

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

LABOR CONSULTATION AND REPRESENTATION SERVICES NON-TARGET MARKET

BETWEEN



COOK COUNTY GOVERNMENT

AND

ROBBINS, SCHWARTZ, NICHOLAS, LIFTON, & TAYLOR LTD
D/B/A ROBBINS SCHWARTZ

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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 Robbins, Schwartz, Nicholas, Lifton, & Taylor Ltd. d/b/a/ Robbins Schwartz, doing business as a Corporation of the State of IL hereinafter referred to as "Consultant", pursuant to authorization by the Cook County Board of Commissioners on June 13, 2024, as evidenced by Board Authorization letter attached hereto as EXHIBIT "8".

BACKGROUND

The County of Cook issued a Request for Qualifications "RFQ" for Labor and Employment Consultation and Representation Services. Responses were evaluated in accordance with the evaluation criteria published in the RFQ. The Consultant was selected based on the qualifications 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.

“Deliverables” means documents, in any format (electronic or hardcopy) requested by the Using Agency that the Consultant is required to provide under this Agreement or Letter of Engagement, or that the Consultant would generally provide pursuant to the Illinois Supreme Court Rules or the Illinois Code of Civil Procedure, and may include status reports, briefs, pleadings, discovery, abstracts, motions and memorandum, contracts, agreements, written recommendations and analyses.

"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.

“Letter of Engagement (LOE)” means a document issued by the County identifying the contracting parties, spelling out the subject matter of the agreement and its objectives, and summarizing the essential terms of the agreement. The LOE must be signed by the contracting parties.

"Services" means, those legal services generally described in the RFQ, and Article 3 of this Agreement, and those services specifically described in the Letter of Engagement, which the Consultant shall perform and complete in accordance with the standard of performance required in this Agreement.

"Subcontractor" or **“Subconsultant”** means any person or entity, but shall not include any other attorney or law firm which is not designated in or a part of the Letter of Engagement, with whom Consultant contracts to provide any part of the Services, including subcontractors and subconsultants of any tier, suppliers and materials providers, whether or not in privity with Consultant.

"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 Work
Exhibit 2	Schedule of Compensation
Exhibit 3	Sample Letter of Engagement
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d) Order of Precedence

In the event there is a conflict between or among any of the documents specified in subsection (c) Incorporation of Exhibits, the terms of the Professional Services Agreement shall control. This Contract shall be interpreted and construed based upon the following Order of Precedence. Such order of precedence shall govern to resolve all cases of conflict, ambiguity or inconsistency:

Exhibit 1	Scope of Work
Exhibit 2	Schedule of Compensation
	Executed Business Associate Agreement
	Executed Letters of Engagement
Exhibit 4	Certificate of Insurance
Exhibit 5	Cook County Travel Policy
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ARTICLE 3) DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF CONSULTANT

a) Process for Selecting Law Firm(s) or Attorney(s) on Specific Projects

Once firm(s) and/or attorneys(s) are awarded agreements(s), they will perform services based upon projects, which will vary in scope and size and will be assigned on an as needed basis by the County. The County and the firm(s) and/or attorneys will negotiate project-specific Letters of Engagement (Exhibit 3) which will be the following: a statement of work and any required deliverables; a list of key personnel; a budget or schedule of compensation which will include the hourly rates; a defined term or start and end date for the services; conflict of interest verifications; evidence of insurance; and any other information deemed appropriate by the Head of the Bureau or Department of the Using Agency requesting the services.

In selecting which firm to engage with respect to a given project, the County shall take into consideration multiple factors including but not limited to:

- the firm's hourly rates;
- whether the firm has unique knowledge and/or experience relevant to a given project (e.g. whether the firm has represented clients regarding similar issues and/or has a course of dealing with a particular union);
- the firm's demonstrated competency and responsiveness on any recent or past projects (e.g. successful results in bargaining, litigation, and/or a track record of meeting the County's expectations);
- the gravity and scope of the project compared to the anticipated bandwidth of the firm (e.g. whether key personnel has the availability to fit the work into their schedule); and
- any potential conflicts of interest.

If a consideration of these factors strongly favors a specific firm, such firm shall be chosen amongst the prequalified pool. Otherwise, project requests shall be rotated between the Target Market and Non-Target Market pools within each project category one at a time.

The County shall also make a good faith effort to equitably distribute projects amongst qualified firms to the extent feasible, giving consideration to both operational needs and the interest of broad participation amongst qualified firms.

Upon request some categories of legal practice may require the completion of the Business Associate Agreement (Exhibit 9).

The terms of the letter of engagement must conform to the terms and conditions of the Professional Services Agreement. However, any specific letter of engagement may include lower hourly rates than those rates as set forth in Exhibit 2. If both partners and associates are approved as key personnel for the project specific letter of engagement, the letter of engagement must state why any portion of the services will be performed(s) by partners for the proposed engagement. Costs associated with negotiating and executing the letters of engagement are not compensable and the County is not liable for any additional costs.

The letter of engagement shall be executed by the firm and the Head of the County Bureau or Department requesting the services. The County Using Agency shall provide a copy of the final and approved copy of the letter of engagement to the Chief Procurement Officer. The letter of engagement shall become the basis for creating the Purchase Order Release by the Using Agency. The law firm may not commence services until it receives the executed Letter of Engagement and the Purchase Order Release issued by the Using Agency.

b) 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 Work and as specifically described in the Letter of Engagement. A sample Letter of Engagement is attached hereto as Exhibit 3.

c) Letter of Engagement

The County may reject Deliverables or Services that do not meet the standard of performance as stated in Section 3(d) herein, or do not meet the standards, stated purposes, or satisfy the scope of work set forth in the Letter of Engagement, include relevant information or data, or do not include all documents or other materials specified in this Agreement, or Letter of Engagement, 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.

d) 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 attorneys performing services of a scope and purpose and magnitude comparable with the nature of the Services to be provided under this Agreement and Letter of Engagement. 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, and shall observe all Illinois Supreme Court Rules and common-law concerning "attorney-client privilege".

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 shall be licensed to practice law in Illinois and 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.

e) 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.e(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 Work.

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.

f) 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 7. 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.

g) 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 \$2,000,000 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.

h) 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 Agreement 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.

i) Confidentiality and Ownership of Documents

Consultant acknowledges and agrees that information regarding this Agreement 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 Agreement or at any time thereafter, except solely as required in the course of Consultant's performance hereunder. Consultant shall comply with the applicable laws and Illinois Supreme Court Rules and common-law concerning "attorney-client privilege" 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 Agreement and Letter of Engagement (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 Agreement 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.

j) 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.

k) 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 Agreement, 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 Agreement, 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 Agreement.

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 Agreement.

In the event the Consultant receives payment under the Agreement, 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 Agreement 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.

l) Subcontracting or Assignment of Agreement or Agreement Funds

Once awarded, this Agreement 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. The Consultant shall not subcontract any services set forth in the Letter of Engagement to any outside attorney or law firm which is not a party of the Letter of Engagement. In no case, however, shall such approval relieve the Consultant from its obligations or change the terms of the Agreement. The Consultant shall not transfer or assign any Agreement 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 Agreement, in whole or in part, or the unauthorized transfer or assignment of any Agreement 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 Agreement, or the commencement of Services pursuant to the Letter of Engagement, 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 Agreement 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 Agreement. Consultant shall incorporate into all subcontracts all of the provisions of the Agreement 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.

m) Professional Social Services

Intentionally Omitted.

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, 2024 ("**Effective Date**") and continue until May 31, 2027 or until this

Agreement is terminated in accordance with its terms, whichever occurs first. The term to provide the Services shall be set forth in the Letter of Engagement issued by the County.

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 three (3) 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, or as negotiated in the Letter of Engagement.

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 Agreement 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

Payments under this Agreement must not exceed the not to exceed fees in Exhibit 2 without a written amendment in accordance with section 10.c. The Consultant shall comply with all billings, guidelines, budgets and not to exceed fees set forth in the Letter of Engagement.

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 Agreement 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 Agreement 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 Agreement 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 Agreement 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 Agreement 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) **Agreement Amendments**

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

In the case of Agreements not approved by the Board, the Chief Procurement Officer may

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

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

Consultant is hereby notified that, except for amendments which are made in accordance with this Section 10.c. Agreement Amendments, no Using Agency or employee thereof has authority to make any amendment to this Agreement.

d) Governing Law and Jurisdiction

This Agreement 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 Agreement, or arising from any dispute or controversy arising in connection with or related to the Agreement, 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 Agreement.

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 Agreement (i.e., comparable government procurement). Each entity wishing to reference this Agreement 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 Agreement.

l) Force Majeure

Neither Consultant nor County shall be liable for failing to fulfill any obligation under this Agreement 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

The following provisions apply to all Contracts which are funded in whole or in part with federal funds including without limitation the following.

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. 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.

9. 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.

10. 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.

11. 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.

12. Copyright Ownership

Consultant and the County intend that, to the extent permitted by law, the Deliverables to be produced by Consultant 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," Consultant 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. Consultant 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.

Consultant warrants to County, its successors and assigns, that on the date of transfer Consultant 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. Consultant 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. Consultant warrants and represents that the Deliverables are complete and comprehensive, and the Deliverables are a work of original authorship.

13. Visual Rights Act Waiver

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

14. 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.

15. Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act (40 U.S.C. 3145))

All contracts and subgrants in excess of \$2000 for construction or repair awarded by recipients and subrecipients shall include a provision for compliance with the Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act (40 U.S.C. 3145), as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR part 3, "Contractors and Subcontractors on Public Building or Public Work Financed in Whole or in Part by Loans or Grants from the United States"). The Act provides that each contractor or subrecipient shall be prohibited from inducing, by any means, any person employed in the construction, completion, or repair of public work, to give up any part of the compensation to which he is otherwise entitled. The recipient shall report all suspected or reported violations to the Federal awarding agency.

16. Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 3701-3708)

Where applicable, all contracts awarded by recipients in excess of \$100,000 that involve the employment of mechanics or laborers shall include a provision for compliance with 40 U.S.C. 3702 and 3704, as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR part 5). Under 40 U.S.C. 3702 of the Act, each contractor shall be required to compute the wages of every mechanic and laborer on the basis of a standard work week of 40 hours. Work in excess of the standard work week is permissible provided that the worker is compensated at a rate of not less than 1 ½ times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours in the work week. The requirements of 40 U.S.C. 3704 are applicable to construction work and provides that no laborer or mechanic shall be required to work in surroundings or under working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous or dangerous. These requirements do not apply to the purchases of supplies or materials or articles ordinarily available on the open market, or contracts for transportation or transmission of intelligence.

