherwise have access to such information, unless such disclosure is in response to a formal complaint or charge, in furtherance of an investigation, proceeding, hearing, or action,

including an investigation conducted by the employer, or is consistent with the Contractor's legal duty to furnish information.

(4) The Contractor will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which he has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice to be provided advising the said labor union or workers' representatives of the Contractor's commitments under this section, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.

(5) The Contractor will comply with all provisions of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and of the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor.

(6) The Contractor will furnish all information and reports required by Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and by rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor, or pursuant thereto, and will permit access to his books, records, and accounts by the administering agency and the Secretary of Labor for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and orders.

(7) In the event of the Contractor's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination clauses of this contract or with any of the said rules, regulations, or orders, this contract may be canceled, terminated, or suspended in whole or in part and the Contractor may be declared ineligible for further Government contracts or federally assisted construction contracts in accordance with procedures authorized in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and such other sanctions may be imposed and remedies invoked as provided in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, or by rule, regulation, or order of the Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided by law.

(8) The Contractor will include the portion of the sentence immediately preceding paragraph (1) and the provisions of paragraphs (1) through (8) in every subcontract or purchase order unless exempted by rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to section 204 of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor. The Contractor will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as the administering agency may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for noncompliance:

Provided, however, that in the event a Contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction by the administering agency, the Contractor may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

The applicant further agrees that it will be bound by the above equal opportunity clause with respect to its own employment practices when it participates in federally assisted construction work: Provided, That if the applicant so participating is a State or local government, the above equal opportunity clause is not applicable to any agency, instrumentality or subdivision of such government which does not participate in work on or under the contract.

The applicant agrees that it will assist and cooperate actively with the administering agency and the Secretary of Labor in obtaining the compliance of contractors and subcontractors with the equal opportunity clause and the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor, that it will furnish the administering agency and the Secretary of Labor such information as they may require for the supervision of such compliance, and that it will otherwise assist the administering agency in the discharge of the agency's primary responsibility for securing compliance.

The applicant further agrees that it will refrain from entering into any contract or contract modification subject to Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, with a contractor debarred from, or who has not demonstrated eligibility for, Government contracts and federally assisted construction contracts pursuant to the Executive Order and will carry out such sanctions and penalties for violation of the equal opportunity clause as may be imposed upon contractors and subcontractors by the administering agency or the Secretary of Labor pursuant to Part II, Subpart D of the Executive Order. In addition, the applicant agrees that if it fails or refuses to comply with these undertakings, the administering agency may take any or all of the following actions: Cancel, terminate, or suspend in whole or in part this grant (contract, loan, insurance, guarantee); refrain from extending any further assistance to the applicant under the program with respect to which the failure or refund occurred until satisfactory assurance of future compliance has been received from such applicant; and refer the case to the Department of Justice for appropriate legal proceedings.

19. Compliance with the Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act (40 U.S.C. 3145)

This provision applies to all contracts and subgrants in excess of \$2000 for construction or repair awarded by recipients and subrecipients.

a. Contractor. The Contractor shall comply with 18 U.S.C. § 874, 40 U.S.C. § 3145, and the requirements of 29 C.F.R. pt. 3 as may be applicable, which are incorporated by reference into this contract.

b. Subcontracts. The Contractor or subcontractor shall insert in any subcontracts the clause above and such other clauses as the Federal Government may by appropriate instructions require, and also a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts. The prime contractor shall be responsible for the compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with all of these contract clauses.

c. Breach. A breach of the contract clauses above may be grounds for termination of the contract, and for debarment as a contractor and subcontractor as provided in 29 C.F.R. § 5.12.”

20. Compliance with the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 3701-3708)

This provision shall apply to all contracts awarded by recipients in excess of \$100,000 that involve the employment of mechanics, laborers, and construction work.

(1) Overtime requirements. No contractor or subcontractor contracting for any part of the contract work which may require or involve the employment of laborers or mechanics shall require or permit any such laborer or mechanic in any workweek in which he or she is employed on such work to work in excess of forty hours in such workweek unless such laborer or mechanic receives compensation at a rate not less than one and one-half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of forty hours in such workweek.

(2) Violation; liability for unpaid wages; liquidated damages. In the event of any violation of the clause set forth in paragraph (b)(1) of this section the Contractor and any subcontractor responsible therefor shall be liable for the unpaid wages and interest from the date of the underpayment. In addition, such contractor and subcontractor shall be liable to the United States

(in the case of work done under contract for the District of Columbia or a territory, to such District or to such territory), for liquidated damages. Such liquidated damages shall be computed with respect to each individual laborer or mechanic, including watchpersons and guards, employed in violation of the clause set forth in paragraph (b)(1) of this section, in the sum of \$32 for each calendar day on which such individual was required or permitted to work in excess of the standard workweek of forty hours without payment of the overtime wages required by the clause set forth in paragraph (b)(1).

(3) Withholding for unpaid wages and liquidated damages—

(i) Withholding Process. The County may, upon its own action, or must, upon written request of an authorized representative of the Department of Labor, withhold or cause to be withheld from the Contractor so much of the accrued payments or advances as may be considered necessary to satisfy the liabilities of the prime contractor or any subcontractor for any unpaid wages; monetary relief, including interest; and liquidated damages required by the clauses set forth in this paragraph (b) on this contract, any other federal contract with the same prime contractor, or any other federally assisted contract subject to the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act that is held by the same prime contractor (as defined in § 5.2). The necessary funds may be withheld from the Contractor under this contract, any other federal contract with the same prime contractor, or any other federally assisted contract that is subject to the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act and is held by the same prime contractor, regardless of whether the other contract was awarded or assisted by the same agency, and such funds may be used to satisfy the contractor liability for which the funds were withheld.

(ii) Priority to withheld funds. The Department has priority to funds withheld or to be withheld in accordance with paragraph (a)(2)(i) or (b)(3)(i) of this section, or both, over claims to those funds by:

- (A) A contractor's surety(ies), including without limitation performance bond sureties and payment bond sureties;
- (B) A contracting agency for its procurement costs;
- (C) A trustee(s) (either a court-appointed trustee or a U.S. trustee, or both) in bankruptcy of a contractor, or a contractor's bankruptcy estate;
- (D) A contractor's assignee(s);
- (E) A contractor's successor(s); or
- (F) A claim asserted under the Prompt Payment Act, 31 U.S.C. 3901-3907.

(4) Subcontracts. The Contractor or subcontractor must insert in any subcontracts the clauses set forth in paragraphs (b)(1) through (5) of this section and a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts. The prime contractor is responsible for compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with the clauses set forth in paragraphs (b)(1) through (5). In the event of any violations of these clauses, the prime contractor, and any subcontractor(s) responsible will be liable for any unpaid wages and monetary relief, including interest from the date of the underpayment or loss, due to any workers of lower-tier subcontractors, and associated liquidated damages and may be subject to debarment, as appropriate.

(5) Anti-retaliation. It is unlawful for any person to discharge, demote, intimidate, threaten, restrain, coerce, blacklist, harass, or in any other manner discriminate against, or to cause any person to discharge, demote, intimidate, threaten, restrain, coerce, blacklist, harass, or in any other manner discriminate against, any worker or job applicant for:

- (i) Notifying any contractor of any conduct which the worker reasonably believes constitutes a violation of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (CWHSSA) or its implementing regulations in this part;
- (ii) Filing any complaint, initiating, or causing to be initiated any proceeding, or otherwise asserting or seeking to assert on behalf of themselves or others any right or protection under CWHSSA or this part;
- (iii) Cooperating in any investigation or other compliance action, or testifying in any proceeding under CWHSSA or this part; or
- (iv) Informing any other person about their rights under CWHSSA or this part.

Further Compliance with the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act.

(1) The Contractor or subcontractor must maintain regular payrolls and other basic records during the course of the work and must preserve them for a period of three years after all the work on the prime contract is completed for all laborers and mechanics, including guards and watchpersons, working on the contract. Such records must contain the name; last known address, telephone number, and email address; and social security number of each such worker; each worker's correct classification(s) of work performed; hourly rates of wages paid; daily and weekly number of hours actually worked; deductions made; and actual wages paid.

(2) Records to be maintained under this provision must be made available by the Contractor or subcontractor for inspection, copying, or transcription by authorized representatives of the Department of Homeland Security, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the Department of Labor, and the Contractor or subcontractor will permit such representatives to interview workers during working hours on the job.

21. Rights to Inventions Made Under a Contract or Agreement

This provision applies to Contracts or agreements for the performance of experimental, developmental, or research work. Contractor shall provide for the rights of the Federal Government and the County 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.

22. 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

This provision applies to contracts and subgrants of amounts in excess of \$150,000.

Clean Air Act

1. 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.
2. The Contractor agrees to report each violation to the County and understands and agrees that the County will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the appropriate Environmental Protection Agency Regional Office.
3. The Contractor agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$150,000 financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance.

Federal Water Pollution Control Act

1. 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.
2. The Contractor agrees to report each violation to the County and understands and agrees that the County will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the appropriate Environmental Protection Agency Regional Office.
3. The Contractor agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$150,000 financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance.

23. Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31 U.S.C. 1352), as amended

Contractors who apply or bid for an award of more than \$100,000 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 who in turn will forward the certification(s) to the federal agency.”.

24. Debarment and Suspension

- (1) This contract is a covered transaction for purposes of 2 C.F.R. pt. 180 and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000. As such, the Contractor is required to verify that none of the Contractor’s principals (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.995) or its affiliates (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.905) are excluded (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.940) or disqualified (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.935).
- (2) The Contractor must comply with 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C, and must include a requirement to comply with these regulations in any lower tier covered transaction it enters into.
- (3) This certification is a material representation of fact relied upon by the County. If it is later determined that the Contractor did not comply with 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C, in addition to remedies available to the County, the Federal Government may pursue available remedies, including but not limited to suspension and/or debarment.
- (4) The bidder or proposer agrees to comply with the requirements of 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C while this offer is valid and throughout the period of any

contract that may arise from this offer. The bidder or proposer further agrees to include a provision requiring such compliance in its lower tier covered transactions.

25. Prohibition on Certain Telecommunications and Surveillance Equipment

Recipients and subrecipients are prohibited from using loan or grant funds to procure or obtain; extend or renew a contract to procure or obtain; or enter into a contract (or extend or renew a contract) to procure or obtain equipment, services, or systems that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system. As described in Public Law 115-232, section 889, covered telecommunications equipment is telecommunications equipment produced by Huawei Technologies Company or ZTE Corporation (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities), Hytera Communications Corporation, Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology Company, or Dahua Technology Company (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities), or by an entity that the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Director of the National Intelligence or the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, reasonably believes to be an entity owned or controlled by, or otherwise connected to, the government of a covered foreign country.

26. Procurement of Recovered Materials

In the performance of this contract, the Contractor shall make maximum use of products containing recovered materials that are EPA-designated items unless the product cannot be acquired—

- a) Competitively within a timeframe providing for compliance with the contract performance schedule;
- b) Meeting contract performance requirements; or
- c) At a reasonable price.

Information about this requirement, along with the list of EPA-designated items, is available at Comprehensive Procurement Guideline (CPG) Program | US EPA. The Contractor also agrees to comply with all other applicable requirements of Section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act.

The Contractor should, to the greatest extent practicable and consistent with the law, purchase, acquire, or use products and services that can be reused, refurbished, or recycled; contain recycled content, are biobased, or are energy and water efficient; and are sustainable.

27. Domestic Preference for Procurements

The Contractor should, to the greatest extent practicable and consistent with law, provide a preference for the purchase, acquisition, or use of goods, products, or materials produced in the United States. This includes, but is not limited to, iron, aluminum, steel, cement, and other manufactured products.

For purposes of this clause:

Produced in the United States means, for iron and steel products, that all manufacturing processes, from the initial melting stage through the application of coatings, occurred in the United States.

28. Build America, Buy America Act (BABAA)

Contractors and their subcontractors who apply or bid for an award for an infrastructure project subject to the domestic preference requirement in the Build America, Buy America Act shall file the required certification to the County with each bid or offer for an infrastructure project, unless a domestic preference requirement is waived by the Federal Government. Contractors and subcontractors certify that no federal financial assistance funding for infrastructure projects will be provided unless all the iron, steel, manufactured projects, and construction materials used in the project are produced in the United States. BABAA, Pub. L. No. 117-58, §§ 70901-52. Contractors and subcontractors shall also disclose any use of federal financial assistance for infrastructure projects that does not ensure compliance with BABAA domestic preference requirements. Such disclosures shall be forwarded to the recipient who, in turn, will forward the disclosures to the federal agency; subrecipients will forward disclosures to the pass-through entity, who will, in turn, forward the disclosures to the Federal Government.

29. Davis-Bacon Act, as amended (40 U.S.C. 3141-3148)

For construction or repair contracts in excess of \$2,000, or as otherwise required by Federal program legislation, Contractor agrees to comply with the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 3141-3144, and 3146-3148) as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5, "Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Contracts Covering Federally Financed and Assisted Construction"). Under these requirements, Contractor is required to pay wages to laborers and mechanics at a rate not less than the prevailing wages specified in a wage determination made by the Secretary of Labor. In addition, Contractor must pay wages not less than once a week.

ARTICLE 11) NOTICES

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.

If to the County: Cook County Chief Procurement Officer
 161 N. Clark Street, Suite 2300
 Chicago, Illinois 60601
 (Include County Contract Number on all notices)

And

Cook County Justice Advisory Council
69 W Washington St., Floor 14, Suite 1410
Chicago, Illinois 60602
(Include Department Director)

If to Consultant: Public Policy Associates, LLC
119 Pere Marquette, Ste 1C
Lansing, MI 48912
Attention: Terry H Gardner.

Changes in these addresses must be in writing and delivered in accordance with the provisions of this Article 11. Notices delivered by mail are considered received three days after mailing in accordance with this Article 11. Notices delivered personally are considered effective upon receipt. Refusal to accept delivery has the same effect as receipt.

ARTICLE 12) AUTHORITY

Execution of this Agreement by Consultant is authorized by a resolution of its Board of Directors, if a corporation, or similar governing document, and the signature(s) of each person signing on behalf of Consultant have been made with complete and full authority to commit Consultant to all terms and conditions of this Agreement, including each and every representation, certification and warranty contained in it, including the representations, certifications and warranties collectively incorporated by reference in it.

EXHIBIT 1

Scope of Services

STATEMENT OF WORK

Support Needed from Cook Partners

- Philosophical and methodological approach
 - *Need input from the Justice Advisory Council (JAC) and program stakeholders to finalize the evaluation design:* The first quarterly report will include the final, more detailed evaluation plan developed with input from the JAC and program stakeholders. The revised plan will include an overview of the project scope and purpose, a definitive set of evaluation questions, specific information about the sources and processes for data collection, methods for analysis, and a refined task list and timeline.
 - *Program participant team members:* These team members will be most directly involved with the qualitative aspects, but their levels of involvement and specific roles will be informed by the final evaluation design, timeline to hire, and their interests and skillsets. We will begin coordinating with the JAC immediately upon contract execution to identify potential candidates.
- Primary data collection support
 - *Interviews/group discussions:* PPA will work with the JAC to develop an approach to engage program participants and identify additional support needs for virtual and in-person meetings (e.g., access to Wi-Fi or transportation access).
 - *Observations:* We need to work with the JAC to get appropriate permissions and identify times to observe case management / conferencing and the SEED courtroom.
 - *Survey:* PPA will rely on program staff, service providers, and SEED participants to ensure survey promotion and dissemination.
- Secondary data collection / data sharing agreements
 - *Administrative and program documents:* PPA will work with the JAC, service providers, criminal legal system stakeholders, and other organizations to develop an inventory and obtain relevant documents related to program design and implementation, such as the theory of change, logic models, policies and procedures, partnership and resource-sharing agreements, and progress reports.
 - *Program data:* Case-record and service-delivery data collected by SEED staff, service providers, and other criminal legal system entities will be analyzed to understand SEED service delivery, including who was served, what services they received, and for how long. PPA will work with the JAC to identify and facilitate access to de-identified, participant-level data.
 - *Other criminal justice system data:* To fully assess outcomes, as well as compare outcomes for participants to non-participants, it will be necessary to access data from other sources, including the court and other criminal legal system partners. The PPA team will work with the JAC at the start of the project to identify data needed from external sources and establish data-sharing agreements to access the data.
 - *Financial and other data needed to conduct the CBA or SROI:* To support the analysis of the value of SEED program funding PPA will work with JAC to decide which type of analysis is preferred (CBA or SROI), determine the underlying assumptions and access appropriate data like financial records for the program.

Evaluation Design and Methods

Consistent with the evaluation goals described in the solicitation, the literature, and PPA’s extensive experience conducting evaluations, this work will be grounded in four key principles: equity, participatory approaches, focus on utilization, and rigor. A more detailed description of our methodological and philosophical approach can be found in Attachment 1. Guided by these principles, PPA will employ a combination of qualitative and quantitative research methods to evaluate both the implementation and outcomes of the Supporting Education and Employment Development (SEED) program.

The **implementation evaluation** will examine the degree to which SEED has been implemented with fidelity to the plan and what challenges and facilitators were prominent in meeting the program’s objectives. The implementation evaluation will also capture shifts in the way the program has operated. If the program departed from the original model, the implementation evaluation should provide insight into when it happened, why it happened, and contribute to explaining the underlying causes and associated outcomes. Lessons learned will provide feedback to inform adjustments, if needed, in the implementation and potentially provide insights into program characteristics and contextual factors that need to be considered in future program growth or replication.

To assess the program’s effectiveness, the **outcome evaluation** will focus on the degree to which program participants achieved the intended outcomes. This component of the evaluation will provide rich insight into the program’s impact on reducing recidivism, increasing employment, and other measures of post-program success. To help determine the degree to which the SEED program contributed to the observed outcomes among participants, we will seek out an appropriate group of non-participants and their outcomes to compare to participant outcomes. While it is impossible to achieve a true “control” group, we will seek to identify a comparison group made up of individuals who met eligibility criteria for the program but did not participate because they are likely to be most similar to the participant group.

