

COUNTY OF SONOMA
AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES

This agreement ("Agreement"), dated as of _____, 2025 ("Effective Date"), is by and between the County of Sonoma, a political subdivision of the State of California, (hereinafter "County") and _____ (hereinafter "Contractor").

RECITALS

WHEREAS, Contractor represents that it/she/he is a duly qualified _____, experienced in the preparation of _____ and related services; and

WHEREAS, in the judgment of the Board of Supervisors, it is necessary and desirable to use the services of Contractor for _____.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing recitals and the mutual covenants contained herein, the parties hereto agree as follows:

AGREEMENT

1. Scope of Services

1.1. Contractor's Specified Services

Contractor shall perform the services described in Exhibit A (Scope of Work), attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference (hereinafter "Exhibit A"), within the times or by the dates provided for in Exhibit A and pursuant to Article 7 (Prosecution of Work). In the event of a conflict between the body of this Agreement and Exhibit A, the provisions in the body of this Agreement shall control.

1.2. Cooperation With County

Contractor shall cooperate with County and County staff in the performance of all work hereunder.

1.3. Performance Standard

Contractor shall perform all work hereunder in a manner consistent with the level of competency and standard of care normally observed by a person practicing in Contractor's profession. County has relied upon the professional ability and training of Contractor as a material inducement to enter into this Agreement. Contractor hereby agrees to provide all services under this Agreement in accordance with generally accepted professional practices and standards of care, as well as the requirements of applicable federal, state, and local laws, it being understood that acceptance of Contractor's work by County shall not operate as a waiver or release. If County determines that any of Contractor's work is not in accordance with such level of competency and standard of care, County, in its sole discretion, shall have the right to do any or all of the following: (a) require Contractor to meet with County to review the quality of the work and resolve matters of concern; (b) require Contractor to repeat the work at no additional charge until it is satisfactory; (c) terminate this Agreement pursuant to the provisions of Article 4 (Termination); or (d) pursue any and all other remedies at law or in equity.

1.4. Assigned Personnel

- a. Contractor shall assign only competent personnel to perform work hereunder. In the event that at any time County, in its sole discretion, desires the removal of any person or persons assigned by Contractor to perform work hereunder, Contractor shall remove such person or persons immediately upon receiving written notice from County.
- b. Any and all persons identified in this Agreement or any exhibit hereto as the project manager, project team, or other professional performing work hereunder are deemed by County to be key personnel whose services were a material inducement to County to enter into this Agreement, and without whose services County would not have entered into this Agreement. Contractor shall not remove, replace, substitute, or otherwise change any key personnel without the prior written consent of County. With respect to performance under this Agreement, Contractor shall employ the following key personnel:
_____.
- c. In the event that any of Contractor's personnel assigned to perform services under this Agreement become unavailable due to resignation, sickness, or other factors outside of Contractor's control, Contractor shall be responsible for timely provision of adequately qualified replacements.

1.5. Contract Exhibits

This Agreement includes the following exhibits, which are hereby incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein. In the event of a conflict between the terms in the body of this Agreement and any of the following exhibits, the terms in the body of this Agreement shall control.

- Exhibit A. Scope of Work
- Exhibit B. Budget
- Exhibit C. Insurance Requirements
- Exhibit D. Waiver of Insurance Requirements
- Exhibit E. Document Accessibility Certification Form
- Exhibit F. Medi-Cal Administrative Activities

2. Payment

For all services and incidental costs required hereunder, Contractor shall be paid in accordance with the following terms:

2.1. Payment for Services

In full consideration of Contractor's satisfactory performance in providing services detailed in Exhibit A, Contractor shall be paid on a time-and-material/expense basis in accordance with the budget set forth in Exhibit B (Budget), attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference (hereinafter "Exhibit B"). Contractor shall submit its bills in arrears on a monthly basis in a form approved by County's Auditor and the Head of County department receiving the services. The bills shall show or include: (i) the task(s) performed, (ii) the time in quarter hours devoted to the task(s), (iii) the hourly rate(s) of the person(s) performing the task(s), and

(iv) copies of receipts for reimbursable materials/expenses, if any. Expenses not expressly authorized by the Agreement shall not be reimbursed.

Unless otherwise noted in this Agreement, payments shall be made within the normal course of County business after presentation of an invoice in a form approved by County for services performed. Payments shall be made only upon the satisfactory completion of the services as determined by County.

2.2. Maximum Payment Obligation

In no event shall County be obligated to pay Contractor more than the total sum of \$_____ under the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

2.3. California Franchise Tax Withhold

Pursuant to California Revenue and Taxation Code (R&TC) Section 18662, County shall withhold seven percent of the income paid to Contractor for services performed within the State of California under this Agreement for payment and reporting to the California Franchise Tax Board if Contractor does not qualify as: (1) a corporation with its principal place of business in California, (2) an LLC or partnership with a permanent place of business in California, (3) a corporation/LLC or partnership qualified to do business in California by the Secretary of State, or (4) an individual with a permanent residence in the State of California.

