

**COUNTY AGREEMENT NUMBER 537944**  
**AGREEMENT WITH AZTEC LANDSCAPING, INC. FOR LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR**  
**COUNTY SERVICE AREAS 26A – COTTONWOOD VILLAGE AND 26B - MONTE VISTA VILLAGE**

This Agreement ("Agreement") is made and entered into on the date shown on the signature page ("Effective Date") by and between the County of San Diego, a political subdivision of the State of California ("County") and Contractor **Aztec Landscaping, Inc, a California corporation, 7980 Lemon Grove Way, Lemon Grove, CA 91945.** ("Contractor"), with reference to the following facts:

**RECITALS**

- A. Pursuant to Administrative Code section 401, the County's Director of Purchasing and Contracting is authorized to award this Contract for **Landscape Maintenance Services for County Service Areas 26A - Cottonwood Village and 26B - Monte Vista Village.**
- B. Contractor is specially trained and possesses certain skills, experience, education and competency to perform these services.
- C. The Chief Administrative Officer made a determination that Contractor can perform the services more economically and efficiently than the County, pursuant to Section 703.10 of the County Charter.
- D. The Agreement shall consist of this pro forma Agreement; Exhibit A, Statement of Work; Exhibit A-1, Contractor's Bid; Exhibit B, Insurance Requirements; and Exhibit C, Payment Schedule. In the event that any provision of the Pro Forma Agreement or its Exhibits, A, A-1, B or C, conflicts with any other term or condition, precedence shall be: First (1st) the Pro Forma; Second (2nd) Exhibit B; Third (3rd) Exhibit A; Fourth (4th) Exhibit C; Fifth (5th) Exhibit A-1.

NOW THEREFORE, for valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

**ARTICLE 1**

**PERFORMANCE OF WORK**

- 1.1 Standard of Performance. Contractor shall, in good and workmanlike manner and in accordance with the highest professional standards, at its own cost and expense, furnish all of the labor, technical, administrative, professional and all other personnel, all supplies and materials, equipment, printing, transportation, facilities, and all other means whatsoever, except as herein otherwise expressly specified to be furnished by County, necessary or proper to perform and complete the work and provide the services required of Contractor by this Agreement.
- 1.2 Contractor's Representative. The person identified on the signature page ("Contractor's Representative") shall ensure that Contractor's duties under this Agreement shall be performed on behalf of the Contractor by qualified personnel; Contractor represents and warrants that (1) Contractor has fulfilled all applicable requirements of the laws of the State of California to perform the services under this Agreement and (2) Contractor's Representative has full authority to act for Contractor hereunder. Contractor and County recognize that the services to be provided by Contractor's Representative pursuant to this Agreement are unique: accordingly, Contractor's Representative shall not be changed during the Term of the Agreement without County's written consent. County reserves the right to terminate this Agreement pursuant to Clause 7.1 "Termination for Default", if Contractor's Representative should leave Contractor's employ, or if, in County's judgment, the work hereunder is not being performed by Contractor's Representative.
- 1.3 Contractor as Independent Contractor. Contractor is, for all purposes of this Contract, an independent Contractor, and neither Contractor nor Contractor's employees or subcontractors shall be deemed to be employees of the County. Contractor shall perform its obligations under this Contract according to the Contractor's own means and methods of work which shall be in the exclusive charge and under the control of the Contractor, and which shall not be subject to control or supervision by County except as to the results of the work. Neither Contractor nor Contractor's employees or subcontractors shall be entitled to any benefits to which County employees are entitled, including without limitation, overtime, retirement benefits, workers' compensation benefits and injury leave.
- 1.4 Contractor's Agents and Employees or Subcontractors. Contractor shall obtain, at Contractor's expense, all agents, employees and subcontractors required for Contractor to perform its duties under this Contract, and all such services shall be performed by Contractor's Representative, or under Contractor's Representatives' supervision, by persons authorized by law to perform such services. Retention by Contractor of any agent, employee or subcontractor shall be at Contractor's sole cost and expense, and County shall have no obligation to pay Contractor's agents, employees or subcontractors; to support any such person's or entity's claim against the Contractor; or to defend Contractor against any such claim.

Any subcontract, or a combination of subcontract to the same individual or firm for the Contract period which is in excess of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) or twenty five percent (25%) of the value of the Contract, whichever is less must have prior written concurrence of the Contracting Officer's Technical Representative ("COTR"). Contractor shall provide the County's COTR with copies of all other subcontracts relating to this Contract entered into by Contractor within 30 days after the effective date of the subcontract. Such subcontractors of Contractor shall be notified of Contractor's relationship to County. "Subcontractor" means any entity, other than County, that furnishes to Contractor services or supplies relevant to this Contract other than standard commercial supplies, office space, and printing services.

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- 1.4.1 Contractor Responsibility. In the event any subcontractor is utilized by Contractor for any portion of the project, Contractor retains the prime responsibility for carrying out all the terms of this Agreement, including the responsibility for performance and insuring the availability and retention of records of subcontractors in accordance with this Agreement. No subcontract utilizing funds from this Agreement shall be entered into which has a term extending beyond the ending date of this Agreement.
- 1.4.2 Mandated Clause. All subcontracts shall include the Standard Terms and Conditions required of Contractor herein.

**ARTICLE 2**  
**SCOPE OF WORK**

- 2.1 Statement of Work. Contractor shall perform the work described in the "Statement of Work" attached as Exhibit "A" to this Agreement, and by this reference incorporated herein, except for any work therein designated to be performed by County.
- 2.2 Right To Acquire Equipment and Services. Nothing in this Agreement shall prohibit the County from acquiring the same type or equivalent equipment and/or service from other sources, when deemed by the County to be in its best interest.
- 2.3 Responsibility For Equipment. For cost reimbursement Agreements, County shall not be responsible nor be held liable for any damage to persons or property consequent upon the use, misuse, or failure of any equipment used by Contractor or any of Contractor's employees, even though such equipment may be furnished, rented, or loaned to Contractor by County. The acceptance or use of any such equipment by Contractor or Contractor's employees shall be construed to mean that Contractor accepts full responsibility for and agrees to exonerate, indemnify and hold harmless County from and against any and all claims for any damage whatsoever resulting from the use, misuse, or failure of such equipment, whether such damage be to the employee or property of Contractor, other Contractors, County, or other persons. Equipment includes, but is not limited to material, computer hardware and software, tools, or other things.
- 2.3.1 Contractor shall repair or replace, at Contractor's expense all County equipment or fixed assets that are damaged or lost as a result of Contractor negligence.
- 2.4 Non-Expendable Property Acquisition. County retains title to all non-expendable property provided to contractor by county, or which Contractor may acquire with funds from this Agreement if payment is on a cost reimbursement basis, including property acquired by lease purchase Agreement. Contractor may not expend funds under this Agreement for the acquisition of non-expendable property having a unit cost of \$5,000 or more and a normal life expectancy of more than one year without the prior written approval of Contracting Officer Technical Representative. Contractor shall maintain an inventory of non-expendable equipment, including dates of purchase and disposition. Inventory records on non-expendable equipment shall be retained, and shall be made available to the County upon request, for at least three years following date of disposition. Non-expendable property that has value at the end of a contract (e.g. has not been depreciated so that its value is zero), and which the County may retain title under this paragraph, shall be disposed of at the end of the Agreement as follows: At County's option, it may: 1) have Contractor deliver to another County contractor or have another County contractor pick up the non-expendable property; 2) allow the contractor to retain the non-expendable property provided that the contractor submits to the County a written statement in the format directed by the County of how the non-expendable property will be used for the public good; or 3) direct the Contractor to return to the County the non-expendable property.

