

**SOLANO COUNTY  
DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**



**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)  
NUMBER: DOIT 2023-002**

**FOR**

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR  
DIGITAL EQUITY PROGRAM SERVICES - ARPA**

**RELEASE DATE: APRIL 10, 2023  
FINAL SUBMISSION DATE: (PST) May 3, 2023, 5:00 PM PST**

**Optional Applicants' Conference**

**Monday, April 24, 2023**

**2:00 PM – 3:00 PM PST**

The Applicants' Conference will be held via Microsoft Teams and requires advance registration.

To register please send an email to [dmachado@solanocounty.com](mailto:dmachado@solanocounty.com).

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

**LATE BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**

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## **1. INTRODUCTION**

The purpose of this Request for Proposal (RFP) is to define the County's minimum requirements, solicit Proposals, and gain adequate information by which the County may evaluate the services offered by Responding Firms. Firms may be for-profit companies, non-profit organizations, or other government organizations.

The County of Solano, Department of Information Technology ("DoIT" or "County") intends to secure a contract for professional digital equity program management and delivery services utilizing ARPA funding administered by the County.

The County invites qualified firms that have consulting and programmatic expertise in delivering Digital Equity Program services to respond to this RFP.

Each respondent must submit a Proposal, supporting documentation (e.g., hourly rates, portfolio of subject matter expertise, etc.) and meet minimum qualifications detailed herein to be deemed "Qualified" for a contract to provide the professional digital equity program management and delivery services as described herein.

The term "Responding Firm(s)" refers to the firm(s) or individual that submits a Proposal in response to this solicitation. The terms "response(s), submittal(s) or Proposal(s)" refers to the documents responding firms submit for this solicitation for consideration by the County. These terms are used interchangeably throughout this solicitation.

## **2. BACKGROUND**

While digital access has been a longstanding challenge that pre-dates the COVID-19 pandemic, the importance of digital connectivity has never been clearer. Closing the digital divide is critical to eradicating systemic inequities and for individuals, businesses, and communities to access education, health, and workforce development, among other critical resources. Despite significant efforts to extend broadband throughout Solano County, there are still unserved (areas without internet access) and underserved areas (areas with sub-optimal internet access), as well as residents that cannot afford internet access or devices. There is also a population segment that cannot fully join the digital world due to a lack of computing skills.

Our aspiration is for Solano County to become a leader in access to broadband, close the digital divide, and provide all residents, schools, and organizations with the resources they need to succeed in our digital world. We plan to address barriers to access, availability, affordability, and adoption by both expanding our physical broadband infrastructure and addressing digital equity issues within the County.

Solano County has developed a Strategic Broadband Development Plan that has identified funding opportunities and potential partners for project recommendations to expand broadband access and close the digital divide. The plan enables the County to understand the complex landscape of broadband and where to direct efforts, including areas of the County that may be unserved or underserved. We engaged numerous community entities through interviews and partnerships, identified learnings from local efforts underway in Solano County, and researched comparable benchmarks while developing the plan. We have approached the study with an equity-first mindset, focusing initially on areas with the greatest need.

A copy of the Solano Connected: A broadband and digital equity strategy and roadmap can be accessed at this location; [https://www.solanocounty.com/depts/doit/broadband\\_and\\_digital\\_equity.asp](https://www.solanocounty.com/depts/doit/broadband_and_digital_equity.asp)

To achieve the digital equity goals outlined in the plan the Department of Information Technology (DoIT) has been allocated \$1,800,000 in ARPA funding for digital equity programs.

### 3. SCOPE OF SERVICE

#### Project Deliverables

1. Develop the Solano Connected Digital Equity Program.
  - a. Establish a Solano Connected Digital Equity Coalition with stakeholders across the full digital ecosystem, including public entities, ISPs, anchor institutions, and nonprofits.
    - i. Manage monthly meetings, provide Teams/Zoom rooms if not meeting in person, set agendas, provide minutes, and action items for each meeting.
    - ii. The chair and vice-chair of the coalition will be filled by stakeholders.
  - b. Create and maintain a web site for the coalition to include a social media presence.
  - c. Develop a marketing program (Digital Resource Awareness Campaign) to promote activities for the coalition.
    - i. A separate funding pool of \$150,000, part of the overall \$1.8 million budget, has been established to cover marketing costs including web site costs.
2. Develop the Solano Connected Digital Navigator system.
  - a. Provide a team that will accomplish the following tasks:
    - i. Within the first 60 days, present a work plan for digital navigator activities that must be approved by Solano County.
    - ii. Outreach to and assist Solano County residents signing up for the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) and track monthly reports on numbers of persons enrolled in ACP as a performance measure.
    - iii. Work with local city partners to leverage efforts to coordinate work activities.
    - iv. Activities could also include local workshops held at community locations/events and training programs to increase technical computer literacy.
    - v. Research programs that could contribute used government computers for redistribution to Solano County residents.
3. Manage the Solano Connected non-profit grant program which has a separate funding pool of \$250,000, part of the overall \$1.8 million budget, to grant to local non-profits.
  - a. Work with Solano County Workforce Board on the RFP process to develop the RFP and review applicants
  - b. Maintain contact with grant recipients and monitor activities and reporting.
  - c. Publicize their efforts on web page and social media channels.
  - d. Report to the coalition on progress of grant recipients.
4. Participate in local, regional, and Federal organizations and meetings such as the National Digital Inclusion Alliance (NDIA) for which Solano County is a member of.