If Contractor does not qualify, County requires that a completed and signed California Form 587 be provided by Contractor in order for payments to be made. If Contractor is qualified, then County requires a completed California Form 590. California Forms 587 and 590 remain valid for the duration of the Agreement provided there is no material change in facts. By signing either form, Contractor agrees to promptly notify County of any changes in the facts. Forms should be sent to County pursuant to Article 12 (Method and Place of Giving Notice, Submitting Bills, and Making Payments). To reduce the amount withheld, Contractor has the option to provide County with either a full or partial waiver from the State of California.

2.4. Overpayment

If County overpays Contractor for any reason, Contractor agrees to return the amount of such overpayment to County, or at County's option, permit County to offset the amount of such overpayment against future payments owed to Contractor under this Agreement or any other agreement.

2.5. Disallowance of Payment

In the event that Contractor claims or receives payment from County for a service, reimbursement for which is later disallowed by County, State of California, or the United States Government, then Contractor shall promptly refund the disallowed amount to County upon request, or at its option, County may offset the amount disallowed from any payment due or that becomes due to Contractor under this Agreement or any other agreement.

2.6. Budget Line Amendments

County Department of Health Services Director is authorized to approve and execute a "Budget Revision Form", which revises program funds in the line items set forth in the Program

Budget Summary, so long as changes do not result in an increase in County's maximum payment obligation as set forth in Article 2 (Payment) of this Agreement.

2.7. Federal Funding

This Section 2.7 is applicable if all or part of this Agreement will be paid with federal awards.

2.7.1. Required Information

As a pass-through entity, County is required to provide certain information regarding federal award(s) to Contractor as a subrecipient. In signing this Agreement, Contractor acknowledges receipt of the following information regarding federal award(s) that will be used to pay this Agreement:

Federal Assistance Listing Title	
Federal Assistance Listing Number	
Award Name	
Federal Agency	
Federal Award Identification Number (FAIN)	
Subrecipient Name	
Subrecipient Unique Entity Identifier (UEI/DUNS) #	
Project Grant Code	
Indirect Cost Rate	Indirect costs (as defined by federal law and regulation) shall be paid at the rate of [x]

2.7.2. Title 2 Code of Federal Regulations Part 200

As a subrecipient of federal awards, Contractor is subject to the provisions of Title 2 Code of Federal Regulations Part 200 Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (hereinafter "2 CFR Part 200"). In signing this Agreement, Contractor acknowledges that it understands and will comply with the provisions of 2 CFR Part 200. Contractors that expend \$1,000,000 in federal awards during its fiscal year shall have an audit performed in accordance with 2 CFR Part 200. If such an audit is required, Contractor agrees to provide County with a copy of the audit report within 9 months of Contractor's fiscal year-end.

Contractors with an approved federally recognized indirect cost rate negotiated with the Federal Government shall provide certification of the federally recognized rate to County. Contractors who do NOT have an approved federally recognized indirect cost rate shall be capped at the de minimis rate as defined by the Federal Government. If Contractor wishes to use an allocation basis other than the standard methodology, Contractor must obtain County's prior approval.

Questions regarding 2 CFR Part 200 can be directed to County's Auditor-Controller-Treasurer-Tax Collector's Office – General Accounting Division.

2.7.3. Audits

Contractor agrees that all expenditures of state and federal funds furnished to Contractor pursuant to this Agreement are subject to audit by County, state agencies, and/or federal agencies. Contractor warrants that it shall comply with the audit requirements as set forth in 2 CFR Part 200. County agrees to provide 14-days notice of intent of County to audit Contractor. Contractors subject to the Single Audit Act of 1984 and Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 shall annually submit an independent audit conforming to 2 CFR Part 200, which applies to non-profit organizations.

2.7.4. Copy of Audit

Contractor agrees that a copy of audits performed shall be submitted to County no later than 30 days after completion of the audit report, or no later than 9 months after the end of Contractor's fiscal year, whichever comes first. The Contractor's agreement(s) with audit firms shall have a clause to permit access by County, state agencies, and/or federal agencies to the working papers of the external independent auditor.

2.7.5. Retention of Audit Report

Contractor agrees that audit reports and work papers shall be retained for a minimum of 7 years from the date of the audit report, unless the auditor is notified in writing by County, a state agency, and/or a federal agency to extend the retention period.

2.7.6. Repayment

Contractor is responsible for the repayment of all audit exceptions and disallowances taken by County, state agencies, and/or federal agencies related to services provided by Contractor under this Agreement. Unallowable costs that have been claimed and reimbursed will be refunded to the program that reimbursed the unallowable costs either by cash refund or by offset to subsequent claims.

3. Term of Agreement

The term of this Agreement shall be from _____ to _____ unless terminated earlier in accordance with the provisions of Article 4 (Termination).