17. Rights to Inventions Made Under a Contract or Agreement

Contracts or agreements for the performance of experimental, developmental, or research work shall provide for the rights of the Federal Government and the recipient in any resulting invention in accordance with 37 CFR part 401, "Rights to Inventions Made by

Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business Firms Under Government Grants, Contracts and Cooperative Agreements," and any implementing regulations issued by the awarding agency.

18. Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq.) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.), as amended

Contracts and subgrants of amounts in excess of \$150,000 shall contain a provision that requires the recipient to agree to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq.) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.). Violations shall be reported to the Federal awarding agency and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

19. Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31 U.S.C. 1352)

Contractors who apply or bid for an award of \$100,000 or more shall file the required certification. Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. 1352. Each tier shall also disclose any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the recipient.

20. Debarment and Suspension (E.O.s 12549 and 12689)

No contract shall be made to parties listed on the General Services Administration's List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement or Nonprocurement Programs in accordance with E.O.s 12549 and 12689, "Debarment and Suspension." This list contains the names of parties debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded by agencies, and contractors declared ineligible under statutory or regulatory authority other than E.O. 12549. Contractors with awards that exceed the small purchase threshold shall provide the required certification regarding its exclusion status and that of its principal employees.

21. 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.

ARTICLE 11) NOTICES

All notices required pursuant to this Agreement 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 Bureau of Human Resources
118 N. Clark Street, Room 834
Chicago, Illinois 60602
Attention: Human Resources Bureau Chief

and

Cook County Chief Procurement Officer
161 North Clark Street, Suite 2300
Chicago, Illinois 60601
(Include County Contract Number on all notices)

If to Consultant: Robbins Schwartz
55 W. Monroe Street, Suite 800
Chicago, IL 60603
Attention: Joseph J. Perkoski, Partner

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 Work

Scope of Services

Consultant shall provide legal consultation and representation services for the Cook County Bureau of Human Resources, and various County Agencies, on labor and employment matters. Consultant shall be asked to provide legal consultation and representation services in all the areas in which it is pre-qualified.

Consultant will work closely with in-house counsel, staff, and hired experts to provide services to the County.

Consultant shall be financially solvent and each of its members or partners, its employees or agents shall be competent to perform the services required under this Contract. Consultant shall not be a party to or represent any individual or entity that has pending litigation, claim, dispute or protest adverse to the County bureaus, agencies, and offices of elected officials as well as the Forest Preserve District and Cook Health and Hospital System.

Pre-Qualified Categories of Legal Practice

Category I

Union Contract Negotiations

- Representing clients with a staff of over 2,500 unionized employees, civilian and/or sworn public safety, in formulating collective bargaining strategies and negotiating collective bargaining agreements with union counterparts;
- Negotiating labor management healthcare cooperatives for employers with more than 2,500 unionized employees;
- Negotiating public sector collective bargaining agreements (“CBA”s) with unions that represent civilian and/or sworn public safety employees;
- Assisting in the formulation of Employer bargaining positions and strategies, and in certain negotiations, act as chief spokesperson for represented groups as directed;
- Advising executive staff on the status of collective bargaining including preparation of detailed ongoing status reports;
- Representing the Employer in interest arbitration;
- Consulting and devising strategy for strike planning; and
- Working closely with in-house counsel and consultants on issues related to benefits design and the Affordable Care Act.

Category II

Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) Contract Interpretation and Implementation

- Advising on interpretation of CBAs and implementation of policy and initiatives within the parameters of CBA;
- Providing counsel regarding grievances and arbitrations;
- Drafting objective memoranda and recommendations;
- Briefing labor arbitration cases; Representing the Employer with respect to the using department in litigation related to the collective bargaining process including the duty to bargain in good faith,

contract violations, and disciplinary matters as well as grievances and arbitrations resulting therefrom; and

- Consulting and devising strategy for strike planning.

Category III

Labor Relations Board Matters

- Interpreting a wide array of applicable federal, state, county, and local laws, rules and regulations of the Illinois Labor Relations Board and may be available to represent the Employer in matters before such Boards when needed;
- Appearing before the Illinois Labor Relations Board on matters involving union certification petitions, representation petitions, unit clarification petitions, unfair labor practice charges, and all other matters ancillary to bargaining;
- Appearing before the Illinois Labor Relations Board on matters involving strike investigations, impasse proceedings, declaratory judgments, and injunctive and equitable relief; and
- Consulting and devising strategy for strike planning.

Category IV

Employment Law

- Interpreting a wide array of applicable federal, state, county, and local laws, rules and regulations relative to employment law and be available to represent the Employer in matters when needed;
- Litigating employment law matters in state and federal courts as well as before administrative agencies such as the U.S. EEOC, Illinois Department of Human Rights, U.S. Department of Labor, Illinois Department of Labor, and the Cook County Employee Appeals Board;
- Working under federal consent decrees and with court ordered external monitors; and
- Providing advice and counsel on employment related laws, policies, and matters such as the Family and Medical Leave Act, Equal Employment Opportunity laws, Fair Labor Standards Act, Illinois Wage Payment and Collection Act, Workers' Compensation Act, the Older Workers Benefit Protection Act, or any other federal, state, or local human rights, civil rights, wage-hour, pension, or labor laws, rules and/or regulations, public policy, contract or tort law, etc.
- Experience performing audits and/conducting analysis as it pertains to employment law related matters.

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As managing partner, Joseph Perkosi represents educational institutions and public sector employers with a focus on board and executive leadership. Joseph also represents his clients on a broad range of labor and employment issues including collective bargaining, grievance arbitration and contract interpretation. Joseph has defended employers in unfair labor practice charges before the Illinois Education Labor Relations Board, the Illinois State and Local Labor Relations Boards and the National Labor Relations Board. In addition, Joseph has litigated on behalf of management claims involving civil rights, discrimination, wrongful discharge, and harassment issues.

AWARDS

Fellow, The College of the Labor & Employment Lawyers

Illinois Super Lawyers, 2008-2020

Illinois Leading Lawyer, Employment, Labor and School Law

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

"Have You Had Your Shot? Legal Consideration in Mandating Employee Vaccination," IASBO (2021)

Contributing author, "Labor Issues in the Transactional Side of the Project," *Construction Law: Transactional Considerations*, IICLE (2017)

Contribution author, "Labor Relations: Contract Administration Including Unfair Labor Practices," *Illinois School Law: Personnel and Student Issues*, IICLE (2010, 2012, and 2015)

"Finding a New Way: Subcontracting Revisited," *UPDATE Magazine*, Illinois ASBO (2011)

Contributing author, "Labor Issues in the Transactional Side of the Project," *Construction Law – Transaction Practice*, IICLE (2010)

RECENT PRESENTATIONS

Legal Update, ICCFCO Spring Conference (April 2022)

Legal Update, ICCFCO Spring Conference (April 2021)

Hot Legal Topics, Bargaining in a Post-Covid World, ICCFCO (April 2021)

Will it Count? Teacher Evaluations in a Hybrid and Virtual World, Large Unit District Association Virtual Fall Conference (October 2020)



PRACTICE AREAS

Education Law
Employee Benefits
Labor & Employment
Litigation
Municipal Law
Student Discipline

EDUCATION

J.D., The Ohio State
University, The Mortiz
College of Law

M.A., The Ohio State
University

B.A., *with honors*, The
Ohio State University

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE

U.S. Court of Appeals for
the Seventh Circuit

U.S. District Court for the
Northern District of Illinois

U.S. District Court for the
Eastern District of
Wisconsin

U.S. District Court for the
Western District of
Wisconsin

Leaves and Absences During a Pandemic, Illinois Association of School Administrators (October 2020)

Leaves and Absences During a Pandemic, Illinois Association of School Administrators (September 2020)

Supreme Court of Illinois

Supreme Court of Wisconsin

Superior Court for the District of Columbia

ORGANIZATIONS

American Bar Association

Trustee, Associated Colleges of Illinois

Fellow, College of Labor and Employment Lawyers

Council of School Attorneys

Federal Bar Association

Illinois Association of School Business Officials

Illinois Bar Association

National School Boards Association

Wisconsin Bar Association



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Frank B. Garrett III represents and counsels public and private employers in all aspects of employment law, including litigation defense of workplace complaints and charges. Frank also reviews, audits and trains organizations on their Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion initiatives. Frank is often called upon to investigate workplace complaints of harassment, discrimination, violation of employer leave policies and employee discipline incidents.

Frank practices regularly in both state and federal courts at both the trial and appellate levels. Frank is a regular presenter on employment law and workplace issues at both the state and national levels. He is continually recognized as an Illinois Leading Lawyer.

AWARDS

Illinois Leading Lawyer, Government and Regulatory-Related

Illinois Leading Lawyer, Employment and School Law

Illinois Super Lawyers

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

Contributing Author, "Employment Discrimination" *School Law: Personnel and Student Issues*, IICLE (1996, 1999, Supp. 2001, 2005, 2010, 2012, 2015, and 2021)

"Extended Medical Leave Under ADA Soundly Rejected by 7th Circuit," *Chicago Daily Law Bulletin* (2017)

"First Amendment Protections Get Broader for Government Employees," *Chicago Daily Law Bulletin* (2016)

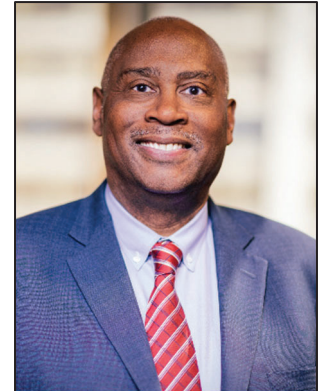
"Big-box Employee's Attempt to 'Scam' Company Undercuts FMLA Claims," *Chicago Daily Law Bulletin* (2015)

Employers Must Rethink Employee 'Look' Policies After High Court Decision," *Chicago Daily Law Bulletin* (2015)

"Using Social Network Screening as Part of the Hiring Process: Employers Should Proceed with Caution," *Inquiry & Analysis*, National School Boards Association's Council of School Attorneys (2013)

RECENT PRESENTATIONS

School District Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Guidance, Northwest Personnel Administrators Group Meeting (September 2022)



PRACTICE AREAS

Employment Law
Diversity, Equity and
Inclusion Review, Audits
and Training
Education Law Litigation
DEI Compliance

EDUCATION

J.D., DePaul University
College of Law

B.A., Oberlin College

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE

Supreme Court of the
United States

U.S. Court of Appeals for
the Seventh Circuit

Trial Bar of the U.S.
District Court for the
Northern District of Illinois

U.S. District Court for the
Northern District of Illinois

U.S. District Court for the
Central District of Illinois

U.S. District Court for the
Southern District of Illinois

Supreme Court of Illinois

Safeguarding School District's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Initiatives from Unlawful Discrimination Challenges, American Association of School Personnel Administrators (April 2022)

A Review of Important New Laws Impacting Illinois School Districts, Illinois Association of School Boards (January 2022)

Sexual Violence and Harassment on Campus, Illinois Community College Trustee Association (June 2021)

ORGANIZATIONS

American Bar Association,
Section on Labor and
Employment

National Association of
Diversity Officers in
Higher Education

Chicago Bar Association

Illinois Council of School
Attorneys



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Tom advises and counsels employers in the public and private sectors in all areas of labor and employment law, including workplace investigations, disciplinary action, leaves and accommodation requests, contract disputes, wage and hour issues, and general human resources compliance. Tom has significant experience working closely with management in traditional labor matters, including union organizing, collective bargaining and contract negotiations, grievances, and unfair labor practices. Tom also defends employers in state/federal court and before administrative agencies involving claims of discrimination, harassment, retaliation, and breach of contract.