- a. Monitor other government organizations involved in digital equity to collaborate and learn from; and report observations to the coalition. Provide links to other digital equity links on the web site.
  - b. Provide monthly updates on upcoming grant opportunities and assist with grant writing for additional external funding to support digital equity efforts in Solano County.
5. Monitor and collect data from the Solano County Library who have been given \$500,000 to provide wi-fi hotspots and laptops to county library patrons.
  6. Provide services for deliverable tasks to extend services for a two-year period from commencement of contract. In summary, the proposer must be able to deliver services over a two-year period.
  7. Provide monthly reports of all activities conducted, including providing details needed for ARPA reporting requirements.

The project budget shall not exceed \$900,000 for consultant services.

The firm or organization selected is required to supply all computer hardware needed by contractors as well as any mileage or travel-related expenses. This equipment may be part of the proposed budget. No office space will be supplied by Solano County although in coordination with County employees meetings may be scheduled utilizing available county conference room space.

**4. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

4/10/2023	RFP issued
4/21/2023	Questions concerning RFP and project emailed to dmachado@solanocounty.com by April 21, 2023.
4/24/2023	Optional Proposers Conference
4/27/2023	The County’s response to questions posted on the website at <a href="https://www.solanocounty.com/depts/doit/broadband_and_digital_equity.asp">https://www.solanocounty.com/depts/doit/broadband_and_digital_equity.asp</a>
5/3/2023	An electronic submission of Proposals shall be emailed to dmachado@solanocounty.com are due no later than 5/3/2023 at 5:00 p.m. PST. Late Proposal submittals will not be accepted.
5/10/2023	Notice of Intent to Award issued
To be Determined	Contract Negotiation and development process

The County reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to adjust this schedule as it deems necessary. Notification of any adjustment to the schedule will be posted on the County’s website. Proposers are responsible to periodically view the County’s website ([www.solanocounty.com](http://www.solanocounty.com)) for any revisions.

## **5. INSTRUCTIONS TO PROPOSERS**

Please prepare your Proposal in accordance with the following requirements.

The Proposal must be 8.5" x 11" numbered pages as a single PDF attachment and must use the following headings and observe the page limits outlined below. The Proposal should consist of a narrative which covers sections a-f below and completed and signed Attachments 1-3.

- a. *Cover Letter.* (not to exceed the equivalent of 1 single-sided page). The proposal must be submitted with a cover letter describing the proposer's interest in and qualification for the proposed scope of services. The letter must state that the Proposal is valid for a 90-day period and include the name, title, address and telephone number of the individual to whom correspondence and other contacts should be directed during the selection process. The person authorized by the proposer to negotiate a contract with the County must sign the cover letter. Proposers must include a statement of acknowledgment that the proposer has reviewed the County of Solano Standard Contract (EXHIBIT I—Standard Contract, Exhibits C and D) and has accepted it with or without qualification. If the proposer makes qualifications, those qualifications must be identified and listed along with suggested modifications to the contract. [Note: Exhibits A and B (the scope of work and budget detail and payment provisions) for the contract, will be finalized during the contract negotiation process.] If the proposer makes no qualifications to the Standard Contract, including exhibits, then it shall be deemed that the proposer accepts these items without reservation or any qualifications.

Address the cover letter as follows:

Solano County Department of Information Technology  
675 Texas Street Suite 3700  
Fairfield, CA 94533

- b. *Approach and Management Plan.* (not to exceed the equivalent of 5 single-sided pages). This section shall provide the proposer's proposed approach and management plan for providing the services. Include an organizational chart showing the proposed relationships among consultant staff, County staff and any other parties that may have a significant role in the delivery of this program.
- c. *Qualifications, Experience and References.* (not to exceed the equivalent of 3 single-sided pages).
- i. This section shall provide the qualifications and experience of potential individuals that will work on a scope of service. Emphasize the specific qualifications and experience from projects aligned with requested services. Key assigned resources are expected to be committed for the duration of the specific scope of service. Replacement of assigned resources will not be permitted without prior consultation with and approval of the County.
- ii. The Proposer shall provide the (3) references of government agencies and or firms for whom they have provided similar services during the last three (3) years.
- d. *Staffing Plan.* (not to exceed the equivalent of 2 single-sided pages). This section shall provide a proposed staffing plan and an estimate of available remote and onsite work hour commitments. Identify time management approach/process and commitments to ensuring availability during PST work hours (8:00 a.m.- 6 p.m.) Discuss the workload, both current and anticipated, for all key team members (if applicable), and their capacity to perform the requested services for the project, according to your proposed schedule.
- e. *Additional Relevant Information.* (not to exceed the equivalent of 2 single-sided pages). This section invites additional relevant information that may be helpful in the selection process.

- f. **Budget.** (not to exceed the equivalent of 3 single-sided pages). The budget should include: (a) the total dollar amount and hourly rate for all desired consultants, (b) any other resources, including in-kind, that will support the proposed service, (c) the number of anticipated hours and rate of the key team members per year. The estimated level of hours for other staff can be summarized in general categories.
- g. **Budget Narrative.** (not to exceed the equivalent of 3 single-sided pages). Please provide sufficient details about budget line items.

*No other documents or attachments will be accepted as part of the proposal.*

*Submittal of Proposal:* An electronic submission of Proposals via email to dmachado@solanocounty.com are due **no later than the time and date set forth in the Schedule of Events**. Any hard copy submission will be retained in the file unopened and will be considered disqualified.

## **6. EVALUATION**

- a. **Evaluation Committee.** A County Evaluation Committee (CEC) will evaluate all Proposals. The CEC will be composed of County staff and other parties that may have relevant expertise or experience. The CEC will score and recommend Proposals in accordance with the evaluation criteria set forth in this RFP. Evaluation of the Proposals shall be within the sole judgment and discretion of the CEC.
- b. **Categories.** The evaluation criteria and their respective weights are as follows:

<b>CATEGORIES</b>	<b>MAXIMUM POINTS POSSIBLE</b>
General Qualifications and Experience	50
Scope of Work/Program Description	30
Budget	20
Total Possible Points	100

- c. **Best Value.** The County will select the Proposal that presents the best value and is most advantageous to the County and the public. Accordingly, the County may not necessarily award the proposer with the lowest price proposal if doing so would not be in the overall best interest of the County. The County reserves the right to expand or reduce the proposed scope of work during the contract negotiations based on budget constraints and to award to a single or multiple proposer(s).