4. Termination

4.1. Termination Without Cause

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, at any time and without cause, County shall have the right, in its sole discretion, to terminate this Agreement by giving 5 days advance written notice to Contractor.

4.2. Termination for Cause

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, should Contractor fail to perform any of its obligations hereunder within the time and in the manner herein provided or otherwise violate any of the terms of this Agreement, County may immediately terminate this Agreement by giving Contractor written notice of such termination, stating the reason for termination.

4.3. Delivery of Work Product and Final Payment Upon Termination

In the event of termination, Contractor, within 14 days following the date of termination, shall deliver to County all materials and work product subject to Section 9.11 (Ownership and Disclosure of Work Product) and all reports, original drawings, graphics, plans, studies, and other data or documents, in whatever form or format, assembled or prepared by Contractor or Contractor's subcontractors, consultants, and other agents in connection with this Agreement, and shall submit to County an invoice showing the services performed, hours worked, and copies of receipts for reimbursable expenses up to the date of termination.

4.4. Payment Upon Termination

Upon termination of this Agreement by County, Contractor shall be entitled to receive, as full payment for all services satisfactorily rendered and reimbursable expenses properly incurred hereunder, an amount which bears the same ratio to the total payment specified in the Agreement as the services satisfactorily rendered hereunder by Contractor bear to the total services otherwise required to be performed for such total payment; provided, however, that if services which have been satisfactorily rendered are to be paid on a per-hour or per-day basis, Contractor shall be entitled to receive as full payment an amount equal to the number of hours or days actually worked prior to the termination times the applicable hourly or daily rate; and further provided, however, that if County terminates the Agreement for cause pursuant to Section 4.2 (Termination for Cause), County shall deduct from such amount the amount of damage, if any, sustained by County by virtue of the breach of the Agreement by Contractor.

4.5. Authority to Terminate

The Board of Supervisors has the authority to terminate this Agreement on behalf of County. In addition, the Purchasing Agent or Department of Health Services' Head, in consultation with County Counsel, shall have the authority to terminate this Agreement on behalf of County.

4.6. Obligations After Termination

The following shall remain in full force and effect after termination of this Agreement: (1) Section 2.7 (Federal Funding), (2) Article 5 (Indemnification), (3) Section 9.5 (Records Maintenance), (4) Section 9.5.1 (Right to Audit, Inspect, and Copy Records), (5) Section 9.15 (Confidentiality), and (6) Section 13.5 (Applicable Law and Forum).

4.7. Change in Funding

Contractor understands and agrees that County shall have the right to terminate this Agreement immediately upon written notice to Contractor in the event that (1) any state and/or federal agency and/or other funder(s) reduces, withholds, or terminates funding which County anticipated using to pay Contractor for services provided under this Agreement, or (2) County has exhausted all funds legally available for payments due under this Agreement.

5. Indemnification

Contractor agrees to accept all responsibility for loss or damage to any person or entity, including County, and to indemnify, hold harmless, and release County, its officers, agents, and employees from and against any actions, claims, damages, liabilities, disabilities, or expenses that may be asserted by any person or entity, including Contractor, that arise out of, pertain to, or

relate to Contractor's or its agents', employees', contractors', subcontractors', or invitees' performance or obligations under this Agreement. Contractor agrees to provide a complete defense for any claim or action brought against County based upon a claim relating to such Contractor's or its agents', employees', contractors', subcontractors', or invitees' performance or obligations under this Agreement. Contractor's obligations under this Article apply whether or not there is concurrent or contributory negligence on County's part, but to the extent required by law, excluding liability due to County's conduct. County shall have the right to select its legal counsel at Contractor's expense, subject to Contractor's approval, which shall not be unreasonably withheld. This indemnification obligation is not limited in any way by any limitation on the amount or type of damages or compensation payable to or for Contractor or its agents under workers' compensation acts, disability benefits acts, or other employee benefit acts.

6. Insurance

With respect to performance of work under this Agreement, Contractor shall maintain and shall require all of its subcontractors, consultants, and other agents to maintain insurance as described in Exhibit C (Insurance Requirements), which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference (hereinafter "Exhibit C").

7. Prosecution of Work

The execution of this Agreement shall constitute Contractor's authority to proceed immediately with the performance of this Agreement. Performance of the services hereunder shall be completed within the time required herein, provided, however, that if the performance is delayed by earthquake, flood, high water, or other Act of God, or by strike, lockout, or similar labor disturbances, the time for Contractor's performance of this Agreement shall be extended by a number of days equal to the number of days Contractor has been delayed.