Prior to joining Robbins Schwartz, Tom worked as a labor relations attorney for the Cook County Health System. During law school, Tom interned with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's Enforcement Unit.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

"Seventh Circuit Certifies Question to Illinois Supreme Court Regarding When BIPA Claim Accrues" *Employment and Labor Law Flashpoints*, IICLE (2021)

"Get off my Property: SCOTUS Limits Union Access to Employer Premises," *Employment and Labor Law Flashpoints*, IICLE (2021)

"Recent Department of Labor Opinion Letters: Pay for Training and Travel," *Employment and Labor Law Flashpoints*, IICLE (2021)

"Seventh Circuit: Jury, Not Judges, Must Decide Coach's Sex Discrimination Claim," *Employment and Labor Law Flashpoints*, IICLE (2020)

"Unions Strike Back Through Amendments to Illinois Public Labor Acts," *Employment and Labor Law Flashpoints*, IICLE (2020)

"Heading Into the New Year with New Employment Laws," *Employment and Labor Law Flashpoints*, IICLE (January 2019)

RECENT PRESENTATIONS

Never a Dull Moment - Case Studies and Tales from HR, IASPA Annual Conference (January 2022)

Updates from the Department of Human Rights, IAPD/IPRA Soaring to New Heights Conference (January 2022)

The Nuts and Bolts of Employee Leave Rights Under the FMLA, ADA, and Illinois Law, IAPD/IPRA Soaring to New Heights Conference (January 2022)



PRACTICE AREAS

Labor & Employment

EDUCATION

J.D., Chicago-Kent College of Law

B.A., *with honors*,
Michigan State University

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois

Supreme Court of Illinois

ORGANIZATIONS

Chicago Bar Association

Mid-Term and Successor Bargaining Trends Post-COVID-19, IASA Legal Workshop (December 2021)

Employee Misconduct Investigations and Discipline During a Pandemic, IASPA Annual Conference (January 2021)



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Catherine Locallo's practice focuses on labor and employment law and board governance matters. She counsels employers in all aspects of employment law including hiring, employment contracts, employee discipline issues, terminations and reductions in force, collective bargaining and labor relations, nonimmigrant worker visas and employment discrimination matters. She also counsels public bodies on compliance with Illinois' Freedom of Information Act and Open Meetings Act. Catherine has extensive experience representing clients in court and administrative agency proceedings involving discrimination, retaliation, and harassment claims.

Catherine is approved by the Illinois State Board of Education to provide school board member training.

AWARDS

Honorable Gerald L. Sbarbaro Mentoring Award (2023)

Illinois "Rising Star," Employment & Labor Law (2015-2018)

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

"Compliance with Employer's Practice Is Relevant to Whether Overtime Is Due for Incidental Activities," *Employment and Labor Law*, IICLE (2023)

"EEOC Releases Proposed Regulations for Pregnant Workers Fairness Act," *Employment and Labor Law Flashpoints*, IICLE (2023)

Co-Author, "Seventh Circuit Addresses Employer Liability for Coworker and Supervisor Harassment and Challenges in Establishing Claims For Retaliation, Defamation, and IIED," *Employment and Labor Law Flashpoints*, IICLE (2023)

"Each Discrete Statutory Violation of Biometric Information Privacy Act is Actionable by Employees" *Employment and Labor Law Flashpoints*, IICLE (2023)

"Illinois Employers Ring in New Year with Five New Laws," *Employment and Labor Law Flashpoints*, IICLE (2022)

"Recent Seventh Circuit Case Addresses Declaratory Judgment, Equivalent Job, and Attorney's Fee Awards Under FMLA," *Employment and Labor Law Flashpoints*, IICLE (2022)

"Employee's Loss of Ability To Maintain Privacy Rights Is Not Injury Compensable Under Workers' Compensation Act," *Employment and Labor Law Flashpoints*, IICLE (2022)



PRACTICE AREAS

Education Law

Labor & Employment
Litigation

EDUCATION

J.D., *cum laude*, The John
Marshall Law School,
Order of John Marshall

B.S., Southern Illinois
University

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE

U.S. Court of Appeals for
the Seventh Circuit

U.S. District Court for the
Central District of Illinois

U.S. District Court for the
Northern District of Illinois

Supreme Court of Illinois

"Anticipated Amendment To Equal Pay Act of 2003 Would Require Pay Scale and Benefit Information To Be Included in Job Postings," *Employment and Labor Law Flashpoints*, IICLE (2023)

"Chicago Teachers Union Claim Doesn't Survive Summary Judgment on Race Discrimination Claim," *Employment and Labor Law Flashpoints*, IICLE (2021)
"Effective January 1, 2022: Vast Expansion of VESSA," *Employment and Labor Law Flashpoints*, IICLE (2021)

"Illinois Committed to Restrictive Covenant Reform Through Passage of Senate Bill 672," *Employment and Labor Law Flashpoints*, IICLE (2021)

"Plaintiff's Cat's Paw Theory of Liability Failed To Scratch Surface," *Employment and Labor Law Flashpoints*, IICLE (2021)

"Walmart Need Not Change Shift Rotation Practice To Accommodate Religious Beliefs" *Employment and Labor Law Flashpoints*, IICLE (2021)

"CBA Provision Clearly Rebutted At-Will Employment Presumption for IT Employee," *Employment and Labor Law Flashpoints*, IICLE (2021)

"Employer's Judgment and Job Description Defeat Failure To Accommodate Claim," *Employment and Labor Law Flashpoints*, IICLE (2021)

"Recent Department of Labor Opinion Letters: Pay for Training and Travel," *Employment and Labor Law Flashpoints*, IICLE (2021)

"Sexual Harassment Prevention Training Compliance Required Before New Year," *Employment and Labor Law Flashpoints*, IICLE (2020)

"Will 'Scabby the Rat' Live To Fight Another Day?" *Employment and Labor Law Flashpoints*, IICLE (2020)

"Superintendent's Police Report is Protected Speech" *Employment and Labor Law Flashpoints*, IICLE (2020)

"Changing the Landscape: Abusive Conduct Not Protected Under NLRA" *Employment and Labor Law Flashpoints*, IICLE (2020)

"COVID-19 Changes to Claims for Unemployment Benefits in Illinois" *Employment and Labor Law Flashpoints*, IICLE (2020)

"Seventh Circuit: Jury, Not Judges, Must Decide Coach's Sex Discrimination Claim" *Employment and Labor Law Flashpoints*, IICLE (2020)

"Examining DOL Rule on New Employee Leave Rights" *Employment and Labor Law Flashpoints*, IICLE (2020)

RECENT PRESENTATIONS

Legal, Legislative and Ethics Update, ICCTA Illinois Council of Community College Presidents Meeting (November 2022)

ORGANIZATIONS

Chicago Bar Association

Illinois Council of School Attorneys

Illinois State Bar Association

National Council of School Attorneys

Second Vice President, Justinian Society of Lawyers

Co-Chair, Justinian Society of Lawyers Endowment Fund Scholarship Committee

Member, Oakton Community College Paralegal Advisory Committee

Member, Triton College School of Business Advisory Legal Committee

President, Board of Directors, Glenview Stars Hockey Association

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Amy's practice focuses on labor and employment law. She counsels employers in various aspects, including internal misconduct investigations, disciplinary action, labor relations, and federal and state employment discrimination matters under the Americans with Disabilities Act, Family and Medical Leave Act, Age Discrimination in Employment Act, Illinois Human Rights Act, Title VII, and other federal and state anti-discrimination laws.

During law school, Amy participated in both the Labor and Employment Certificate Program and the Alternative Dispute Resolution Team. She also attended the American Arbitration Association Summit and interned with various in-house legal departments. Prior to joining Robbins Schwartz, Amy worked at a general practice defense firm, focusing on insurance defense and general business law.



PRACTICE AREAS

Labor & Employment

EDUCATION

J.D., Chicago-Kent College
of Law

B.A., University of Illinois
at Urbana Champaign

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE

U.S. District Court for the
Northern District of Illinois

Supreme Court of Illinois

ORGANIZATIONS

American Bar Association

Chicago Bar Association

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Aaron counsels employers on various aspects of labor and employment law, including internal investigations, employee discipline, labor relations, workplace policies, and state and federal labor and employment law matters under the Illinois Human Rights Act, Americans with Disabilities Act, Age Discrimination in Employment Act, Family and Medical Leave Act, Occupational Safety and Health Act, Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act, Title VII, and other laws. Aaron also represents employers in traditional labor law matters including labor arbitration and grievance proceedings and collective bargaining agreement negotiations.

Aaron represents employers in litigation and before administrative agencies including the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the Illinois Department of Human Rights, the U.S. Department of Labor, and the Illinois Department of Labor.

Aaron provides training to employers on internal investigation best practices, avoiding charges of unlawful discrimination and harassment in the workplace, and awareness and management of implicit bias in various sectors.

Aaron is the Associate Representative to Robbins Schwartz's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Leadership Committee.