## **7. AWARD NOTICE AND ACCEPTANCE PERIOD**

- a. After the evaluation of Proposals and final consideration of all pertinent information available, the County will either reject all Proposals or issue a written notice of intent to award a contract to one or more proposers submitting a timely proposal. The notice shall not create rights, interests, or claims of entitlement in any proposer.
- b. The proposers should be prepared to enter into a contract with the County that is substantially the same as the *Standard Contract* included in Exhibit I to this RFP. Notwithstanding, the County reserves the

right to add terms and conditions, deemed to be in the best interest of the County, during final contract negotiations.

- c. If a proposer fails to sign and return the contract drawn pursuant to this RFP and final contract negotiations within 14 days of its delivery to the proposer, the County may cancel the award and award the contract to another proposer.

## **8. PROTEST AND APPEALS**

Any actual proposer who wishes to protest the notice of intent to award a contract may submit a protest. The protest must be submitted in writing to the Chief Information Officer of the Department of Information Technology within 7 working days after such proposer knows or should have known of the facts giving rise to the protest, but in no event later than 7 working days after the date of the notice of intent to award the contract. All letters of protest shall clearly identify the reasons and basis for the protest. The protest must also state the law, rule, regulation, or policy upon which the protest is based. The Chief Information Officer of the Department of Information Technology will issue a written decision within 10 working days after receipt of the protest which shall include the reason for the action taken and the process for appealing the decision.

## **9. TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

- a. *The County's Purchasing & Contracting Policy Manual, found at <http://www.solanocounty.com/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?blobid=21595>.* is fully incorporated into and made a part of this RFP by this reference and governs this RFP.
- b. *RFP Amendment, Cancellation and Right of Rejection.*
  - i. The County reserves the unilateral right to amend this RFP in writing at any time by posting the amendment on the County's website. Proposers are responsible to view the website periodically for any amendments to the RFP. Proposers shall respond to the final written RFP and any exhibits, attachments, and amendments. The County also reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to reject any and all Proposals or to cancel or reissue the RFP.
  - ii. The County reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to waive variances in Proposals provided such action is in the best interest of the County. Where the County waives minor variances in Proposals, such waiver does not modify the RFP requirements or excuse the applicant from full compliance with the RFP. Notwithstanding any minor variance, the County may hold any Proposal to strict compliance with the RFP.
- c. *Confidentiality.* The County will retain a master copy of each response to this RFP, which responses will become a public record after the award of a contract unless the qualifications or specific parts of the qualifications can be shown to be exempt by law under Government Code section 7921.000 et seq. Proposers may clearly label part of a submittal as "CONFIDENTIAL" if the proposer agrees to indemnify and defend the County for honoring such a designation. The failure to have so labeled any information shall constitute a complete waiver of all claims for damages caused by any release of the information. If a public records request for labeled information is received by the County, the County will notify the proposer of the request and delay access to the material until 7 working days after notification to the proposer. Within that time delay, it will be the proposer's duty to act in protection of its labeled information. Failure to so act shall constitute a complete waiver.



## 11. ATTACHMENTS AND EXHIBITS

ATTACHMENT 1: SIGNATURE PAGE  
    Notice 1: NON-COLLUSION DECLARATION  
    Notice 2: CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE  
    Notice 3: COUNTY RESERVATIONS  
ATTACHMENT 2: DISCLOSURE OF CRIMINAL AND CIVIL PROCEEDINGS  
ATTACHMENT 3: DEBARMENT CERTIFICATION

EXHIBIT I: COUNTY STANDARD CONTRACT  
    EXHIBIT A: SCOPE OF WORK  
    EXHIBIT B: BUDGET DETAIL AND PAYMENT PROVISIONS  
    EXHIBIT C: GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS  
    EXHIBIT D: SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS  
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**ATTACHMENT 1**

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**SIGNATURE PAGE**

Every submittal must contain a fully executed signature page, supplying all required information, signature, and type name and title of the individual legally authorized to commit the contractor to a binding contract to execute all specifications, provisions, terms and conditions contained herein.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that I have read, acknowledge, understand, and agree to the content(s) of the following notices:

Notice	YES or NO
Non-Collusion Declaration (Notice I)	
Certification of Compliance (Notice II)	
Reservations (Notice III)	

SIGNATURE AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT:

Company/Firm Name			
Address		Zip:	
Contact Name			
Email		Phone	
Fax		Signature	

**By signing the above, I certify that I am authorized by the company named above to respond to this RFP.**

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**NON-COLLUSION DECLARATION PURSUANT TO PUBLIC CONTRACT CODE SEC. 7106**

The undersigned declares: I am the party making the foregoing bid.

The bid is not made in the interest of, or on behalf of, any undisclosed person, partnership, company, association, organization, or corporation. The bid is genuine and not collusive or sham. The bidder has not directly or indirectly induced or solicited any other bidder to put in a false or sham bid. The bidder has not directly or indirectly colluded, conspired, connived, or agreed with any bidder or anyone else to put in a sham bid, or to refrain from bidding. The bidder has not in any manner, directly or indirectly, sought by agreement, communication, or conference with anyone to fix the bid price of the bidder or any other bidder, or to fix any overhead, profit, or cost element of the bid price, or of that of any other bidder. All statements contained in the bid are true. The bidder has not, directly or indirectly, submitted his or her bid price or any breakdown thereof, or the contents thereof, or divulged information or data relative thereto, to any corporation, partnership, company association, organization, bid depository, or to any member or agent thereof to effectuate a collusive or sham bid, and has not paid, and will not pay, any person or entity for such purpose.