8. Extra or Changed Work

Extra or changed work or other changes to the Agreement may be authorized only by written amendment to this Agreement, signed by both parties. Changes which do not exceed the delegated signature authority of the Department may be executed by the Department Head in a form approved by County Counsel. The Board of Supervisors or Purchasing Agent must authorize all other extra or changed work which exceeds the delegated signature authority of the Department Head. The parties expressly recognize that, pursuant to Sonoma County Code Section 1-11, County personnel are without authorization to order extra or changed work or waive Agreement requirements. Failure of Contractor to secure such written authorization for extra or changed work shall constitute a waiver of any and all right to adjustment in the Agreement price or Agreement time due to such unauthorized work and thereafter Contractor shall be entitled to no compensation whatsoever for the performance of such work. Contractor further expressly waives any and all right or remedy by way of restitution and quantum meruit for any and all extra work performed without such express and prior written authorization of the County.

9. Representations of Contractor

9.1. Standard of Care

County has relied upon the professional ability and training of Contractor as a material inducement to enter into this Agreement. Contractor hereby agrees that all its work will be

performed and that its operations shall be conducted in accordance with generally accepted and applicable professional practices and standards as well as the requirements of applicable federal, state, and local laws, it being understood that acceptance of Contractor's work by County shall not operate as a waiver or release.

9.2. Status of Contractor

The parties intend that Contractor, in performing the services specified herein, shall act as an independent contractor and shall control the work and the manner in which it is performed. Contractor represents and warrants that Contractor is an independently established business entity that customarily advertises and provides services of the same nature as the services provided for County under this Agreement, and that Contractor maintains a separate business location and has all required business licenses and tax registration, if any, in order to perform services under this Agreement. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be construed to give County the power to direct and control the day-to-day activities of Contractor, and nothing in this Agreement shall be deemed or construed to create the relationship of principal and agent, or of partnership or joint venture, or to give either Party the power or authority to act for, bind, or commit the other Party in any way. Contractor shall have the right to set their own hours and location of work, consistent with the nature of the services provided under this Agreement. Contractor shall determine the method, means and manner of performance of, but not limited to, such matters as outlined in Exhibit "A," without restriction by County. County is interested only in the results to be achieved from Contractor's performance of the services. Contractor shall provide its own resources, tools and equipment and direct its operation in all respects in performing the services hereunder. This Agreement shall not in any manner restrict Contractor from performing services for other clients or businesses. Contractor is not to be considered an agent or employee of County for any purpose and is not entitled to participate in any pension plan, workers' compensation plan, insurance, bonus, or similar benefits that County provides its employees. In the event County exercises its right to terminate this Agreement pursuant to Article 4 (Termination), Contractor expressly agrees that it shall have no recourse or right of appeal under rules, regulations, ordinances, or laws applicable to employees.

9.3. No Suspension or Debarment

Contractor warrants that it is not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in covered transactions by any federal department or agency. Contractor also warrants that it is not suspended or debarred from receiving federal funds as listed in the "List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement or Nonprocurement Programs" issued by the General Services Administration. If Contractor becomes debarred, Contractor has the obligation to inform County.

9.4. Representation, Warranty, and Responsibility as to Data Security

9.4.1. Data Security

Contractor shall preserve, and shall ensure that its sub-consultants or vendors preserve, the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of County data with administrative, technical and physical measures that conform to generally recognized industry standards and best practices that the selected firm then applies to its own processing environment. Maintenance of a secure processing environment includes, but is not limited to, the timely application of patches, fixes and updates to operating systems and applications as provided by Contractor and/or its sub-

consultants or vendors. Contractor agrees to, and shall ensure that its sub-consultants or vendors, comply with County's current and future information security policies, standards, procedures, and guidelines.

9.5. Encryption Requirements

Contractor shall encrypt, and shall ensure that its sub-consultants or vendors encrypt, confidential information whether the data is in transit, or at rest, including but not limited to Personally Identifiable Information (PII) or Protected Health Information (e.g., PHI, ePHI).

9.6. Security Breach

Contractor shall comply, and shall ensure that its sub-consultants or vendors comply, with all applicable laws that require the notification of individuals in the event of unauthorized release of personally identifiable information(PII) or protected health information(e.g., PHI, ePHI) or other event requiring notification. In the event of a breach, or other event requiring notification under applicable law, Contractor shall:

- a. Notify County by telephone and e-mail within twenty-four (24) hours of any suspected or actual breach of security, intrusion, or unauthorized use or disclosure of information of which Contractor or its agents become aware and/or any actual or suspected use or disclosure of data in violation of any applicable federal or state laws or regulations.
- b. Assume responsibility for informing all such individuals in accordance with applicable federal or state laws or regulations.
- c. Pursuant to Article 5 (Indemnification) of the Agreement, provide indemnity and other protection as specified therein.

9.7. Request to Audit

Contractor will accommodate and upon reasonable notice by Sonoma County, work with Sonoma County and/or its subcontractors to submit to a random information security audit. This is to ensure that the contractor's and/or vendor's information security practices or standards comply with Sonoma County's information security policies, standards, procedures and guidelines. Contractor shall ensure that its sub-consultants or vendors comply with this requirement.