**ARTICLE 3**  
**DISENTANGLEMENT**

- 3.1 General Obligations  
At County's discretion, Contractor shall accomplish a complete transition of the services as set forth in Exhibit A to this Agreement (for purposes of this Article 3.1, these shall be referred to as the "Disentangled Services") being terminated from Contractor and the Subcontractors to County, or to any replacement provider designated by County, without any interruption of or adverse impact on the Disentangled Services or any other services provided by third parties. This process shall be referred to as the Disentanglement. Contractor shall fully cooperate with County and any new service provider and otherwise promptly take all steps, including, but not limited to providing to County or any new service provider all requested information or documentation, required to assist County in effecting a complete Disentanglement. Contractor shall provide all information or documentation regarding the Disentangled Services or as otherwise needed for Disentanglement, including, but not limited to, data conversion, client files, interface specifications, training staff assuming responsibility, and related professional services. Contractor shall provide for the prompt and orderly conclusion of all work required under the Agreement, as County may direct, including completion or partial completion of projects, documentation of work in process, and other measures to assure an orderly transition to County or the County's designee of the Disentangled Services. All Contractor work done as part of the Disentanglement shall be performed by Contractor and will be reimbursed by the County at no more than Contractor's costs, up to the total amount of this Agreement. Contractor shall not receive any additional or different compensation for the work otherwise required by the Agreement. Contractor's

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obligation to provide the Services shall not cease until the earlier of the following: 1) The Disentanglement is completed to the County's reasonable satisfaction, or 2) twelve (12) months after the Expiration Date of the Agreement.

**3.2 Disentanglement Process**

The Disentanglement process shall begin on any of the following dates: (i) the date County notifies Contractor that no funds or insufficient funds have been appropriated so that the Term shall be terminated pursuant to the Agreement, Paragraph 7.4; (ii) the date designated by County not earlier than sixty (60) days prior to the end of any initial or extended term that County has not elected to extend pursuant to the Agreement's, Signature Page, Contract Term; or (iii) the date any Termination Notice is delivered, if County elects to terminate any or all of the Services pursuant to the Agreement, Paragraph 7.1. Subject to Exhibit A Contractor's obligation to perform Disentangled Services, and County's obligation to pay for Disentangled Services, shall expire: (A) when funds appropriated for payment under this Agreement are exhausted, as provided in this Agreement, Paragraphs 7.1 and 7.4; (B) at the end of the initial or extended term set forth in this Agreement's, Signature Page, Contract Term; or (C) on the Termination Date, pursuant to this Agreement, Paragraphs 7.1 and 7.4 (with the applicable date on which Contractor's obligation to perform the Services expires being referred to herein as the "Expiration Date"). Contractor and County shall discuss in good faith a plan for determining the nature and extent of Contractor's Disentanglement obligations and for the transfer of the Disentangled Services in process provided, however, that Contractor's obligation under this Agreement to provide all Disentangled Services shall not be lessened in any respect.

**3.3 Specific Obligations**

The Disentanglement shall include the performance of the following specific obligations:

**3.3.1 No Interruption or Adverse Impact**

Contractor shall cooperate with County and all of the County's other service providers to ensure a smooth transition at the time of Disentanglement, with no interruption of Disentangled Services or other work required under the Agreement, no adverse impact on the provision of Disentangled Services or other work required under the Agreement or County's activities, no interruption of any services provided by third parties, and no adverse impact on the provision of services provided by third parties.

**3.3.2 Third-Party Authorizations**

Without limiting the obligations of Contractor pursuant to any other clause in Exhibit A herein, Contractor shall, subject to the terms of any third-party contracts, procure at no charge to County any third-party authorizations necessary to grant County the use and benefit of any third-party contracts between Contractor and third-party contractors used to provide the Disentangled Services, pending their assignment to County. Similarly, at County's direction, Contractor shall obtain all legally necessary client consents or authorizations legally necessary to transfer client data to County or any new service provider.

**3.3.3 Return, Transfer and Removal of Assets**

3.3.3.1 Contractor shall return to County all County furnished assets or assets pursuant to Paragraph 2.4.

3.3.3.2 County shall be entitled to purchase at net book value those Contractor assets used for the provision of Disentangled Services to or for County, other than those assets expressly identified by the Parties as not being subject to this provision. Contractor shall promptly remove from County's premises, or the site of the work being performed by Contractor for County, any Contractor assets that County, or its designee, chooses not to purchase under this provision.

**3.3.4 Transfer of Leases, Licenses, and Contracts**

Contractor, at its expense, shall convey or assign to County or its designee such fully-paid leases, licenses, and other contracts used by Contractor, County, or any other Person in connection with the Disentangled Services, as County may select, when such leases, licenses, and other contracts have no other use by Contractor. Contractor's obligation described herein, shall include Contractor's performance of all obligations under such leases, licenses, and other contracts to be performed by it with respect to periods prior to the date of conveyance or assignment and Contractor shall reimburse County for any losses resulting from any claim that Contractor did not perform any such obligations.

**3.3.5 Delivery of Documentation**

Contractor shall deliver to County or its designee, at County's request, all documentation and data related to County, including, but not limited to, the County Data and client files, held by Contractor, and Contractor shall destroy all copies thereof not turned over to County, all at no charge to County. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Contractor may retain one (1) copy of the documentation and data, excluding County Data, for archival purposes or warranty support.

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- 3.4 Findings Confidential. Any reports, information, data, etc., given to or prepared or assembled by Contractor under this Agreement which the County requests to be kept as confidential shall not be made available to any individual or organization by the Contractor without the prior written approval of the County.
- 3.5 Publication, Reproduction or Use of Materials. No material produced, in whole or in part, under this Agreement shall be subject to copyright in the United States or in any other country. The County shall have unrestricted authority to publish, disclose, distribute and otherwise use, in whole or in part, any reports, data or other materials prepared under this Agreement. All reports, data and other materials prepared under this Agreement shall be the property of the County upon completion of this Agreement.

**ARTICLE 4**  
**COMPENSATION**

The Payment Schedule, and/or budget are in Exhibit C and the compensation is on the signature page. County will pay Contractor the agreed upon price(s), pursuant to Exhibit C for the work specified in Exhibit A, Statement of Work. The County is precluded from making payments prior to receipt of services (advance payments). Contractor shall provide and maintain an accounting and financial support system to monitor and control costs to assure the Agreements completion. Invoices are subject to the requirements below.

4.1 Fiscal for Fixed Pricing.

- 4.1.1 General Principles. Contractor shall, comply with generally accepted accounting principles and good business practices, including all applicable cost principles published by the Federal Office of Management and Budget, which can be viewed at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/circulars>. Contractor shall comply with all federal, State and other funding source requirements. Contractor shall, at its own expense, furnish all cost items associated with this Agreement except as herein otherwise specified in the budget or elsewhere to be furnished by County.
- 4.1.2 Invoices. Payment for the services performed under this Agreement shall be in accordance with Exhibit C, unless other payment methodologies are negotiated and agreed to by both Contractor and County. Contractor shall submit approved invoices monthly to the Contracting Officer's Technical Representative ("COTR") for work performed in the monthly period, accordingly. Contractor's monthly invoices shall be completed and submitted in accordance with written COTR instructions and shall include a statement certifying whether it is in compliance with Paragraph 8.15 of this Agreement.
- 4.1.3 Payments. County agrees to pay Contractor in arrears only after receipt and approval by COTR of properly submitted, detailed and itemized original invoice referencing the Agreement number *pursuant to Exhibit C*. Payment shall be NET 30 days from receipt and approval of invoice unless otherwise stated.
- 4.1.4 Full Compensation. Pending any adjustments by the COTR, each invoice approved and paid shall constitute full and complete compensation to the Contractor for all work completed during the billing period pursuant to Exhibit A and Exhibit C. Contractor shall be entitled only to compensation, benefits, reimbursements or ancillary services specified in this Agreement. Payment shall be NET 30 days from receipt and approval of invoice unless otherwise stated.
- 4.1.5 Prompt Payment for Vendors and Subcontractors
- 4.1.5.1 Prompt payment for vendors and subcontractors.
- 4.1.5.1.1 Unless otherwise set forth in this paragraph, Contractor shall promptly pay its vendors and subcontractor(s) for satisfactory performance under its subcontract(s) to this Agreement. Such prompt payment shall be no later than thirty (30) days after Contractor receives payment for such services from County and shall be paid out of such amounts as are paid to Contractor under this Agreement.
- 4.1.5.1.2 Contractor shall include a payment clause conforming to the standards set forth in Paragraph 4.1.5.1.1 of this Agreement in each of its subcontracts, and shall require each of its subcontractors to include such a clause in their subcontracts with each lower-tier subcontractor or supplier.
- 4.1.5.2 If Contractor, after submitting a claim for payment to County but before making a payment to a vendor or subcontractor for the goods or performance covered by the claim, discovers that all or a portion of the payment otherwise due such vendor or subcontractor is subject to withholding from the vendor or subcontractor in accordance with the vendor or subcontract agreement, then the Contractor shall:
- 4.1.5.2.1 Furnish to the vendor or subcontractor and the COTR within three (3) business days of withholding funds from its vendor or subcontractor a notice stating the amount to be withheld, the specific causes for the withholding under the terms of the subcontract or vendor agreement;