Evaluation Questions

1. How was SEED designed?
2. How and why did implementation differ from program design?
3. Who was served by SEED?
4. How do program components impact successful program completion?
5. Are the program length and service dosage appropriate to meet program outcomes?
6. What was the impact of services provided on:
 - a. participant recidivism,
 - b. employment, and
 - c. access to resources that help participants meet other needs?
7. Were there impacts not related to service provision?
8. What is the financial cost and social impact of SEED?

* A more detailed summary of potential sub-questions is provided in Attachment 2.

Data-Collection

- **Administrative and Program Documents:** PPA will work with the Justice Advisory Council (JAC), service providers, criminal legal system stakeholders, and other organizations to develop an inventory and obtain relevant documents related to program design and implementation, such as the theory of change, logic models, policies and procedures, partnership and resource-sharing agreements, and progress reports.
- **Program Data:** Case-record and service-delivery data collected by SEED staff, service providers, and other criminal legal system entities will be analyzed to understand SEED service delivery, including who was served, what services they received, and for how long. PPA will work with the JAC to identify and facilitate access to de-identified, participant-level data. We acknowledge that some datasets may be incomplete and will work with the JAC on the data request approach to mitigate any partner fears or concerns around compliance or auditing. Case-record and service-delivery data collected by SEED staff will also be a key source of data for the outcome evaluation.
- **Other Secondary Data:** To fully assess outcomes, as well as compare outcomes for participants to non-participants, it will be necessary to access data from other sources, including the court and other criminal legal system partners. The PPA team will work with the JAC at the start of the project to identify data needed from external sources and establish data-sharing agreements to access the data.
- **Primary Data:** PPA will use findings from the document analysis and early quantitative analysis of program data to guide the primary data-collection approach and iteratively refine the plan with the JAC. Data collection will be a combination of virtual, phone, and in-person as appropriate.
 - *Interviews and Group Discussions:* We will conduct a mix of interviews, and group discussions with program participants, criminal legal system stakeholders, service providers, and other organizations, as appropriate. Table 1 below lists the estimated number of interviews and group discussions to reach saturation (the point at which no new themes or findings emerge). These estimates may be iteratively adjusted as preliminary quantitative findings are produced and/or based on reaching saturation.

PPA will work with the JAC to develop an approach to engage program participants and identify additional support needs for virtual and in-person meetings (e.g., access to Wi-Fi or transportation access). We will also work with the JAC to determine the best approach to identifying and engaging participants who entered and completed the SEED program across the program lifetime to obtain the most robust understanding of how the program has evolved and participant experiences along the evolution.

TABLE 1. SUMMARY OF PRIMARY DATA COLLECTION METHODS AND SCOPE

Method	Participant Group	Estimated Length of Each Interaction	Estimated Number of Participants to Reach Saturation
Interviews	Program participants	60 mins	20
Interviews	SEED staff	60 mins	15
Interviews	Other County stakeholders	60 mins	8
Interviews	JAC members	45 mins	3
Group discussions (8-10 people)	SEED staff	60 mins	2

- *Observations:* To obtain the most comprehensive understanding of SEED operations, we will also seek to observe a sample of case management meetings (staff meetings with no participants), and/or preparation meetings for SEED court dates (case conferencing), as well as the SEED courtroom. We anticipate two passive observations of SEED staff and criminal legal system partners conducting case management or case conferencing, and two passive observations of court interactions involving program participants, staff, and criminal legal system partners.
- *Survey:* To supplement secondary data PPA will develop a short survey with input from key stakeholders, including SEED participants to:
 - Gather feedback on participant perceptions of their time in the program, from intake to completion, and the impact of various program components; and
 - Gather information about outcomes not related to criminal legal system engagement (e.g., employment and wages, health outcomes), and long-term outcomes, such as housing, employment and wages, health outcomes, and insights participants retain after completing the program.

PPA will rely on program staff, service providers, and SEED participants to ensure survey promotion and dissemination. The goal is to survey as many participants as possible but anticipate that response rates will vary based on participant year and success of survey promotion and dissemination. Special attention will be given to lifting up diverse voices, ensuring that feedback represents a wide range of participant experiences.

- **Financial Data:** To support the analysis of the value of SEED program funding PPA will work with JAC to access financial records for the program.

Data Analysis

To frame the process evaluation, administrative and program documents will be analyzed to create a descriptive timeline of the program’s planning and implementation and summarize the program’s policies and procedures. PPA will then use Microsoft Access and Microsoft Excel to compile the quantitative implementation data, such as the case-level data provided by service

providers and the court. Once compiled, we will use Stata, a statistical software package, to generate descriptive statistics regarding SEED implementation metrics (e.g., assessment results, service dosage). Whenever possible, descriptive statistics will be disaggregated by participant characteristics (i.e., demographics, offense types, mental health history, etc.), which will allow the evaluation team to detect if and how SEED processes differ based on various combinations of participant characteristics.

We will use Dedoose software to store and analyze qualitative data (interviews, group discussions, and on-site observations). We will code the data deductively, based on key topics drawn from the research questions (e.g., program goals and mission, partnerships, target population, program operations). Additional sub coding will be applied iteratively to capture emergent themes. The codes will be applied within and across data sources, refining the coding as new patterns and themes emerge. For the process evaluation, analysis of these data will explore criminal legal system stakeholder insight on program planning and implementation, stakeholder and participant experiences of program delivery and service utilization.

To study the impact of the program on participant outcomes, PPA will compare recidivism rates and other outcomes for SEED participants to those in an established comparison group for a quasi-experimental design. To isolate the intervention as the primary cause for any differences in recidivism between SEED participants and the comparison group, it is important that, apart from program participation, the two groups are as similar as possible. Using deidentified court data accessed through data-sharing agreements established at the start of the project, PPA will identify a comparison group from individuals who meet SEED's eligibility criteria. During the startup phase, PPA will define key parameters for identifying this sample (e.g., case-history variables, timeframe) and employ propensity score matching or another suitable technique (e.g., nearest neighbor or genetic matching) to ensure the comparison group closely mirrors the SEED participant sample.

The PPA team will conduct descriptive statistics on the secondary data in the analytical software Stata, including cross-tabulations by Chicago Community Area Regions and other relevant variables. The survey data will be merged with program data to analyze dosage, service utilization, and factors influencing successful or unsuccessful program completion. Other insights from the qualitative data related to participant employment and wage impacts, social determinants of health impacts, and participant perception of program impacts on their criminal legal system involvement may also inform this phase of analysis.

The team will use standard tests for statistical significance (e.g., chi-square, t-tests, Mann-Whitney) across variables to determine if there are any statistically significant relationships. Logistic regressions will be used to determine what factors led to successful and unsuccessful program completion. Researchers will also use survival analysis to examine both the time it takes for participants to successfully complete the program and the factors influencing their completion. Additionally, the analysis will assess recidivism by matching arrest records to participant data. Survival analysis is particularly valuable in this context, as it measures whether SEED participation significantly affects the time to recidivism. By dividing the analysis into time increments (e.g., months after the initial arrest), it can account for the fact that individuals begin

and finish SEED at different points along the timeline, providing a clearer understanding of program impacts over time.

Finally, the PPA team will evaluate the value of funding SEED through either a Cost-Benefit Analysis (CBA) or a Social Return on Investment (SROI) analysis. While CBA is limited in scope, it is also more straightforward and less resource intensive to conduct. SROI goes further by considering the social, environmental, and economic outcomes, measuring the overall social value of the program. For either method financial records from the program will be analyzed with input from stakeholders to inform the underlying assumptions. The final approach will be determined in collaboration with the JAC, service providers, and staff.

Deliverables

PPA will provide the JAC with the following deliverables to document the evaluation process and communicate the results. To ensure the deliverables address the needs of the JAC and the SEED program's partners and stakeholders, including those served by the program, PPA will work collaboratively with the JAC and stakeholders during the startup phase to review and, if necessary, adjust the planned deliverables.

- **Quarterly Status Updates:** PPA will provide written project status updates on a quarterly basis. The updates will describe evaluation progress and tasks completed during the quarter, note any challenges or barriers, and list next steps. The first quarterly report will also include the final evaluation design. While this proposal contains a preliminary evaluation design, a more detailed plan developed with input from the JAC and program stakeholders will be necessary to guide data collection and analysis. That revised plan will include an overview of the project scope and purpose, a definitive set of evaluation questions, specific information about the sources and processes for data collection, methods for analysis, and a refined task list and timeline. Subsequent quarterly status updates will include copies of data-collection materials, presentation of any preliminary findings, and any supplemental materials.
- **Final Evaluation Report and Presentation:** At the conclusion of the contract, PPA will provide the JAC with a final evaluation report. A draft of the final report will be provided to the JAC and program stakeholders at least 30 days prior to the end of the contract for review and input. The comprehensive report will describe the purpose, scope, and design of the evaluation; provide an updated summary of implementation evaluation findings; describe the findings of the outcome evaluation and cost-benefit analysis; and provide actionable insights and recommendations for improving and sustaining the SEED program. PPA will also prepare a presentation based on the report to share and discuss evaluation findings with the JAC and program stakeholders.

Task List and Timeline

The table below shows the monthly timeline for the evaluation. As part of the collaborative startup and design phase, PPA will adjust and refine the task list and timeline, as needed.

		Project Month: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12													
Task 1	Evaluation Planning and Client Communication														
1.1	Kickoff meeting	█													
1.2	Refine evaluation design														
1.3	Client meetings and communication	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
Task 2	Implementation Evaluation														
2.1	Document analysis	█	█												
2.2	Interviews and group discussions		█	█	█	█	█	█							
2.3	Program and court observation				█	█	█	█	█	█					
2.4	Implementation analysis				█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█			
2.5	Analysis validation with stakeholders											█			
Task 3	Outcome Evaluation														
3.1	Program data collection and cleaning	█	█	█	█	█									
3.2	Access and compile additional secondary data	█	█	█	█	█									
3.3	Primary data collection				█	█	█	█							
3.4	Outcome analysis						█	█	█	█	█	█			
3.5	Analysis validation with stakeholders											█			
Task 4	Reporting														
4.1	Quarterly reports			█				█				█			
4.2	Draft final report											█	█	█	
4.3	Review and finalize report with stakeholders														█
4.4	Present findings														█
Task 5	Project Management														
5.1	Internal team meetings	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
5.2	Project administration	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█

ATTACHMENT 1. PHILOSOPHICAL AND METHODOLOGICAL APPROACH

Given the unique and innovative nature of the Supporting Education and Employment Development (SEED) Program the Public Policy Associates (PPA) team will employ a participatory approach to refine the evaluation design, conduct the evaluation, and develop the recommendations and final report. From the outset of the project, we will work in partnership with the SEED team, former SEED participants, the Justice Advisory Council (JAC), and other project stakeholders. A co-creation approach is aligned with the spirit and intent of the SEED program and helps ensure the evaluation is methodologically rigorous, while centering the experience of program participants, involving program staff and other key stakeholders, and generating recommendations that not only strengthen program impact and individual participant outcomes but also are in alignment with the real-world context of the program. Consistent with the evaluation goals described in the solicitation, the literature, and PPA's extensive experience conducting evaluations, the evaluation will be grounded in four key principles: equity, participatory approaches, focus on utilization, and rigor.

An equity lens. The PPA team recognizes and embraces the driving focus on equity in the context in which SEED operates and, ultimately, in improving outcomes among young adults engaged with the justice system. We will apply an equity lens to all aspects of the evaluation design and implementation. The PPA evaluation team will actively seek input from those directly affected by the SEED program, including program staff, program participants, community partners, the JAC, and other key stakeholders. The following are some of the specific strategies we will use to center equity throughout the evaluation:

- Communicate with all stakeholders in a regular, transparent, and culturally responsive way.
- Engage SEED and JAC in the evaluation design work and offer several pathways to contribute, such as group discussion, one-on-one conversations, virtual whiteboarding, email, and other asynchronous options. We aim to include program participants in the evaluation design to the greatest extent possible, given the 12-month timeframe.
- Provide financial compensation for program participants who share their knowledge and expertise on any aspect of the evaluation.
- Develop contextually appropriate data-collection tools and processes.
- Engage SEED staff, JAC, County stakeholders, as appropriate, and program participants in the interpretation of the evaluation results, development of recommendations, and creation of the final report.
- Assess results vis-à-vis equity in opportunity, resource gaps, access, and outcomes.
- Identify potential sources of bias in the data collection, analysis, and interpretation, and develop mitigation approaches where possible. Where not possible, ensure the potential bias is appropriately discussed and acknowledged in final materials.

Participatory approaches. Participatory approaches are integral to our proposed plan. We believe that evaluation is most effective using participatory approaches that center the experience and expertise of program participants, program staff, and other key stakeholders as relevant to the initiative. Program participants will receive financial compensation for sharing their time and expertise. A key component is engaging one to two program participants as paid evaluation team

members. These team members will be most directly involved with the qualitative aspects, but their levels of involvement and specific roles will be informed by the final evaluation design, timeline to hire, and their interests and skillsets. We will begin coordinating with the JAC immediately upon contract execution to identify potential candidates.

At a minimum, these team members will be involved with interpreting data and using data to make recommendations in the final report and timeline, depending on any or all of these areas of qualitative work:

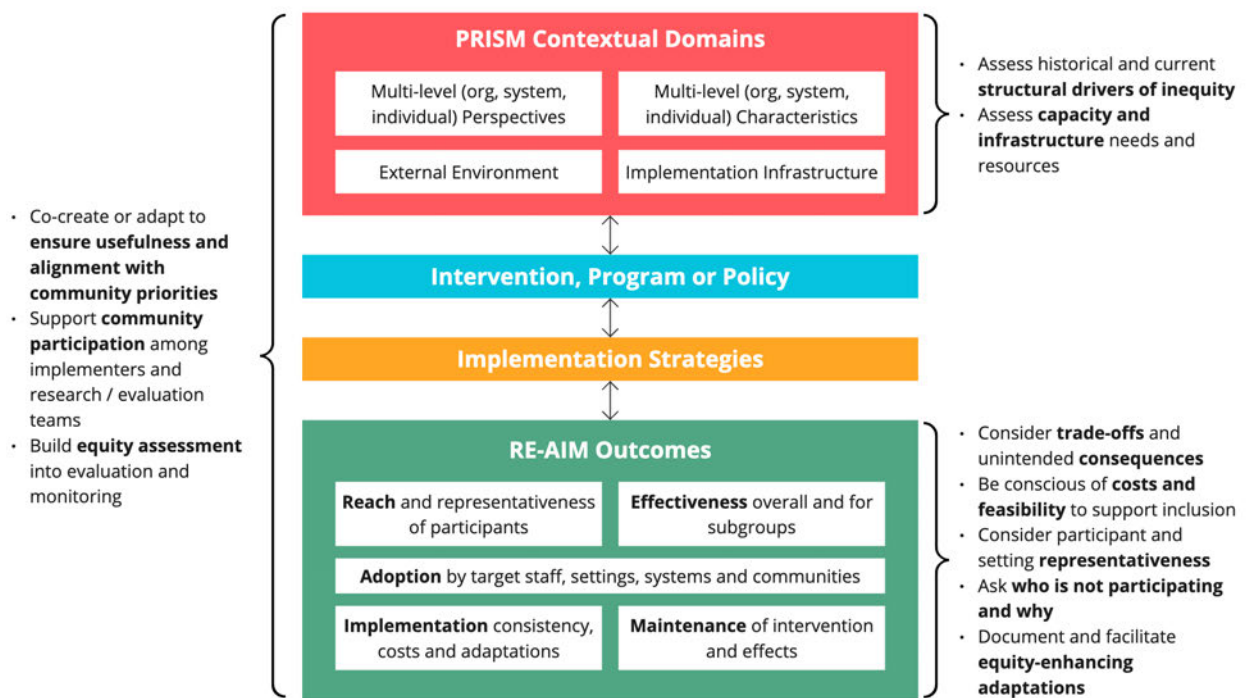
- *Provide insight and feedback on the document analysis.* We hope to leverage their expertise through member checking, or respondent validation, which is a technique where data analysis and/or interpretation is shared with participants to verify accuracy and ensure analysis and/or interpretation match their experience.
- *Develop qualitative data-collection tools such as interview guides.* We will engage in member checking and direct development of tools if the hiring timeline allows.
- *Support or conduct qualitative data collection with program participants.* We will involve folks in a way that maximizes their interests and skill sets. This may include co-leading data collection, note-taking, or serving as a ‘witness’ to the interview so participants feel comfortable speaking with the PPA team.
- *Analyze qualitative data.* A priority area of engagement here is developing the a priori code list based on the document analysis that will form the starting point for our deductive qualitative analysis. If timeline and skillsets allow, we will engage them in the inductive analysis by helping to identify new themes that emerge from the data and refine the a priori codes.
- *Share the findings with program participants who were part of data collection and ask for feedback.* This is another avenue for participants to validate the findings, and we believe their experiences going through SEED will help other participants feel comfortable speaking up where there are inaccuracies, or they identify gaps in the findings.

Focus on utilization. Another factor incorporated into our evaluation approach is that the evaluation will be utilization focused. Based on the premise that evaluations should be judged by their utility and usefulness, a utilization-focused evaluation is one that is planned and conducted in ways that are likely to result in informed decisions and enhance the use of evaluation findings. Evaluations are more likely to be used by the intended users if they are engaged in and feel a sense of ownership of the process. We see all of those with an interest in the program and its impacts as customers and consumers of the evaluation, and we believe evaluation should be an asset of tangible, immediate value to them.

The PPA team will employ multiple strategies to enhance the utility of the evaluation findings. First, we will engage the evaluation’s intended users and beneficiaries, early and often. As noted above, we are committed to engaging the initiative’s leaders, community partners, and those most impacted by the programming throughout the evaluation process. In addition, we will identify evaluation measures and conduct data collection with ongoing attention on maximizing usefulness while minimizing burden on stakeholders. Furthermore, we will work with SEED stakeholders to develop a process for sharing evaluation findings. The goal is for stakeholders to be able to learn from and make use of findings to sustain and improve the program.