9.8. Cyber Risk Insurance Requirements

Contractor shall include, and shall ensure that its sub-contractors or vendors include, cyber risk insurance requirements in compliance with County of Sonoma Risk Management standards.

9.9. Taxes

Contractor agrees to file federal and state tax returns and pay all applicable taxes on amounts paid pursuant to this Agreement, and shall be solely liable and responsible to pay such taxes and other obligations, including but not limited to state and federal income and FICA taxes. Contractor agrees to indemnify and hold County harmless from any liability which it may incur to the United States or to the State of California as a consequence of Contractor's failure to pay, when due, all such taxes and obligations. In case County is audited for compliance regarding

any withholding or other applicable taxes, Contractor agrees to furnish County with proof of payment of taxes on these earnings.

9.10. Records Maintenance

Contractor shall keep and maintain full and complete documentation and accounting records concerning all services provided under this Agreement. Records shall include all medical records, accounting records, and administrative records related to services provided hereunder. Contractor agrees to preserve and maintain such records for a period of at least 7 years following the close of County and state fiscal year in which the services were provided. If an audit has been started, records must be retained until completion and final resolution of any and all issues that might arise. Final settlement shall be made at the end of the audit and appeal process. All accounting records shall be maintained so that they clearly reflect the source of funding for each type of service for which reimbursement is claimed by Contractor. Accounting records include, but are not limited to, all ledgers, books, vouchers, time sheets, payrolls, appointment schedules, client data cards, and schedules for allocating costs.

9.10.1. Right to Audit, Inspect, and Copy Records

Contractor agrees to permit County and any authorized state or federal agency to audit, inspect, and copy all records, notes, and writings of any kind in connection with the services provided by Contractor under this Agreement, to the extent permitted by law, for the purpose of monitoring the quality and quantity of services, monitoring the accessibility and appropriateness of services, and ensuring fiscal accountability. All such audits, inspections, and copying shall occur during normal business hours. Upon request, Contractor shall supply copies of any and all such records to County. Failure to provide the above-noted documents requested by County within the requested time frame indicated may result in County withholding payments due under this Agreement. In those situations required by applicable law(s), Contractor agrees to obtain necessary releases to permit County or governmental or accrediting agencies to access patient medical records. Contractor agrees to comply with all requests for information from County necessary to fulfill County's reporting obligations. This includes providing any reports prepared by Contractor or its subcontractors, consultants, and agents, as well as any data or documentation required by County. All information must be provided in a timely and accurate manner to ensure compliance with applicable reporting requirements.

Contractor agrees to comply with all requests for information from the County necessary to fulfill the County's reporting obligations. This includes providing any reports prepared by the Contractor or its subcontractors, consultants, and agents, as well as any data or documentation required by the County. All information must be provided in a timely and accurate manner to ensure compliance with applicable reporting requirements, and to ensure compliance by its subconsultants or subcontractors,

9.11. Conflict of Interest

Contractor covenants that it presently has no interest and that it will not acquire any interest, direct or indirect, that represents a financial conflict of interest under state law or that would otherwise conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of its services hereunder. Contractor further covenants that in the performance of this Agreement, no person having any such interests shall be employed. In addition, if requested to do so by County, Contractor shall complete and file and shall require any other person doing work under this Agreement to

complete and file a "Statement of Economic Interest" with County disclosing Contractor's or such other person's financial interests.

9.12. Statutory Compliance/Living Wage Ordinance

Contractor agrees to comply, and to ensure compliance by its subconsultants or subcontractors, with all applicable federal, state and local laws, regulations, statutes and policies, including but not limited to the County of Sonoma Living Wage Ordinance, applicable to the services provided under this Agreement as they exist now and as they are changed, amended, or modified during the term of this Agreement. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, Contractor expressly acknowledges and agrees that this Agreement is subject to the provisions of Article XXVI of Chapter 2 of the Sonoma County Code, requiring payment of a living wage to covered employees. Noncompliance during the term of the Agreement will be considered a material breach and may result in termination of the Agreement or pursuit of other legal or administrative remedies.

9.13. Nondiscrimination

Without limiting any other provision hereunder, Contractor shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations in regard to nondiscrimination in employment because of race, color, ancestry, national origin, religious creed, belief or grooming, sex (including sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, transgender, pregnancy, childbirth, medical conditions related to pregnancy, childbirth or breast feeding), marital status, age, medical condition, physical or mental disability, genetic information, military or veteran status, or any other legally protected category or prohibited basis, including without limitation, the County's Non-Discrimination Policy. All nondiscrimination rules or regulations required by law to be included in this Agreement are incorporated herein by this reference.

9.14. AIDS Discrimination

Contractor agrees to comply with the provisions of Chapter 19, Article II, of the Sonoma County Code prohibiting discrimination in housing, employment, and services because of AIDS or HIV infection during the term of this Agreement and any extensions of the term.