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and the remedial actions to be taken by the vendor or subcontractor in order to receive payment of the amounts withheld.

- 4.1.5.2.2 Contractor shall reduce the subcontractor's progress payment by an amount not to exceed the amount specified in the notice of withholding furnished under paragraph 4.1.5.2.1 of this Agreement and Contractor may not claim from the County this amount until its subcontractor has cured the cause of Contractor withholding funds;
- 4.1.5.2.3 Upon the vendor's or subcontractor's cure of the cause of withholding funds, Contractor shall pay the vendor or subcontractor as soon as practicable, and in no circumstances later than ten (10) days after the Contractor claims and receives such funds from County.
- 4.1.5.3 Contractor shall not claim from County all of or that portion of a payment otherwise due to a vendor or subcontractor that Contractor is withholding from the vendor or subcontractor in accordance with the subcontract agreement where Contractor withholds the money before submitting a claim to County. Contractor shall provide its vendor or subcontractor and the COTR with the notice set forth in Paragraph 4.1.5.2.1 of this Agreement and shall follow Paragraph 4.1.5.2.3 of this Agreement when vendor or subcontractor cures the cause of Contractor withholding its vendors or subcontractor's funds.
- 4.1.5.4 Overpayments. If Contractor becomes aware of a duplicate contract financing or invoice payment or that County has otherwise overpaid on a contract financing or invoice payment, Contractor shall immediately notify the COTR and request instructions for disposition of the overpayment.
- 4.1.6 Conditions Prerequisite To Payments. County may elect not to make a particular payment if any of the following exists:
- 4.1.6.1 Misrepresentation. Contractor, with or without knowledge, made any misrepresentation of substantial and material nature with respect to any information furnished to County.
- 4.1.6.2 Unauthorized Actions by Contractor. Contractor took any action pertaining to this Agreement, which required County approval, without having first received said County approval.
- 4.1.6.3 Default. Contractor was in default under any terms and conditions of this Agreement.
- 4.1.7 Withholding Of Payment. County may withhold payment until reports, data, audits or other information required for Agreement administration or to meet County or State reporting or auditing requirements are received and approved by COTR or designee. The County may also withhold payment if, in the County's opinion, Contractor is in non-compliance with this Agreement.
- 4.1.8 Availability of Funding. The County's obligation for payment of any Agreement beyond the current fiscal year is contingent upon the availability of funding from which payment can be made. No legal liability on the part of the County shall arise for payment beyond June 30 of the calendar year unless funds are designated by the County and are made available for such performance.
- County shall, in its sole discretion, have the right to terminate or suspend Agreement or reduce compensation and service levels proportionately upon thirty (30) days' written notice to Contractor in the event that Federal, State or County funding for this Agreement ceases or is reduced prior to the ordinary expiration of the term of this Agreement. In the event of reduction of funding for the Agreement, County and Contractor shall meet within ten (10) days of written notice to renegotiate this Agreement based upon the modified level of funding. In this case if no agreement is reached between County and Contractor within 10 days of the first meeting, either party shall have the right to terminate this Agreement within ten (10) days written notice of termination.
- In the event of termination of this Agreement in accordance with the terms of this Section, Contractor shall be entitled to retain all sums paid as of the effective date of such termination, subject to any payment offset to which County may be entitled, for damages or otherwise, under the terms of this Agreement. In the event of termination of this Agreement pursuant to this Section, in no event shall Contractor be entitled to any loss of profits on the portion of this Agreement so terminated, or to other compensation, benefits, reimbursements or ancillary services other than as herein expressly provided.
- 4.1.9 Disallowance. In the event the Contractor receives payment for services under this Agreement which is later disallowed by the County, Contractor shall promptly refund the disallowed amount to County on request, or at its option, County may offset the amount disallowed from any payment due or to become due to Contractor under any Agreement with the County.

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**ARTICLE 5**  
**AGREEMENT ADMINISTRATION**

- 5.1 County's Agreement Administrator. The Director of Purchasing and Contracting is designated as the Contracting officer ("Contracting Officer") and is the only County official authorized to make any Changes to this Agreement. The County has designated the individual identified on the signature page as the Contracting Officer's Technical Representative ("COTR")
- 5.1.1 County's COTR will chair Contractor progress meetings and will coordinate County's Agreement administrative functions. The COTR is designated to receive and approve Contractor invoices for payment, audit and inspect records, inspect Contractor services, and provide other technical guidance as required. The COTR is not authorized to change any terms and conditions of this Agreement. Only the Contracting Officer, by issuing a properly executed amendment to this Agreement, may make changes to the scope of work or total price.
- 5.1.2 Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement to the contrary, County's COTR may make Administrative Adjustments ("AA") to the Agreement, such as line item budget changes or adjustments to the service requirements, which do not change the purpose or intent of the Statement of Work, the Terms and Conditions, the Agreement period or the total Agreement price. Each AA shall be in writing and signed by COTR and Contractor. All inquiries about such AA will be referred directly to the COTR.
- 5.2 Agreement Progress Meeting. The COTR and other County personnel, as appropriate, will meet periodically with the Contractor to review the Agreement performance. At these meetings the COTR will apprise the Contractor of how the County views the Contractor's performance and the Contractor will apprise the County of problems, if any, being experienced. The Contractor shall also notify the Contracting Officer (in writing) of any work being performed, if any, that the Contractor considers being over and above the requirements of the Agreement. Appropriate action shall be taken to resolve outstanding issues. The minutes of these meetings will be reduced to writing and signed by the COTR and the Contractor. Should the Contractor not concur with the minutes, the Contractor shall set out in writing any area of disagreement. Appropriate action will be taken to resolve any areas of disagreement.

**ARTICLE 6**  
**CHANGES**

- 6.1 Contracting Officer. The Contracting Officer may at any time, by a written order, make changes ("Changes"), within the general scope of this Agreement, in the definition of services to be performed, and the time (i.e.) hours of the day, days of the week, etc. and place of performance thereof. If any such Change causes an increase or decrease in the cost of, or the time required for, the performance of any part of the work under this Agreement, whether changed or not changed by such an order, an equitable adjustment shall be made in the Agreement price or delivery schedule, or both, and the Agreement shall be modified in writing accordingly. Such changes may require Board of Supervisors approval.
- 6.2 Claims. Contractor must assert any claim for adjustment under this clause within thirty (30) days from the date of receipt by the Contractor of the notification of Change; provided, however, that the Contracting Officer, if he decides that the facts justify such action, may receive and act upon any such claim asserted at any time prior to final payment under this Agreement. Where the cost of property made obsolete or excess as a result of a change is included in the Contractor's claim for adjustment, the Contracting Officer shall have the right to prescribe the manner of disposition of such property. Failure to agree to any adjustment shall be a dispute concerning a question of fact within the meaning of the clause of this Agreement entitled "Disputes" (Article 15). However, nothing in this clause shall excuse the Contractor from proceeding with this Agreement as changed.