Rigorous evaluation grounded in implementation science. The PPA team has the knowledge and expertise needed to ensure that the evaluation employs the most rigorous methods feasible within the context and practical constraints of the project. We will apply an action-oriented implementation science framework, PRISM (Practical, Robust Implementation and Sustainability Model) that emphasizes identifying factors most likely to inform program improvements. PRISM expands on an existing implementation science model (Reach, Effectiveness, Adoption, Implementation, Maintenance or RE-AIM) and explores the influence of the implementation context on RE-AIM outcomes. The framework posits there are individual and organizational-level contextual factors that interact with implementation infrastructure and the external environment. This bigger contextual landscape dynamically interacts with the implementation strategies, which interact with implementation outcomes. Figure 1 illustrates PRISM and RE-AIM domains, and Attachment 1 maps the key evaluation questions and sample sub-questions to methodology and data source.

FIGURE 1. PRISM AND RE-AIM DOMAINS



Adapted from Fort, M. P., Manson, S. M., & Glasgow, R. E. (2023). Applying an equity lens to assess context and implementation in public health and health services research and practice using the PRISM framework. *Frontiers in health services*, 3, 1139788. <https://doi.org/10.3389/frhs.2023.1139788>

ATTACHMENT 2. EVALUATION QUESTION MATRIX

For each of the proposed overarching evaluation questions, the following table provides examples of detailed sub-questions, demonstrates how the question fits within the PRISM and RE-AIM frameworks, and indicates the intended data source(s) and analysis method(s) for addressing the question. It is important to note that the detailed sub-questions are provided as examples. The actual questions will be determined during the initial planning phase and will depend on the availability of data.

Evaluation Question Matrix

Evaluation Question	Potential Sub-Questions	PRISM	RE-AIM	Source	Method	
Who was served by the SEED program?	How many people were offered and declined to participate?		Adoption	Program Data	Descriptive Statistics	
	What factors contributed to eligible individuals' decision to participate in SEED?	Individual Perspectives	Adoption	Interviews Group Discussions	Qualitative	
	How many individuals participated in the program and what were their characteristics (i.e., demographics, socioeconomic characteristics, history of engagement with the justice system, current charges, etc.)? How did participants' characteristics compare to the intended target population? How did participants' characteristics compare to eligible individuals who did not participate?			Reach	Program Data	Descriptive Statistics
	Did participant characteristics differ by those who successfully versus unsuccessfully complete the program?			Reach	Program Data	Descriptive Statistics
How was the program designed?	Who was involved? Was it participatory?	Implementation Infrastructure	Implementation	Program Materials Interviews	Document Analysis Qualitative	
	How was it documented?	Implementation Infrastructure	Implementation	Program Materials	Document Analysis	
	What materials were created during program design?		Implementation	Program Materials	Document Analysis	

Evaluation Question	Potential Sub-Questions	PRISM	RE-AIM	Source	Method
	What was the level of involvement from people responsible for implementing?		Implementation	Program Materials Interviews Group Discussions	Document Analysis Qualitative
	How did program design change? Why and when?	Implementation Infrastructure	Implementation	Program Materials Interviews Group Discussions	Document Analysis Qualitative
	Were there other external factors that resulted in program design change?	External Environment	Implementation	Program Materials Interviews Group Discussions	Document Analysis Qualitative
	What challenges and facilitators did staff experience during program design? What were the biggest challenges? What were the most helpful decisions?	Individual Perspectives	Implementation	Interviews Group Discussions	Qualitative
How and why did implementation differ from program design?	Who was involved in the implementation process? Was it participatory?		Implementation	Program Materials Interviews Group Discussions	Document Analysis Qualitative
	How were implementation processes documented?		Implementation	Program Materials	Document Analysis
	What materials were created during implementation?	Implementation Infrastructure	Implementation	Program Materials	Document Analysis
	What agencies have implementation responsibilities? What are the responsibilities?	Implementation Infrastructure	Implementation	Program Materials Interviews Group Discussions	Document Analysis Qualitative
	How were changes communicated to program staff and implemented across the initiative?	Implementation Infrastructure	Implementation	Program Materials Interviews Group Discussions	Document Analysis Qualitative
	How were implementation activities funded?	Implementation Infrastructure	Implementation	Financial Input Data	Document Analysis Qualitative Descriptive Statistics
	What resources were necessary to fully implement (actual costs)? How were costs distributed across each agency/org?	Implementation Infrastructure	Implementation	Financial Input Data	Document Analysis Qualitative Descriptive Statistics
	How did resource needs shift? How were those needs met?	Implementation Infrastructure	Implementation	Financial Input Data Interviews Group Discussions	Document Analysis Qualitative Descriptive Statistics

Evaluation Question	Potential Sub-Questions	PRISM	RE-AIM	Source	Method
	Were there other external factors that resulted in implementation changes?		Implementation	Interviews Group Discussions	Qualitative
	What challenges and facilitators did staff experience during implementation? What were the biggest challenges? What were the most helpful decisions?	Individual Perspectives	Implementation	Interviews Group Discussions	Qualitative
How do program components impact successful program completion?	What are the barriers and facilitators to successful program completion?		Effectiveness	Survey Data Program Data Interviews	Descriptive Statistics Logistic Regression Qualitative
	Are there differences in participant characteristics, dosage, and service utilization for those participants who successfully or unsuccessfully complete the program?		Effectiveness	Survey Data Program Data Interviews	Descriptive Statistics Chi-Square, T-Tests, and Mann-Whitney Tests Qualitative
Are the program length and service dosage appropriate to meet program outcomes?	Is the current dosage sufficient to achieve intended outcomes? Could similar outcomes be achieved at a lower dosage?		Effectiveness	Survey Data Program Data Interviews	Descriptive Statistics Chi-Square, T-Tests, and Mann-Whitney Tests Qualitative
What was the impact of services provided on recidivism, employment, and others?	How did participants perceive the impact? How did stakeholders perceive the impact?	Individual Perspectives	Effectiveness	Survey Data Interviews	Qualitative
	What proportion of participants were arrested for a new offense within 12 months of enrolling in the program? Were rearrest rates lower among participants who successfully completed the program than among those who were unsuccessful? How did rearrest rates among both groups of participants (successful and unsuccessful) compare with the rearrest rate among a matched comparison group of eligible individuals who did not participate?		Effectiveness	Program Data Arrest Data	Descriptive Statistics Survival Analysis

Evaluation Question	Potential Sub-Questions	PRISM	RE-AIM	Source	Method
	Among individuals that were rearrested, was the length of time to rearrest longer among participants who successfully completed the program than among those who were unsuccessful and those who did not participate? Were there differences in the severity and/or types of offenses charged between the groups?		Effectiveness	Program Data Arrest Data Court Data	Survival Analysis Logistic Regression
	How did participants perceive the impact? How did stakeholders perceive the impact?	Individual Perspectives	Effectiveness	Survey Data Program Data	Descriptive Statistics
	What are the outcomes (e.g., health, employment and wages, recidivism) of participants that have left the program regardless of program completion status?		Effectiveness	Survey Data Program Data Arrest Data	Descriptive Statistics
Were there impacts not related to service provision?	For participant: Positive? Negative? For Organization/Program: Positive? Negative?		Effectiveness	Survey Data Interviews Group Discussions	Descriptive Statistics Qualitative
What is the financial cost and social impact of SEED?	What does it cost to operate SEED? To what extent are the direct costs of operating SEED offset by savings from reduced recidivism? How do long-term benefits of the program (e.g., increased employment, family stability, etc.) compare to the initial cost to operate the program?		Effectiveness	Financial Input Data Stakeholder Input Logic Model	Cost-Benefit Analysis (CBA) or Social Returns on Investment (SROI)

EXHIBIT 2

Schedule of Compensation

COOK COUNTY GOVERNMENT
Office of the Chief Procurement Officer
SEED Evaluation RFP
RFP 2413-02051

PRICING PROPOSAL FORM 2413-02051

Evaluation of the Supporting Education and Employment Development (SEED) Program

Instructions for Pricing Proposal Submittals

Proposers are required to provide input in blue cells of this worksheet only. No modifications to this Excel worksheet are to be made.

The County intends to award a one (1)-year contract with one, 1-year renewal option. If your company has specific, unique, and/or innovative ideas to implement this system that are outside of the parameters defined on the pricing proposal, please provide your firm's recommendations on a separate sheet.

Implementation Pricing - Best and Final Offer

Description of Services for LiDAR Acquisition	Billing Method	Year One (1)			Comments/Assumptions for BAFO	Optional Renewal Year One (1)			GRAND TOTAL TWO YEAR COSTS
		Hourly Rate	Expected Number of Hours	Annual Cost Year One (1)		Hourly Rate	Expected Number of Hours	Optional Annual Cost Year One (1)	
Effort toward meeting facilitation, preparation, interviews	Hourly	\$ 169.45	765.0	\$ 129,629.25	In assuming maximum efficiency in tasks related to acquiring existing program data and project administration (i.e., invoicing, contracting, etc.), the best and final offer reduces the number of budgeted hours without altering any of the tasks or deliverables included in the original proposal.			\$ -	\$ 129,629.25
Effort toward deliverable drafting, development, and presentation	Hourly	\$ 166.53	443.0	\$ 73,772.79				\$ -	\$ 73,772.79
GRAND TOTAL:			1,208.0	\$ 203,402.04			0.0	\$ -	\$ 203,402.04

Companion Pricing Proposal for Public Policy Associates Evaluation of the Supporting Education and Employment Development (SEED) Program

The following budget breakdown provides additional detail in support of the Proposal Pricing Form submitted by Public Policy Associates.

Labor	Cost
Robert Burroughs, Project Manager	\$45,860
Christina Sansone, Qualitative Research Lead	\$45,589
Suniya Farooqui, Quantitative Research Lead	\$46,009
Paige Haight, Researcher	\$17,280
Veronica Worthington, Researcher	\$31,500
Chief Financial Officer	\$2,400
Senior Editor	\$3,150
Bookkeeper	\$300
Total Labor	\$192,088
Direct Expenses	
Copies/Supplies	\$323
Travel	\$1,835
Interview Transcription	\$2,880
Compensation for SEED Participants' Contributions to Data Collection	\$4,800
Total Direct Expenses	\$9,838
Administrative fee on direct expenses (15%)	\$1,476
Total Project Budget	\$203,402

EXHIBIT 3

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

I. ARPA PROCUREMENT GUIDELINES SUMMARY

The Uniform Guidance details federal award and subaward procurement standards that the County, as a non-Federal entity, must follow as a recipient of American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) funds. A summary of the guidance is detailed below. The full federal procurement standards can be found in 2 CFR 200.317 through 2 CFR 200.327.

A. Contractor Competency

The County must award contracts only to responsible contractors possessing the ability to perform successfully under the terms and conditions of a proposed procurement. Consideration will be given to such matters as contractor integrity, compliance with public policy, record of past performance, and financial and technical resources.

B. Procurement Records

The County must maintain records sufficient to detail the history of procurement. These records will include, but are not necessarily limited to, the following:

- Rationale for the method of procurement
- Selection of contract type
- Contractor selection or rejection
- The basis for the contract price.

C. Conflict of Interest

No employee, officer, or agent of the County may participate in the selection, award, or administration of a contract supported by a Federal award if he or she has a real or apparent conflict of interest. Such a conflict of interest would arise when the employee, officer, or agent, any member of his or her immediate family, his or her partner, or an organization which employs or is about to employ any of the parties indicated herein, has a financial or other interest in or a tangible personal benefit from a firm considered for a contract.

D. Time and Materials Contract

The County may use a time-and-materials type contract only after a determination that no other contract is suitable and if the contract includes a ceiling price that the contractor exceeds at its own risk. Time-and-materials type contract means a contract whose cost to a non-Federal entity is the sum of:

- (1) The actual cost of materials; and

(2) Direct labor hours charged at fixed hourly rates that reflect wages, general and administrative expenses, and profit.

Since this formula generates an open-ended contract price, a time-and-materials contract provides no positive profit incentive to the contractor for cost control or labor efficiency. Therefore, each contract must set a ceiling price that the contractor exceeds at its own risk. Further, the non-Federal entity awarding such a contract must assert a high degree of oversight in order to obtain reasonable assurance that the contractor is using efficient methods and effective cost controls.

E. Settlement of Contractual and Administrative Issues

The County alone must be responsible, in accordance with good administrative practice and sound business judgment, for the settlement of all contractual and administrative issues arising out of procurements. These issues include, but are not limited to, source evaluation, protests, disputes, and claims. These standards do not relieve the County of any contractual responsibilities under its contracts. The Federal awarding agency will not substitute its judgment for that of the non-Federal entity unless the matter is primarily a Federal concern. Violations of law will be referred to the local, state, or Federal authority having proper jurisdiction.

F. Competition

All procurement transactions for the acquisition of property or services required under a Federal award must be conducted in a manner providing full and open competition. The County must ensure that all prequalified lists of persons, firms, or products which are used in acquiring goods and services are current and include enough qualified sources to ensure maximum open and free competition, and must not preclude potential bidders from qualifying during the solicitation period.

In order to ensure objective contractor performance and eliminate unfair competitive advantage, contractors that develop or draft specifications, requirements, statements of work, or invitations for bids or requests for proposals must be excluded from competing for such procurements.

The County is also required to conduct procurements in a manner that prohibits the use of statutorily or administratively imposed state, local, or tribal geographical preferences in the evaluation of bids or proposals, except in those cases where applicable Federal statutes expressly mandate or encourage geographic preference. Nothing in this section preempts state licensing laws. When contracting for architectural and engineering (A/E) services, geographic location may be a selection criterion provided its application leaves an appropriate number of qualified firms, given the nature and size of the project, to compete for the contract.

Noncompetitive procurements can only be awarded in accordance with [§ 200.320](#).

G. Contracting with Small and Minority Businesses, Women's Business Enterprises, and Labor Surplus Area Firms

The County must take all necessary affirmative steps to assure that minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms are used when possible.

Affirmative steps are outlined in [§ 200.321](#) and must include:

- (1) Placing qualified small and minority businesses and women's business enterprises on solicitation lists;
- (2) Assuring that small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises are solicited whenever they are potential sources;
- (3) Dividing total requirements, when economically feasible, into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation by small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises;
- (4) Establishing delivery schedules, where the requirement permits, which encourage participation by small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises;
- (5) Using the services and assistance, as appropriate, of such organizations as the Small Business Administration and the Minority Business Development Agency of the Department of Commerce; and
- (6) Requiring the prime contractor, if subcontracts are to be let, to take the affirmative steps listed in paragraphs (b)(1) through (5) of this section.

H. Domestic Preferences for Procurements

As appropriate and to the extent consistent with law, the County should, to the greatest extent practicable under a Federal award, provide a preference for the purchase, acquisition, or use of goods, products, or materials produced in the United States (including but not limited to iron, aluminum, steel, cement, and other manufactured products).

For the purposes of this section, "produced in the United States" means, for iron and steel products, that all manufacturing processes, from the initial melting stage through the application of coatings, occurred in the United States. "Manufactured products" means items and construction materials composed in whole or in part of non-ferrous metals such as aluminum; plastics and polymer-based products such as polyvinyl chloride pipe; aggregates such as concrete; glass, including optical fiber; and lumber.

I. Procurement of Recovered Materials

The County and its contractors must comply with section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act.

The requirements of Section 6002 include:

- Procuring only items designated in guidelines of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at [40 CFR part 247](#) that contain the highest percentage of recovered materials practicable, consistent with maintaining a satisfactory level of competition, where the purchase price of the item exceeds \$10,000 or the value of the quantity acquired during the preceding fiscal year exceeded \$10,000;
- Procuring solid waste management services in a manner that maximizes energy and resource recovery;
- Establishing an affirmative procurement program for procurement of recovered materials identified in the EPA guidelines.

II. SLFRF FUNDING COMPLIANCE

Subrecipients of ARPA SLFRF funding who are administering projects on behalf of Cook County are responsible for ensuring compliance with applicable federal, state, and local regulations. SLFRF awards are generally subject to the requirements set forth in the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards found in the Uniform Guidance 2 CFR Part 200.

Note that subrecipients do not include individuals and organizations that receive SLFRF funds as end users to respond to the negative economic impacts of COVID-19 on these organizations. Such individuals and organizations are beneficiaries and not subject to the Single Audit Act.

Contractors are not subject to the federal program guidance, and are instead held to the terms and conditions set forth by Cook County within this contract.

III. SLFRF REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

A. Treasury and County Reporting Requirements

ARPA fund recipients are required to track specific performance indicators and programmatic data in order to comply with Program award reporting requirements, including a quarterly “Project and Expenditure” report, and an annual “Recovery Plan Performance Report.” Contractors may need to provide data to support the County’s completion of these reports.

Each SLFRF project must be aligned to a single Treasury Expenditure Category, as identified by Cook County, and will require specific reporting data based on that category.

In addition to U.S. Treasury mandated metrics, the County will not require additional program-specific metrics to track progress and status.

B. Single Audit Requirements

Subrecipients that expend more than \$750,000 in Federal awards during their fiscal year will be subject to an audit under the Single Audit Act and its implementing regulation at 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F regarding audit requirements.

For-profit entities are not subject to Single Audit requirements, but are subject to other audits as deemed necessary by government authorities.

C. Civil Rights Compliance

Recipients and subrecipients of Federal financial assistance are required to meet legal requirements relating to nondiscrimination and nondiscriminatory use of Federal funds. These requirements include ensuring that entities receiving Federal financial assistance from the Treasury do not deny benefits or services, or otherwise discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin (including limited English proficiency), disability, age, or sex.

Treasury may request that recipients submit data for post-award compliance reviews, including information describing their compliance status to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

EXHIBIT 4

Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprise Commitment



COOK COUNTY
OFFICE OF THE
**Chief Procurement
Officer**

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Chicago, Illinois 60601

PETITION FOR PARTIAL OR FULL WAIVER – FORM 3

Bidder/Proposer: Public Policy Associates, LLC
Contract No./Title: RFP 2413-02051 Evaluation of SEED Program

A. BIDDER/PROPOSER HEREBY REQUESTS:

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FULL MBE WAIVER | <input type="checkbox"/> PARTIAL MBE WAIVER |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FULL WBE WAIVER | <input type="checkbox"/> PARTIAL WBE WAIVER |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FULL DBE WAIVER | <input type="checkbox"/> PARTIAL DBE WAIVER |

B. REASON FOR PARTIAL/FULL WAIVER REQUEST:

Bidder/Proposer shall check each item applicable to its overall reason for a waiver request. Additionally, supporting documentation shall be submitted with this request.