Prior to joining Robbins Schwartz, Aaron served as in-house employment law counsel for the Cook County Sheriff's Office. He has previously worked for the City of Chicago and a large, international law firm. During law school, he served as Managing Executive Editor of *the Northwestern Journal of Law & Social Policy* and President and Founder of the Northwestern Labor & Employment Law Society. He also served as a judicial extern for the Honorable Judge Joan B. Gottschall of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois

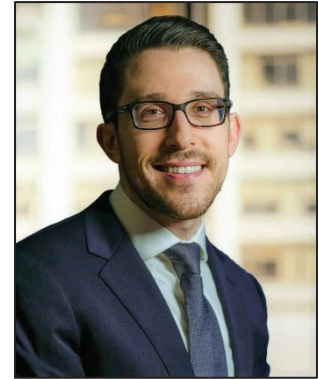
RECENT PUBLICATIONS

Co-Author, "Seventh Circuit Addresses Employer Liability for Coworker and Supervisor Harassment and Challenges in Establishing Claims For Retaliation, Defamation, and IIED," *Employment and Labor Law Flashpoints*, IICLE (2023)

"When It Happens to You: Responding to Reports of Harassment and Discrimination," Law Arts Blog, Lawyers for the Creative Arts (July 2022)

RECENT PRESENTATIONS

Navigating Payroll Laws: Wages and Record Keeping Requirements, Illinois Association of School Business Officials Bookkeepers Conference (March 2023)



PRACTICE AREAS

Labor & Employment
Education Law
Litigation
Municipal Law
Employee Benefits
DEI Compliance

EDUCATION

J.D., Northwestern
University Pritzker School
of Law

B.A., Washington
University in St. Louis,
magna cum laude, high
distinction

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE

U.S. District Court for the
Northern District of Illinois

Supreme Court of Illinois

ORGANIZATIONS

Secretary, Associate
Board, Lawyers for the
Creative Arts

Chair, Labor and
Employment Committee,
Chicago Bar Association,
Young Lawyers Selection

The Peanut Butter and Jelly Effect: Understanding Implicit Bias and Its Impact on Educators, Illinois Association of School Administrators Legal Workshop (February 2023)

2022 Hot Topics in Labor and Employment Law, Chicago Bar Association (February 2023)

Chair, Vice Chair,
Secretary, Board of
Directors, About Face
Theatre (2018-2021)

Co-Chair, LGBTQ+ Alumni
Affinity Group,
Northwestern Pritzker
School of Law

Co-Chair, Washington
University in St. Louis
Alumni and Parents
Admission Program,
Chicago North Shore



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Kevin's practice focuses in the area of labor and employment law. Kevin counsels school districts, community colleges, libraries, and municipalities with issues involving employee discipline, internal investigations, employee leaves of absences, and alleged discrimination and harassment claims. Kevin also defends clients in litigation and administrative charges in federal and state court, the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the Illinois Department of Human Rights, and the Illinois Department of Labor. In addition to his experience in labor and employment law, Kevin has trained school districts and community colleges pursuant to Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972.

Prior to joining Robbins Schwartz, Kevin represented individuals with employment matters, civil rights claims, and consumer protection litigation.

AWARDS

Illinois "Rising Star," by Super Lawyers Magazine

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

"OSHA Pauses Vaccination and Testing ETS Following Legal Challenges,"
Employment and Labor Law Flashpoints, IICLE (2021)

Contributing author, "Employment Discrimination" *School Law: Personnel and Student Issues*, IICLE (2021)

"NLRB Takes New Look at Charter Schools," *Chicago Daily Law Bulletin* (2019)

RECENT PRESENTATIONS

Updates from the DOL: New Developments for FMLA, FLSA, and IWPCA,
IAPD/IPRA Soaring to New Heights Conference (January 2020)

Is it ADA, FMLA, or Other Leave? Navigating the Murky Waters of Employee Leave Benefits, IAPD/IPRA Soaring to New Heights Conference (January 2020)

Illinois Minimum Wage: Nutz and Bolts Overview, IGFOA Payroll Seminar
(October 2019)



PRACTICE AREAS

Labor & Employment
Education Law
Litigation

EDUCATION

J.D., The John Marshall
Law School

B.A., Indiana University

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE

U.S. District Court for the
Northern District of Illinois

Supreme Court of Illinois

ORGANIZATIONS

Chicago Bar Association

Illinois State Bar
Association

Kane County Bar
Association

EXHIBIT 2

Schedule of Compensation

Respondent (Name of Firm/Individual): Robbins Schwartz

Category and Pricing Form

PRICING:

CATEGORY I: Union Contract Negotiations			
	<u>Hourly Rate</u>		
	Partner	Associate	Paralegal
	\$ 220	\$ 205	\$ 120

CATEGORY II: Contract Interpretation and Implementation			
	<u>Hourly Rate</u>		
	Partner	Associate	Paralegal
	\$ 220	\$ 205	\$ 120

CATEGORY III: Labor Relations Board Matters			
	<u>Hourly Rate</u>		
	Partner	Associate	Paralegal
	\$ 220	\$ 205	\$ 120

CATEGORY IV: Employment Law			
	<u>Hourly Rate</u>		
	Partner	Associate	Paralegal
	\$ 220	\$ 205	\$ 120

CATEGORY V: Employee Benefits and Pension			
	<u>Hourly Rate</u>		
	Partner	Associate	Paralegal
	\$ N/A	\$ N/A	\$ N/A

CATEGORY VI: Employment of Foreign Nationals			
	<u>Hourly Rate</u>		
	Partner	Associate	Paralegal
	\$ N/A	\$ N/A	\$ N/A

EXHIBIT 3

Sample Letter of Engagement

[Date]

[Law Firm]

Dear:

This is to advise you that your law firm has been selected from among the successful respondents under Request for Qualifications No. 2308-02061 to represent the County in Labor and Employment Consultation and Representation. Pursuant to the Request for Qualifications, your firm submitted a response to Cook County which delineated the qualification, ability, and commitment of your firm to undertake the necessary representation and provide the requisite legal services. The terms of the Professional Services Agreement executed by your law firm and Cook County pursuant to the Request for Qualifications are incorporated herein. The purpose of this letter is to describe the additional terms of your retention for **[SELECT FROM CATEGORIES I-VI]**.

Scope of Work

[INSERT SCOPE OF WORK HERE]

Staffing

Outside counsel is strongly encouraged to staff these assignments in a cost effective and efficient manner. Generally your firm will not be expected to have more than one attorney directly involved unless authorized by the County's authorized representative, although outside counsel is encouraged to utilize junior partners, associates and paralegals to perform appropriate bargaining-related follow-up tasks and tasks related to ancillary litigation to the maximum extent possible.

While the County recognizes that counsel within the firm will at times be required to meet (either in person or otherwise) to discuss the status of ongoing assignments, only one attorney's time should be billed for those conferences and the County will only pay the firm for the time of one attorney. If more than one attorney's time is billed for attendance at a meeting, the County will compensate the firm at the lowest billing rate of those attending the meeting or otherwise engaging in a conference about ongoing work.

Billing Rates and Submission of Statements

Statements must be submitted monthly reflecting work performed by your firm for the preceding month. Each separate project shall be billed as a separate matter; ancillary litigation assigned to counsel will likewise be billed as a separate matter. The matter description shall be sufficiently clear to apprise the County's authorized representative of the matter being billed.

Statements of work performed shall be sufficiently detailed to apprise the County of the work performed and the person by whom it was performed. Outside counsel should not engage in single day "block billing" of services performed by an individual, but must specify the time spent on each task performed that day.

The County will only reimburse outside counsel for expenses directly related to the representation of the County in the matter. The County will not reimburse outside counsel for the following expenses: secretarial services, facsimile charges, in-house photocopying, in-house "messenger service" for delivery of documents between attorney offices, the cost of computerized legal research (e.g., accessing databases such as westlaw or lexis/nexis), meals or refreshments of any type, mileage or other reimbursement for travel and any other like expenses. The County should also be directly billed for all court reporter fees and for fees in connection with service of process, and the firm should not seek reimbursement for these services directly unless so authorized by the County.

The County reserves the right to review all statements and to reject payment of any fees or costs deemed not reasonably necessary to outside counsel's performance of the engagement or not in compliance with the terms of this retention letter.

Billing statements should be mailed to the following address:

Attn: Billing
Bureau of Human Resources
118 N. Clark Street, Room 840
Chicago, IL 60602

The sum total of all billing under this agreement including for services and for reimbursement shall in no way exceed \$_____ without advance written authorization from the County's Authorized Representatives (currently the Bureau Chief of Human Resources and the Deputy Chief of Human Resources – Director of Labor Relations).

Billing rates for counsel shall be as follows:

[TBD FROM FIRMS PROPOSAL FOR SCOPE OF WORK]

If these terms are agreeable to you, please indicate your assent by counter-signing two copies of the document in the space indicated and returning them. The principal directly responsible for the work must sign this retention letter. Please provide all contact information (including cell phone, office phone, fax and e-mail) for the attorneys who will be engaged in representation of the County. The original of this letter is for your records.

Thank you again for your interest in representing Cook County in this matter. We look forward to working with you in the coming months and years.

Sincerely,

I agree to the terms set forth above and Understand that the firm is an independent Contractor, terminable at-will as the County deems appropriate.

[Law Firm Information]

By: _____
[Authorized Representative]

Date: _____

Received Fully Executed Agreement:

[Using Department's Representative]

Date: _____

EXHIBIT 4

Certificate of Insurance



CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

EMBROKER

DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)

06/28/2024

THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION ONLY AND CONFERS NO RIGHTS UPON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER. THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT AFFIRMATIVELY OR NEGATIVELY AMEND, EXTEND OR ALTER THE COVERAGE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES BELOW. THIS CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE ISSUING INSURER(S), AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OR PRODUCER, AND THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER.

IMPORTANT: If the certificate holder is an **ADDITIONAL INSURED**, the policy(ies) must have **ADDITIONAL INSURED** provisions or be endorsed. If **SUBROGATION IS WAIVED**, subject to the terms and conditions of the policy, certain policies may require an endorsement. A statement on this certificate does not confer rights to the certificate holder in lieu of such endorsement(s).

