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COVID-19 INFORMATION FOR INDIVIDUALS AND ENTITIES WHO CONTRACT WITH COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO (3)

Dear County Contractors,

We are writing to you to provide an update on the effects of current COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic on County contracts and procurements. The information and direction set forth below is general, and as such, is subject to any specific contractual requirements set forth in each agreement and to any funding source limitations, including State and federal limitations.

Please be advised that the Governor’s Executive Order N-33-20 and the County’s Amended Health Officer Order dated March 16, 2020, and addenda thereto, allow for work to continue despite “stay-at-home” orders to support identified critical infrastructure sectors. Explicitly included in the identified critical infrastructure sectors are public works and other construction work as well as the supply of construction material. The County is therefore not suspending construction contracts under these orders. Contractors should continue work under their contracts unless otherwise directed in writing by an authorized County representative. Contractors that fail to continue work as required under their contracts do so at their own financial risk. The County will not reimburse contractors for delay or other damages resulting from a contractor’s unilateral cessation of work.

The County recognizes that the pandemic and local, State and federal responses are rapidly evolving. The County continues to monitor federal and State contracting guidance and will provide updates as more information becomes available. We thank you for all that you continue to do for the San Diego County residents during this difficult time and appreciate your cooperation and teamwork.

Sincerely,

ALLEN HUNSBERGER, Assistant Director
Department of Purchasing and Contracting

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