- (1) Lack of sufficient qualified MBEs and/or WBEs capable of providing the goods or services required by the contract.
- (2) The specifications and necessary requirements for performing the contract make it impossible or economically infeasible to divide the contract to enable the contractor to utilize MBEs and/or WBEs in accordance with the applicable participation.
- (3) Price(s) quoted by potential MBEs and/or WBEs are above competitive levels and increase cost of doing business and would make acceptance of such MBE and/or WBE bid economically impracticable, taking into consideration the percentage of total contract price represented by such MBE and/or WBE bid.
- (4) There are other relevant factors making it impossible or economically infeasible to utilize MBE and/or WBE firms.

GOOD FAITH EFFORT TRANSPARENCY REPORT

C. GOOD FAITH EFFORTS TO OBTAIN PARTICIPATION (attach sheets as necessary as Schedule 1)
Bidder/Proposer shall explain and detail the following Good Faith Efforts undertaken to meet Cook County's contract specific goals.

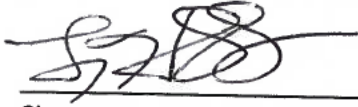
1. Please attach to this form a detailed list of any and all PCEs, stating the PCE certification (MBE and/or WBE as defined by the Cook County Municipal Code) and with whom from the contacted PCEs the Bidder/Proposer engaged, contacted, and/or communicated with in the County's Market Place;

Timelines:

- a. When the Bidder/Proposer knew of the bid;
 - b. When the Bidder/Proposer contacted the PCE(s);
 - c. When the Bidder/Proposer formulated its bid and utilization plan; and
 - d. When was the bid request due date.
2. The number of timely attempts to contact PCEs providing the type of supplies, equipment, goods, and/or services required for the Procurement, including but not limited to;
 - a. Dates of each contact attempt for each contacted PCE;
 - b. Whom, if anyone, the Bidder/Proposer communicated and/or corresponded (including written, virtual, digital, electronic, and other feasible methods of communication);
 - c. The number of unsuccessful attempts to communicate or correspond with PCEs; and
 - d. Attach copies of all solicitations to contacted PCEs.
 3. How the Bidder/Proposer proposed to divide the procurement requirements into small tasks and/or quantities into economically feasible units to promote PCE participation.
 4. Whether and to what degree the requesting party will endeavor to maximize indirect participation.
 5. Detailed explanation of use, if any, of the Office of Contract and Compliance services and staff.
 6. Detailed explanation of timely notification and usage of services and assistance provided by community, minority, and/or women business organizations.
 7. Attach any other documentation relative to Good Faith Efforts in complying with MBE and WBE participation.

GOOD FAITH EFFORT TRANSPARENCY REPORT

By signing below, I affirm under penalty of perjury the information provided in the Petition for Full or Partial Waiver/Good Faith Effort Transparency Report is truthful, accurate, and complete, to the best of my knowledge and capacity. I agree any finding of false, fraudulent, and/or otherwise misleading information will automatically disqualify the request for a waiver and Cook County's Office of Contract Compliance reserves the right to pursue additional actions and/or remedies against the requesting Bidder/Proposer.



CFO

Signature and Title of Bidder/Proposer

Title

Date



April 8, 2025

Cook County Procurement
Evaluation of SEED Program, RFP 2413-02051

In conjunction with our request for Full Waiver from participation by certified minority or similar business, please note that we are utilizing the services of a woman owned business for approximately, 22.5% of the proposed work to be performed, however, she is not certified as a WBE at this time but intends to file.

The work covered by our proposal is includes a very narrow set of skills, requiring research expertise, along with subject matter expertise regarding the justice system, especially in Cook County. PPA's nationwide justice system expertise pairs with our subcontractor's expertise, which is specific to Cook County.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Terry H Gardner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Terry H Gardner
CFO

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I. POLICY AND GOALS

A. It is the policy of the County of Cook to prevent discrimination in the award of or participation in County Contracts and to eliminate arbitrary barriers for participation in such Contracts by local businesses certified as a Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) and Women-owned Business Enterprise (WBE) as both prime and sub-contractors. 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 annual goals for MBE and WBE participation as outlined below:

Contract Type	Goals	
	MBE	WBE
Goods and Services	25%	10%
Construction	24%	10%
Professional Services	35% Overall	

B. **The County shall set contract-specific goals, based on the availability of MBEs and WBEs that are certified to provide commodities or services specified in this solicitation document. The MBE/WBE participation goals for this Agreement is zero percent (0%).** A Bid, Quotation, or Proposal shall be rejected if the County determines that it fails to comply with this General Condition in any way, including but not limited to: (i) failing to state an enforceable commitment to achieve for this contract the identified MBE/WBE Contract goals; or (ii) failing to include a Petition for Reduction/Waiver, which states that the goals for MBE/WBE participation are not attainable despite the Bidder or Proposer Good Faith Efforts, and explains why. If a Bid, Quotation, or Proposal is rejected, then a new Bid, Quotation, or Proposal may be solicited if the public interest is served thereby.

C. To the extent that a Bid, Quotation, or Proposal includes a Petition for Reduction/Waiver that is approved by the Office of Contract Compliance, the Contract specific MBE and WBE participation goals may be achieved by the proposed Bidder or Proposer's status as an MBE or WBE; by the Bidder or Proposer's enforceable joint-venture agreement with one or more MBEs and/or WBEs; by the Bidder or Proposer entering into one or more enforceable subcontracting agreements with one or more MBE and WBE; by the Bidder or Proposer establishing and carrying out an enforceable mentor/protégé agreement with one or more MBE and WBE; by the Bidder or Proposer actively engaging the Indirect Participation of one or more MBE and WBE in other aspects of its business; or by any combination of the foregoing, so long as the Utilization Plan evidences a commitment to meet the MBE and WBE Contract goals set forth in (B) above, as approved by the Office of Contract Compliance.

D. A single Person, as defined in the Procurement Code, may not be utilized as both an MBE and a WBE on the same Contract, whether as a Consultant, Subcontractor or supplier.

E. Unless specifically waived in the Bid or Proposal Documents, this Exhibit; the Ordinance; and the policies and procedures promulgated thereunder shall govern. If there is a conflict

between this Exhibit and the Ordinance or the policies and procedures, the Ordinance shall control.

- F. A Consultant's failure to carry out its commitment regarding MBE and WBE participation in the course of the Contract's performance may constitute a material breach of the Contract. If such breach is not appropriately cured, it may result in withholding of payments under the Contract, contractual penalties, disqualification and any other remedy provided for in Division 4 of the Procurement Code at law or in equity.

II. REQUIRED BID OR PROPOSAL SUBMITTALS

A Bidder or Proposer shall document its commitment to meeting the Contract specific MBE and WBE participation goals by submitting a Utilization Plan with the Bid or Proposal. The Utilization Plan shall include (1) one or more Letter(s) of Intent from the relevant MBE and WBE firms; and (2) current Letters of Certification as an MBE or WBE. Alternatively, the Bidder or Proposer shall submit (1) a written Petition for Reduction/Waiver with the Bid, Quotation or Proposal, which documents its preceding Good Faith Efforts and an explanation of its inability to meet the goals for MBE and WBE participation. The Utilization Plan shall be submitted at the time that the bid or proposal is due. **Failure to include a Utilization Plan will render the submission not Responsive and shall be cause for the CPO to reject the Bid or Proposal.**

A. MBE/WBE Utilization Plan

Each Bid or Proposal shall include a complete Utilization Plan, as set forth on Form 1 of the M/WBE Compliance Forms. The Utilization Plan shall include the name(s), mailing address, email address, and telephone number of the principal contact person of the relevant MBE and WBE firms. If the Bidder or Proposer submits a Bid or Proposal, and any of their subconsultants, suppliers or consultants, are certified MBE or WBE firms, they shall be identified as an MBE or WBE within the Utilization Plan.

1. Letter(s) of Intent

Except as set forth below, a Bid or Proposal shall include, as part of the Utilization Plan, one or more Letter(s) of Intent, as set forth on Form 2 of the M/WBE Compliance Forms, executed by each MBE and WBE and the Bidder or Proposer. The Letter(s) of Intent will be used to confirm that each MBE and WBE shall perform work as a Subcontractor, supplier, joint venture, or consultant on the Contract. Each Letter of Intent shall indicate whether and the degree to which the MBE or WBE will provide goods or services directly or indirectly during the term of the Contract. The box for direct participation shall be marked if the proposed MBE or WBE will provide goods or services directly related to the scope of the Contract. The box for Indirect participation shall be marked if the proposed MBE or WBE will not be directly involved in the Contract but will be utilized by the Bidder or Proposer for other services not related to the Contract. Indirect Participation shall not be counted toward the participation goal. Each Letter of Intent shall accurately detail the work to be performed by the relevant MBE or WBE firm, the agreed dollar amount, the percentage of work, and the terms of payment.

Failure to include Letter(s) of Intent will render the submission not Responsive and shall be cause for the CPO to reject the Bid or Proposal.

All Bids and Proposals must conform to the commitments made in the corresponding Letter(s) of Intent, as may be amended through change orders.

The Contract Compliance Director may at any time request supplemental information regarding Letter(s) of Intent, and such information shall be furnished if the corresponding Bid or Proposal is to be deemed responsive.

2. Letter(s) of Certification

Only current Letter(s) of Certification from one of the following entities may be accepted as proof of certification for MBE/WBE status, provided that Cook County's requirements for certification are met:

- County of Cook
- City of Chicago

Persons that are currently certified by the City of Chicago in any area other than Construction/Public Works shall also complete and submit a MBE/WBE Reciprocal Certification Affidavit along with a current letter of certification from the City of Chicago. This Affidavit form can be downloaded from www.cookcountyil.gov/contractcompliance.

The Contract Compliance Director may reject the certification of any MBE or WBE on the ground that it does not meet the requirements of the Ordinance, or the policies and rules promulgated thereunder.

3. Joint Venture Affidavit

In the event a Bid or Proposal achieves MBE and/or WBE participation through a Joint Venture, the Bid or Proposal shall include the required Joint Venture Affidavit, which can be downloaded from www.cookcountyil.gov/contractcompliance. The Joint Venture Affidavit shall be submitted with the Bid or Proposal, along with current Letter(s) of Certification.

B. Petition for Reduction/Waiver

In the event a Bid or Proposal does not meet the Contract specific goals for MBE and WBE participation, the Bid or Proposal shall include a Petition for Reduction/Waiver, as set forth on Form 3. The Petition for Reduction/Waiver shall be supported by sufficient evidence and documentation to demonstrate the Bidder or Proposer's Good Faith Efforts in attempting to achieve the applicable MBE and WBE goals, and its inability to do so despite its Good Faith Efforts.

Failure to include Petition for Reduction/Waiver will render the submission not Responsive and shall be cause for the CPO to reject the Bid or Proposal.

III. REDUCTION/WAIVER OF MBE/WBE GOALS

A. Granting or Denying a Reduction/Waiver Request.

1. The adequacy of the Good Faith Efforts to utilize MBE and WBE firms in a Bid or Proposal will be evaluated by the CCD under such conditions as are set forth in the Ordinance, the policies and rules promulgated thereunder, and in the “Petition for Reduction/Waiver of MBE/WBE Participation Goals” – Form 3 of the M/WBE Compliance Forms.
2. With respect to a Petition for Reduction/Waiver, the sufficiency or insufficiency of a Bidder or Proposer’s Good Faith Efforts shall be evaluated by the CCD as of the date upon which the corresponding Bid or Proposal was due.
3. The Contract Compliance Director or his or her duly authorized Waiver Committee may grant or deny the Petition for Reduction/Waiver based upon factors including but not limited to: (a) whether sufficient qualified MBE and WBE firms are unavailable despite good faith efforts on the part of the Bidder or Proposer; (b) the degree to which specifications and the reasonable and necessary requirements for performing the Contract make it impossible or economically infeasible to divide the Contract into sufficiently small tasks or quantities so as to enable the Bidder or Proposer to utilize MBE and WBE firms in accordance with the applicable goals; (c) the degree to which the prices or prices required by any potential MBE or WBE are more that 10% above competitive levels; and (d) such other factors as are determined relevant by the Contract Compliance Director or the duly authorized Waiver Committee.
4. If the Contract Compliance Director or the duly authorized Waiver Committee determines that the Bidder or Proposer has not demonstrated sufficient Good Faith Efforts to meet the applicable MBE and WBE goals, the Contract Compliance Director or the duly authorized Waiver Committee may deny a Petition for Reduction/Waiver, declare the Bid or Proposal non-responsive, and recommend rejection of the Bid, Quotation, or Proposal.

IV. CHANGES IN CONSULTANT'S UTILIZATION PLAN

- A. A Consultant, during its performance of the Contract, may not change the original MBE or WBE commitments specified in the relevant Utilization Plan, including but not limited to, terminating a MBE or WBE Contract, reducing the scope of the work to be performed by a MBE/WBE, or decreasing the price to a MBE/WBE, except as otherwise provided by the Ordinance and according to the policies and procedures promulgated thereunder.

- B. Where a Person listed under the Contract was previously considered to be a MBE or WBE but is later found not to be, or work is found not to be creditable toward the MBE or WBE goals as stated in the Utilization Plan, the Consultant shall seek to discharge the disqualified enterprise, upon proper written notification to the Contract Compliance Director, and make every effort to identify and engage a qualified MBE or WBE as its replacement. Failure to obtain an MBE or WBE replacement within 30 business days of the Contract Compliance Director's written approval of the removal of a purported MBE or WBE may result in the termination of the Contract or the imposition of such remedy authorized by the Ordinance, unless a written Petition for Reduction/Waiver is granted allowing the Consultant to award the work to a Person that is not certified as an MBE or WBE.

V. NON-COMPLIANCE

If the CCD determines that the Consultant has failed to comply with its contractual commitments or any portion of the Ordinance, the policies and procedures promulgated thereunder, or this Exhibit, the Contract Compliance Director shall notify the Consultant of such determination and may take any and all appropriate actions as set forth in the Ordinance or the policies and procedures promulgated thereunder which includes but is not limited to disqualification, penalties, withholding of payments or other remedies in law or equity.

VI. REPORTING/RECORD-KEEPING REQUIREMENTS

The Consultant shall comply with the reporting and record-keeping requirements in the manner and time established by the Ordinance, the policies and procedure promulgated thereunder, and the Contract Compliance Director. Failure to comply with such reporting and record-keeping requirements may result in a declaration of Contract default. Upon award of a Contract, a Consultant shall acquire and utilize all Cook County reporting and record-keeping forms and methods which are made available by the Office of Contract Compliance. MBE and WBE firms shall be required to verify payments made by and received from the prime Consultant.

VII. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Compliance with MBE and WBE requirements will not diminish or supplant other legal Equal Employment Opportunity and Civil Rights requirements that relate to Consultant and Subcontractor obligations.

Any questions regarding this section should be directed to:
Office of the Chief Procurement Officer Enterprise Development.
Cook County
161 N. Clark St. Suite 2300
Chicago, IL 60601
(312) 603-5502

EXHIBIT 5

Evidence of Insurance

Why We Are Using the Latest Acord 25 Certificate of Insurance

In September 2010, Acord revised the ACORD 25 Certificate of Insurance form. For the following reasons, we are unable to issue an older edition of this form, modify the current form, or complete a proprietary form that you provide. Also, below is an Addendum Disclaimer regarding additional verbiage in the “Description Box”.

- ACORD certificate forms must be filed and approved for use in our state. When a new form is approved, prior versions can no longer be used. Therefore, it is illegal for us to issue anything other than the currently approved ACORD form
- Notice of cancellation is a policy right, not an unregulated service. No insurer shown on this certificate is able to provide the cancellation notice you desire by endorsement. For example, the insured can cancel immediately, so it would be impossible for the insurer to give you the notice you request. State law also grants the insurer the right to cancel for reasons such as nonpayment with less notice than you require
- For the reason just cited, if our agency were to issue a certificate that provides the cancellation notice you request, we would do so with the full knowledge that it would be impossible to actually give that amount of notice under certain circumstances. As such, the certificate could be alleged to constitute a misrepresentation or fraud which could subject our agency and staff to serious civil and criminal penalties.
- If a certificate purports to provide a policy right different from that provided by the policy itself, then the certificate effectively purports to be a policy form. Policy forms must be filed and approved by our state department of insurance. Use of non-filed policy forms is illegal and could result in legal sanctions distinct from the assertion that the certificate is fraudulent.
- Likewise, we are unable to modify the new certificate to add a notice of cancellation. ACORD forms are designed to be completed, not altered. ACORD's Forms Instruction Guide says that a certificate should not be used "To waive rights...To quote wording from a contract...To quote any wording which amends a policy unless the policy itself has been amended." Also, since our state requires ACORD forms to be filed, any alteration to a filed form would require its refiling. In addition, our insurance company contracts only allow us to issue unaltered ACORD forms.
- We are often asked to issue proprietary certificates provided by the certificate requestor. Again, our insurance company contracts only allow us to issue unaltered ACORD forms. In addition, our state requires the filing of all certificates of insurance and has very specific regulatory guidelines on certificate language. Many proprietary certificates include broad, vague or ambiguous language that may or may not be in compliance with state laws, regulations, and insurance department directives. Therefore, we cannot issue any proprietary certificates that have not been reviewed by our state insurance department.
- Description Box please note, “In accordance with the ACORD 25 form Instruction Guide, the Description of Operations Box will be used exclusively for the purposes described on the form – the description of the insured’s operations to be performed, insured locations and insured vehicles if applicable.” If we added the information that you want in this space, we go against the Michigan Insurance Code Chapter 22A and it puts us in an unfavorable position with the insurance company writing these policies, the Insurance Board and it will violate our agreement with our Professional Liability Insurance Carrier.