Any person executing this declaration on behalf of a bidder that is a corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, or any other entity, hereby represents that he or she has full power to execute, and does execute, this declaration on behalf of the bidder.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct..

**Notice II**

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**CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE**

CERTIFICATION:

The bidder does hereby make certification and assurance of the Proposer's compliance with:

- a) The laws of the County of Solano:  
<http://www.codepublishing.com/CA/SolanoCounty/>
- b) Title VI of the federal Civil Rights Act of 1964:  
<https://www.justice.gov/crt/fcs/TitleVI-Overview>
- c) Title IX of the federal Education Amendments Act of 1972:  
<https://www.justice.gov/crt/title-ix-education-amendments-1972>
- d) The Equal Employment Opportunity Act and the regulations issued thereunder by the federal government:  
<https://www.justice.gov/jmd/hr-order-doj12001-part-4-equal-employment-opportunity>
- e) The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and the regulations issued thereunder by the federal government:  
<https://www.ada.gov/pubs/adastatute08.htm>
- f) All contract employees performing services and/or work as a result of this solicitation must have documented legal authority to work in the United States of America,
- g) the condition that the submitted proposal was independently arrived at, without collusion, under penalty of perjury; and,
- h) the condition that no amount shall be paid directly or indirectly to an employee or official of the County of Solano as wages, compensation, or gifts in exchange for acting as an officer, agent, employee, subcontractor, or consultant to the Proposer in connection with the Procurement under this SOLICITATION.

**Notice III**

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**SOLANO COUNTY RESERVATIONS**

**COUNTY OF SOLANO HEREBY RESERVES THE FOLLOWING RIGHTS:**

The County of Solano reserves the right to make an award in whole or in part or any varying combination of the following requirements that will be in the best interest of the County, and not necessarily to the lowest Contractor. The intended bid award will be determined to be the most professionally and technically able to render services and perform associated work in support of the department to fulfill all contract requirements.

**Right of Rejection**

1. The County reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or to cancel this SOLICITATION in part or in its entirety.
2. The County reserves the right to waive any variances in proposals provided such action is in the best interest of the County.
3. The County reserves the right to amend this SOLICITATION at any time. The County also reserves the right to cancel or reissue the SOLICITATION at its sole discretion.
4. Any bid received which does not meet the requirements of this SOLICITATION, may be considered to be non-responsive, and may be rejected. The County may reject any bid that does not comply with all of the terms, conditions, and performance requirements of this SOLICITATION.
5. To cancel any award and re-solicit bids for services herein specified due to the increased or added costs, if in its opinion increased prices are greater than those of the general market.
6. To cancel any award and re-solicit bids in the event services cannot commence with ten (10) days after the specified date for start of work.
7. To reject any and all proposals considered not to be in the best interest of the County.
8. To waive any and all minor irregularities in bids.
9. To reduce or increase any specification, in whole or in part due to changes in budget allocations.

**ATTACHMENT 2**

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**PROPOSING FIRM'S DISCLOSURE OF CRIMINAL AND CIVIL PROCEEDINGS**

Describe all ongoing and past civil and criminal proceedings within the last 10 years. Indicate the status of current proceeding and the outcome of closed or completed actions. Also, describe, if any, how the outcome of actions impacted company business operations.

Note: if no civil and criminal proceedings within the last 10 years, indicate here and return this attachment with your proposal.

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**SIGNATURE AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

Company/Firm Name			
Address		Zip:	
Contact Name			
Email		Phone	
Fax		Signature	

**ATTACHMENT 3**

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**DEBARMENT CERTIFICATION FORM**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, by submitting a bid/offer/proposal/quote to the County of Solano, under penalty of perjury, hereby certify that the Prospective Contractor and/or its officers, directors, and employees:

- (i) are not currently excluded, debarred, or otherwise ineligible to participate in a federally funded program;
- (ii) have not been convicted of a criminal offense related to the provision of federally funded items or services nor has been previously excluded, debarred, or otherwise declared ineligible to participate in any federally funded programs, and
- (iii) are not, to the best of its knowledge, under investigation or otherwise aware of any circumstances which may result in contractor being excluded from participation in federally funded programs.

This representation shall be an ongoing representation during the term of any contract awarded to the Prospective Contractor. If awarded a contract, Prospective Contractor hereby commits to immediately notify the County of any change in the status of the representations set forth in this Form.

Prospective Contractor authorizes the County to independently verify its suspension and debarment status.

Prospective Contractors are cautioned that making a false certification may subject the certifier to criminal prosecution or administrative sanctions.

**SIGNATURE AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

Company/Firm Name			
Address			Zip: <input style="width: 50px;" type="text"/>
Contact Name			
Email		Phone	<input style="width: 100px;" type="text"/>
Fax		Signature	<input style="width: 150px;" type="text"/>

The *Standard* contract (provided in the following pages) contains capitalized and bracketed items that shall be replaced with appropriate information in the final contract.