PRODUCER Embroker Insurance Services LLC 5214F Diamond Heights Blvd. Unit #1261 San Francisco, CA, 94131	CONTACT NAME: Julie Noonan	FAX (A/C, No):	
	PHONE (A/C, No, Ext): (844) 436-2765	E-MAIL ADDRESS: certificates@embroker.com	
INSURED Robbins, Schwartz, Nicholas, Lifton & Taylor, LTD. 190 S La Salle St Suite 2550 Chicago, IL, 60603	INSURER(S) AFFORDING COVERAGE		NAIC #
	INSURER A: Hartford Underwriters Insurance Company		30104
	INSURER B: CONTINENTAL INS CO		35289
	INSURER C: EXECUTIVE RISK IND INC		35181
	INSURER D: ARCH SPECIALTY INS CO		21199
INSURER E:			
INSURER F:			

COVERAGES**CERTIFICATE NUMBER:** 36441a10-3558-11ef-b5d4-bbc7b04e3f71**REVISION NUMBER:**

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE POLICIES OF INSURANCE LISTED BELOW HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO THE INSURED NAMED ABOVE FOR THE POLICY PERIOD INDICATED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REQUIREMENT, TERM OR CONDITION OF ANY CONTRACT OR OTHER DOCUMENT WITH RESPECT TO WHICH THIS CERTIFICATE MAY BE ISSUED OR MAY PERTAIN, THE INSURANCE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES DESCRIBED HEREIN IS SUBJECT TO ALL THE TERMS, EXCLUSIONS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH POLICIES. LIMITS SHOWN MAY HAVE BEEN REDUCED BY PAID CLAIMS.

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	MED EXP (Any one person) \$ 10,000						
	PERSONAL & ADV INJURY \$ 2,000,000						
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	BODILY INJURY (Per accident) \$						
	PROPERTY DAMAGE (Per accident) \$						
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	E.L. EACH ACCIDENT \$ 1,000,000						
	E.L. DISEASE - EA EMPLOYEE \$ 1,000,000						
	E.L. DISEASE - POLICY LIMIT \$ 1,000,000						
C	Employment Practices Liability			82406725	05/31/2024	05/31/2025	Aggregate 1,000,000
D	Cyber Liability			C4LUU176234CYBER2024	05/31/2024	05/31/2025	Aggregate 2,000,000

DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATIONS / VEHICLES (ACORD 101, Additional Remarks Schedule, may be attached if more space is required)

Cook County is included as an Additional Insured on the General Liability and Auto Liability policies as per written contract.
A Waiver of Subrogation applies to the Additional Insured with respect to the General Liability and Auto Liability policies as per written contract.
Cook County is included as an Additional Insured on a primary non-contributory basis on the General Liability and Auto Liability policies as per written contract.

CERTIFICATE HOLDER

Cook County
161 North Clark Street
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Chicago, IL, 60601

CANCELLATION

SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, NOTICE WILL BE DELIVERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY PROVISIONS.

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

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EXHIBIT 5

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 Health and Hospitals System (“CCH”), 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”), 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 or other proof of expense and payment is not available due to being lost or stolen.



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Agency or Agencies means offices and departments under the jurisdiction of the County Board President, the Board of Commissioners, Cook County Health and Hospitals System, 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, 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.

Business and/or Travel Expense Reimbursement Form 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.



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

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.

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.

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

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 these



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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

- 1. 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.
 - (a) *Appropriated Funding.* Expenditures shall be charged to the appropriate account of the department incurring the expense, as designated in the department's annual appropriation.
 - (b) *Grant requirements.* Expenditures connected to and/or funded by a grant (or contract) shall be made in accordance with the grantor's requirements, and reimbursement will be made at the rate specified by the grant (or contract), or if no specified rate, at the County's rate defined by this policy.
 - (c) *Appropriate Authorizing Party.* Necessary Business Expenses using the Pre-Authorization Form must be submitted for pre-authorization to the Requester's:



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- (1) Department Head, if requested by an Employee within the Department Head's Department except where the Bureau Chief has indicated by internal memo or policy that Bureau Chief approval is required;
- (2) Bureau Chief, if requested by a Department Head;
- (3) Chief of Staff, if requested by a Bureau Chief;
- (4) Employing Official, if requested by a Chief of Staff or
- (5) 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.

- (d) *Tax Exempt Status.* Expenditures must exclude sales tax to the extent permitted under law. Tax exempt certificates may be requested in advance of expenditures through the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer by emailing taxexemptrequest@cookcountyil.gov. Use of vendors who will not accept tax exempt certificates are prohibited absent exigent circumstances.

II. INELIGIBLE EXPENSES

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



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- 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 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 out of the County 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



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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. Supplies for office events;
- P. Sponsorships or donations;
- Q. Kitchen textiles (e.g. napkins, cups, utensils, etc.);
- R. Appliances (e.g. microwaves, refrigerators, toasters);
- S. Sporting goods;
- T. Flowers, gift cards, and gifts, or similar types of costs;
- U. Credit card or other late fees due to the Employee's or Official's actions;
- V. 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



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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;

- W. Convenience fees, including but not limited to, early check-in, late check-out, and TSA pre-check;
- X. Hotel incidentals, such as, but not limited to, room upgrades, room service, health club fees, in-room entertainment fees, and laundry fees;
- Y. Flight insurance or other supplemental travel insurance;
- Z. Guest travel costs and expenses;
- AA. International travel, without written pre-authorization from the Appropriate Authorizing Party and the Budget Director, as applicable;
- BB. Personal portions of a trip combined with business travel, including but not limited to extended stays and travel to/from other destination(s);
- CC. Upgrades, including but not limited to, special "club" floors or access, seat or cabin upgrades, premium fuel, premium rides, valet parking; and,
- DD. 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.

A. Food Supplies

Appropriated Funds shall not be used to purchase food, except in the following limited circumstances.

- I. 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.



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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.
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 been 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. Employee morale events may be hosted occasionally 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.

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



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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.

- I.* 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;
 - (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



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- (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.
 - (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



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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. All mileage requested to be reimbursed will be calculated using the County's Transportation Expense Voucher System (TEVS) to prepare a mileage reimbursement voucher which can be found at (<https://apps.cookcountyil.gov/voucher/public/>). The voucher shall be submitted along with the Business and/or Travel Expense Reimbursement Form to the Appropriate Authorizing Party.

- i. Normal commuting to and from the Employee's or Official's Personal residence and their Official Worksite or an Agency pre-approved Alternative Worksite 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. When approved Local Travel is required during the workday, the Employee or Official is entitled to reimbursement for the mileage to and from the Official Worksite or Alternative Worksite and the site(s) visited. Only the most direct route mileage (mileage from residence to first location and last location to residence is deemed commuting mileage and shall not be reimbursed in the mileage calculator) from the Official Worksite where applicable to the site(s) visited and back to the Official Worksite will 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 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



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their department. The Employee or Official's personal insurance is primary in the event of an accident.

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. All mileage requested to be reimbursed will be calculated using the mileage calculator in the Transportation Expense Voucher System (TEVS), which shall be submitted along with the Business and/or Travel Expense Reimbursement Form to the Appropriate Authorizing Party.
 - i. 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.
 - ii. The mileage reimbursement per trip may not exceed the cost of the lowest available non-stop, roundtrip airfare to/from the destination.
 - iii. The Employee or 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



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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 Business and/or Travel Expense Reimbursement Form. 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 and must be supported by itemized receipts which list the date, time, location of the purchase, and detail every individual item included on the bill. Examples of reimbursable incidental expenses may include necessary internet connection fees or cellular phone charges related to official business. Employee's and Official's will receive the lesser of the actual costs or the current federal travel allowance for meals and incidental expenses, including taxes and gratuity, which is capped at no more than 20% of cost of meal, published by the General Services Administration at <https://www.gsa.gov/travel/plan-book/per-diem-rates>. Gratuity for baggage handling is reimbursable so long as the cost is reasonable and does not exceed \$5.00 per handling. Reimbursement for meals and incidental



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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.

- (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 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.
- (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 and fees) 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



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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 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 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 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.

I. 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:

- i. the details of the expense(s) to be incurred, including the amount and when and where the purchase or expense will be made;
- ii. the reason and purpose of the purchase or expense; and



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iii. why the item is not being purchased using the methods provided in the Cook County Procurement Code.

2. Travel Expenses.

(a) To request Local or 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>.

(b) 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.

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.

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.



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D. Submission of Reimbursement Requests, Review and Approval.

1. All requests seeking reimbursement, with the appropriate supporting documentation and Business and/or Travel Expense Reimbursement Form, 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 Business and/or Travel Expense Reimbursement Form, the Requester attests to its truthfulness and assumes personal responsibility for its accuracy.
2. Submission of the Business and/or Travel Expense Reimbursement Form to the Appropriate Authorizing Party shall also include:
 - (a) A copy of the approved Pre-Authorization Form;
 - (b) Copies of itemized receipts for all expenses; and
 - (c) If a 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.
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 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



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this Policy. If approved, Budget will submit the reimbursement request to the Comptroller's Office for payment and copy the Appropriate Authorizing Party regarding the payment request. 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

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 6

Electronic Payables Program

**OFFICE OF THE COOK COUNTY COMPTROLLER
ELECTRONIC PAYABLES PROGRAM ("E-PAYABLES")**

FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY

**This document describes the Office of the Cook County Comptroller's Electronic Payables Program ("E-Payables").
If you wish to participate in E-Payables, please contact the Cook County Comptroller's Office, Accounts Payable, 161 N.
Clark Street, Suite 1900, Chicago, IL 60601.**

DESCRIPTION

To increase payment efficiency and timeliness, we have introduced E-Payables program, a new payment initiative to our accounts payable model. This new initiative utilizes a Visa purchasing card and operates through the Visa payment network. This is County's preferred method of payment and your participation in our Visa purchasing card program will provide mutual benefits both to your organization and ours.

As a vendor, you may experience the following benefits by accepting this new payment type:

- Improved cash flow and accelerated payment
- Reduced paperwork and a more streamlined accounts receivable process
- Elimination of stop payment issues
- Reduced payment delays
- Reduced costs for handling paper checks
- Payments settled directly to your merchant account

There are two options within this initiative:

1. Dedicated Credit Card – "PULL" Settlement

For this option, you will have an assigned dedicated credit card to be used for each payment. You will provide a point of contact within your organization who will keep credit card information on file. Each time a payment is made, you will receive a remittance advice via email detailing the invoices being paid. Each time you receive a remittance advice, you will process payments in the same manner you process credit card transactions today.

2. One-Time Use Credit Card – "SUGA" Settlement

For this option, you will provide a point of contact within your organization who will receive an email notification authorizing you to process payments in the same manner you process credit card transactions today. Each time payment is made, you will receive a remittance advice, via email, detailing the invoices being paid. Also, each time you receive a remittance advice, you will receive a new, unique credit card number. This option is ideal for suppliers who are unable to keep credit card account information on file.