9.15. Assignment of Rights

Contractor assigns to County all rights throughout the world in perpetuity in the nature of copyright, trademark, patent, and right to ideas in and to all versions of the plans and specifications, if any, now or later, prepared by Contractor in connection with this Agreement. Contractor agrees to take such actions as are necessary to protect the rights assigned to County in this Agreement, and to refrain from taking any action which would impair those rights. Contractor's responsibilities under this provision include, but are not limited to, placing proper notice of copyright on all versions of the plans and specifications as County may direct, and refraining from disclosing any versions of the plans and specifications to any third party without first obtaining written permission of County. Contractor shall not use or permit another party to use the plans and specifications in connection with this or any other project without first obtaining written permission of County.

9.16. Ownership and Disclosure of Work Product

All reports, original drawings, graphics, plans, studies, and other data or documents ("documents"), in whatever form or format, assembled or prepared by Contractor or Contractor's subcontractors, consultants, and other agents in connection with this Agreement, shall be the property of County. County shall be entitled to immediate possession of such documents upon completion of the work pursuant to this Agreement. Upon expiration or termination of this Agreement, Contractor shall promptly deliver to County all such documents which have not already been provided to County in such form or format as County deems appropriate. Such documents shall be and will remain the property of County without restriction or limitation. Contractor may retain copies of the above-described documents, but agrees not to disclose or discuss any information gathered, discovered, or generated in any way through this Agreement without the express written permission of County.

9.17. Authority

The undersigned hereby represents and warrants that he or she has authority to execute and deliver this Agreement on behalf of Contractor.

9.18. Sanctioned Employee

Contractor agrees that it shall not employ in any capacity, or retain as a subcontractor in any capacity, any individual or entity that is listed on any list published by the Federal Office of Inspector General regarding the sanctioning, suspension, or exclusion of individuals or entities from the federal Medicare and Medicaid programs. Contractor agrees to monthly review said state and federal lists to confirm the status of current employees, subcontractors, and contractors. In the event Contractor does employ such individual(s) or entity(ies), Contractor agrees to assume full liability for any associated penalties, sanctions, loss, or damage that may be imposed on County by the Medicare or Medicaid programs.

9.19. Compliance with County Policies and Procedures

Contractor agrees to comply with all County policies and procedures as they may relate to services provided hereunder, including, but not limited to, County's policies and procedures, manuals, programs, and processes related to selection, retention, credentialing and recredentialing providers, utilization management, quality management, compliance, grievances, appeals, and expedited appeals, advanced directives, and administrative manual.

9.14.1 Artificial Intelligence Policy. Contractor agrees to comply, and to ensure compliance by its subconsultants or subcontractors, with the Sonoma County Information Technology Artificial Intelligence (AI) Policy. No County confidential, restricted, personal, proprietary, or protected data of any kind, including data that is not owned by the County, may be shared (copied, typed, interfaced, etc.) with these platforms. AI technology shall not be used to create work product that requires a professional license or certificate and AI technology shall not be used as a replacement for any review and certification by any other licensed professionals.

9.20. Confidentiality

Contractor agrees to maintain the confidentiality of all patient medical records and client information in accordance with all applicable state and federal laws and regulations. This Section 9.15 shall survive termination of this Agreement.

9.21. Contractor Notification of Breach or Improper Disclosures

County receives funding for _____ from the State Department of _____ pursuant to **[Insert title of agreement]** (hereinafter "State Contract"). The State Contract contains certain requirements pertaining to the privacy and security of personally identifiable information (hereinafter "PII") and/or protected health information (hereinafter "PHI"), and requires that County contractually obligate any of its subcontractors to also comply with these requirements.

9.16.1. The State Contract requires County to notify the state of any breach or improper disclosure of privacy and/or security of personal identifiable information (PII) and/or protected health information (PHI). Contractor shall, immediately upon discovery of a breach or improper disclosure of privacy and/or security of PII and/or PHI by Contractor, notify County of such breach or improper disclosure by telephone and either email or facsimile.

9.16.2. In the event that the State Contract requires County to pay any costs associated with a breach of privacy and/or security of PII and/or PHI, including but not limited to the costs of notification, Contractor shall pay on County's behalf any and all such costs arising out of a breach of privacy and/or security of PII and/or PHI by Contractor.

9.22. Lobbying

If any federal funds are to be used to pay for any services under this Agreement, Contractor shall fully comply with all certifications and disclosure requirements prescribed by Section 319 of the Public Law 101-121 (31 United States Code Section 1352) and any implementing regulations, and shall ensure that each of its subcontractors receiving funds under this Agreement also fully complies with all such certification and disclosure requirements.

9.23. Subcontractors

Contractor agrees that any employees or agents of Contractor that assist Contractor in the provision of services shall also satisfy the requirements of this Agreement. In this regard, Contractor understands and agrees that all obligations and prohibitions imposed on Contractor pursuant to this Agreement are equally applicable to each and every individual providing services through Contractor under this Agreement, and Contractor shall assure that such individuals agree to comply with such obligations and prohibitions.