**ARTICLE 7**  
**TERMINATION**

- 7.1 Termination For Default. Upon Contractor's breach of this Agreement, County shall have the right to terminate this Agreement, in whole or part. Prior to termination for default, County will send Contractor written notice specifying the cause. The notice will give Contractor ten (10) days from the date the notice is issued to cure the default or make progress satisfactory to County in curing the default, unless a different time is given in the notice. If County determines that the default contributes to the curtailment of an essential service or poses an immediate threat to life, health or property, County may terminate this Agreement immediately upon issuing oral or written notice to the Contractor without any prior notice or opportunity to cure. In the event of termination under this Article, all finished or unfinished documents, and other materials, prepared by Contractor under this Agreement shall become the sole and exclusive property of County.

In the event of such termination, the County may purchase or obtain the supplies or services elsewhere, and Contractor shall be liable for the difference between the prices set forth in the terminated order and the actual cost thereof to the County. The prevailing market price shall be considered the fair repurchase price. Notwithstanding the above, Contractor shall not be relieved of liability to County for damages sustained by County by virtue of any breach of this Agreement by

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Contractor, and County may withhold any reimbursement to Contractor for the purpose of off-setting until such time as the exact amount of damages due County from Contractor is determined.

If, after notice of termination of this Agreement under the provisions of this clause, it is determined for any reason that the Contractor was not in default under the provisions of this clause, the rights and obligations of the parties shall, if this Agreement contains a clause providing for termination for convenience of the County, be the same as if the notice of termination had been issued pursuant to such clause.

- 7.2 Damages For Delay. If Contractor refuses or fails to prosecute the work, or any separable part thereof, with such diligence as shall ensure its completion within the time specified in this Agreement, or any extension thereof, or fails to complete said work within such time, County will be entitled to the resulting damages caused by the delay. Damages will be the cost to County incurred as a result of continuing the current level and type of service over that cost that would be incurred had the Agreement segments been completed by the time frame stipulated and any other damages suffered by County.
- 7.3 County Exemption From Liability. In the event there is a reduction of funds made available by County to Contractor under this or subsequent Agreements, the County of San Diego and its Departments, officers and employees shall incur no liability to Contractor and shall be held harmless from any and all claims, demands, losses, damages, injuries, or liabilities arising directly or from such action.
- 7.4 Full Cost Recovery Of Investigation And Audit Costs. Contractor shall reimburse County of San Diego for all direct and indirect expenditures incurred in conducting an audit/investigation when Contractor is found in violation (material breach) of the terms of the Agreement. Reimbursement for such costs shall be withheld from any amounts due to Contractor pursuant to the payment terms of the Agreement, or from any other amounts due to Contractor from County.
- 7.5 Termination For Convenience. The County may, by written notice stating the extent and effective date terminate this Agreement for convenience in whole or in part, at any time. The County shall pay the Contractor as full compensation for work performed in accordance with the terms of this Contract until such termination:
- 7.5.1 The unit or pro rata price for any delivered and accepted portion of the work.
- 7.5.2 A reasonable amount, as costs of termination, not otherwise recoverable from other sources by the Contractor as approved by the County, with respect to the undelivered or unaccepted portion of the order, provided compensation hereunder shall in no event exceed the total price.
- 7.5.3 In no event shall the County be liable for any loss of profits on the resulting order or portion thereof so terminated.
- 7.5.4 County's termination of this Agreement for convenience shall not preclude County from taking any action in law or equity against Contractor for:
- 7.5.4.1 Improperly submitted claims, or
- 7.5.4.2 Any failure to perform the work in accordance with the Statement of Work, or
- 7.5.4.3 Any breach of any term or condition of the Agreement, or
- 7.5.4.4 Any actions under any warranty, express or implied, or
- 7.5.4.5 Any claim of professional negligence, or
- 7.5.4.6 Any other matter arising from or related to this Agreement, whether known, knowable or unknown before, during or after the date of termination.
- 7.6 Suspension Of Work. The Contracting Officer may order the Contractor, in writing, to suspend, delay, or interrupt all or any part of the work of this contract for the period of time that the Contracting Officer determines appropriate for the convenience of the Government.
- 7.7 Remedies Not Exclusive. The rights and remedies of County provided in this article shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under resulting order.

**ARTICLE 8**  
**COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS AND REGULATIONS**

- 8.1 Conformance With Rules And Regulations. Contractor shall be in conformity with all applicable Federal, State, County, and local laws, rules, and regulations, current and hereinafter enacted, including facility and professional licensing and/or certification laws and keep in effect any and all licenses, permits, notices and certificates as are required. Contractor shall further comply with all laws applicable to wages and hours of employment, occupational safety, and to fire safety, health and sanitation.
- 8.2 Contractor Permits and License. Contractor certifies that it possesses and shall continue to maintain or shall cause to be obtained and maintained, at no cost to the County, all approvals, permissions, permits, licenses, and other forms of documentation required for it and its employees to comply with all existing foreign or domestic statutes, ordinances, and regulations, or other laws, that may be applicable to performance of services hereunder. The County reserves the right to

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reasonably request and review all such applications, permits, and licenses prior to the commencement of any services hereunder.

- 8.3 Equal Opportunity. Contractor shall comply with the provisions of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 in that it will not discriminate against any individual with respect to his or her compensation, terms, conditions, or privileges of employment nor shall Contractor discriminate in any way that would deprive or intend to deprive any individual of employment opportunities or otherwise adversely affect his or her status as an employee because of such individual's race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, handicap, medical condition, sexual orientation or marital status.
- 8.4 Affirmative Action. Each Contractor of services and supplies employing fifteen (15) or more full-time permanent employees, shall comply with the Affirmative Action Program for Vendors as set forth in Article IIIk (commencing at Section 84) of the San Diego County Administrative Code, which program is incorporated herein by reference. A copy of this Affirmative Action Program will be furnished upon request by COTR or from the County of San Diego Internet web-site ([www.co.san-diego.ca.us](http://www.co.san-diego.ca.us)).
- 8.5 Non Discrimination. Contractor shall ensure that services and facilities are provided without regard to ethnic group identification, race, color, nation origin, creed, religion, age, sex, or physical, mental disability, political affiliation and marital status in accordance with Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000-d), the Age Discrimination of 1975 (42 U.S.C. 6101), Article 9.5, Chapter 1, Part 1, Division 2, Title 2 (Section 11135, et seq) of the California Government Code, Title 9, Chapter 4, Subchapter 6 (Section 10800, et seq.) of the CCR and California Dept of Social Services Manual of Policies and Procedures (CDSS MPP) Division 21.
- 8.6 AIDS Discrimination. Contractor shall not deny any person the full and equal enjoyment of, or impose less advantageous terms, or restrict the availability of, the use of any County facility or participation in any County funded or supported service or program on the grounds that such person has Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, AIDS-related complex (ARC), or AIDS-related status (ARS), as those terms are defined in Chapter 1, Section 32.1203, San Diego County Code of Regulatory Ordinances.
- 8.7 American With Disabilities Act (ADA) 1990. Contractor shall not discriminate against qualified people with disabilities in employment, public services, transportation, public accommodations and telecommunications services in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and California Administrative Code Title 24.
- 8.8 Political Activities Prohibited. None of the funds, provided directly or indirectly, under this Agreement shall be used for any political activities or to further the election or defeat of any candidate for public office. Contractor shall not utilize or allow its name to be utilized in any endorsement of any candidate for elected office. Neither the Agreement nor any funds provided thereunder shall be utilized in support of any partisan political activities, or activities for or against the election of a candidate for an elected office.
- 8.9 Lobbying. Contractor agrees to comply with the lobbying ordinances of the County and to assure that its officers and employees comply before any appearance before the County Board of Supervisors. None of the funds provided under this Agreement shall be used for publicity or propaganda purposes designed to support or defeat any legislation pending before State and Federal Legislatures or the Board of Supervisors of the County.
- 8.10 Religious Activity Prohibited. There shall be no religious worship, instructions or proselytization as part of or in connection with the performance of this Agreement.
- 8.11 Drug and Alcohol-Free Workplace. The County of San Diego, in recognition of individual rights to work in a safe, healthful and productive work place, has adopted a requirement for a drug and alcohol free work place, County of San Diego Drug and Alcohol Use Policy C-25. This policy provides that all County-employed Contractors and Contractor employees shall assist in meeting this requirement.
- 8.11.1 As a material condition of this Agreement, the Contractor agrees that the Contractor and the Contractor employees, while performing service for the County, on County property, or while using County equipment:
- 8.11.1.1 Shall not be in any way impaired because of being under the influence of alcohol or a drug.
- 8.11.1.2 Shall not possess an open container of alcohol or consume alcohol or possess or be under the influence of an illegal drug.
- 8.11.1.3 Shall not sell, offer, or provide alcohol or a drug to another person; provided, however, that the foregoing restriction shall not be applicable to a Contractor or Contractor employee who as part of the performance of normal job duties and responsibilities prescribes or administers medically prescribed drugs.
- 8.11.2 Contractor shall inform all employees who are performing service for the County on County property or using County equipment of the County objective of a safe, healthful and productive work place and the prohibition of drug or alcohol use or impairment from same while performing such service for the County.