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EXHIBIT 7

Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprise Commitment



OFFICE OF CONTRACT COMPLIANCE

NICOLE N. MANDEVILLE

DIRECTOR, CONTRACT COMPLIANCE

161 N. Clark – 23rd Floor • Chicago, Illinois 60601 • (312) 603-5502

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April 8, 2024

Mr. Raffi Sarrafian
Chief Procurement Officer
161 N. Clark Suite 2300
Chicago, IL 60601

Re: Contract No. 2308-02061D
Labor Consultation and Representation Services Non-Target Market
Bureau of Human Resources
Contractor: Robbins, Schwartz, Nichols, Lifton, & Taylor LTD D/B/A Robbins Schwartz
Term: 6/1/24 – 5/31/27 Plus Three (3) One (1) Year Renewal Options
Contract Award Value: \$0.00 (Actual Value Will Be Based on Letters of Engagement Value)
RFQ – Professional Services
Goal: Zero MBE/WBE

Dear Mr. Sarrafian:

The Office of Contract Compliance is in receipt of the above-referenced contract and has determined a 0% MBE/WBE participation goal was recommended and does not require the Office of Contract Compliance to review for MBE/WBE compliance with the Minority- and Women- owned Business Enterprises (MBE/WBE) Ordinance.

Sincerely,

Jeanetta Cardine
Contract Compliance Deputy Director

JC/db

CC: Anneice Owens (OCPO)
Nicole Riley (Human Resources)

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:

Contract Compliance Director
Cook County
161 North Clark Street, Suite 2300
Chicago, Illinois 60601
(312) 603-5502

EXHIBIT 8

Board Authorization



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street
Chicago, IL

Legislation Details (With Text)

File #:	24-2121	Version:	1	Name:	Non target Market Professional services
Type:	Contract	Status:		Status:	Committee Reports
File created:	3/14/2024	In control:		In control:	Finance Committee
On agenda:	4/18/2024	Final action:		Final action:	6/13/2024
Title:	PROPOSED CONTRACT				

Department(s): Various Cook County Bureaus, Agencies, and Office of the Elected Officials

Vendor: Various Law Firms:

Franczek P.C., Chicago, Illinois

Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP, Chicago Illinois

Laner Muchin, Ltd. Chicago, Illinois

Robbins, Schwartz, Nicolas, Lifton, & Taylor Ltd. d/b/a Robbins Schwartz, Chicago, Illinois

Charles H. Wintersteen d/b/a Charles H. Wintersteen, P.C., Chicago, Illinois

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Labor Consultation and Representation Services (Non-Target Market) for six (6) categories of legal services:

Category I - Union Contract Negotiations,

Category II - Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) Interpretation and Implementation

Category III - Labor Relations Board Matters

Category IV - Employment Law

Category V - Employment Benefits and Pension

Category VI - Employment of Foreign Nationals

Contract Value: Program: \$4,100,000.00

Contract period: All Contracts: 6/1/2024 - 5/31/2027, with three (3), one (1) year renewal options

Potential Fiscal Year Budget Impact: NA

Accounts: Various - Countywide

Contract Number(s):

2308-02061A Laner Muchin, Ltd.

2308-02061B Franczek P.C.

2308-02061C Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP

2308-02061D Robbins, Schwartz, Nicolas, Lifton, & Taylor Ltd. d/b/a Robbins Schwartz

2308-02061E Charles H. Wintersteen d/b/a Charles H. Wintersteen, P.C.

Concurrences:

The Contract specific goal on this contract is Zero.

The Chief Procurement Officer Concurs.

Summary: The selected firms may provide legal consultation and representation services for various County bureaus, agencies, and offices of the elected officials.

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with the Cook County Procurement Code.

Sponsors:

Indexes: VELISHA HADDOX, Chief, Bureau of Human Resources

Code sections:**Attachments:**

Date	Ver.	Action By	Action	Result
6/13/2024	1	Board of Commissioners	approve	Pass
6/12/2024	1	Finance Committee		
5/15/2024	1	Finance Committee	recommend for approval as amended	Pass
5/15/2024	1	Finance Committee	reconsider	Pass
5/15/2024	1	Finance Committee	recommend for approval as amended	Fail
4/18/2024	1	Board of Commissioners	refer	Pass

PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Various Cook County Bureaus, Agencies, and Office of the Elected Officials

Vendor: Various Law Firms:

Franczek P.C., Chicago, Illinois

Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP, Chicago Illinois

Laner Muchin, Ltd. Chicago, Illinois

Robbins, Schwartz, Nicolas, Lifton, & Taylor Ltd. d/b/a Robbins Schwartz, Chicago, Illinois

Charles H. Wintersteen d/b/a Charles H. Wintersteen, P.C., Chicago, Illinois

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Labor Consultation and Representation Services (Non-Target Market) for six (6) categories of legal services:

Category I - Union Contract Negotiations,

Category II - Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) Interpretation and Implementation

Category III - Labor Relations Board Matters

Category IV - Employment Law

Category V - Employment Benefits and Pension

Category VI - Employment of Foreign Nationals

Contract Value: Program: \$4,100,000.00

Contract period: All Contracts: 6/1/2024 - 5/31/2027, with three (3), one (1) year renewal options

Potential Fiscal Year Budget Impact: NA

Accounts: Various - Countywide

Contract Number(s):

2308-02061A Laner Muchin, Ltd.

2308-02061B Franczek P.C.

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EXHIBIT 9

Certification for Consulting or Auditing Services



**COOK COUNTY
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER
CERTIFICATION FOR CONSULTING OR AUDITING SERVICES**

This Certification is made and required pursuant to Section 34-193 of the Procurement Code, and must be completed by any Contractor providing Consulting or Auditing Services for Cook County or Elected Officials. For purposes of this Certification, the following definitions shall apply:

"Auditing" means the formal examination of accounting records or financial statements for compliance with financial accounting standards applicable to governmental entities, which functions are generally exclusively performed or supervised by Persons licensed and authorized to do business as public accounts in the State. Auditing shall also include any independent reports and management recommendations derived or resulting from the performance of auditing services and which reports and recommendations are included within the scope of the Contract for Auditing Services.

"Consulting" means the rendering of analysis and advice requiring specialized expertise in a particular subject area or field. Such expertise may have been gained by education or experience in the area or field. Consulting expressly excludes auditing services.

"Elected Official" means the President and Commissioners of the Cook County Board, Assessor, Board of Review, Chief Judge, Clerk of the Circuit Court, County Clerk, Recorder of Deeds, Sheriff, State's Attorney, Treasurer and any other elected official included in the Cook County Appropriations Ordinance.

"County" shall mean the offices which are administered by the President of the County Board.

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 to.

SECTION 1: CONTRACTOR'S INFORMATION

COMPANY NAME: Robbins Schwartz

ADDRESS: 55 W. Monroe St., Suite 800, Chicago, IL 60603

TELEPHONE: 312.332.7760

CONTACT NAME: Joseph J. Perkowski

CONTACT EMAIL: jperkowski@robbins-schwartz.com

SECTION 2: AFFILIATE INFORMATION

If the Contractor has any "Affiliates" please provide the names, addresses and telephone numbers of each Affiliate below. For purposes of this Certification "Affiliates" shall mean any Person that directly or indirectly through one or more intermediaries Controls, is Controlled by, or is under Control with the Person specified. "Control" shall mean a Person that has the power to directly or indirectly affect the management or the policies of the other through ownership of voting securities or voting rights, by contract or otherwise. "Person" means any individual, corporation, partnership, Joint Venture, trust, association, Limited Liability Company, sole proprietorship or other legal entity.

AFFILIATE 1:

AFFILIATE 2:

AFFILIATE 3:

SECTION 3: CONTRACT INFORMATION

- a. This Certification relates to the following Contract: RFQ No. 2308-02061
- b. The Contractor is providing the following type of Services: ☐ Auditing or ☒ Consulting
- c. The Contractor is providing the Services under the Contract for the following Cook County Business Unit or Elected Official:
- d. Is the Contractor or its Affiliates, if any, providing Consulting or Auditing Services, either directly, or as a subcontractor to the County or Elected Official under any other Contracts? ☒ Yes or ☐ No
- If yes, please state the other Contract Number(s) and the Nature of Services.
1944-17731F; Legal Services

THE CONTRACTOR ACKNOWLEDGES, UNDERSTANDS AND AGREES AS FOLLOWS:

- a. It has read Section 34-193 (a)-(b) of the Procurement Code, which provides as follows:

The County will not enter into any Contract for Auditing Services, nor shall it consent to a subcontract for such Auditing Services, with any Person, if such Person, or any Affiliate of such Person, has a Contract or subcontract for consulting services for or with the County. Additionally, the County will not enter into any Contract for Consulting Services, nor shall it consent to a subcontract for such Consulting Services, with any Person, if such Person, or any Affiliate of such Person, has a Contract or subcontract for Auditing Services for or with the County. For purposes of this provision, "County" shall refer only to offices which are administered by the President of the County Board and shall not refer to offices which are administered by Elected Officials.

The County shall not enter into any Contract for Consulting Services on behalf of any Elected Official, nor shall it consent to a subcontract for such Consulting Services on behalf of an Elected Official with any Person, if such Person, or any Affiliate of such Person, has a Contract or subcontract to provide Auditing Services for the Elected Official.

- b. The Contractor's Services under the Contract shall not violate Section 34-193 of the Procurement Code.
- c. The information provided herein is a material inducement to the CPO's execution of the Contract, and the CPO may rely on the information provided herein. The Contractor warrants that the information contained herein is true and correct. If the CPO determines that any information provided herein is false, incomplete, or incorrect, the CPO may terminate the Contract.

Signature

Joseph J. Perkosi

Name (Type or Print)



Managing Partner/President

Title

December 12, 2023

Date

EXHIBIT 10

Sample Business Associate Agreement

BUSINESS ASSOCIATE AGREEMENT

This Agreement is made effective _____, by and between Cook County State's Attorney's Office, hereinafter referred to as "Covered Entity", and _____, hereinafter referred to as "Business Associate", (individually, a "Party" and collectively, the "Parties").

Business Associate may have access to Protected Health Information ("PHI") from or on behalf of Covered Entity. To the extent applicable, the Parties desire to meet their respective obligations under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, as amended (the "Act"). The HIPAA Rules shall mean the Privacy, Security, Breach Notification, and Enforcement Rules codified in the Code of Federal Regulations ("C.F.R.") at 45 C.F.R. parts 160 and 164, Pub. Law No. 104-191 (collectively, "HIPAA") and the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act provisions of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Pub. Law No. 111-5 and its implementing regulations (collectively, "HITECH").

Business Associate agrees that as of the effective date this Agreement it shall abide by the provisions of this Agreement with respect to any Protected Health Information or Electronic Protected Health Information (as defined below).