[County Standard Contract on Next Page]



This Contract is entered into between the County of Solano and the Contractor named below:

CONTRACTOR'S NAME

BUSINESS FORM

The Term of this Contract is:

The maximum amount of this Contract is:

\$

The parties agree to comply with the terms and conditions of the following exhibits which are by this reference made a part of this Contract:

- Exhibit A – Scope of Work
- Exhibit B – Budget Detail and Payment Provision
- Exhibit C – General Terms and Conditions
- Exhibit D – Special Terms and Conditions

This Contract is made on \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

CONTRACTOR	COUNTY OF SOLANO
CONTRACTOR'S NAME:	AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE
SIGNATURE:	_____
	TITLE
	_____
	ADDRESS
	_____
PRINTED NAME AND TITLE	CITY STATE ZIP CODE
	Approved as to Content:
ADDRESS	_____
	DEPARTMENT HEAD OR DESIGNEE
CITY STATE ZIP CODE	Approved as to Form:
	_____
	COUNTY COUNSEL

**CONTRACT MUST BE EXECUTED BEFORE WORK CAN COMMENCE**

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**EXHIBIT A**

**SCOPE OF WORK**

[Actual scope of work to be negotiated upon contract award.]

**BUDGET DETAIL AND PAYMENT PROVISIONS**

[Actual Budget and Payment Plan to be negotiated upon contract award.]

**1. METHOD OF PAYMENT**

Upon submission of an invoice by Contractor, and upon approval of County's representative, County shall pay Contractor monthly in arrears for fees and expenses incurred the prior month, up to the maximum amount provided for on the Standard Contract. Each invoice must specify services rendered, to whom, date of service and the accrued charges.

The County offers direct deposit for invoice payment. To enroll in the program, copy and paste the following hyper-link into your internet browser.

[http://www.solanocounty.com/depts/auditor/electronic\\_payment\\_to\\_vendor\\_ach.asp](http://www.solanocounty.com/depts/auditor/electronic_payment_to_vendor_ach.asp)

**GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

**1. CLOSING OUT**

A. County will pay Contractor's final request for payment providing Contractor has paid all financial obligations undertaken pursuant to this Contract or any other contract and/or obligation that Contractor may have with the County. If Contractor has failed to pay any obligations outstanding, County will withhold from Contractor's final request for payment the amount of such outstanding financial obligations owed by Contractor. Contractor is responsible for County's receipt of a final request for payment 30 days after termination of this Contract.

B. A final undisputed invoice shall be submitted for payment no later than ninety (90) calendar days following the expiration or termination of this Contract, unless a later or alternate deadline is agreed to in writing by the County. The final invoice must be clearly marked "FINAL INVOICE", thus indicating that all payment obligations of the County under this Contract have ceased and that no further payments are due or outstanding.

C. The County may, at its discretion, choose not to honor any delinquent final invoice if the Contractor fails to obtain prior written approval of an alternate final invoice submission deadline. Written County approval for an alternate final invoice submission deadline shall be sought from the County prior to the expiration or termination of this Contract.

**2. TIME**

Time is of the essence in all terms and conditions of this Contract.

**3. TIME OF PERFORMANCE**

Work will not begin, nor claims paid for services under this Contract until all Certificates of Insurance, business and professional licenses/certificates, IRS ID number, signed W-9 form, or other applicable licenses or certificates are on file with the County's Contract Manager.

**4. TERMINATION**

A. This Contract may be terminated by County or Contractor, at any time, with or without cause, upon 30 days' written notice from one to the other.

B. County may terminate this Contract immediately upon notice of Contractor's malfeasance.

C. Following termination, County will reimburse Contractor for all expenditures made in good faith that are unpaid at the time of termination not to exceed the maximum amount payable under this Contract unless Contractor is in default of this Contract.

**5. SIGNATURE AUTHORITY**

The parties executing this Contract certify that they have the proper authority to bind their respective entities to all terms and conditions set forth in this Contract.

**6. REPRESENTATIONS**

A. County relies upon Contractor's professional ability and training as a material inducement to enter into this Contract. Contractor represents that Contractor will perform the work according to generally accepted professional practices and standards and the requirements of applicable federal, state and local laws. County's acceptance of Contractor's work shall not constitute a waiver or release of Contractor from

professional responsibility.

B. Contractor further represents that Contractor possesses current valid appropriate licensure, including, but not limited to, driver's license, professional license, certificate of tax-exempt status, or permits, required to perform the work under this Contract.

## 7. INSURANCE

A. Without limiting Contractor's obligation to indemnify County, Contractor must procure and maintain for the duration of the Contract insurance against claims for injuries to persons or damages to property which may arise from or in connection with the performance of the work under this Contract and the results of that work by Contractor, Contractor's agents, representatives, employees or subcontractors.

B. Minimum Scope of Insurance  
Coverage must be at least as broad as:

- (1) Insurance Services Office Commercial General Liability coverage (occurrence Form CG 00 01).
- (2) Insurance Services Office Form Number CA 00 01 covering Automobile Liability, Code 1 (any auto).
- (3) Workers' Compensation insurance as required by the State of California and Employer's Liability Insurance.

C. Minimum Limits of Insurance  
Contractor must maintain limits no less than:

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| (1) General Liability:<br>(Including operations,<br>products and completed<br>operations.) | <b>\$2,000,000</b>                      | per occurrence for bodily injury, personal injury and property damage, or the full per occurrence limits of the policy, whichever is greater. If Commercial General Liability insurance or other form with a general aggregate limit is used, either the general aggregate limit shall apply separately to this project/location or the general aggregate limit shall be twice the required occurrence limit. |
| (2) Automobile Liability:  | <b>\$1,000,000</b>                      | per accident for bodily injury and property damage.   |
| (3) Workers' Compensation:   | As required by the State of California. |   |
| (4) Employer's Liability:  | <b>\$1,000,000</b>                      | per accident for bodily injury or disease.  |

D. Additional Insurance Coverage  
To the extent coverage is applicable to Contractor's services under this Contract, Contractor must maintain the following insurance coverage:

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| (1) Cyber Liability: | <b>\$1,000,000</b> | per incident with the aggregate limit twice the required limit to cover the full replacement value of damage to, alteration of, loss of, or destruction of electronic data and/or information property of the County |
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that will be in the care, custody or control of Contractor under this Contract.