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- 8.11.3 The County may terminate for default or breach this Agreement, and any other Agreement the Contractor has with the County, if the Contractor, or Contractor employees are determined by the Contracting Officer not to be in compliance with the conditions listed herein.
- 8.12 Board of Supervisors' Policies. Contractor represents that it is familiar, and shall use its best efforts to comply, with the following policies of the Board of Supervisors:
- 8.12.1 Board Policy B-67, which encourages the County's Contractors to offer products made with recycled materials, reusable products, and products designed to be recycled to the County in response to the County's requirements; and
- 8.12.2 Board Policies B-53 and B-39a, which encourage the participation of small and disabled veterans' business enterprises in County procurements; and
- 8.12.3 Zero Tolerance For Fraudulent Conduct In County Services. Contractor shall comply with County of San Diego Board of Supervisors Policy A-120 "Zero Tolerance for Fraudulent Conduct in County Services." There shall be "Zero Tolerance" for fraud committed by Contractors in the administration of County programs and the provision of County services. Upon proven instances of fraud committed by independent Contractors in connection with their performance under the Agreement, said Agreement shall be terminated; and
- 8.12.4 Interlocking Directorate. In recognition of County Policy A-79, not-for-profit Contractors shall not subcontract with related for-profit subcontractors for which an interlocking relationship exist unless specifically authorized in writing by the Board of Supervisors; and
- 8.12.5 Zero Tolerance In Coaching Medi-Cal Or Welfare Clients (Including Undocumented Immigrants). The County of San Diego in recognition of its unique geographical location and the utilization of Welfare and Medi-Cal system by foreign nationals who are not legal residents of this county or country, has adopted a Zero Tolerance policy and shall aggressively prosecute employees and Contractors who coach Medi-Cal or Welfare clients (including undocumented immigrants), to obtain services for which they are not otherwise entitled.
- As a material condition of this Agreement, Contractor agrees that the Contractor and Contractor's employees, while performing service for the County, on County property or while using County equipment shall not:
- (a) in any way coach, instruct, advise, or guide any Medi-Cal or Welfare clients or prospective clients who are undocumented immigrants on ways to obtain or qualify for Medi-Cal assistance, for which they are not otherwise entitled.
- (b) support or provide funds to any organization engaged directly or indirectly in advising undocumented immigrants on ways to obtain or qualify for Medi-Cal assistance, for which they are not otherwise entitled.
- Contractor shall inform all employees that are performing service for the County on County property or using County equipment of County's Zero Tolerance Policy as referenced herein.
- County may terminate for default or breach this Agreement and any other Agreement Contractor has with County, if Contractor or Contractor employees are determined not to be in compliance with the conditions stated herein.
- 8.13 Cartwright Act. Following receipt of final payment under the Agreement, Contractor assigns to the County all rights, title and interest in and to all causes of action it may have under Section 4 of the Clayton Act (15 U.S.C. Sec. 15) or under the Cartwright act (Chapter 1) (commencing with Section 16700) of Part 2 of Division 7 of the Business and Professions Code, arising from purchases of goods, materials, or services by the Contractor for sale to the County under this Agreement.
- 8.14 Hazardous Materials. Contractor shall comply with all Environmental Laws and all other laws, rules, regulations, and requirements regarding Hazardous Materials, health and safety, notices, and training. Contractor agrees that it will not store any Hazardous Materials at any County Facility for periods in excess of ninety (90) days or in violation of the applicable site storage limitations imposed by Environmental Law. Contractor agrees to take, at its expense, all actions necessary to protect third parties, including, without limitation, employees and agents of the County, from any exposure to Hazardous Materials generated or utilized in its performance under this Agreement. Contractor agrees to report to the appropriate governmental agencies all discharges, releases, and spills of Hazardous Materials that are required to be reported by any Environmental Law and to immediately notify the County of it. Contractor shall not be liable to the County for the County's failure to comply with, or violation of, any Environmental Law. As used in this section, the term "Environmental Laws" means any and all federal, state or local laws or ordinances, rules, decrees, orders, regulations or court decisions (including the so-called "common law"), including, but not limited to, the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, relating to hazardous substances, hazardous materials, hazardous waste, toxic substances, environmental conditions or other similar substances or conditions. As used in this section the term "Hazardous Materials" means any chemical, compound, material, substance or other matter that: (a) is a flammable, explosive, asbestos, radioactive nuclear medicine, vaccine, bacteria, virus, hazardous waste, toxic, overtly injurious or potentially injurious material, whether injurious or potentially injurious by itself or in combination with other materials; (b) is controlled, referred to, designated in

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or governed by any Environmental Laws; (c) gives rise to any reporting, notice or publication requirements under any Environmental Laws, or (d) is any other material or substance giving rise to any liability, responsibility or duty upon the County or Lessee with respect to any third person under any Environmental Laws.

- 8.15 Debarment And Suspension. As a sub-grantee of federal funds under this Agreement, Contractor certifies that it, its principals, its employees and its subcontractors:
- 8.15.1 Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal Department or agency;
  - 8.15.2 Have not within a 3-year period preceding this Agreement been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for the commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State, or local) transaction; violation of Federal or State anti-trust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
  - 8.15.3 Are not presently indicted or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a government entity (Federal, State, or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in the paragraph above; and
  - 8.15.4 Have not within a 3-year period preceding this Agreement had one or more public transaction (Federal, State, or local) terminated for cause or default.