We appreciate your understanding of the legal restrictions on our ability to fully comply with your request.



Benjamin Rathbun
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Fax 517.371.2218

Certificate Holder – Notice of Cancellation Changes

The Acord "Certificates of Liability Insurance" form has recently changed. One of the most notable changes is that the cancellation provision now reads:

"Should any of the above-described policies be cancelled before the expiration date therefore, notice will be delivered in accordance with the policy provision"

The insurance policy only provides notices of cancellation to the First Named Insured on the policy and does not provide notice of cancellation of a Certificate Holder.

Furthermore, the State of Michigan's Office of Financial and Insurance Regulation released Bulletin 2016-18-INS that states that insurance agents must not provide certificates that "revise or misrepresent the actual policy coverage." Producers violate the Code when they issue a Certificate of Insurance that misrepresents the insurance coverage provided under the insurance policy and are subject to administrative fines and license suspension or revocation. A copy of this bulletin can be found at:

www.michigan.gov/difs

Therefore, we cannot provide insurance certificate that implies that notice of cancellation will be sent to a Certificate Holder.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ben Rathbun". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Benjamin Rathbun

President

The Rathbun Agency, Inc.

517-482-1316

THIS ENDORSEMENT CHANGES THE POLICY. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY.

ADDITIONAL INSURED - STATE OR GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY OR SUBDIVISION OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION - PERMITS OR AUTHORIZATIONS

This endorsement modifies insurance provided under the following:

COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY COVERAGE PART

SCHEDULE

State Or Governmental Agency Or Subdivision Or Political Subdivision:

Cook County, its officials, employees, and agents

Information required to complete this Schedule, if not shown above, will be shown in the Declarations.

- A. **Section II - Who Is An Insured** is amended to include as an additional insured any state or governmental agency or subdivision or political subdivision shown in the Schedule, subject to the following provisions:
 - 1. This insurance applies only with respect to operations performed by you or on your behalf for which the state or governmental agency or subdivision or political subdivision has issued a permit or authorization. However:
 - a. The insurance afforded to such additional insured only applies to the extent permitted by law; and
 - b. If coverage provided to the additional insured is required by a contract or agreement, the insurance afforded to such additional insured will not be broader than that which you are required by the contract or agreement to provide for such additional insured.
 - 2. This insurance does not apply to:
 - a. "Bodily injury", "property damage" or "personal and advertising injury" arising out of operations performed for the federal government, state or municipality; or
 - b. "Bodily injury" or "property damage" included within the "products-completed operations hazard".
- B. With respect to the insurance afforded to these additional insureds, the following is added to **Section III - Limits Of Insurance**:

If coverage provided to the additional insured is required by a contract or agreement, the most we will pay on behalf of the additional insured is the amount of insurance:

 - 1. Required by the contract or agreement; or
 - 2. Available under the applicable Limits of Insurance shown in the Declarations; whichever is less.

This endorsement shall not increase the applicable Limits of Insurance shown in the Declarations.

EXHIBIT 6

Board Authorization



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street
Chicago, IL

Legislation Details (With Text)

File #: 25-0701 **Version:** 1 **Name:** Public Policy Associates, LLC, Lansing, Michigan
Type: Contract **Status:** Approved
File created: 12/23/2024 **In control:** Board of Commissioners
On agenda: 5/15/2025 **Final action:** 5/15/2025
Title: PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Cook County Justice Advisory Council

Vendor: Public Policy Associates, LLC, Lansing, Michigan

Request: Authorization for the Chief Procurement Officer to enter into and execute

Good(s) or Service(s): Evaluation of the SEED (Supporting Education and Employment Development) diversion program

Contract Value: \$203,402.04

Contract period: 6/1/2025 - 5/31/2026 with one (1) one-year renewal option

Contract Utilization: The Contract Specific goal set on this contract is Zero.

Potential Fiscal Year Budget Impact: FY25: \$101,701.02, FY26: \$101,701.02.

Accounts: 11286.1205.65842.520840

Contract Number(s): 2413-02051

Summary: The Justice Advisory Council is requesting authorization for the Chief Procurement Officer to enter into a contract with Public Policy Associates to conduct an evaluation of the SEED program, including its efficacy and impact on program participants. The SEED Program is a deferred prosecution, pre-plea diversion program, focused on emerging adults charged with possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance or manufacturing and delivery of a controlled substance. The vendor will work with appropriate members of the criminal legal system stakeholder agencies, service providers, participants (through appropriate avenues that consider the sensitivity and confidentiality of SEED participants), and other relevant stakeholders to conduct the evaluation and provide a final report.

This contract is awarded through Request for Proposals (RFP) procedures in accordance with Cook County Procurement Code. Public Policy Associates was selected based on established evaluation criteria.

Sponsors:

Indexes: AVIK DAS, Executive Director, Justice Advisory Council

Code sections:

Attachments:

Date	Ver.	Action By	Action	Result
5/15/2025	1	Board of Commissioners	approve	Pass

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EXHIBIT 7

Cook County Travel Policy



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I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

A. Overview

Applicable law provides that Employees and Officials are entitled to reimbursement for certain business and travel expenses.¹ This policy sets forth the business and travel expense reimbursement policy for the County of Cook (“County”), and it establishes guidelines for the reimbursement of authorized and Necessary Business Expenses incurred on behalf of the County. The County will not reimburse Employees and Officials for expenditures that do not comply with the provisions of this policy.

B. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines for the payment of authorized and Necessary Business Expenses that cannot be obtained using the methods provided in the Cook County Procurement Code, and to enable Employees and Officials to successfully execute their Local and Non-local travel requirements at the lowest reasonable costs, resulting in the best value for the County. The Chief Financial Officer (or designee) may be contacted for clarification as needed.

C. Intent

This policy is intended to be interpreted consistent with and subject to applicable law and other related County policies. *See* Related Policies below. It supersedes all previous policies and/or memoranda that may have been issued from time to time on subjects covered in this policy or other policies that may contain provisions related to reimbursement for business and travel expenses. This policy is not intended for tuition reimbursement. *See* Related Policies. This policy is not intended to supersede or limit the County from enforcing programs or provisions in any applicable collective bargaining agreement.

D. Severability

If any section or provision of this document should be held invalid by operation of law, none of the remainder shall be affected.

¹ *See* Illinois Wage Payment and Collection Act, 820 ILCS 115/9.5.



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E. Jurisdiction

The Cook County Chief Financial Officer, in consultation with the Director of Budget and Management Services (“Budget”) and the Comptroller are authorized to develop and issue policies and procedures for business and travel expense reimbursement.

F. Areas Affected

This policy and the procedures associated with this policy applies to all elected and appointed Officials and Employees in departments, offices, institutions or agencies of the County, including but not limited to the offices and departments under the jurisdiction of the County Board President, the Board of Commissioners, Cook County State’s Attorney, Cook County Sheriff, Cook County Public Defender, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, Cook County Treasurer, Cook County Clerk, Cook County Assessor, Chief Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County, Board of Review, the Office of the Independent Inspector General, the Cook County Land Bank Authority (“Land Bank Authority”), Veteran Assistance Commission of Cook County, and the Public Administrator (hereinafter, “Agencies” or “Agency”) who incur Necessary Business Expenses while conducting official business on behalf of the County.

G. Nondiscrimination

Cook County prohibits the discriminatory application, implementation, or enforcement of any provision of this policy based on race, color, sex, age, religion, disability, national origin, ancestry, sexual orientation, marital status, parental status, military discharge status, source of income, gender identity or housing status, or any other protected category established by law, statute, or ordinance.

H. Definitions

For purposes of this policy, the following terms shall be given the following meanings as set forth below:

Affidavit for Lost Receipts means the form submitted by the Employee or Official to request reimbursement of eligible Necessary Business Expenses when itemized receipts are not available due to being lost or stolen.

Agency or Agencies means offices and departments under the jurisdiction of the County Board President, the Board of Commissioners, Cook County State’s Attorney, Cook County Sheriff, Cook County Public Defender, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, Cook County Treasurer, Cook County Clerk, Cook



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County Assessor, Chief Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County, Board of Review, the Office of the Independent Inspector General, the Cook County Land Bank Authority, Veterans Assistance Commission of Cook County, and the Public Administrator.

Alternative Worksite means an employee’s work location other than the County employee’s Official Worksite. This definition may include an Employee or Official’s residence when telecommuting or may include the location of a field assignment or 3rd party meeting in certain circumstances.

Appropriate Authorizing Party (or designee) means the Employee or Official authorized to commit County resources and to preapprove expenses for purposes of reimbursement and to approve reimbursements under this policy, per section (J)(1)(c) below.

Appropriated Funds or Funding means money allocated by legislation passed by the Cook County Board of Commissioners and signed by the President of the Board of Commissioners, whether from an annual appropriation, multi-year appropriation, appropriated user fee, mandatory appropriation, or reimbursements from such appropriations, etc.

Expense Report (or ER) means the reimbursement form submitted by the Employee or Official to the Appropriate Approving Party for authorization of expense reimbursement.

Common carrier means Non-local travel by airplane, train (i.e., Amtrak, or similar), bus (i.e., Greyhound, or similar).

Commuting means travel between the Official’s or Employee’s residence and the Official’s or Employee’s Official Worksite.

County means Cook County.

County vehicle means travel by pool fleet or similar.

Employee means an individual employed by an Agency.

Local travel means travel within a 60-mile radius from the Official’s or Employee’s Official Worksite, for official County business.



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Necessary Business Expenses mean authorized out-of-pocket expenses or losses that are incurred by the Official or Employee in the discharge of employment or official duties, that inure to the primary benefit of the County and can't be procured under the County's Procurement Code or Direct Pay Policy. The County will not be responsible for losses or expenses incurred due to an Employee's or Official's own negligence, losses due to normal wear, or losses due to theft unless the theft was due to the County's negligence.

Non-local travel means travel in excess of a 60-mile radius from the Official's or Employee's Official Worksite, for official County business.

Official Worksite means the worksite to which the Official or Employee is typically assigned.

Personal leased vehicle means travel by a leased vehicle, or similar, that is not a vehicle that is leased by the County as part of the County's fleet.

Personally owned or Personal vehicle means travel by a vehicle that is personally owned by the Employee, Official, or similar.

Pre-Authorization Form means the form submitted by the Requester seeking reimbursement for a Necessary Business Expense.

Public transportation means local travel by CTA, Pace, Metra, or similar.

Rental Car means travel by vehicle hired from a car rental agency for a short period of time during Non-local official County business.

Requester means the Employee or Official seeking reimbursement.

Ride share or ride sharing means travel by Taxi, Shuttle, Lyft, Uber, Divvy, Zip Car, or similar.

Transportation Expense Voucher means a mileage reimbursement voucher for authorized use of personally owned vehicles in the conduct of official County business.



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I. Responsibilities of Employees, Management, and County Officials

Employees and Officials requesting Necessary Business Expense reimbursements are responsible for ensuring that the reimbursement request is truthful and accurate, complies with all applicable policies, is properly authorized before the expense is incurred, and is supported by the required receipts and documentation. Strict conformance with this policy is required to ensure eligibility for reimbursement when incurring expenses on behalf of the County and/or requesting expense reimbursements. Fraudulent or improper submissions for reimbursement may lead to disciplinary action or ethics fines/penalties. In addition, using or attempting to use this expense reimbursement policy when an Employee or Official should be using the Procurement Code process to purchase items or services on behalf of the County may lead to the expense being ineligible for reimbursement.

Moreover, any Employee or Official who receives an unauthorized or an erroneously issued reimbursement payment from the County, must immediately return such payment within thirty (30) days from the time the Employee or Official has become aware of the unauthorized or erroneous reimbursement or notice from the Comptroller’s Office or the Budget Office. Failure to comply with this provision will result in disciplinary or other appropriate action depending on the Employee(s) or Officials(s) involved and the specific circumstances. In the event repayment is made by an Employee or Official through payroll deduction, the Comptroller’s Office will handle in accordance with its procedures for payroll deductions.

Strict adherence to the County’s Code of Ethical Conduct and Office of the Independent Inspector General Ordinance is required. Expenditures that do not comply with the County’s Ethics Ordinance or Office of the Independent Inspector General Ordinance and this policy shall be denied and may be referred to the Board of Ethics or Inspector General for investigation. For example, expenditures made in connection with “prohibited political activity,” as defined in section 2-562 of the Cook County Code, shall not be reimbursed.

Each Appropriate Authorizing Party is responsible for ensuring that all expenditures made on behalf of the County comply with all applicable policies. Additionally, each Appropriate Authorizing Party is accountable for the appropriate use of County funds and must verify that all Necessary Business Expenses are budgeted and charged to the proper account(s). In addition, before approving any expense reimbursement, the Authorizing Party must ensure that the requesting Employee or Official received pre-authorization to incur the expense where required, the expense is legitimate, properly documented, and, if proper procedures are not followed, not approving the reimbursement request. Failure to adhere to



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these obligations may result in appropriate corrective action, including but not limited to disciplinary action, depending on the Employees(s) or Official(s) involved and the specific circumstances.

The Chief Financial Officer has designated the Director of Budget and Management Services to monitor County practices to ensure compliance with, and answer questions concerning, the information presented in this policy.

J. Policy and Procedures

General. The County has a fiduciary responsibility to ensure County resources are used responsibly and that Employees and Officials do not incur inappropriate or excessive expenses or gain financially from the County. Necessary Business Expenses will be reimbursed in accordance with IRS guidelines and with the provisions of this policy, provided there is sufficient funding for this purpose in the Department’s budget and doing so would not circumvent the Cook County Procurement Code. A Necessary Business Expense must have a clear and legitimate business purpose. All out of country travel-related expenditures will conform to the IRS guidelines and the U.S. General Services Administration whenever possible. See, <https://www.gsa.gov/travel-resources>. Where compliance with IRS and the U.S. General Services Administration guidelines cannot be met, approval of such expense must be documented by the Appropriate Authorizing Party. Excessive costs or unjustifiable costs are not acceptable and will not be reimbursed.

1. Appropriated Funding. Expenditures shall be charged to the appropriate account of the department incurring the expense, as designated in the department’s annual appropriation.
2. Grant requirements. Expenditures connected to and/or funded by a grant award (or other financial awards) shall be made in accordance with the grantor’s requirements, and reimbursement will be made at the rate specified by the grant (or other financial award), or if no specified rate, at the County’s rate defined by this policy.
3. Appropriate Authorizing Party. Necessary Business Expenses using the Pre-Authorization Form must be submitted for pre-authorization, unless otherwise specified under section IV.B of the policy, to the Requester’s:
 - (a) Department Head or managing supervisor, if requested by an Employee within the Department except where the Bureau Chief has indicated by internal memo or policy that Bureau Chief approval is required;



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- (b) Bureau Chief, if requested by a Department Head;
- (c) Chief of Staff, if requested by a Bureau Chief;
- (d) Employing Official, if requested by a Chief of Staff or
- (e) where there is no person in a higher-level position within the Requester’s organizational chart to authorize the expense, such as an Official, the reimbursement request shall be referred to the Agency’s Chief of Staff, where applicable or the Budget Director if the Agency does not employ a Chief of Staff for pre-authorization.

Individuals are strictly prohibited from authorizing their own requests to incur and be reimbursed for a Necessary Business Expense. The Appropriate Authorizing Party must confirm there is available funding in the Agency’s appropriated annual budget prior to approving the Pre-Authorization Form.

- 4. The reimbursement request shall be submitted in a form or manner established by the Budget Director (i.e., Expense Report) upon review and approval of the Appropriate Authorizing Party or their designee.

II. INELIGIBLE EXPENSES

The following expenses are not Necessary Business Expenses and shall not be reimbursed under this policy:

- A. Expenditures made in connection with “prohibited political activity,” as defined in section 2-562 of the Cook County Code or that violate the Ethics Code, 2-560 et. seq.;
- B. Expenses incurred without proper pre-authorization unless otherwise approved in writing by the Appropriate Authorizing Party;
- C. Expenses incurred in excess of the allowable limits in this policy unless otherwise approved in writing by the Appropriate Authorizing Party as set forth herein;
- D. Expenses for leasing or purchasing items for workspace/office, such as furniture, technology equipment, computer hardware or software, cell phones, electronic services or support, or decorative items. To the extent that items, furniture, technology equipment, computer hardware or



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software, and/or equipment are needed because of or based on an ADA reasonable accommodation request, please refer to the Agency Reasonable Accommodation Policy for Employees and Applicants with Disabilities.

- E. Expenses incurred in connection with normal commuting between home and work, including but not limited to mileage, parking, and toll expenses;
- F. Expenses for personal meals or other food or drink items while remaining local and not traveling overnight on official business;
- G. Traffic citations, parking tickets, and other fines, fees, penalties, or costs related to parking or moving violations;
- H. Lost or stolen cash or personal property;
- I. Monthly payments for leasing personal vehicles, except payments for vehicles leased by an Official for both business and personal use (with reimbursement amount limited to the portion expended for business use) in accordance with Cook County Ordinance Section 34-40 and approved by the Appropriate Authorizing Party;
- J. Personal calls;
- K. Personal items, including but not limited to toiletries, luggage, clothing, medications, appliances, and decorative items;
- L. Personal entertainment items, including but not limited to, magazines, books, movie rentals, and event tickets (sporting, theater, musical, etc.), and/or recreational activities;
- M. Alcoholic beverages, tobacco products or controlled substances;
- N. Food, except as permitted pursuant to Sections III.A. and III.B. below;
- O. Sponsorships or donations;
- P. Appliances (e.g. microwaves, refrigerators, toasters);
- Q. Sporting goods;



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- R. Flowers, gift cards, and gifts, or similar types of costs;
- S. Credit card or other late fees due to the Employee’s or Official’s actions;
- T. Charges related to modifications to travel arrangements, including but not limited to itinerary changes or cancellations, unless such change or cancellation is based on an exigent circumstance not within the Employee’s or Official’s own making and for which the Employee or Official is unable to receive a reimbursement or credit against the travel arrangement;
- U. Convenience fees, including but not limited to, early check-in, late check-out, and TSA pre-check;
- V. Hotel incidentals, such as, but not limited to, room upgrades, room service, health club fees, in-room entertainment fees, and laundry fees;
- W. Flight insurance or other supplemental travel insurance;
- X. Guest travel costs and expenses;
- Y. International travel, without written pre-authorization from the Appropriate Authorizing Party and the Budget Director, as applicable;
- Z. Personal portions of a trip combined with business travel, including but not limited to extended stays and travel to/from other destination(s);
- AA. Upgrades, including but not limited to, special “club” floors or access, seat or cabin upgrades, premium fuel, premium rides, valet parking; and,
- BB. Expenses without required proof of payments;
- CC. Other expenses of a purely personal nature and not listed as reimbursable in these guidelines.