- (2) Professional Liability: **\$2,000,000** combined single limit per claim and in the aggregate. The policy shall remain in full force and effect for no less than 5 years following the completion of work under this Contract.

E. If Contractor maintains higher limits than the minimums shown above, County is entitled to coverage for the higher limits maintained by Contractor. Any insurance proceeds in excess of the specified limits and coverage required, which are applicable to a given loss, shall be available to the County. No representation is made that the minimums shown above are sufficient to cover the indemnity or other obligations of the Contractor under this Contract.

F. Deductibles and Self-Insured Retentions

Any deductibles or self-insured retentions must be declared to and approved by County. At the option of County, either:

- (1) The insurer will reduce or eliminate such deductibles or self-insured retentions with respect to County, its officers, officials, agents, employees and volunteers; or
- (2) Contractor must provide a financial guarantee satisfactory to County guaranteeing payment of losses and related investigations, claim administration, and defense expenses.

G. Other Insurance Provisions

(1) The general liability and automobile liability policies must contain, or be endorsed to contain, the following provisions:

(a) The County of Solano, its officers, officials, agents, employees, and volunteers must be included as additional insureds with respect to liability arising out of automobiles owned, leased, hired or borrowed by or on behalf of Contractor; and with respect to liability arising out of work or operations performed by or on behalf of Contractor including materials, parts or equipment furnished in connection with such work or operations. General Liability coverage shall be provided in the form of an Additional Insured endorsement (CG 20 10 11 85 or both CG 20 10 and CG 20 37 if later ISO revisions are used or the equivalent) to Contractor's insurance policy, or as a separate owner's policy. The insurance afforded to the additional insureds shall be at least as broad as that afforded to the first named insured.

(b) For any claims related to work performed under this Contract, Contractor's insurance coverage must be primary insurance with respect to the County of Solano, its officers, officials, agents, employees, and volunteers. Any insurance maintained by County, its officers, officials, agents, employees, or volunteers in excess of Contractor's insurance and shall not contribute to it.

(2) If Contractor's services are technologically related, Professional Liability coverage shall include, but not be limited to claims involving infringement of intellectual property, copyright, trademark, invasion of privacy violations, information theft, release of private information, extortion and network security. The policy shall provide coverage for breach response costs as well as regulatory fines and penalties as well as credit monitoring expenses with limits sufficient to respond to such obligations. The policy shall also include, or be endorsed to include, property damage liability coverage for damage to, alteration of, loss of, or destruction of electronic data and/or information "property" of the County in the care, custody, or control of the Contractor. If not covered under the Contractor's Professional Liability policy, such "property" coverage of the County may be endorsed onto the Contractor's Cyber Liability Policy.

(3) Should any of the above described policies be cancelled prior to the policies' expiration date, Contractor agrees that notice of cancellation will be delivered in accordance with the policy provisions.

H. Waiver of Subrogation

(1) Contractor agrees to waive subrogation which any insurer of Contractor may acquire from Contractor by virtue of the payment of any loss. Contractor agrees to obtain any endorsement that may be necessary to affect this waiver of subrogation.

(2) The Workers' Compensation policy must be endorsed with a waiver of subrogation in favor of County for all work performed by Contractor, its employees, agents and subcontractors.

I. Acceptability of Insurers

Insurance is to be placed with insurers with a current A.M. Best's rating of no less than A:VII unless otherwise acceptable to County.

J. Verification of Coverage

(1) Contractor must furnish County with original certificates and endorsements effecting coverage required by this Contract.

(2) The endorsements should be on forms provided by County or, if on other than County's forms, must conform to County's requirements and be acceptable to County.

(3) County must receive and approve all certificates and endorsements before work commences.

(4) However, failure to provide the required certificates and endorsements shall not operate as a waiver of these insurance requirements.

(5) County reserves the right to require complete, certified copies of all required insurance policies, including endorsements affecting the coverage described above at any time.

## 8. BEST EFFORTS

Contractor represents that Contractor will at all times faithfully, industriously and to the best of its ability, experience and talent, perform to County's reasonable satisfaction.

## 9. DEFAULT

A. If Contractor defaults in Contractor's performance, County shall promptly notify Contractor in writing. If Contractor fails to cure a default within 30 days after notification, or if the default requires more than 30 days to cure and Contractor fails to commence to cure the default within 30 days after notification, then Contractor's failure shall constitute cause for termination of this Contract.

B. If Contractor fails to cure default within the specified period of time, County may elect to cure the default and any expense incurred shall be payable by Contractor to County. The contract may be terminated at County's sole discretion.

C. If County serves Contractor with a notice of default and Contractor fails to cure the default, Contractor waives any further notice of termination of this Contract.

D. If this Contract is terminated because of Contractor's default, County shall be entitled to recover from Contractor all damages allowed by law.

## 10. INDEMNIFICATION

A. Contractor will indemnify, hold harmless and assume the defense of the County of Solano, its officers, employees, agents and elective and appointive boards from all claims, losses, damages, including property damages, personal injury, death and liability of every kind, directly or indirectly arising from Contractor's operations or from any persons directly or indirectly employed by, or acting as agent for, Contractor, excepting the sole negligence or willful misconduct of the County of Solano. This indemnification shall extend to claims, losses, damages, injury and liability for injuries occurring after

completion of Contractor's services, as well as during the progress of rendering such services.

B. Acceptance of insurance required by this Contract does not relieve Contractor from liability under this indemnification clause. This indemnification clause shall apply to all damages or claims for damages suffered by Contractor's operations regardless if any insurance is applicable or not.