1. DEFINITIONS

Terms used, but not otherwise defined, in this Agreement shall have the same meaning as those terms in the Privacy Rule, Security Rule, Breach Notification Rule, and Enforcement Rule.

- (a). Breach. "Breach" shall mean the unauthorized acquisition, access, use, or disclosure of Protected Health Information which compromises the security or privacy of such information subject to the exceptions set forth in 45 C.F.R. 164.402.
- (b). Business Associate. "Business Associate" shall generally have the same meaning as the term "Business Associate" at 45 C.F.R. 160.103, and in reference to the party to this agreement, shall mean the entity named above.
- (c). Covered Entity. "Covered Entity" shall generally have the same meaning as the term "Covered Entity" at 45 C.F.R. 160.103, and in reference to the party to this agreement, shall mean Cook County Health and Hospitals System.
- (d). Electronic Protected Health Information. "Electronic Protected Health Information" or "EPHI" shall have the same meaning as the term "Electronic Protected Health Information" in 45 C.F.R. 160.103, limited to the information created, received, maintained, or transmitted by Business Associate from or on behalf of Covered Entity.
- (e). Individual. "Individual" shall have the same meaning as the term "Individual" in 45 C.F.R. 160.103 and shall include a person who qualifies as a personal representative in accordance with 45 C.F.R. 164.502(g).
- (f). Privacy Rule. "Privacy Rule" shall mean the Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information at 45 C.F.R. part 160 and part 164.

- (g). Protected Health Information. "Protected Health Information" or PHI shall have the same meaning as the term "Protected Health Information" in 45 C.F.R. 106.103, limited to the information created, received, maintained, or transmitted by Business Associate from or on behalf of Covered Entity.
- (h). Required By Law. "Required By Law" shall have the same meaning as the term "Required By Law" in 45 C.F.R. 164.103.
- (i). Secretary. "Secretary" shall mean the Secretary of the U.S Department of Health and Human Services or his designee.
- (j). Security Rule. "Security Rule" shall mean the Security Standards at 45 C.F.R. parts 160, and 164.
- (k). Unsecured Protected Health Information. "Unsecured Protected Health Information" shall mean Protected Health Information is not rendered unusable, unreadable, or indecipherable to unauthorized persons through the use of a technology or methodology specified by the Secretary.

2. **OBLIGATIONS AND ACTIVITIES OF BUSINESS ASSOCIATE**

- (a). For purposes of this Part 2, Business Associate shall ensure that any obligations, restrictions, or conditions set forth herein shall apply to any of its employees, agents, consultants, contractors or subcontractors or assigns who creates, receives, maintains or transmits Covered Entity's Protected Health Information. Business Associate shall not use any Subcontractor to assist Business Associate with the provision of services under the Master Agreement without the prior written consent of Covered Entity.
- (b). Business Associate shall not use or disclose Protected Health Information other than as permitted or required by this Agreement or as Required By Law.
- (c). Business Associate shall implement administrative, physical, and technical safeguards that reasonably and appropriately protect the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of EPHI that Business Associate creates, receives, maintains, or transmits on behalf of Covered Entity as required by the Privacy Rule, Security Rule, and the HITECH Act.
- (d). Business Associate shall report to Covered Entity any use or disclosure of the Protected Health Information not provided for by this Agreement of which it becomes aware.

- (e). Business Associate must, following the discovery of any appearance of a Breach, non-permitted use or disclosure, security incident, or other incident affecting unsecured Protected Health Information, notify the CCH Corporate Compliance and Privacy Program without unreasonable delay, and no later than 5 days from the date that the Business Associate discovers such Breach, non-permitted use or disclosure, security incident, or other incident. Business Associate shall provide any reports or notices required by HIPAA as a result of Business Associate's discovery. On behalf of Covered Entity, Business Associate will provide such reports or notices to any party or entity (including but not limited to media, Secretary, and individuals affected by the Breach) entitled by law to receive the reports or notices as directed by the CCH Corporate Compliance and Privacy Program. Business Associate agrees to pay the costs associated with notifying individuals affected by the Breach, which may include, but are not limited to, paper, printing, and mailing costs. In the event of a disagreement, the final determination of whether a Breach occurred will be made by the CCH Corporate Compliance and Privacy Program.
- (f). If applicable, Business Associate shall provide access, at the request of Covered Entity, and in a reasonable time and manner, to Protected Health Information in a Designated Record Set, to Covered Entity or, as directed by Covered Entity, to an Individual or an individual's designee in order to meet the requirements under 45 C.F.R. 164.524.
- (g). Business Associate shall, when directed by Covered Entity, make amendment(s) to Protected Health Information in a Designated Record Set in a reasonable time and manner, or take other measures as necessary, as required by 45 C.F.R. 164.526.
- (h). Business Associate shall make internal practices, books, and records relating to the use and disclosure of Protected Health Information received from, or created or received by Business Associate on behalf of, Covered Entity available to the Secretary, in a reasonable time and manner or as designated by the Secretary, for purposes of the Secretary determining Covered Entity's compliance with HIPAA and the HITECH Act.
- (i). Business Associate shall restrict disclosure of an Individual's Protected Health Information as directed by Covered Entity.
- (j). Business Associate shall provide to Covered Entity when requested for a specific individual, in a reasonable time and manner, an accounting of disclosures of Protected Health Information in accordance with 45 C.F.R. 164.528.
- (k). In order to monitor the privacy and security of its PHI, the Covered Entity may request, and Business Associate shall make available to Covered Entity, information regarding the Business Associate's HIPAA Privacy and/or Security program, including the most recent electronic Protected Health Information risk analysis, policies, procedures, Security Incident log and responses, and evidence of training, including training materials and training logs.
- (l). To the extent Business Associate is to carry out one or more of Covered Entity's obligations under the Privacy Rule, Business Associate shall comply with the requirements of the Privacy Rule that apply to Covered Entity in the performance of such obligations.

3. **PERMITTED USES AND DISCLOSURES BY BUSINESS ASSOCIATE**

- 3.1 For purposes of this Part 3, Business Associate shall ensure that any of its employees, agents, consultants, contractors or subcontractors or assigns who creates, receives, maintains or transmits Covered Entity's Protected Health Information shall comply with the provisions set for herein.
- (a). Except as otherwise limited in this Agreement, Business Associate may use or disclose Protected Health Information to perform functions, activities, or services for, or on behalf of, Covered Entity as set forth in this Agreement.
 - (b). Business Associate may use or disclose Protected Health Information as Required by Law.
 - (c). Business Associate agrees to make uses and disclosures and requests for Protected Health Information consistent with Covered Entity's minimum necessary policies and procedures.
 - (d). Business Associate may not use or disclose Protected Health Information in a manner that would violate the Privacy Rule if done by Covered Entity, except for the specific uses and disclosures set forth below in Section 3.1 (f), (g), and 3.2.
 - (e). Business Associate shall not, directly or indirectly, receive remuneration in exchange for any Protected Health Information unless the exchange qualifies as an exception to the HIPAA general rule, as outlined in the HIPAA regulations and is permitted by this Agreement and the Master Agreement.
 - (f). Business Associate may use Protected Health Information to report violations of law to appropriate Federal and State authorities, consistent with 45 C.F.R. 164.502(j)(1).
 - (g). Except as otherwise limited in this Agreement, Business Associate may use Protected Health Information for the proper management and administration of the Business Associate or to carry out the legal responsibilities of the Business Associate.
 - (h). Except as otherwise limited in this Agreement, Business Associate may disclose Protected Health Information for the proper management and administration of the Business Associate or to carry out the legal responsibilities of the Business Associate, provided that disclosures are Required By Law, or Business Associate obtains reasonable assurances from the person to whom the information is disclosed that it will remain confidential and used or further disclosed only as Required By Law or for the purpose for which it was disclosed to the person, and the person notifies the Business Associate of any instances of which it is aware in which the confidentiality of the information has been breached.
 - (i). Except as otherwise limited in this Agreement, Business Associate may use Protected Health Information to provide Data Aggregation services to Covered Entity as permitted by 45 C.F.R. 164.504(e)(2)(i)(B).

3.2 **Data Ownership**

Business Associate acknowledges and agrees that Covered Entity owns all right, title, and interest in and to all Protected Health Information of Covered Entity that Business Associate creates, receives, maintains or transmits and that such all such right, title, and interest is vested in Covered Entity; nor shall Business Associate nor any of its employees, agents, consultants or assigns have any right, title or interest to any of the Protected Health Information. Business Associate shall not use the Protected Health Information in any form including, but not limited to, stripped, de-identified, or aggregated information, or statistical information derived from or in connection with the Protected Health Information, except as expressly set forth in this Agreement. Business Associate represents, warrants, and covenants that it will not compile and/or distribute analyses to third parties using any Protected Health Information without Covered Entity's express written consent.

4. **OBLIGATIONS OF COVERED ENTITY**

4.1 **Provisions for Covered Entity to Inform Business Associate of Privacy Practices and Restrictions**

- (a). Covered Entity shall notify Business Associate itself of any limitation(s) in the Notice of Privacy Practices of Covered Entity, to the extent that such limitation may affect Business Associate's use or disclosure of Protected Health Information.
- (b). Covered Entity shall notify Business Associate itself of any changes in, or revocation of, permission by Individual to use or disclose Protected Health Information, to the extent that such changes may affect Business Associate's use or disclosure of Protected Health Information.
- (c). Covered Entity shall notify Business Associate itself of any restriction on the use or disclosure of Protected Health Information that Covered Entity has agreed to as provided in 45 C.F.R. 164.522, to the extent that such restriction may affect Business Associate's use or disclosure of Protected Health Information.
- (d). Covered Entity shall obtain any consent, authorization or permission that may be required by the Privacy Rule or applicable state law and/or regulations prior to furnishing Business Associate with Protected Health Information .

4.2 **Permissible Requests by Covered Entity**

Covered Entity shall not request Business Associate to use or disclose Protected Health Information in any manner that would not be permissible under the Privacy Rule if done by Covered Entity except for uses and disclosures under Section 3.2.

5. **TERMINATION**

- (a). Term. This Agreement shall be effective as of the Effective Date, and shall either terminate when Covered Entity provides written notice to Business Associate or as provided in 5(b), Termination for Cause, below.

(b). Termination for Cause. Upon Covered Entity's knowledge of a material breach by Business Associate, Covered Entity shall either:

1. Provide an opportunity for Business Associate to cure the breach or end the violation and if Business Associate does not cure the breach or end the violation within the time specified by Covered Entity, terminate this Agreement;
2. Immediately terminate this Agreement if Business Associate has breached a material term of this Agreement and cure is not possible.