**ARTICLE 9**  
**CONFLICTS OF INTEREST; CONTRACTOR'S CONDUCT**

- 9.1 Conflicts of Interest. Contractor presently has no interest, including but not limited to other projects or independent Agreements, and shall not acquire any such interest, direct or indirect, which would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of services required to be performed under this Agreement. The Contractor shall not employ any person having any such interest in the performance of this Agreement. Contractor shall not hire County's employees to perform any portion of the work or services provided for herein including secretarial, clerical and similar incidental services except upon the written approval of County. Without such written approval, performance of services under this Agreement by associates or employees of County shall not relieve Contractor from any responsibility under this Agreement.
- 9.2 Conduct of Contractor; Privileged Information.
- 9.2.1 Contractor shall inform the County of all the Contractor's interests, if any, which are or which the Contractor believes to be incompatible with any interests of the County.
  - 9.2.2 The Contractor shall not, under circumstances that might reasonably be interpreted as an attempt to influence the recipient in the conduct of his duties, accept any gratuity or special favor from individuals or organizations with whom the Contractor is doing business or proposing to do business, in accomplishing the work under this Agreement.
  - 9.2.3 Contractor shall not use for personal gain or make other improper use of privileged information, which is acquired in connection with his employment. In this connection, the term "privileged information" includes, but is not limited to, unpublished information relating to technological and scientific development; medical, personnel, or security records of the individuals; anticipated materials requirements or pricing actions; and knowledge of selections of Contractors or subcontractors in advance of official announcement.
  - 9.2.4 The Contractor, or employees thereof, shall not offer directly or indirectly gifts, gratuity, favors, entertainment, or other items of monetary value to an employee or official of the County.
  - 9.2.5 Referrals. Contractor further covenants that no referrals of clients through Contractor's intake or referral process shall be made to the private practice of any person(s) employed by the Contractor.
- 9.3 Prohibited Agreements. As required by Section 67 of the San Diego County Administrative Code, Contractor certifies that it is not in violation of the provisions of Section 67, and that Contractor is not, and will not subcontract with, any of the following:
- 9.3.1. Persons employed by County or of public agencies for which the Board of Supervisors is the governing body;
  - 9.3.2 Profit-making firms or businesses in which employees described in sub-section 9.3.1, above, serve as officers, principals, partners, or major shareholders;
  - 9.3.3 Persons who, within the immediately preceding twelve (12) months came within the provisions of the above sub-sections and who (1) were employed in positions of substantial responsibility in the area of service to be performed by the Agreement, or (2) participated in any way in developing the Agreement or its service specifications; and
  - 9.3.4 Profit-making firms or businesses in which the former employees described in sub-section 9.3.3 above, serve as officers, principals, partners, or major shareholders.

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- 9.4 Limitation Of Future Agreements Or Grants. It is agreed by the parties to the Agreement that Contractor shall be restricted in its future Contracting with the County to the manner described below. Except as specifically provided in this clause, Contractor shall be free to compete for business on an equal basis with other companies.
- 9.4.1 If Contractor, under the terms of the Agreement, or through the performance of tasks pursuant to this Agreement, is required to develop specifications or statements of work and such specifications or statements of work are to be incorporated into a solicitation, Contractor shall be ineligible to perform the work described within that solicitation as a prime or subcontractor under an ensuing County Agreement. It is further agreed, however, that County will not, as additional work, unilaterally require Contractor to prepare such specifications or statements of work under this Agreement.
- 9.4.2 Contractor may not apply for nor accept additional payments for the same services contained in the Statement of Work.

**ARTICLE 10**  
**INDEMNITY AND INSURANCE**

- 10.1 Indemnity. County shall not be liable for, and Contractor shall defend and indemnify County and the employees and agents of County (collectively "County Parties"), against any and all claims, demands, liability, judgments, awards, fines, mechanics' liens or other liens, labor disputes, losses, damages, expenses, charges or costs of any kind or character, including attorneys' fees and court costs (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Claims"), related to this Agreement and arising either directly or indirectly from any act, error, omission or negligence of Contractor or its Contractors, licensees, agents, servants or employees, including, without limitation, Claims caused by the concurrent negligent act, error or omission, whether active or passive, of County Parties. Contractor shall have no obligation, however, to defend or indemnify County Parties from a Claim if it is determined by a court of competent jurisdiction that such Claim was caused by the sole negligence or willful misconduct of County Parties.
- 10.2 Insurance. Prior to execution of this Agreement, Contractor must obtain at its own cost and expense, and keep in force and effect during the term of this Agreement, including all extensions, the insurance specified in Exhibit "B," "Insurance Requirements," attached hereto.

**ARTICLE 11**  
**AUDIT AND INSPECTION OF RECORDS**

The County shall have the audit and inspection rights described in this section.

- 11.1 Audit And Inspection. Contractor agrees to maintain and/or make available within San Diego County accurate books and accounting records relative to all its activities under this Agreement. Authorized Federal, State or County representatives shall have the right to monitor, assess, or evaluate Contractor's performance pursuant to this Agreement, said monitoring, assessments, or evaluations to include but not limited to audits, inspection of premises, reports, and interviews of project staff and participants.

At any time during normal business hours and as often as County may deem necessary, Contractor shall make available to County, State or Federal officials for examination all of its records with respect to all matters covered by this Agreement and will permit County, State or Federal officials to audit, examine and make excerpts or transcripts from such records, and to make audits of all invoices, materials, payrolls, records of personnel, information regarding clients receiving services, and other data relating to all matters covered by this Agreement. If an audit is conducted, it will be done in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards as described in "Government Auditing Standards," published for the United States General Accounting Office.

If any services performed hereunder are not in conformity with the specifications and requirements of this Agreement, County shall have the right to require the Contractor to perform the services in conformity with said specifications and requirements at no additional increase in total Agreement amount. When the services to be performed are of such nature that the difference cannot be corrected, County shall have the right to (1) require Contractor immediately to take all necessary steps to ensure future performance of the services in conformity with requirements of the Agreement, and (2) reduce the Agreement price to reflect the reduced value of the services performed. In the event Contractor fails to perform the services promptly or to take necessary steps to ensure future performance of the service in conformity with the specifications and requirements of the Agreement, County shall have the right to either (1) by Agreement or to otherwise have the services performed in conformity with the Agreement specifications and charge to Contractor any cost occasioned to County that is directly related to the performance of such services, or (2) terminate this Agreement for default as provided in the Termination clause.

- 11.2 Cost or Pricing Data. If the Contractor submitted cost or pricing data in connection with the pricing of this Agreement or any change or modification thereto, unless such pricing was based on adequate price competition, established catalog or market prices of commercial items sold in substantial quantities of the general public, or prices set by law or regulation, the

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Contracting Officer or his representatives who are employees of the County or its agent shall have the right to examine all books, records, documents and other data of the Contractor related to the negotiation pricing or performance of such Agreement, change or modification, for the purpose of evaluating the accuracy, completeness and currency of the cost or pricing data submitted.

- 11.3 Availability. The materials described above shall be made available at the office of the Contractor, at all reasonable times, for inspection, audit or reproduction, until the expiration of three (3) years from the date of final payment under this Agreement, or by section 11.3.1 and 11.3.2, below:
- 11.3.1 If this Agreement is completely or partially terminated, the records relating to the work terminated shall be made available for a period of three (3) years from the date of any resulting final settlement.
- 11.3.2 Record which relate to appeals under the "Disputes" clause of this Agreement, or litigation or the settlement of claims arising out of the performance of this Agreement, shall be made available until such appeals, litigation, or claims have been disposed of, or three years after Agreement completion, whichever is longer. County shall keep the materials described above confidential unless otherwise required by law.
- 11.4 Subcontract. The Contractor shall insert a clause containing all the provisions of this Article 11 in all subcontract hereunder except altered as necessary for proper identification of the Contracting parties and the Contracting officer under the County's prime Agreement.

**ARTICLE 12**  
**INSPECTION OF SERVICE**

- 12.1 Subject to Inspection. All performance (including services, materials, supplies and equipment furnished or utilized in the performance of this Agreement, and workmanship in the performance of services) shall be subject to inspection and test by the County at all times during the term of this Agreement. Contractor shall cooperate with any inspector assigned by the County to permit the inspector to determine whether Contractor's performance conforms to the requirements of this Agreement. County shall perform such inspection in a manner as not to unduly interfere with Contractor's performance.
- 12.2 Specification and Requirements. If any services performed by Contractor do not conform to the specifications and requirements of this Agreement, County may require Contractor to re-perform the services until they conform to said specifications and requirements, at no additional cost, and County may withhold payment for such services until Contractor correctly performs them. When the services to be performed are of such a nature that Contractor's cannot correct its performance, the County shall have the right to (1) require the Contractor to immediately take all necessary steps to ensure future performance of services conforms to the requirements of this Agreement, and (2) reduce the Agreement price to reflect the reduced value of the services received by County. In the event Contractor fails to promptly re-perform the services or to take necessary steps to ensure that future performance of the service conforms to the specifications and requirements of this Agreement, the County shall have the right to either (1) without terminating this Agreement, have the services performed, by Agreement or otherwise, in conformance with the specifications of this Agreement, and charge Contractor, and/or withhold from payments due to Contractor, any costs incurred by County that are directly related to the performance of such services, or (2) terminate this Agreement for default.