## 11. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

A. Contractor is an independent contractor and not an agent, officer or employee of County. The parties mutually understand that this Contract is between two independent contractors and is not intended to and shall not be construed to create the relationship of agent, servant, employee, partnership, joint venture or association.

B. Contractor shall have no claim against County for employee rights or benefits including, but not limited to, seniority, vacation time, vacation pay, sick leave, personal time off, overtime, medical, dental or hospital benefits, retirement benefits, Social Security, disability, Workers' Compensation, unemployment insurance benefits, civil service protection, disability retirement benefits, paid holidays or other paid leaves of absence.

C. Contractor is solely obligated to pay all applicable taxes, deductions and other obligations including, but not limited to, federal and state income taxes, withholding, Social Security, unemployment, disability insurance, Workers' Compensation and Medicare payments.

D. Contractor shall indemnify and hold County harmless from any liability which County may incur because of Contractor's failure to pay such obligations nor shall County be responsible for any employer-related costs not otherwise agreed to in advance between the County and Contractor.

E. As an independent contractor, Contractor is not subject to the direction and control of County except as to the final result contracted for under this Contract. County may not require Contractor to change Contractor's manner of doing business, but may require redirection of efforts to fulfill this Contract.

F. Contractor may provide services to others during the same period Contractor provides service to County under this Contract.

G. Any third persons employed by Contractor shall be under Contractor's exclusive direction, supervision and control. Contractor shall determine all conditions of employment including hours, wages, working conditions, discipline, hiring and discharging or any other condition of employment.

H. As an independent contractor, Contractor shall indemnify and hold County harmless from any claims that may be made against County based on any contention by a third party that an employer-employee relationship exists under this Contract.

I. Contractor, with full knowledge and understanding of the foregoing, freely, knowingly, willingly and voluntarily waives the right to assert any claim to any right or benefit or term or condition of employment insofar as they may be related to or arise from compensation paid hereunder.

## 12. RESPONSIBILITIES OF CONTRACTOR

A. The parties understand and agree that Contractor possesses the requisite skills necessary to perform the work under this Contract and County relies upon such skills. Contractor pledges to perform the work skillfully and professionally. County's acceptance of Contractor's work does not constitute a release of Contractor from professional responsibility.

B. Contractor verifies that Contractor has reviewed the scope of work to be performed under this Contract and agrees that in Contractor's professional judgment, the work can and shall be completed for costs within the maximum amount set forth in this Contract.

C. To fully comply with the terms and conditions of this Contract, Contractor shall:

(1) Establish and maintain a system of accounts for budgeted funds that complies with generally accepted accounting principles for government agencies;

(2) Document all costs by maintaining complete and accurate records of all financial transactions associated with this Contract, including, but not limited to, invoices and other official documentation that sufficiently support all charges under this Contract;

(3) Submit monthly reimbursement claims for expenditures that directly benefit Solano



County;

- (4) Be liable for repayment of any disallowed costs identified through quarterly reports, audits, monitoring or other sources; and
- (5) Retain financial, programmatic, client data and other service records for 3 years from the date of the end of the contract award or for 3 years from the date of termination, whichever is later.

### 13. COMPLIANCE WITH LAW

A. Contractor shall comply with all federal, state and local laws and regulations applicable to Contractor's performance, including, but not limited to, licensing, employment and purchasing practices, wages, hours and conditions of employment.

B. To the extent federal funds are used in whole or in part to fund this Contract, Contractor specifically agrees to comply with Executive Order 11246 entitled "Equal Employment Opportunity", as amended and supplemented in Department of Labor regulations; the Copeland "Ant-Kickback" Act (18 U.S.C. §874) and its implementing regulations (29 C.F.R. part 3); the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. §7401 et seq.); the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. §1251); and the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (Pub. L. 94-165).

C. Contractor represents that it will comply with the applicable cost principles and administrative requirements including claims for payment or reimbursement by County as set forth in 2 C.F.R. part 200, as currently enacted or as may be amended throughout the term of this Contract.

### 14. CONFIDENTIALITY

A. Contractor shall prevent unauthorized disclosure of names and other client-identifying information, except for statistical information not identifying a particular client receiving services under this Contract.

B. Contractor shall not use client specific information for any purpose other than carrying out Contractor's obligations under this Contract.

C. Contractor shall promptly transmit to County all requests for disclosure of confidential information.

D. Except as otherwise permitted by this Contract or authorized by law, Contractor shall not disclose any confidential information to anyone other than the State of California without prior written authorization from County.

E. For purposes of this section, identity shall include, but not be limited to, name, identifying number, symbol or other client identifying particulars, such as fingerprints, voice print or photograph. Client shall include individuals receiving services pursuant to this Contract.

### 15. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

A. Contractor represents that Contractor and/or Contractor's employees and/or their immediate families and/or Board of Directors and/or officers have no interest, including, but not limited to, other projects or independent contracts, and shall not acquire any interest, direct or indirect, including separate contracts for the work to be performed hereunder, which conflicts with the rendering of services under this Contract. Contractor shall employ or retain no such person while rendering services under this Contract. Services rendered by Contractor's associates or employees shall not relieve Contractor from personal responsibility under this clause.

B. Contractor has an affirmative duty to disclose to County in writing the name(s) of any person(s) who have an actual, potential or apparent conflict of interest.

### 16. DRUG FREE WORKPLACE

Contractor represents that Contractor is knowledgeable of Government Code section 8350 et seq., regarding a drug free workplace and shall abide by and implement its statutory requirements.



## **17. HEALTH AND SAFETY STANDARDS**

Contractor shall abide by all health and safety standards set forth by the State of California and/or the County of Solano pursuant to the Injury and Illness Prevention Program. If applicable, Contractor must receive all health and safety information and training from County.