III. ELIGIBLE REIMBURSABLE NECESSARY BUSINESS EXPENSES

The following expenses are considered Necessary Business Expenses that are eligible for reimbursement contingent on compliance with this policy.



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A. Food Supplies

Appropriated Funds shall not be used to purchase food, except in the following limited circumstances. The department incurring costs shall provide supporting details as required by the Budget Director to request reimbursements.

1. Ceremonial Events: The use of Appropriated Funds to provide light refreshments, such as snacks and beverages, at County sponsored, public facing ceremonial events when it has been determined that such food would materially enhance the event in furtherance of the objectives of the event is permissible. Departments may host Ceremonial events no more than quarterly and the cost of any such event is limited to \$20 per person.
2. Budget Hearings and Board Meetings: The use of Appropriated Funds by the Secretary to the Board to provide food for Officials and Employees actively participating in budget hearings or board meetings, to facilitate the efficient and timely resolution of such hearings before the Board of Commissioners, is permissible.
3. Community Events: The use of Appropriated Funds to provide light refreshments, such as snacks and beverages, at County sponsored community engagement events when it has been determined that such food would materially enhance public participation in furtherance of the objectives of the event is permissible. The food and beverages cost shall be limited to **approximately** \$20.00 per person.
4. Employee Morale Events. The use of Appropriated Funds to provide light refreshments, such as snacks and beverages or to provide lunch, for Officials and/or Employees scheduled to boost Employee morale or in recognition of Employees when it has determined by the hosting Agency that such food would materially enhance participation and boost morale in furtherance of the objectives of the event is permissible. Departments may host employee morale events no more than twice per year and the cost of any such event is limited to \$20 per person.
5. Trainings: The use of Appropriated Funds to provide light refreshments, such as snacks and beverages for training events, or meals at full-day or after hour training events hosted by an Agency is permissible. The cost of such refreshments and beverages shall be limited to \$20 per person.



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B. Registration Fees

Registration fees for non-County government conferences, meetings, seminars, training sessions, professional development, continuing education related to professional licensing requirements or similar events may be reimbursed. Reimbursements may include the cost of any food included in the registration fee. Every effort should be made to take advantage of early registration or group rate discounts. Employees and Officials must execute their registration in accordance with Section IV. below.

C. Professional Licensing Fees and Certifications

Licensing, registration or certification fees that are related to and required by federal, state or local statutes and ordinances that are required as a condition of being hired and holding an employee’s position may be reimbursed. Employees and Officials must execute reimbursements for such requests in accordance with Section IV. below.

D. Travel Expenses

In order for an Employee or Official to be eligible for reimbursement for travel expenses, all travel for official County business should be prudently planned so that the County’s best interests are served at the most reasonable cost considering travel time and work requirements. Employees and Officials should make best efforts to execute their Local and Non-local travel requirements at the lowest reasonable costs to the County by purchasing ticket(s) in advance, searching for lowest prices, requesting the government rate where available or utilizing a travel agent, etc. The requesting departments are encouraged to utilize the appropriate procurement method such as use of travel agencies and [e-payable options](#), before considering incurring costs out of pocket.

1. Types of Travel that are Eligible for Reimbursement. The County recognizes the following activities as appropriate travel purposes for official County business:
 - (a) Delivery of legislative testimony or address legislative agenda;
 - (b) As a stipulation or condition of grant funding or otherwise required for County or federal certification;
 - (c) Presentation on behalf of the County at a conference, meeting, seminar, training session, or similar;



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- (d) Financial or tax audit;
- (e) Site visit or operational evaluation related to Agency improvement efforts;
- (f) Court proceeding or case preparation, where the Employee is appearing on behalf of the County or the Employee needs to engage in witness preparation, investigation or take depositions.
- (g) Law enforcement, building and zoning, revenue, ethics, environmental, medical examiner or other investigation approved by the Appropriate Authorizing Party; and
- (h) Attendance at a conference, meeting, seminar, training session, or similar, provided that the topic is of critical interest to the County; representation at the event is in the best interest of the County; and the topic is related to an Employee’s or Official’s professional development. Agencies should attempt to limit the number of attendees by event.

2. Modes of Local Travel. Authorized modes of transportation for Local Travel include: (1) public transportation; (2) County vehicles; (3) taxi, ride sharing; and (4) Personally owned or Leased vehicles (approved by the Appropriate Authorizing Party).

3. Modes of Non-local Travel. Authorized modes of transportation for Non-local travel include County vehicles, Personally owned or Leased vehicles if approved by the Appropriate Authorizing Party, Rental Car, and Common Carriers.

4. General rule for travel. Travel expenses are eligible for reimbursement provided that the least expensive mode of transportation is used, considering travel time, cost, and work requirements unless otherwise approved by the Appropriate Authorizing Party. Please note that employees who receive a stipend are not eligible for mileage reimbursement.

5. Eligible Local Transportation Reimbursable Expenses: Local travel that is performed for official County business may be permissible if authorized by the Appropriate Approving Party.

- (a) *Travel by County vehicle*. When the Employee or Official uses a County vehicle, only fuel, parking, and toll expenses are eligible for reimbursement.



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- (b) *Travel by taxi or ride share.* When the Employee or Official uses a taxi or ride sharing company, the total metered fare (including surcharges and fees) is eligible for reimbursement. Tipping on taxis or ride sharing may not exceed \$2.00, or 20% of the metered fare, whichever amount is greater.
- (c) *Travel by Personal vehicle.* When the Employee or Official uses a Personal vehicle per the approval of the Appropriate Authorizing Party, only mileage, parking, and toll expenses are eligible for reimbursement. Mileage reimbursement for County business is limited to the current standard IRS deduction rate for business related transportation currently in effect and authorized by the Bureau of Finance. The mileage must be supported by detailed mileage logs including date(s) of travel, number of miles driven, locations traveled to and from, and business purpose. Mileage requested to be reimbursed may be calculated using the County’s Transportation Expense Voucher System (TEVS; <https://apps.cookcountyil.gov/voucher/public/>) or other platform that allows mileage calculation (e.g., Google Map). The voucher or other proof of calculated mileage (i.e. Google Maps) shall be submitted along with the Expense Report to the Appropriate Authorizing Party.
 - i. Normal commute is not eligible for mileage reimbursement. However, if the mileage to an Alternative Worksite is greater than the normal commute to and from the Official Worksite, then the Employee or Official is entitled to reimbursement for mileage in excess, of their normal commute.
 - ii. On approved Telecommuting days, consistent with the Policy, an employee may be reimbursed for the distance traveled from their home to the Alternative Worksite, but must deduct their normal commute from the total milage. For example, an employee’s normal commute is 15 miles. Should the employee be required to report to a site on a telecommuting day, any distance above the employees’ normal commutable distance (e.g., 15 miles) can be reimbursed for the initial commute from their home to work location, or for their commute home from their final work location. Should travel be required between multiple locations during the day, the entire amount between the first location (away from home) and final work location (away from home) can be reimbursed.
 - iii. The IRS per-mile rate is generally established annually (but may be subject to a mid-year increase) and covers the total cost of operating a personally owned



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vehicle for Local Travel, including such items as gasoline, oil, maintenance, repairs, etc.

iv. The Employee or Official must carry liability and property damage insurance for business use of their Personal or Personally leased vehicle and submit a copy of these insurance policies to the appropriate personnel within their department. The Employee or Official’s personal insurance is primary in the event of an accident.

(d) *Local Public Transportation.* When the Employee or Official uses local public transportation, such as Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) buses and trains, for a local travel performed for the County’s official business, the total cost is eligible for reimbursements. Itemized receipts are not required for the total cost of less than \$10.00 per day.

6. Eligible Non-Local Transportation Reimbursable Expenses: Non-Local Travel that is performed for official County business may be permissible if authorized by the Appropriate Approving Party.

(a) *Travel by Personal vehicle.* When the Employee or Official uses a Personal vehicle per the approval of the Appropriate Authorizing Party, only mileage, parking, and toll expenses are eligible for reimbursement. Mileage reimbursement for County business is limited to the current standard IRS deduction rate for business related transportation currently in effect and authorized by the Bureau of Finance. The mileage must be supported by detailed mileage logs including date(s) of travel, number of miles driven, locations traveled to and from, and business purpose. Mileage requested to be reimbursed may be calculated using the mileage calculator in the [Transportation Expense Voucher System \(TEVS\)](#) or other platform that allows mileage calculation (e.g., Google Map). This documentation shall be attached to the Expense Report and submitted to the Appropriate Authorizing Party.

The IRS per-mile rate is generally established annually (but may be subject to a mid-year increase) and covers the total cost of operating a personally owned vehicle for Non-local Travel, including such items as gasoline, oil, maintenance, repairs, etc. The mileage reimbursement per trip may not exceed the cost of the lowest available non-stop, roundtrip airfare to/from the destination. The Employee or



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Official must carry liability and property damage insurance for business use of their Personal or Personally leased vehicle.

- (b) *Travel by Rental Car.* Travel by Rental Car is limited to Non-local travel requiring an overnight stay and must be supported by an itemized receipt which lists the date, time, location of the rental, rental rate, and vehicle class. The choice of vehicle class must be reasonable based on the circumstances. When the Employee or Official uses a rental car, only daily rental rates, taxes, surcharges, car rental insurance, fuel, parking, and toll expenses are eligible for reimbursement.
- (c) *Travel by Common Carrier.* Travel by common carrier is limited to Non-local travel requiring an overnight stay and must be supported by itemized receipts which list the traveler’s name, the date, time, point of origin and destination, fare class purchased, and any other related costs for each leg of the trip. When the Employee or Official uses a common carrier, only the fare, taxes, surcharges, and any standard baggage fees are eligible for reimbursement. The fare reimbursement will be based on the most economical fare available that meets the requirements of the Employee’s or Official’s agenda.
- (d) *International travel.* All international travel is subject to pre-authorization by the Appropriate Authorizing Party and Budget Director. Employee’s and Official’s shall convert all foreign expenses to U.S. currency at the exchange rate applicable when the expense was paid and reflect the expenses incurred in U.S. dollars on the Expense Report . Official documentation of the exchange rate(s) applied to the expenses incurred, published at <https://www1.oanda.com/currency/converter/> must accompany all receipts.
- (e) *Meal and incidental expense reimbursement.* Meal and incidental expense reimbursements are limited to Non-local travel requiring an overnight stay. The employee or Official on non-local overnight business necessary travel will be reimbursed up to the federal travel allowance for meals and incidental expenses, including taxes and gratuity published by the General Services Administration (GSA) at <https://www.gsa.gov/travel/plan-book/per-diem-rates>. Itemized receipts or a proof of payments are not required for the reimbursement for travel meals unless otherwise noted in this policy.



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Reimbursement for meals and incidental expenses shall be limited to the expenses incurred during the time spent traveling for County business; 75% of the expenses submitted for reimbursement on the first and last days of travel, and 100% of the expenses on the other days.

If an employee assumes the charge for another employee, the employee shall identify other employees' costs and request the reimbursement of the total costs up to the allowance established by the GSA per person. To seek reimbursements for meals which include other employees' costs that exceed their daily allowance, the employee must submit the itemized receipts and proof of payments. The employee assuming the expense shall clearly note on their receipt who the other employee(s) were for which the expense was assumed. Further, the other employees whose meal costs are assumed by another employee shall deduct the cost of the meal from their reimbursement request for the meal. (e.g., if a employee A pays for a meal for two at \$30 each and if the daily allowance is \$65 per person, the employee is reimbursed up to \$95 and the other employee must deduct the reimbursement value by \$30 for that day). Failures to comply with this policy will result in disciplinary actions.

If meals are furnished at a nominal or no cost to the employee or are included within the conference/event registration fee, the per diem allowance for meals and incidental expenses (M&IE allowance) must be adjusted by deducting the appropriate amount, for each meal. Bureau Chief/Department head, at its discretion, may allow the employee to claim the full M&IE allowance if employee is unable to consume the furnished meal(s) because of medical requirements or religious belief.

- (f) *Lodging reimbursement.* Lodging reimbursement is limited to Non-local travel requiring an overnight stay and must be supported by itemized receipts which list the traveler's name, the date, time, location of the lodging, and detail every individual item included in the bill. Travelers are to use the most economical hotel or the preferred hotel offered by the conference unless there is justification approved by the Appropriate Authorizing Party on the Reimbursement Form. Travelers will receive the lesser of the actual costs or the current federal travel allowance for lodging published by the General Services Administration at <https://www.gsa.gov/travel/plan-book/per-diem-rates> unless the increased rate is approved by the Appropriate Authorizing Party.



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(g) *Reimbursement for taxi or ride share.* When the Employee or Official uses a taxi or ride sharing company, the total metered fare (including surcharges, fees and taxes) is eligible for reimbursement. Tipping on taxis or ride sharing may not exceed \$2.00, or 20% of the ride - whichever amount is greater.

E. **Business needs that cannot be obtained using the methods provided in the Cook County Procurement Code.** On occasion, necessary business needs are unable to be met using the methods provided in the Cook County Procurement Code. The Official or Employee incurring these expenses must demonstrate it is a Necessary Business Expense with a clear and legitimate business purpose. For technology-related necessary business expenses, the Official and Employee incurring the expense must also demonstrate compliance with the Bureau of Technology’s Concurrence Process or other similarly applicable policy.

F. **Miscellaneous.** Any other Necessary Business Expense or loss incurred within the Official’s or Employee’s scope of employment or related to telecommuting and directly related to services performed for the employer as permitted under Illinois Wage Payment and Collection Act, 820 ILCS 115 et. seq.

IV. PROCESS FOR REQUESTING PRE-AUTHORIZATION FOR ELIGIBLE NECESSARY BUSINESS EXPENSES AND SEEKING REIMBURSEMENT

A. **General:** Being reimbursed for a Necessary Business Expense reimbursement is contingent on compliance with the provisions of this policy; obtaining the appropriate pre-authorization; and completion and timely submission of the appropriate forms with supporting documentation, including but not limited to original receipts. Receipts must be legible; electronic copies including clear photographs of receipts will be accepted as originals. Where supporting documentation does not exist or is missing or lost, the Employee or Official shall submit the Affidavit for Lost Receipts form regarding any such receipts.

B. **Pre-Authorization to Incur a Necessary Business Expense:** Employees and Officials are required to obtain pre-approval before incurring any Necessary Business Expense above \$300.00 by submitting the Pre-Authorization Form to the Appropriate Authorizing Party, and in the case of international travel, the Pre-Authorization Form must also be submitted to the Budget Director. Employees and Officials shall request authorization to incur a Necessary Business Expense of \$300.00 or more per event/incident/travel using the Pre-Authorization Form at least thirty (30) calendar days in advance of having to incur the expenditure or loss so the Appropriate Authorizing Party has an opportunity to assess and potentially approve the request in accordance with this



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policy. If the pre-authorization or the thirty (30) day period is not practicable, the Requester must provide a justification on the Pre-Authorization Form and/or Reimbursement Form for deviating from the 30 day requirement.

1. Eligible Necessary Business Expenses other than travel.

The Pre-Authorization Form must be completed by the Requester and sent to the Appropriate Approving Party supported by:

- (a) the details of the expense(s) to be incurred, including the amount and when and where the purchase or expense will be made;
- (b) the reason and purpose of the purchase or expense; and
- (c) why the item is not being purchased using the methods provided in the Cook County Procurement Code.

2. Travel Expenses.

- (a) No Pre-Authorization Form is required for Local Travel.
- (b) To request Non-local travel authorization, the Pre-Authorization Form must be completed by the Requester and sent to the Appropriate Approving Party supported by an agenda and estimate of travel costs. The Documentation regarding anticipated meal and lodging costs shall be included along with the current federal travel allowance for lodging and per diem meal rates published by the General Services Administration at <https://www.gsa.gov/travel/plan-book/per-diem-rates>.
- (c) For regularly re-occurring Local or Non-local travel that would be considered a Necessary Business Expense, the Appropriate Approving Party has the discretion to establish a process to pre-approve such travel.



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C. **Appropriate Authorizing Party.** To authorize incurring Necessary Business Expenses, the Pre-Authorization Form must be reviewed and approved by the Appropriate Authorizing Party. By signing the Pre-Authorization Form, the Appropriate Authorizing Party certifies:

1. The expenditure is a Necessary Business Expense as provided by this policy, including the appropriateness of the expenditure and the reasonableness of the amount;
2. The Requester has submitted a completed and accurate Pre-Authorization Form with required supporting documentation; and
3. Appropriate Funding is available to pay for the expense.
4. In addition, if the Appropriate Authorizing Party determines that the requested expenditure is not necessary or should be requested through the Procurement Code process, then the Employee or Official shall not incur the expense on the County’s behalf and will not be entitled to reimbursement under this policy.