9.24. Licensure and Staffing

Contractor warrants that it and all its employees and sub-contractors providing or supervising services under this Agreement have all necessary licenses, permits, and certificates to provide services under this Agreement, as required by applicable state and federal laws, rules, and regulations. Contractor agrees to maintain said licenses, permits, and certificates in good standing for the duration of this Agreement. A copy of each such licenses, permits, and

certificates shall be made available upon request, not to exceed three (3) business days after the initial request, for inspection, review, and/or audit by authorized representatives and designees of County, state, and/or federal governments during the term of this Agreement and for the applicable records retention period. Failure to maintain said licenses, permits, and/or certificates in effect for the duration of this Agreement shall be deemed a material breach of this Agreement and constitutes grounds for immediate termination of this Agreement by County. Staff shall only function within the scope of practice as dictated by licensing boards/bodies. At all times during the term of this Agreement, Contractor shall have available and shall provide upon request to authorized representatives of County a list of all persons by name, title, professional degree, and experience who are providing any services under this Agreement.

9.25. Charitable Choice/Faith-Based Organizations

Contractor agrees and acknowledges that County may make funds available for programs or services affiliated with religious organizations under the following conditions: (i) the funds are made available on an equal basis for programs or services affiliated with non-religious organizations; (ii) the program funded does not have the substantial effect of supporting religious activities; (iii) the funding is indirect, remote, or incidental to the religious purpose of the organization.

Contractor agrees and acknowledges that County may not make funds available for programs or services affiliated with a religious organization that (i) has denied or continues to deny access to services on the basis of race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, sex, citizenship, or known disability; (ii) will use the funds for a religious purpose; (iii) will use the funds for a program or service that subjects its participants to religious education.

Contractor agrees and acknowledges that all recipients of funding from County must (i) comply with all legal requirements and restrictions imposed upon government-funded activities set forth in Article IX, Section 8 and Article XVI, Section 5 of the California Constitution and in the First Amendment to the United States Constitution; and (ii) segregate such funding from all funding used for religious purposes.

10. Demand for Assurance

Each party to this Agreement undertakes the obligation that the other party's expectation of receiving due performance will not be impaired. When reasonable grounds for insecurity arise with respect to the performance of either party, the other party may in writing demand adequate assurance of due performance, and until such assurance is received may, if commercially reasonable, suspend any performance for which the agreed return has not been received. "Commercially reasonable" includes not only the conduct of a party with respect to performance under this Agreement, but also conduct with respect to other agreements with parties to this Agreement or others. After receipt of a justified demand, failure to provide within a reasonable time, but not exceeding 30 days, such assurance of due performance as is adequate under the circumstances of the particular case is a repudiation of this Agreement. Acceptance of any improper delivery, service, or payment does not prejudice the aggrieved party's right to demand adequate assurance of future performance. Nothing in this Article limits County's right to terminate this Agreement pursuant to Article 4 (Termination).

11. Assignment and Delegation

Neither party hereto shall assign, delegate, sublet, or transfer any interest in or duty under this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other party, and no such transfer shall be of any force or effect whatsoever unless and until the other party shall have so consented.

12. Method and Place of Giving Notice, Submitting Bills, and Making Payments

All notices, bills, and payments shall be made in writing and shall be given by personal delivery or by U.S. Mail or courier service. Notices, bills, and payments shall be addressed as follows:

To County	To Contractor

When a notice, bill, or payment is given by a generally recognized overnight courier service, the notice, bill, or payment shall be deemed received on the next business day. When a copy of a notice, bill, or payment is sent by facsimile or email, the notice, bill, or payment shall be deemed received upon transmission as long as: (1) the original copy of the notice, bill, or payment is promptly deposited in the U.S. Mail and postmarked on the date of the facsimile or email (for a payment, on or before the due date); (2) the sender has a written confirmation of the facsimile transmission or email; and (3) the facsimile or email is transmitted before 5 p.m. (recipient's time). In all other instances, notices, bills, and payments shall be effective upon receipt by the recipient. Changes may be made in the names and addresses of the person to whom notices are to be given by giving notice pursuant to this Article 12.

13. Miscellaneous Provisions**13.1. No Waiver of Breach**

The waiver by County of any breach of any term or promise contained in this Agreement shall not be deemed to be a waiver of such term or provision or any subsequent breach of the same or any other term or promise contained in this Agreement.

13.2. Construction

To the fullest extent allowed by law, the provisions of this Agreement shall be construed and given effect in a manner that avoids any violation of statute, ordinance, regulation, or law. The parties covenant and agree that in the event that any provision of this Agreement is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void, or unenforceable, the remainder of the provisions hereof shall remain in full force and effect and shall in no way be affected, impaired, or invalidated thereby. Contractor and County acknowledge that they have each contributed to the making of this Agreement and that, in the event of a dispute over the interpretation of this Agreement, the language of the Agreement will not be construed against one party in favor of the other party. Contractor and County acknowledge that they have each had an adequate opportunity to consult with counsel in the negotiation and preparation of this Agreement.