(c). Effect of Termination.

1. Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this Section, upon termination of this Agreement, for any reason, Business Associate shall return or destroy all Protected Health Information received from Covered Entity, or created, received, or maintained by Business Associate on behalf of Covered Entity. This provision shall apply to Protected Health Information that is in the possession of consultants, contractors, subcontractors, employees or agents of Business Associate. Business Associate shall retain no copies of the Protected Health Information.
 - a. Business Associate shall render all paper PHI unusable through an appropriate method, which may include shredding, pulverization or burning.
 - b. Business Associate shall render all ePHI unusable, unreadable, or indecipherable to unauthorized individuals through the use of a technology or methodology specified by the Secretary of HHS.
 - c. To the extent it is necessary for Business Associate to destroy any PHI, Business Associate shall provide a specific, detailed account of the destruction process if so account is requested by Covered Entity.
2. In the event that Business Associate determines that returning or destroying the Protected Health Information is infeasible, Business Associate shall provide to Covered Entity notification of the conditions that make returning or destroying it infeasible. If Covered Entity agrees that such return or destruction is infeasible, Business Associate shall extend the protections of this Agreement to such Protected Health Information and limit further uses and disclosures of such Protected Health Information to those purposes that make the return or destruction infeasible, for so long as Business Associate maintains such Protected Health Information.
3. The provisions of this Section 5(c), Effect of Termination, shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

6. **MITIGATION**

- (a). Mitigation. To the extent known or reasonably foreseeable, Business Associate agrees to use commercially reasonable efforts to mitigate, to the extent practicable, any harmful effect resulting from a use or disclosure of Protected Health Information by Business Associate or its agents in violation of the terms of this Agreement. Business Associate agrees to establish procedures to investigate the PHI Incident, mitigate losses and protect against any future PHI Incidents, and to provide a description of these procedures and the specific findings of the investigation to Covered Entity in the time and manner reasonably requested by Covered Entity.

7. **MISCELLANEOUS**

- (a). Regulatory References. A reference in this Agreement to a Section in HIPAA or the HITECH Act means the Section as in effect or as amended.
- (b). Amendment. The Parties agree to meet and confer regarding amendment of this Agreement from time to time as is necessary for either Party or both Parties to comply with the requirements of HIPAA and the HITECH Act. Any amendment, however, must be mutually agreed upon by the Parties in writing. In the event the Parties are, for any reason, unable to agree on an acceptable amendment, either Party may terminate this Agreement on written notice to the other Party.
- (c). Interpretation. Any ambiguity in this Agreement shall be resolved to permit the Parties to comply with the HIPAA and the HITECH Act as may be amended from time to time.
- (d). Construction of Terms. The terms of this Agreement shall be construed in light of any applicable interpretation or guidance on HIPAA and/or the HITECH Act issued by HHS or the Office for Civil Rights ("OCR") from time to time.
- (e). No Third Party Beneficiaries. Nothing in this Agreement shall confer upon any person other than the Parties and their respective successors or assigns, any rights, remedies, obligations, or liabilities whatsoever.

SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this Agreement as of the day and year written above.

BUSINESS ASSOCIATE

COVERED ENTITY

TYPE OR PRINT YOUR NAME

TYPE OR PRINT YOUR NAME

TITLE

TITLE

SIGNATURE

DATE

SIGNATURE

DATE

EXHIBIT 11

Identification of Subcontractors/Supplier/Subconsultant Form

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

OCPO ONLY:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Disqualification
<input type="checkbox"/>	Check Complete

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.: 2308-02061	Date: December 12, 2023
TBD Upon Execution of Total Bid or Proposal Amount: LOE	Contract Title: Labor Consultation and Representation Services (Non-Target)
Contractor: Robbins Schwartz	Subcontractor/Supplier/ Subconsultant to be added or substitute:
Authorized Contact for Contractor: Joseph J. Perkosi	Authorized Contact for Subcontractor/Supplier/ Subconsultant:
Email Address (Contractor): jperkosi@robbins-schwartz.com	Email Address (Subcontractor):
Company Address (Contractor): 190 S. LaSalle St. Suite 2550 Chicago, IL 60603	Company Address (Subcontractor):
City, State and Zip (Contractor): Chicago, IL 60603	City, State and Zip (Subcontractor):
Telephone and Fax (Contractor): p: 312.332.7760 f: 312.332.7768	Telephone and Fax (Subcontractor):
Estimated Start and Completion Dates (Contractor): 6/1/2024 - 5/31/2027	Estimated Start and Completion Dates (Subcontractor):

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>
Legal Services	TBD Upon Execution of LOE

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.**

Robbins Schwartz

Contractor

Joseph J. Perkosi

Name

Managing Partner/President

Title

Prime Contractor Signature

Date

EXHIBIT 12

Economic Disclosure Statement

**COOK COUNTY
ECONOMIC DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
AND EXECUTION DOCUMENT
INDEX**

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6	Cook County Signature Page	EDS 16

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 cookcountylil.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
N/A	

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:

55 W. Monroe St., Suite 800, Chicago, IL 60603

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:

N/A

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 Robbins, Schwartz, Nicholas, Lifton, & Taylor Ltd.

D/B/A: Robbins Schwartz FEIN # Only: 36-285-0001

Street Address: 55 W. Monroe St., Suite 800

City: Chicago State: IL Zip Code: 60603

Phone No.: 312.332.7760 Fax Number: 312.332.7768 Email: _____

Cook County Business Registration Number: _____
(Sole Proprietor, Joint Venture Partnership)

Corporate File Number (if applicable): D5080-826-2

Form of Legal Entity:

☐ Sole Proprietor ☐ Partnership ☒ Corporation ☐ Trustee of Land Trust

☐ Business Trust ☐ Estate ☐ Association ☐ Joint Venture

☐ Other (describe) _____

Ownership Interest Declaration:

1. List the name(s), address, and percent ownership of each 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
Joseph J. Perkoski	2739 N. Pine Grove Ave, Chicago, IL 60614	13.16%
Caroline A. Roselli	2110 Central Park Ave, Evanston, IL 60201	13.16%
Frank B. Garrett, III	592 Beaconsfield Ave, Naperville, IL 60565	13.16%
Kenneth M. Florey	41 S. Chase Ave, Lombard, IL 60148	13.16%
Philip H. Gerner	1535 Spencer Ave, Wilmette, IL 60091	13.16%
Todd K. Hayden	10527 Shilling Rd., Frankfort, IL 60423	13.16%
Laura M. Sinars	21 Tartan Lakes Court, Westmont, IL 60559	13.16%
Scott L. Ginsburg	1959 W. Berwyn, Chicago, IL 60640	5.28%
Catherine R. Locallo	2891 Wilson Lane, Glenview, IL 60026	2.60%

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

N/A

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

N/A

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
Joseph J. Perkoski,	2739 N. Pine Grove Ave, Chicago, IL 60614,	President,	Perpetual
Caroline A. Roselli,	2110 Central Park Ave, Evanston, IL 60201,	Vice-President and Secretary,	Perpetual
Catherine R. Locallo,	2891 Wilson Lane, Glenview, IL 60026,	Treasurer,	Perpetual

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

Joseph J. Perkosi

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

Signature

jperkoski@robbins-schwartz.com

E-mail address

Partner

Title

December 12, 2023

Date

312.332.7760

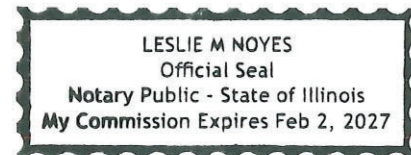
Phone Number

Subscribed to and sworn before me
this 12th day of December, 2023

x Leslie M Noyes
Notary Public Signature

My commission expires:

February 2, 2027
Notary Seal





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: Robbins, Schwartz, Nicholas, Lifton & Taylor, Ltd.

Address of Person Doing Business with the County: 55 W. Monroe St., Suite 800, Chicago, IL 60603

Phone number of Person Doing Business with the County: 312.332.7760

Email address of Person Doing Business with the County: jperkoski@robbins-schwartz

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:

Joseph J. Perkoski, Partner, 55 W. Monroe St., Suite 800, Chicago, IL 60603

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: RFQ No. 2308-02061

The aggregate dollar value of the business you are doing or seeking to do with the County: \$ TBD Upon Execution of LOE

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: _____

Anneice Owens, Senior Contract Negotiator, anneice.owens@cookcountylil.gov

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: _____

Nicole Riley, Business Manager, Bureau of Human Resources, nicole.riley@cookcountylil.gov

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.

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- ☐ 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*
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

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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_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

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

December 12, 2023
Date

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: RFQ No. 2308-02061

County Using Agency (requesting Procurement): Cook

II. Person/Substantial Owner Information:

Person (Corporate Entity Name): Robbins, Schwartz, Nicholas, Lifton, & Taylor Ltd.

Substantial Owner Complete Name: _____

FEIN# 36-285-0001

E-mail address: jperkoski@robbins-schwartz.com

Street Address: 55 W. Monroe St., Suite 800

City: Chicago State: IL Zip: 60603

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

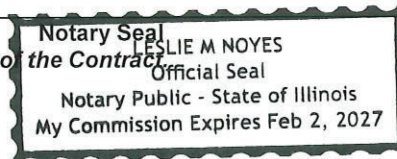
Signature:  Date: December 12, 2023

Name of Person signing (Print): Joseph J. Perkosi Title: Partner

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of December, 20 23

X 
Notary Public Signature

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



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

Robbins Schwartz

Corporation's Name

312.332.7760

Telephone

Secretary Signature

President's Printed Name and Signature

jperkoski@robbins-schwartz.com

Email

December 12, 2023

Date

Execution by LLC

LLC Name

*Member/Manager Printed Name and Signature

Date

Telephone and Email

Execution by Partnership/Joint Venture

Partnership/Joint Venture Name

*Partner/Joint Venturer Printed Name and Signature

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

12th day of December, 2023.



Notary Public Signature

My commission expires:

February 2, 2027

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.

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: 2024.07.02 16:14:05 -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)

N/A

Date

CONTRACT TERM & AMOUNT

2308-02061D

Contract #

June 1, 2024 through May 31, 2027

Original Contract Term

three (3) one-year renewal options

Renewal Options (If Applicable)

TBD Upon Execution of Letter of Engagement

Contract Amount

June 13, 2024

Cook County Board Approval Date (If Applicable)

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF
COOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JUN 13 2024

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