D. **Submission of Reimbursement Requests, Review and Approval.**

1. All requests seeking reimbursement, with the appropriate supporting documentation and Expense Report, must be submitted to the Appropriate Authorizing Party within 60 calendar days of the later of (1) incurring the expense or (2) the business purpose, travel, or event has occurred. By signing the Expense Report, the Requester attests to its truthfulness and assumes personal responsibility for its accuracy.
2. Submission of the Expense Report to the Appropriate Authorizing Party shall also include copies of itemized receipts for all expenses if an itemized receipt is lost or does not exist. The Requester needs to complete the Affidavit for Lost Receipts Form to attest to the incurring of such expense and why no documentation is being submitted to support the particular expense reimbursement request. Cash payments will not be reimbursed without proof of payment.
3. Within 21 calendar days of receipt of the Business and/or Travel Expense Reimbursement request, the approved request by the Appropriate Authorizing Party and the supporting documentation shall be sent by the Appropriate Authorizing Party to the department’s assigned Budget Analyst in Budget. By approving the reimbursement request and forwarding to the Budget Analyst, the Appropriate Authorizing Party certifies the



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appropriateness of the expenditure and the reasonableness of the amount; the availability of Appropriated Funds; compliance with applicable reimbursement policies; and completeness of supporting documentation.

4. Review of all requests for reimbursement shall be timely made by Budget. Upon review, Budget will approve the request, return the request to the Appropriate Approving Party for correction or supplementation (i.e., credit card statement and Affidavit for Lost Receipts Form, in the event of lost receipts), or deny the request as not being in compliance with this Policy. If approved, Budget will submit the reimbursement request to the Comptroller’s Office for payment. Failure to timely correct or supplement a request for reimbursement as required by Budget shall result in denial of reimbursement.
5. Timing and method of reimbursement payment. Employees or Officials will receive authorized reimbursements as part of their next regular paycheck during the pay period following the expense having been incurred, and the reimbursement request being processed, provided compliance with this Policy and the procedures established herein. Advanced payments to the requestor are strictly prohibited under this policy.

E. Resources:

General information concerning this Policy may be obtained by contacting the Chief Financial Officer (or designee).

F. Related Policies

- The Cook County Procurement Code
- The County’s Vehicle Collision Policy
- The County’s Fuel Use Policy
- The County’s AVL GPS Policy
- The County’s Vehicle Policy
- Applicable Agency Reasonable Accommodation Policy for Employees and Applicants with Disabilities
- Applicable Agency Telecommuting Policy
- Applicable Agency Tuition Reimbursement Policy
- The County’s Ethics Ordinance



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G. Non-Compliance

Failure to comply with the provisions of this policy may result in denial of reimbursement and/or subject an Employee or Official to discipline, up to and including discharge, in accordance with the personnel rules and/or collective bargaining agreement, if applicable, and ethics fines or penalties.

EXHIBIT 8

Electronic Payables Program

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING AN ELECTRONIC BID/PROPOSAL/QUALIFICATION

For electronic submissions, firms shall use the following link to submit Bids/Proposals/Qualifications electronically:

<https://cookcountyil.bonfirehub.com/portal/?tab=openOpportunities>

Follow the steps listed in the below article to access the opportunity and submit your bid/proposal:

<https://vendorsupport.gobonfire.com/hc/en-us/articles/6832869814551-Creating-and-Uploading-a-Submission>

There is also a video on Vendor Registration & Submission at this link:

<https://vendorsupport.gobonfire.com/hc/en-us/articles/6796500613655-Vendor-Registration-and-Submission-VIDEO>

If you have questions or technical issues accessing or submitting your bid/proposal, please reach out to Bonfire at:

support@gobonfire.com

1 (800) 354 8010 Extension #2

EXHIBIT 9

Identification of Subcontractor/Supplier/Subconsultant Form

**Cook County
Office of the Chief Procurement Officer
Identification of Subcontractor/Supplier/Subconsultant Form**

<input type="checkbox"/> Disqualification <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check Complete	OCPO ONLY:
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The Bidder/Proposer/Respondent ("the Contractor") will fully complete and execute and submit an Identification of Subcontractor/Supplier/Subconsultant Form ("ISF") with each Bid, Request for Proposal, and Request for Qualification. **The Contractor must complete the ISF for each Subcontractor, Supplier or Subconsultant which shall be used on the Contract.** In the event that there are any changes in the utilization of Subcontractors, Suppliers or Subconsultants, the Contractor must file an updated ISF.

Bid/RFP/RFQ No.: 2413-02051	Date: October 9, 2024
Total Bid or Proposal Amount: \$203,402.04	Contract Title: Evaluation of the SEED Program
Contractor: Public Policy Associates	Subcontractor/Supplier/ Subconsultant to be added or substitute: Christina Sansone
Authorized Contact for Contractor: Terry Gardner	Authorized Contact for Subcontractor/Supplier/ Subconsultant: Christina Sansone
Email Address (Contractor): tgardner@publicpolicy.com	Email Address (Subcontractor): christina.n.sansone@gmail.com
Company Address (Contractor): 119 Pere Marquette, Suite 1C	Company Address (Subcontractor):
City, State and Zip (Contractor): Lansing, MI 48912	City, State and Zip (Subcontractor): Chicago, IL 60655
Telephone and Fax (Contractor): 517-485-4477	Telephone and Fax (Subcontractor): 312-375-0522
Estimated Start and Completion Dates (Contractor): 1/1/2025 - 12/31/2025	Estimated Start and Completion Dates (Subcontractor): 1/1/2025 - 12/31/2025

Note: Upon request, a copy of all written subcontractor agreements must be provided to the OCPO.

<u>Description of Services or Supplies</u>	<u>Total Price of Subcontract for Services or Supplies</u>
Project lead for qualitative data collection, analysis, and reporting	\$46,250

The subcontract documents will incorporate all requirements of the Contract awarded to the Contractor as applicable. The subcontract will in no way hinder the Subcontractor/Supplier/Subconsultant from maintaining its progress on any other contract on which it is either a Subcontractor/Supplier/Subconsultant or principal contractor. This disclosure is made with the understanding that the Contractor is not under any circumstances relieved of its abilities and obligations, and is responsible for the organization, performance, and quality of work. **This form does not approve any proposed changes, revisions or modifications to the contract approved MBE/WBE Utilization Plan. Any changes to the contract's approved MBE/WBE/Utilization Plan must be submitted to the Office of the Contract Compliance.**

Public Policy Associates

Contractor
Terry Gardner

Name
Chief Financial Officer

Title 

October 9, 2024

Prime Contractor Signature

Date

Contract No. 2413-02051

Evaluation of the Supporting Education and Employment Development (SEED) Program

EXHIBIT 10

Economic Disclosure Statement

**COOK COUNTY
ECONOMIC DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
AND EXECUTION DOCUMENT
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SECTION 1
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 Proposer responding to a Request for Proposals, and every Respondent responding to a Request for Qualifications, and others as required by the Chief Procurement Officer. The execution of the EDS shall serve as the execution of a contract awarded by the County. The Chief Procurement Officer reserves the right to request that the Bidder or Proposer, or Respondent provide an updated EDS on an annual basis.

Definitions. 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, as applicable.

Affiliate means a person that directly or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, Controls is Controlled by, or is under common Control with the Person specified.

Applicant means a person who executes this EDS.

Bidder means any person who submits a Bid.

Code means the Code of Ordinances, Cook County, Illinois available on municode.com.

Contract shall include any written document to make Procurements by or on behalf of Cook County.

Contractor or *Contracting Party* means a person that enters into a Contract with the County.

Control means the unfettered authority to directly or indirectly manage governance, administration, work, and all other aspects of a business.

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

Joint Venture means an association of two or more Persons proposing to perform a for-profit business enterprise. Joint Ventures must have an agreement in writing specifying the terms and conditions of the relationship between the partners and their relationship and respective responsibility for the Contract

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 who lobbies.

Person or *Persons* means any individual, corporation, partnership, Joint Venture, trust, association, Limited Liability Company, sole proprietorship or other legal entity.

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.

Proposal means a response to an RFP.

Proposer means a person submitting a Proposal.

Response means response to an RFQ.

Respondent means a person responding to an RFQ.

RFP means a Request for Proposals issued pursuant to this Procurement Code.

RFQ means a Request for Qualifications issued to obtain the qualifications of interested parties.

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

Section 1: Instructions. Section 1 sets forth the instructions for completing and executing this EDS.

Section 2: Certifications. Section 2 sets forth certifications that are required for contracting parties under the Code and other applicable laws. 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 3: Economic and Other Disclosures Statement. Section 3 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 Applicant to the warranties, representations, agreements and acknowledgements contained therein.

Required Updates. The Applicant is required to keep all information provided in this EDS current and accurate. In the event of any change in the information provided, including but not limited to any change which would render inaccurate or incomplete any certification or statement made in this EDS, the Applicant shall supplement this EDS up to the time the County takes action, by filing an amended EDS or such other documentation as is required.

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, and the Applicant is expected to comply fully with these ordinances. For further information please contact the Director of Ethics at (312) 603-4304 (69 W. Washington St. Suite 3040, Chicago, IL 60602) or visit the web-site at cookcountyil.gov/ethics-board-of.

Authorized Signers of Contract and EDS Execution Page. If the Applicant is a corporation, the President and Secretary must execute the EDS. In the event that this EDS is executed by someone other than the President, attach hereto a certified copy of that section of the Corporate By-Laws or other authorization by the Corporation, satisfactory to the County that permits the person to execute EDS for said corporation. 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.

If the Applicant is a partnership or joint venture, all partners or joint venturers must execute the EDS, unless one partner or joint venture has been authorized to sign for the partnership or joint venture, in which case, the partnership agreement, resolution or evidence of such authority satisfactory to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer must be submitted with this Signature Page.

If the Applicant is a member-managed LLC all members must execute the EDS, unless otherwise provided in the operating agreement, resolution or other corporate documents. If the Applicant is a manager-managed LLC, the manager(s) must execute the EDS. The Applicant must attach either a certified copy of the operating agreement, resolution or other authorization, satisfactory to the County, demonstrating such person has the authority to execute the EDS on behalf of the LLC. If the LLC is not registered in the State of Illinois, a copy of a current Certificate of Good Standing from the state of incorporation must be submitted with this Signature Page.

If the Applicant is a Sole Proprietorship, the sole proprietor must execute the EDS.

A "Partnership" "Joint Venture" or "Sole Proprietorship" operating under an Assumed Name must be registered with the Illinois county in which it is located, as provided in 805 ILCS 405 (2012), and documentation evidencing registration must be submitted with the EDS.

Effective October 1, 2016 all foreign corporations and LLCs must be registered with the Illinois Secretary of State's Office unless a statutory exemption applies to the applicant. Applicants who are exempt from registering must provide a written statement explaining why they are exempt from registering as a foreign entity with the Illinois Secretary of State's Office.

SECTION 2

CERTIFICATIONS

THE FOLLOWING CERTIFICATIONS ARE MADE PURSUANT TO STATE LAW AND THE CODE. THE APPLICANT IS CAUTIONED TO CAREFULLY READ THESE CERTIFICATIONS PRIOR TO SIGNING THE SIGNATURE PAGE. SIGNING THE SIGNATURE PAGE SHALL CONSTITUTE A WARRANTY BY THE APPLICANT 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 APPLICANT IS NOTIFIED THAT IF THE COUNTY LEARNS THAT ANY OF THE FOLLOWING CERTIFICATIONS WERE FALSELY MADE, THAT ANY CONTRACT ENTERED INTO WITH THE APPLICANT 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 subparagraphs (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 APPLICANT HEREBY CERTIFIES THAT: The Applicant has read the provisions of Section A, Persons and Entities Subject to Disqualification, that the Applicant has not committed any Prohibited Act set forth in Section A, and that award of the Contract to the Applicant would not violate the provisions of such Section or of the Code.

B. BID-RIGGING OR BID ROTATING

THE APPLICANT HEREBY CERTIFIES THAT: *In accordance with 720 ILCS 5/33 E-11, neither the Applicant 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 APPLICANT HEREBY CERTIFIES THAT: The Applicant will provide a drug free workplace, as required by (30 ILCS 580/3).

D. DELINQUENCY IN PAYMENT OF TAXES

THE APPLICANT HEREBY CERTIFIES THAT: *The Applicant is not an owner or a party responsible for the payment of any tax or fee administered by Cook County, such as bar award of a contract or subcontract pursuant to the Code, Chapter 34, Section 34-171.*

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 APPLICANT HEREBY CERTIFIES THAT: *It is in compliance with 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. INSPECTOR GENERAL (COOK COUNTY CODE, CHAPTER 34, SECTION 34-174 and Section 34-250)

The Applicant has not willfully failed to cooperate in an investigation by the Cook County Independent Inspector General or to report to the Independent Inspector General any and all information concerning conduct which they know to involve corruption, or other criminal activity, by another county employee or official, which concerns his or her office of employment or County related transaction.

The Applicant has reported directly and without any undue delay any suspected or known fraudulent activity in the County's Procurement process to the Office of the Cook County Inspector General.

H. CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS (COOK COUNTY CODE, CHAPTER 2, SECTION 2-585)

THE APPLICANT CERTIFIES THAT: It has read and shall comply with the Cook County's Ordinance concerning campaign contributions, which is codified at Chapter 2, Division 2, Subdivision II, Section 585, and can be read in its entirety at www.municode.com.

I. GIFT BAN, (COOK COUNTY CODE, CHAPTER 2, SECTION 2-574)

THE APPLICANT CERTIFIES THAT: It has read and shall comply with the Cook County's Ordinance concerning receiving and soliciting gifts and favors, which is codified at Chapter 2, Division 2, Subdivision II, Section 574, and can be read in its entirety at www.municode.com.

J. LIVING WAGE ORDINANCE PREFERENCE (COOK COUNTY CODE, CHAPTER 34, SECTION 34-160;

Unless expressly waived by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, 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 annually by the Chief Financial Officer of the County, and shall be posted on the Chief Procurement Officer's website.

The term "Contract" as used in Section 4, I, of this EDS, 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.

SECTION 3

REQUIRED DISCLOSURES

1. DISCLOSURE OF LOBBYIST CONTACTS

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

Name	Address
NONE	
_____	_____
_____	_____

2. LOCAL BUSINESS PREFERENCE STATEMENT (CODE, CHAPTER 34, SECTION 34-230)

Local business means a Person, including a foreign corporation authorized to transact business in Illinois, having a bona fide establishment located within the County at which it is transacting business on the date when a Bid is submitted to the County, and which employs the majority of its regular, full-time work force within the County. A Joint Venture shall constitute a Local Business if one or more Persons that qualify as a "Local Business" hold interests totaling over 50 percent in the Joint Venture, even if the Joint Venture does not, at the time of the Bid submittal, have such a bona fide establishment within the County.

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

Yes: No:

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

Applicant is not a local business, however our subcontractor (Christina Sansone) is with an address in Chicago as noted on her resume attached to the application.

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

Yes: No:

3. THE CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT ORDINANCE (CODE, CHAPTER 34, SECTION 34-172)

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-5) and complete the Affidavit, based on the instructions in the Affidavit.

4. REAL ESTATE OWNERSHIP DISCLOSURES.

The Applicant 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 Applicant in Cook County:

PERMANENT INDEX NUMBER(S): _____

(ATTACH SHEET IF NECESSARY TO LIST ADDITIONAL INDEX NUMBERS)

OR:

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

5. EXCEPTIONS TO CERTIFICATIONS OR DISCLOSURES.

If the Applicant 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 Applicant must explain below:

NONE

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 Applicant 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. **County reserves the right to request additional information to verify veracity of information contained in this statement.**

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.

"Person" "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. A Person 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 Public Policy Associates, LLC

D/B/A: _____ FEIN # Only: 88-2431730

Street Address: 119 Pere Marquette, Ste 1C

City: Lansing State: MI Zip Code: 48912

Phone No.: 517-485-4477 Fax Number: 517-485-4488 Email: tgardner@publicpolicy.com

Cook County Business Registration Number: TO BE OBTAINED IF AWARDED THE CONTRACT
(Sole Proprietor, Joint Venture Partnership)

Corporate File Number (if applicable): _____

Form of Legal Entity:

Sole Proprietor Partnership Corporation Trustee of Land Trust

Business Trust Estate Association Joint Venture

Other (describe) Limited Liability Company

Ownership Interest Declaration:

1. List the name(s), address, and percent ownership of each Person 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
Robert D Fowler	119 Pere Marquette, Lansing MI 48912	73%
Terry H Gardner	119 Pere Marquette, Lansing, MI 48912	25%

2. If the interest of any Person 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

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

Name	Address	Percentage of Beneficial Interest	Relationship

Corporate Officers, Members and Partners Information:

For all corporations, list the names, addresses, and terms for all corporate officers. For all limited liability companies, list the names, addresses for all members. For all partnerships and joint ventures, list the names, addresses, for each partner or joint venture.

Name	Address	Title (specify title of Office, or whether manager or partner/joint venture)	Term of Office
Robert D Fowler	119 Pere Marquette, Lansing, MI 48912	CEO	n/a
Terry H Gardner	119 Pere Marquette, Lansing MI 48912	CFO	n/a
Colleen Graber	119 Pere Marquette, Lansing MI 48912	COO	n/a
DAN QUINN	119 Pere Marquette, Lansing MI 48912	CSO	N/A

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.

COOK COUNTY DISCLOSURE OF OWNERSHIP INTEREST STATEMENT SIGNATURE PAGE

Terry H Gardner

Name of Authorized Applicant/Holder Representative (please print or type)

[Handwritten Signature]

Signature

tgardner@publicpolicy.com

E-mail address

CFO

Title

10-9-2024

Date

248-877-0001

Phone Number

Subscribed to and sworn before me
this 9th day of October, 2024

My commission expires: November 29, 2029

X

Notary Public Signature

[Handwritten Signature]

Notary Seal

JENNIFER L. O'NEAL
NOTARY PUBLIC - STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF INGHAM
My Commission Expires November 29, 2029
Acting in the County of Ingham



COOK COUNTY BOARD OF ETHICS
 69 W. WASHINGTON STREET, SUITE 3040
 CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60602
 312/603-4304 Office 312/603-9988 Fax

FAMILIAL RELATIONSHIP DISCLOSURE PROVISION

Nepotism Disclosure Requirement:

Doing a significant amount of business with the County requires that you disclose to the Board of Ethics the existence of any familial relationships with any County employee or any person holding elective office in the State of Illinois, the County, or in any municipality within the County. The Ethics Ordinance defines a significant amount of business for the purpose of this disclosure requirement as more than \$25,000 in aggregate County leases, contracts, purchases or sales in any calendar year.