13.3. Consent

Wherever in this Agreement the consent or approval of one party is required to an act of the other party, such consent or approval shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed.

13.4. No Third-Party Beneficiaries

Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be construed to create and the parties do not intend to create any rights in third parties.

13.5. Applicable Law and Forum

This Agreement shall be construed and interpreted according to the substantive law of California, regardless of the law of conflicts to the contrary in any jurisdiction. Any action to enforce the terms of this Agreement or for the breach thereof shall be brought and tried in the City of Santa Rosa or the forum nearest to the City of Santa Rosa in the County of Sonoma.

13.6. Captions

The captions in this Agreement are solely for convenience of reference. They are not a part of this Agreement and shall have no effect on its construction or interpretation.

13.7. Merger

This writing is intended both as the final expression of the Agreement between the parties hereto with respect to the included terms and as a complete and exclusive statement of the terms of the Agreement, pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure Section 1856. Each party acknowledges that, in entering into this Agreement, it has not relied on any representation or undertaking, whether oral or in writing, other than those which are expressly set forth in this Agreement. No modification of this Agreement shall be effective unless and until such modification is evidenced by a writing signed by both parties.

13.8. Survival of Terms

All express representations, waivers, indemnifications, and limitations of liability included in this Agreement will survive its completion or termination for any reason.

13.9. Time of Essence

Time is and shall be of the essence of this Agreement and every provision hereof.

13.10. Counterparts and Electronic Copies

The parties agree that this Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, and together which when executed by the requisite parties shall be deemed to be a complete original agreement. Counterparts may be delivered via facsimile, electronic mail (including PDF), or other transmission method, and any counterpart so delivered shall be deemed to have been duly and validly delivered, be valid and effective for all purposes, and shall have the same legal force and effect as an original document. This Agreement, and any counterpart, may be electronically signed by each or any of the parties through the use of any commercially available digital and/or electronic signature software or other electronic signature method in compliance with the U.S. federal ESIGN Act of 2000, California's Uniform Electronic Transactions Act (Cal. Civil Code § 1633.1 et seq.), or other applicable law. By its use of any electronic signature below, the signing party agrees to have conducted this transaction and to execute this Agreement by electronic means.

14. Content Online Accessibility

County policy requires that all documents that may be published to the Web meet accessibility standards to the greatest extent possible, and utilizing available existing technologies.

14.1. Standards

All Contractors responsible for preparing content intended for use or publication on a County-managed or County-funded web site must comply with applicable federal accessibility standards established by 36 C.F.R. Section 1194, pursuant to Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. § 794(d)), and County's Web Site Accessibility Policy located at <http://webstandards.sonoma-county.org>.

14.2. Alternate Format

When it is strictly impossible due to the unavailability of technologies required to produce an accessible document, Contractor shall identify the anticipated accessibility deficiency prior to commencement of any work to produce such deliverables. Contractor agrees to cooperate with County staff in the development of alternate document formats to maximize the facilitative features of the impacted document(s), e.g., embedding the document with alt-tags that describe complex data/tables.

14.3. Noncompliant Materials; Obligation to Cure

Remediation of any materials that do not comply with County's Web Site Accessibility Policy shall be the responsibility of Contractor. If County, in its sole and absolute discretion, determines that any deliverable intended for use or publication on any County-managed or County-funded Web site does not comply with County Accessibility Standards, County will promptly inform Contractor in writing. Upon such notice, Contractor shall, without charge to County, repair or replace the non-compliant materials within such period of time as specified by County in writing. If the required repair or replacement is not completed within the time specified, County shall have the right to do any or all of the following, without prejudice to County's right to pursue any and all other remedies at law or in equity:

- a. Cancel any delivery or task order;
- b. Terminate this Agreement pursuant to the provisions of Article 4 (Termination); and/or
- c. In the case of custom EIT developed by Contractor for County, County may have any necessary changes or repairs performed by itself or by another contractor. In such event, contractor shall be liable for all expenses incurred by County in connection with such changes or repairs.

14.4. County's Rights Reserved

Notwithstanding the foregoing, County may accept deliverables that are not strictly compliant with County Accessibility Standards if County, in its sole and absolute discretion, determines that acceptance of such products or services is in County's best interest.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the Effective Date.

CONTRACTOR:

Name, Title
Organization

Dated

COUNTY OF SONOMA:

Approved; Certificates of Insurance on File with County:

Director, Department of Health Services

Dated

Approved:

Sonoma County Purchasing Agent (If Applicable)

Dated

Approved as to Substance:

Division Director or Designee

Dated

Approved as to Form:

Sonoma County Counsel (If Applicable)

Dated

Approved as to Substance:

Privacy & Security Officer or Designee

Dated