**ARTICLE 13**  
**USE OF DOCUMENTS AND REPORTS**

- 13.1 Findings Confidential. Any reports, information, data, etc., given to or prepared or assembled by Contractor under this Agreement which the County requests to be kept as confidential shall not be made available to any individual or organization by the Contractor without the prior written approval of the County.
- 13.2 Ownership, Publication, Reproduction And Use Of Material. All reports, studies, information, data, statistics, forms, designs, plans, procedures, systems, and any other material or properties produced under this Agreement shall be the sole and exclusive property of County. No such materials or properties produced in whole or in part under this Agreement shall be subject to private use, copyright or patent right by Contractor in the United States or in any other country without the express written consent of County. County shall have unrestricted authority to publish, disclose, distribute and otherwise use, copyright or patent, in whole or in part, any such reports, studies, data, statistics, forms or other materials or properties produced under this Agreement.
- 13.3 Confidentiality. County and Contractor agree to maintain confidentiality and take industry appropriate and legally required measures to protect the confidentiality of any information regarding applicants, project participants or their immediate families which may be obtained through application forms, interviews, tests, reports, from public agencies or counselors or any other source. Without the written permission of the applicant or participant, such information shall be divulged only as necessary for purposes related to the audit and evaluation of the Agreement and then only to persons having responsibilities under the Agreement, including those furnishing services to Project under subcontract. County and Contractor agree that all information and records obtained in the course of providing services to project clients shall be subject to confidentiality and disclosure provisions of applicable Federal and State statutes and regulations adopted pursuant thereto. However, at

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County's request, Contractor shall permit County access to all records and information regarding the project and confidentiality shall not be a bar to County's access to all records and information. Contractor shall take industry appropriate and legally required measures to safeguard information regarding applicants, project participants or their immediate families including, but not limited to, the transfer of this information electronically or in hard copy format, verbal transfer of information, and staff training and monitoring regarding safeguards. Contractor shall evaluate their internal processes and practices for areas of potential vulnerability and take actions to put controls in place. Examples for management of confidential information can be found at [www.cosdcompliance.org](http://www.cosdcompliance.org).

- 13.4 Maintenance Of Records. Contractor shall maintain and keep available all records within the County of San Diego for a minimum of three (3) years from the ending date of this Agreement unless County agrees in writing to an earlier disposition.
- 13.5 Custody Of Records. County, at its option, may take custody of Contractor's client records upon Agreement termination or at such other time as County may deem necessary. County agrees that such custody will conform to applicable confidentiality provisions of State and Federal law. Said records shall be kept by County in an accessible location within San Diego County and shall be available to Contractor for examination and inspection.
- 13.6 Audit Requirement. Contractor shall annually engage a Licensed Certified Public Accountant to conduct an annual audit of their agency's operations. Contractors that expend \$500,000 or more of federal grant funds per year shall also have an audit conducted in compliance with Government Auditing Standards, which includes Single Audit Act Amendments, Public Law 104-156, and OMB Circular A-133. Contractor shall include a clause in any Agreement or Agreement Contractor enters into with an audit firm to provide access by the County, State, Federal Government to the working papers of the independent auditor who prepare the audit for Contractor. Contractor shall submit two (2) copies of the annual audit report, the audit performed in accordance with OMB Circular A-133, and the management letter to the County fifteen (15) days after receipt from the independent Certified Public Accountant but no later than nine (9) months after the Contractor's fiscal year end.
- 13.7 Reports. Contractor shall submit reports required in Exhibit A and additional reports as may be requested by the COTR and agreed to by the Contractor. Format for the content of such reports may be developed by County. The timely submission of these reports is a necessary and material term and condition of this Agreement, and Contractor agrees that failure to meet specified deadlines will be sufficient cause to withhold payment. Contractor shall submit to County within thirty (30) days of the termination of this Agreement a report detailing all work done pursuant to this Agreement by Contractor.
- 13.8 Evaluation Studies. Contractor shall participate as requested by the County in research and/or evaluative studies designed to show the effectiveness and/or efficiency of Contractor services or to provide information about Contractor's project.

**ARTICLE 14**  
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**ARTICLE 15**  
**DISPUTES**

Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement to the contrary, the Contracting Officer shall decide any dispute concerning a question of fact arising out of this Agreement that is not otherwise disposed of by the parties within a reasonable period of time. The decision of the Contracting Officer shall be final and conclusive unless determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to have been fraudulent, capricious, arbitrary or so grossly erroneous as necessarily to imply bad faith. Contractor shall proceed diligently with its performance hereunder pending resolution by the Contracting Officer of any such dispute. Nothing herein shall be construed as granting the Contracting Officer or any other administrative official, representative or board authority to decide questions of law, or issues regarding the medical necessity of treatment or to pre-empt any medical practitioners' judgment regarding the medical necessity of treatment of patients in their care. The foregoing does not change the County's ability to refuse to pay for services rendered if they dispute the medical necessity of care.

**ARTICLE 16**  
**GENERAL PROVISIONS**

- 16.1 Assignment and Subcontracting. Contractor shall not assign any interest in this Agreement, and shall not transfer any interest in the same (whether by assignment or novation), without the prior written consent of the County; County's consent shall not be unreasonably withheld. The Contractor shall make no Agreement with any party for furnishing any of the work or services herein contained without the prior written consent of the COTR, pursuant to Paragraph 1.4.
- 16.2 Contingency. This Agreement shall bind the County only following its approval by the Board of Supervisors or when signed by the Purchasing and Contracting Director.
- 16.3 Entire Agreement. This Agreement, together with all Sections attached hereto and other agreements expressly referred to herein, constitute the entire agreement between the parties with respect to the subject matter contained herein. All prior or

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contemporaneous agreements, understandings, representations, warranties and statements, oral or written, including any proposals from Contractor and requests for proposals from County, are superseded.

- 16.4 Sections and Exhibits. All sections and exhibits referred to herein are attached hereto and incorporated by reference.
- 16.5 Further Assurances. Parties agree to perform such further acts and to execute and deliver such additional documents and instruments as may be reasonably required in order to carry out the provisions of this Agreement and the intentions of the parties.
- 16.6 Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed, interpreted, construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of California.
- 16.7 Headings. The Article captions, Clause and Section headings used in this Agreement are inserted for convenience of reference only and are not intended to define, limit or affect the construction or interpretation of any term or provision hereof.
- 16.8 Modification Waiver. Except as otherwise provided in Article 6, "Changes," above, no modification, waiver, amendment or discharge of this Agreement shall be valid unless the same is in writing and signed by both parties.
- 16.9 Neither Party Considered Drafter. Despite the possibility that one party may have prepared the initial draft of this Agreement or played the greater role in the physical preparation of subsequent drafts, neither party shall be deemed the drafter of this Agreement and that, in construing this Agreement in case of any claim that any provision hereof may be ambiguous, no such provision shall be construed in favor of one party on the ground that such provision was drafted by the other.
- 16.10 No Other Inducement. The making, execution and delivery of this Agreement by the parties hereto has been induced by no representations, statements, warranties or agreements other than those expressed herein.
- 16.11 Notices. Notice to either party shall be in writing and either personally delivered or sent by certified mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, addressed to the party to be notified at the address specified herein. Any such notice shall be deemed received on the date of personal delivery to the party (or such party's authorized representative) or three (3) business days after deposit in the U.S. Mail, as the case may be to the COTR and Contractor's Representative identified on the signature page.
- 16.12 Severability. If any term, provision, covenant or condition of this Agreement is held to be invalid, void or otherwise unenforceable, to any extent, by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Agreement shall not be affected thereby, and each term, provision, covenant or condition of this Agreement shall be valid and enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law.
- 16.13 Successors. Subject to the limitations on assignment set forth in Clause 16.1 above, all terms of this Agreement shall be binding upon, inure to the benefit of, and be enforceable by the parties hereto and their respective heirs, legal representatives, successors, and assigns.
- 16.14 Time. Time is of the essence of each provision of this Agreement.
- 16.15 Time Period Computation. All periods of time referred to in this Agreement shall include all Saturdays, Sundays and state or national holidays, unless the period of time specifies business days, provided that if the date or last date to perform any act or give any notice or approval shall fall on a Saturday, Sunday or State or national holiday, such act or notice may be timely performed or given on the next succeeding day which is not a Saturday, Sunday or State or national holiday.
- 16.16 Waiver. The waiver by one party of the performance of any term, provision, covenant or condition shall not invalidate this Agreement, nor shall it be considered as a waiver by such party of any other term, provision, covenant or condition. Delay by any party in pursuing any remedy or in insisting upon full performance for any breach or failure of any term, provision, covenant or condition shall not prevent such party from later pursuing remedies or insisting upon full performance for the same or any similar breach or failure.
- 16.17 Third Party Beneficiaries Excluded. This agreement is intended solely for the benefit of the County and its Contractor. Any benefit to any third party is incidental and does not confer on any third party to this Agreement any rights whatsoever regarding the performance of this Agreement. Any attempt to enforce provisions of this Agreement by third parties is specifically prohibited.
- 16.18 Publicity Announcements and Materials. All public announcements, including those issued on Contractor letterhead, and materials distributed to the community shall identify the County of San Diego as the funding source for Contracted programs identified in this Agreement. Copies of publicity materials related to Contracted programs identified in this Agreement shall be filed with the COTR. County shall be advised at least twenty four (24) hours in advance of all locally generated press releases and media events regarding Contracted services identified in this Agreement.