If you are unsure of whether the business you do with the County or a County agency will cross this threshold, err on the side of caution by completing the attached familial disclosure form because, among other potential penalties, any person found guilty of failing to make a required disclosure or knowingly filing a false, misleading, or incomplete disclosure will be prohibited from doing any business with the County for a period of three years. The required disclosure should be filed with the Board of Ethics by January 1 of each calendar year in which you are doing business with the County and again with each bid/proposal/quotation to do business with Cook County. The Board of Ethics may assess a late filing fee of \$100 per day after an initial 30-day grace period.

The person that is doing business with the County must disclose his or her familial relationships. If the person on the County lease or contract or purchasing from or selling to the County is a business entity, then the business entity must disclose the familial relationships of the individuals who are and, during the year prior to doing business with the County, were:

- its board of directors,
- its officers,
- its employees or independent contractors responsible for the general administration of the entity,
- its agents authorized to execute documents on behalf of the entity, and
- its employees who directly engage or engaged in doing work with the County on behalf of the entity.

Do not hesitate to contact the Board of Ethics at (312) 603-4304 for assistance in determining the scope of any required familial relationship disclosure.

Additional Definitions:

“*Familial relationship*” means a person who is a spouse, domestic partner or civil union partner of a County employee or State, County or municipal official, or any person who is related to such an employee or official, whether by blood, marriage or adoption, as a:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Parent | <input type="checkbox"/> Grandparent | <input type="checkbox"/> Stepfather |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child | <input type="checkbox"/> Grandchild | <input type="checkbox"/> Stepmother |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brother | <input type="checkbox"/> Father-in-law | <input type="checkbox"/> Stepson |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sister | <input type="checkbox"/> Mother-in-law | <input type="checkbox"/> Stepdaughter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aunt | <input type="checkbox"/> Son-in-law | <input type="checkbox"/> Stepbrother |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Uncle | <input type="checkbox"/> Daughter-in-law | <input type="checkbox"/> Stepsister |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Niece | <input type="checkbox"/> Brother-in-law | <input type="checkbox"/> Halfbrother |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nephew | <input type="checkbox"/> Sister-in-law | <input type="checkbox"/> Halfsister |

**COOK COUNTY BOARD OF ETHICS
FAMILIAL RELATIONSHIP DISCLOSURE FORM**

A. PERSON DOING OR SEEKING TO DO BUSINESS WITH THE COUNTY

Name of Person Doing Business with the County: Public Policy Associates, LLC

Address of Person Doing Business with the County: 119 Pere Marquette, Ste 1C, Lansing MI 48912

Phone number of Person Doing Business with the County: 517-485-4477

Email address of Person Doing Business with the County: tgardner@publicpolicy.com

If Person Doing Business with the County is a Business Entity, provide the name, title and contact information for the individual completing this disclosure on behalf of the Person Doing Business with the County:
Terry Gardner, CFO tgardner@publicpolicy.com

B. DESCRIPTION OF BUSINESS WITH THE COUNTY

Append additional pages as needed and for each County lease, contract, purchase or sale sought and/or obtained during the calendar year of this disclosure (or the proceeding calendar year if disclosure is made on January 1), identify:

The lease number, contract number, purchase order number, request for proposal number and/or request for qualification number associated with the business you are doing or seeking to do with the County: _____

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The aggregate dollar value of the business you are doing or seeking to do with the County: \$: _____ **203,402.04**

The name, title and contact information for the County official(s) or employee(s) involved in negotiating the business you are doing or seeking to do with the County: _____

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The name, title and contact information for the County official(s) or employee(s) involved in managing the business you are doing or seeking to do with the County: _____

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C. DISCLOSURE OF FAMILIAL RELATIONSHIPS WITH COUNTY EMPLOYEES OR STATE, COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL ELECTED OFFICIALS

Check the box that applies and provide related information where needed

The Person Doing Business with the County **is an individual** and there is **no familial relationship** between this individual and any Cook County employee or any person holding elective office in the State of Illinois, Cook County, or any municipality within Cook County.

The Person Doing Business with the County **is a business entity** and there is **no familial relationship** between any member of this business entity's board of directors, officers, persons responsible for general administration of the business entity, agents authorized to execute documents on behalf of the business entity or employees directly engaged in contractual work with the County on behalf of the business entity, and any Cook County employee or any person holding elective office in the State of Illinois, Cook County, or any municipality within Cook County.

**COOK COUNTY BOARD OF ETHICS
FAMILIAL RELATIONSHIP DISCLOSURE FORM**

The Person Doing Business with the County is an individual and there is a familial relationship between this individual and at least one Cook County employee and/or a person or persons holding elective office in the State of Illinois, Cook County, and/or any municipality within Cook County. **The familial relationships are as follows:**

Name of Individual Doing Business with the County	Name of Related County Employee or State, County or Municipal Elected Official	Title and Position of Related County Employee or State, County or Municipal Elected Official	Nature of Familial Relationship*
NA			

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

The Person Doing Business with the County is a business entity and there is a familial relationship between at least one member of this business entity's board of directors, officers, persons responsible for general administration of the business entity, agents authorized to execute documents on behalf of the business entity and/or employees directly engaged in contractual work with the County on behalf of the business entity, on the one hand, and at least one Cook County employee and/or a person holding elective office in the State of Illinois, Cook County, and/or any municipality within Cook County, on the other. **The familial relationships are as follows:**

Name of Member of Board of Director for Business Entity Doing Business with the County	Name of Related County Employee or State, County or Municipal Elected Official	Title and Position of Related County Employee or State, County or Municipal Elected Official	Nature of Familial Relationship*

Name of Officer for Business Entity Doing Business with the County	Name of Related County Employee or State, County or Municipal Elected Official	Title and Position of Related County Employee or State, County or Municipal Elected Official	Nature of Familial Relationship*

Name of Person Responsible for the General Administration of the Business Entity Doing Business with the County	Name of Related County Employee or State, County or Municipal Elected Official	Title and Position of Related County Employee or State, County or Municipal Elected Official	Nature of Familial Relationship*
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_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Name of Agent Authorized to Execute Documents for Business Entity Doing Business with the County	Name of Related County Employee or State, County or Municipal Elected Official	Title and Position of Related County Employee or State, County or Municipal Elected Official	Nature of Familial Relationship*
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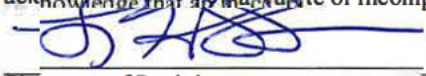
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_____	_____	_____	_____

Name of Employee of Business Entity Directly Engaged in Doing Business with the County	Name of Related County Employee or State, County or Municipal Elected Official	Title and Position of Related County Employee or State, County or Municipal Elected Official	Nature of Familial Relationship*
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_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

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

VERIFICATION: To the best of my knowledge, the information I have provided on this disclosure form is accurate and complete. I acknowledge that an inaccurate or incomplete disclosure is punishable by law, including but not limited to fines and debarment.

 _____ Signature of Recipient	_____ October 8, 2024 _____ Date
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SUBMIT COMPLETED FORM TO: Cook County Board of Ethics
 69 West Washington Street, Suite 3040, Chicago, Illinois 60602
 Office (312) 603-4304 – Fax (312) 603-9988
 CookCounty.Ethics@cookcountyil.gov

* Spouse, domestic partner, civil union partner or parent, child, sibling, aunt, uncle, niece, nephew, grandparent or grandchild by blood, marriage (*i.e.* in laws and step relations) or adoption.

SECTION 4

COOK COUNTY AFFIDAVIT FOR WAGE THEFT ORDINANCE

Effective May 1, 2015, every Person, **including Substantial Owners**, seeking a Contract with Cook County must comply with the Cook County Wage Theft Ordinance set forth in Chapter 34, Article IV, Section 179. Any Person/Substantial Owner, who fails to comply with Cook County Wage Theft Ordinance, may request that the Chief Procurement Officer grant a reduction or waiver in accordance with Section 34-179(d).

"Contract" means any written document to make Procurements by or on behalf of Cook County.

"Person" means any individual, corporation, partnership, Joint Venture, trust, association, limited liability company, sole proprietorship or other legal entity.

"Procurement" means obtaining supplies, equipment, goods, or services of any kind.

"Substantial Owner" means any person or persons who own or hold a twenty-five percent (25%) or more percentage of interest in any business entity seeking a County Privilege, including those shareholders, general or limited partners, beneficiaries and principals; except where a business entity is an individual or sole proprietorship, Substantial Owner means that individual or sole proprietor.

All Persons/Substantial Owners are required to complete this affidavit and comply with the Cook County Wage Theft Ordinance before any Contract is awarded. Signature of this form constitutes a certification the information provided below is correct and complete, and that the individual(s) signing this form has/have personal knowledge of such information. **County reserves the right to request additional information to verify veracity of information contained in this Affidavit.**

I. Contract Information:

Contract Number: RFP 2413-02051

County Using Agency (requesting Procurement): Cook County Justice Advisory Council

II. Person/Substantial Owner Information:

Person (Corporate Entity Name): Public Policy Associates, LLC

Substantial Owner Complete Name: Terry H Gardner

FEIN# 88-2431730

Date of Birth: [REDACTED] E-mail address: tgardner@publicpolicy.com

Street Address: 119 Pere Marquette, Ste 1C

City: Lansing State: MI Zip: 48912

Home Phone: [REDACTED]

III. Compliance with Wage Laws:

Within the past five years has the Person/Substantial Owner, in any judicial or administrative proceeding, been convicted of, entered a plea, made an admission of guilt or liability, or had an administrative finding made for committing a repeated or willful violation of any of the following laws:

- No *Illinois Wage Payment and Collection Act, 820 ILCS 115/1 et seq., YES or NO*
- No *Illinois Minimum Wage Act, 820 ILCS 105/1 et seq., YES or NO*
- No *Illinois Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act, 820 ILCS 65/1 et seq., YES or NO*
- No *Employee Classification Act, 820 ILCS 185/1 et seq., YES or NO*
- No *Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, 29 U.S.C. 201, et seq., YES or NO*
- No *Any comparable state statute or regulation of any state, which governs the payment of wages YES or NO*

If the Person/Substantial Owner answered "Yes" to any of the questions above, it is ineligible to enter into a Contract with Cook County, but can request a reduction or waiver under **Section IV**.

IV. Request for Waiver or Reduction

If Person/Substantial Owner answered "Yes" to any of the questions above, it may request a reduction or waiver in accordance with Section 34-179(d), provided that the request for reduction of waiver is made on the basis of one or more of the following actions that have taken place:

- No There has been a bona fide change in ownership or Control of the ineligible Person or Substantial Owner. YES or NO
- No Disciplinary action has been taken against the individual(s) responsible for the acts giving rise to the violation. YES or NO
- No Remedial action has been taken to prevent a recurrence of the acts giving rise to the disqualification or default. YES or NO
- No Other factors that the Person or Substantial Owner believe are relevant. YES or NO

The Person/Substantial Owner must submit documentation to support the basis of its request for a reduction or waiver. The Chief Procurement Officer reserves the right to make additional inquiries and request additional documentation.

V. Affirmation

The Person/Substantial Owner affirms that all statements contained in the Affidavit are true, accurate and complete.

Signature: [Handwritten Signature] Date: October 9, 2024

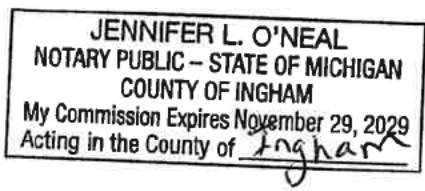
Name of Person signing (Print): Terry H Gardner Title: CFO

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of October, 2024

X [Handwritten Signature]
Notary Public Signature

Notary Seal

Note: The above information is subject to verification prior to the award of the Contract.



SECTION 4

COOK COUNTY AFFIDAVIT FOR WAGE THEFT ORDINANCE

Effective May 1, 2015, every Person, including Substantial Owners, seeking a Contract with Cook County must comply with the Cook County Wage Theft Ordinance set forth in Chapter 34, Article IV, Section 179. Any Person/Substantial Owner, who fails to comply with Cook County Wage Theft Ordinance, may request that the Chief Procurement Officer grant a reduction or waiver in accordance with Section 34-179(d).

"Contract" means any written document to make Procurements by or on behalf of Cook County.

"Person" means any individual, corporation, partnership, Joint Venture, trust, association, limited liability company, sole proprietorship or other legal entity.

"Procurement" means obtaining supplies, equipment, goods, or services of any kind.

"Substantial Owner" means any person or persons who own or hold a twenty-five percent (25%) or more percentage of interest in any business entity seeking a County Privilege, including those shareholders, general or limited partners, beneficiaries and principals; except where a business entity is an individual or sole proprietorship, Substantial Owner means that individual or sole proprietor.

All Persons/Substantial Owners are required to complete this affidavit and comply with the Cook County Wage Theft Ordinance before any Contract is awarded. Signature of this form constitutes a certification the information provided below is correct and complete, and that the individual(s) signing this form has/have personal knowledge of such information. **County reserves the right to request additional information to verify veracity of information contained in this Affidavit.**

I. Contract Information:

Contract Number: RFP 2413-02051

County Using Agency (requesting Procurement): Cook County Justice Advisory Council

II. Person/Substantial Owner Information:

Person (Corporate Entity Name): _Public Policy Associates, LLC

Substantial Owner Complete Name: Robert D Fowler

FEIN# 88-2431730

Date of Birth [REDACTED] Email address: _rfowler@publicpolicy.com

Street Address: 119 Pere Marquette, Ste 1C

City: Lansing State: Mi Zip: 48912

Home Phone [REDACTED]

III. Compliance with Wage Laws:

Within the past five years has the Person/Substantial Owner, in any judicial or administrative proceeding, been convicted of, entered a plea, made an admission of guilt or liability, or had an administrative finding made for committing a repeated or willful violation of any of the following laws:

- Ò± NO *Illinois Wage Payment and Collection Act, 820 ILCS 115/1 et seq., YES or NO*
- Ò± NO *Illinois Minimum Wage Act, 820 ILCS 105/1 et seq., YES or NO*
- Ò± NO *Illinois Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act, 820 ILCS 65/1 et seq., YES or NO*
- Ò± NO *Employee Classification Act, 820 ILCS 185/1 et seq., YES or NO*
- Ò± NO *Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, 29 U.S.C. 201, et seq., YES or NO*
- Ò± NO *Any comparable state statute or regulation of any state, which governs the payment of wages YES or NO*

If the Person/Substantial Owner answered "Yes" to any of the questions above, it is ineligible to enter into a Contract with Cook County, but can request a reduction or waiver under **Section IV**.

IV. Request for Waiver or Reduction

If Person/Substantial Owner answered "Yes" to any of the questions above, it may request a reduction or waiver in accordance with Section 34-179(d), provided that the request for reduction of waiver is made on the basis of one or more of the following actions that have taken place:

- 0± There has been a bona fide change in ownership or Control of the ineligible Person or Substantial Owner. YES or NO
- 0± Disciplinary action has been taken against the individual(s) responsible for the acts giving rise to the violation. YES or NO
- 0± Remedial action has been taken to prevent a recurrence of the acts giving rise to the disqualification or default. YES or NO
- 0± Other factors that the Person or Substantial Owner believe are relevant. YES or NO

The Person/Substantial Owner must submit documentation to support the basis of its request for a reduction or waiver. The Chief Procurement Officer reserves the right to make additional inquiries and request additional documentation.

V. Affirmation

The Person/Substantial Owner affirms that all statements contained in the Affidavit are true, accurate and complete.

Signature: Robert D. Fowler Date: 10/09/2024

Name of Person signing (Print): Robert D Fowler Title: CEO

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of October, 2024

X J. L. O'Neal Notary Public Signature Notary Seal
Note: The above information is subject to verification prior to the award of the Contract.

JENNIFER L. O'NEAL
NOTARY PUBLIC - STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF INGHAM
My Commission Expires November 29, 2029
Acting in the County of Ingham

SECTION 5

CONTRACT AND EDS EXECUTION PAGE

The Applicant hereby certifies and warrants that all of the statements, certifications and representations set forth in this EDS are true, complete and correct; that the Applicant is in full compliance and will continue to be in compliance throughout the term of the Contract or County Privilege issued to the Applicant with all the policies and requirements set forth in this EDS; and that all facts and information provided by the Applicant in this EDS are true, complete and correct. The Applicant 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.

Execution by Corporation

Corporation's Name

President's Printed Name and Signature

Telephone

Email

Secretary Signature

Date

Execution by LLC

Public Policy Associates, LLC

TERRY H Gardner @Po

LLC Name

*Member/Manager Printed Name and Signature

10-9-2024

248-877-0001 tgardner@publicpolicy.com

Date

Telephone and Email

Execution by Partnership/Joint Venture

Public Policy Associates LLC

Robert D Fowler

Partnership/Joint Venture Name

*Partner/Joint Venturer Printed Name and Signature

10-9-2024

517-485-4477 RFowler@publicpolicy.com

Date

Telephone and Email

Execution by Sole Proprietorship

Printed Name Signature

Assumed Name (if applicable)

Date

Telephone and Email

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

9th day of October, 2024

My commission expires: November 29, 2029

Notary Public Signature

Notary Seal

If the operating agreement, partnership agreement or governing documents requiring execution by multiple members, managers, partners, or joint venturers, please complete and execute additional Contract and EDS Execution Pages.

JENNIFER L. O'NEAL
NOTARY PUBLIC -- STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF INGHAM
My Commission Expires November 29, 2029
Acting in the County of Ingham

**SECTION 6
COOK COUNTY SIGNATURE PAGE**

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

Raffi Sarrafian
Digitally signed by Raffi Sarrafian
Date: 2025.06.05 08:42:28 -05'00'

Cook County Chief Procurement Officer

Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

N/A

Assistant State's Attorney
(Required on contracts over \$1,000,000)

Date

CONTRACT TERM & AMOUNT

2413-02051

Contract #

June 1, 2025 through May 31, 2026, with one, one-year (1) renewal option.

Original Contract Term

Renewal Options (If Applicable)

\$203,402.04

Contract Amount

May 15, 2025

Cook County Board Approval Date (If Applicable)

**APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF
COOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MAY 15 2025
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