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- 16.19 Critical Incidents. Contractor shall have written plans or protocols and provide employee training for handling critical incidents involving instances of violence or threat of violence directed toward staff or clients, breach of confidentiality, fraud, unethical conduct, or instances of staff or client drug and/or alcohol use at the program. Contractor shall report all such incidents to the COTR within one work day of their occurrence.
- 16.20 Responsiveness to Community Concerns. Contractor shall notify County within forty eight (48) hours of receipt of any material complaints including but not limited to complaints referring to issues of abuse or quality of care, submitted to Contractor verbally or in writing, regarding the operation of Contractor's program or facility under this agreement. Contractor shall take appropriate steps to acknowledge receipt of said complaint(s) from individuals or organizations. Contractor shall take appropriate steps to utilize appropriate forums to address or resolve any such complaints received. Nothing in this provision shall be interpreted to preclude Contractor from engaging in any legally authorized use of its facility, property or business as approved, permitted or licensed by the applicable authority.
- 16.21 Criminal Background Check Requirements. Contractor shall ensure that criminal background checks are required and completed prior to employment or placement of contractor staff and volunteers in compliance with any licensing, certification, or funding requirements, which may be higher than the minimum standard described herein. At a minimum, background checks shall be in compliance with Board of Supervisors policy C-28 and are required for any contractor staff or volunteer assigned to sensitive positions funded by this contract. Sensitive positions are those that: (1) physically supervise minors or vulnerable adults; (2) have unsupervised physical contact with minors or vulnerable adults; and/or (3) have a fiduciary responsibility to any County client, or direct access to, or control over, bank accounts or accounts with financial institutions of any client.
- 16.21.1 Criminal Background Check. Contractor shall have a documented process to review criminal history of candidates for employment or volunteers under this Agreement that will be in sensitive positions as defined in paragraph 16.21.4. At a minimum, Contractor shall check the California criminal history records, or state of residence for out-of-state candidates. Contractor shall review the information and determine if criminal history demonstrates behavior that could create an increased risk of harm to clients. Contractor shall document review of criminal background findings and consideration of criminal history in the selection of a candidate. (Example: Documented consideration of factors such as: If there is a conviction in the criminal history, how long ago did it occur? What were the charges? What was the individual convicted of and what was the level of conviction? If selected, where would the individual work and is the conviction relevant to the position?).
- 16.21.2 Contractor shall either utilize a subsequent arrest notification service during employee or volunteers' tenure or check California criminal history annually.
- 16.21.3 Contractor shall keep the documentation of their review and consideration of the individual's criminal history on file in accordance with paragraph 13.4 "Maintenance of Records."
- 16.21.4 Definitions
- A. Activities of Daily Living: The basic tasks of everyday life, such as eating, bathing, dressing, toileting, and transferring.
  - B. Minor: Individuals under the age of eighteen (18) years old.
  - C. Sensitive Position: A job with responsibilities that can be criminally abused at great harm to the contract or the clients served. All positions that (1) physically supervise minors or vulnerable adults, (2) have unsupervised physical contact with minors or vulnerable adults, or (3) have fiduciary responsibility to a County client or direct access to, or control over client bank accounts, or serve in a financial capacity to the County client.
  - D. Vulnerable Adult: (1) Individuals age eighteen (18) years or older, who require assistance with activities of daily living and who may be put at risk of abuse during service provision; (2) Individuals age eighteen (18) years or older who have a permanent or temporary limited physical and/or mental capacity that which may put them at risk of abuse during service provision because it renders them: unable to make decisions for themselves, unable to physically defend themselves, or unaware of physical abuse or other harm that could be perpetrated against them.
  - E. Volunteer: A person who performs a service willingly and without pay.

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**AGREEMENT TERM.** This Agreement shall be effective this 7<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2011 (“Effective Date”) and end on July 6, 2012 (“Initial Term”) for a total Agreement period of one (1) year.

**OPTION TO EXTEND.** The County’s option to extend is for four (4) increments of one (1) year each for a total of four (4) years beyond the expiration of the Initial Term, not to exceed July 6, 2016, pursuant to Exhibit C Payment Schedule. Unless County notifies Contractor in writing, not less than thirty (30) days prior to the expiration date that they do not intend to renew the Agreement, the Agreement will be automatically renewed for another year.

Options To Extend For One To Six Additional Months At End Of Agreement. County shall also have the option to extend the term of this Agreement in one or more increments for a total of no less than one (1) and no more than six (6) calendar months at the discretion of the County Purchasing and Contracting Director. Each extension shall be effected by written unilateral Agreement amendment delivered to Contractor no less than fifteen (15) calendar days prior to expiration of any Agreement term.

The rates set forth in Article 4, Exhibit C, or other pricing section of this Agreement shall apply to any option exercised pursuant to this option clause unless provision for appropriate price adjustment has been made elsewhere in this Agreement or by Agreement amendment. All payments are subject to “Availability of Funds.”

**COMPENSATION:** Pursuant to Exhibit C, in accordance with the method of payment stipulated in Article 4.

**COTR.** The County has designated the following individual as the Contracting Officer’s Technical Representative (“COTR”)

Catherine Halsted  
5500 Overland Avenue, Suite 315  
San Diego, CA 92123  
858-571-4261 Fax: 858-467-9671  
catherine.halsted@sdcounty.ca.gov

**CONTRACTOR’S REPRESENTATIVE.** The Contractor has designated the following individual as the Contractor’s Representative.

Rafael Aguilar, V.P. of Operations  
Aztec Landscaping, Inc.  
7980 Lemon Grove Way  
Lemon Grove, CA 91945  
619-464-3303 Fax: 619-460-1106  
rafael@azteclandscaping.com

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, County and Contractor have executed this Agreement effective as of the date first set forth above

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

AZTEC LANDSCAPING, INC., A CALIFORNIA  
CORPORATION

By: *Winston F. McColl*  
WINSTON F. McCOLL, Director,  
Department of Purchasing and Contracting

Date: 07-07-11

By: *Rafael Aguilar*  
Name: Rafael Aguilar

Title: V.P. of Operations

Date: 7/1/11

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY**

By: *Thomas C. Burns* Date: 7/6/11  
Senior Deputy County Counsel