## **18. CHILD/ADULT ABUSE**

If services pursuant to this Contract will be provided to children and/or elder adults, Contractor represents that Contractor is knowledgeable of the Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act (Penal Code section 11164 et seq.) and the Elder Abuse and Dependent Adult Civil Protection Act (Welfare and Institutions Code section 15600 et seq.) requiring reporting of suspected abuse.

## **19. INSPECTION**

Authorized representatives of County, the State of California and/or the federal government may inspect and/or audit Contractor's performance, place of business and/or records pertaining to this Contract.

## **20. NONDISCRIMINATION**

A. In rendering services under this Contract, Contractor shall comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations and shall not discriminate based on age, ancestry, color, gender, marital status, medical condition, national origin, physical or mental disability, race, religion, sexual orientation, or other protected status.

B. Further, Contractor shall not discriminate against its employees, which includes, but is not limited to, employment upgrading, demotion or transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff or termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation and selection for training, including apprenticeship.

## **21. SUBCONTRACTOR AND ASSIGNMENT**

A. Services under this Contract are deemed to be personal services.

B. Subject to any required state or federal approval, Contractor shall not subcontract any work under this Contract without the prior written consent of the County's Contract Manager nor assign this Contract or monies due without the prior written approval of the County's applicable Department Head or his or her designee and the County Administrator.

C. If County consents to the use of subcontractors, Contractor shall require and verify that its subcontractors maintain insurance meeting all the requirements stated in Section 7 above.

D. Assignment by Contractor of any monies due shall not constitute an assignment of the Contract.

## **22. UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES**

Contractor is not responsible for any delay caused by natural disaster, war, civil disturbance, labor dispute or other cause beyond Contractor's reasonable control, provided Contractor gives written notice to County of the cause of the delay within 10 days of the start of the delay.

## **23. OWNERSHIP OF DOCUMENTS**

A. County shall be the owner of and shall be entitled to possession of any computations, plans, correspondence or other pertinent data and information gathered by or computed by Contractor prior to termination of this Contract by County or upon completion of the work pursuant to this Contract.

B. No material prepared in connection with the project shall be subject to copyright in the United States or in any other country.

#### **24. NOTICE**

A. Any notice necessary to the performance of this Contract shall be given in writing by personal delivery or by prepaid first-class mail addressed as stated on the first page of this Contract.

B. If notice is given by personal delivery, notice is effective as of the date of personal delivery. If notice is given by mail, notice is effective as of the day following the date of mailing or the date of delivery reflected upon a return receipt, whichever occurs first.

#### **25. NONRENEWAL**

Contractor acknowledges that there is no guarantee that County will renew Contractor's services under a new contract following expiration or termination of this Contract. Contractor waives all rights to notice of non-renewal of Contractor's services.

#### **26. COUNTY'S OBLIGATION SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS**

A. The County's obligation under this Contract is subject to the availability of authorized funds. The County may terminate the Contract, or any part of the Contract work, without prejudice to any right or remedy of the County, for lack of appropriation of funds. If expected or actual funding is withdrawn, reduced or limited in any way prior to the expiration date set forth in this Contract, or any subsequent amendment, the County may, upon written Notice to the Contractor, terminate this Contract in whole or in part.

B. Payment shall not exceed the amount allowable for appropriation by the Board of Supervisors. If the Contract is terminated for non-appropriation of funds:

i. The County will be liable only for payment in accordance with the terms of this Contract for services rendered prior to the effective date of termination; and

ii. The Contractor shall be released from any obligation to provide further services pursuant to this Contract that are affected by the termination.

C. Funding for this Contract beyond the current appropriation year is conditional upon appropriation by the Board of Supervisors of sufficient funds to support the activities described in this Contract. Should such an appropriation not be approved, this Contract will terminate at the close of the current appropriation year.

D. This Contract is void and unenforceable if all or parts of federal or state funds applicable to this Contract are not available to County. If applicable funding is reduced, County may either:

- (1) Cancel this Contract; or,
- (2) Offer a contract amendment reflecting the reduced funding.

#### **27. CHANGES AND AMENDMENTS**

A. County may request changes in Contractor's scope of services. Any mutually agreed upon changes, including any increase or decrease in the amount of Contractor's compensation, shall be effective when incorporated in written amendments to this Contract.

B. The party desiring the revision shall request amendments to the terms and conditions of this Contract in writing. Any adjustment to this Contract shall be effective only upon the parties' mutual execution of an amendment in writing.

C. No verbal agreements or conversations prior to execution of this Contract or requested amendment shall affect or modify any of the terms or conditions of this Contract unless reduced to writing according to the applicable provisions of this Contract.

## **28. CHOICE OF LAW**

The parties have executed and delivered this Contract in the County of Solano, State of California. The laws of the State of California shall govern the validity, enforceability or interpretation of this Contract. Solano County shall be the venue for any action or proceeding, in law or equity that may be brought in connection with this Contract.

## **29. HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT**

Contractor represents that it is knowledgeable of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 ("HIPAA") and its implementing regulations issued by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (45 C.F.R. parts 160-64) regarding the protection of health information obtained, created, or exchanged as a result of this Contract and shall abide by and implement its statutory requirements.

## **30. WAIVER**

Any failure of a party to assert any right under this Contract shall not constitute a waiver or a termination of that right, under this Contract or any of its provisions.

## **31. CONFLICTS IN THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS**

The Contract documents are intended to be complementary and interpreted in harmony so as to avoid conflict. In the event of conflict in the Contract documents, the parties agree that the document providing the highest quality and level of service to the County shall supersede any inconsistent term in these documents.

## **32. FAITH BASED ORGANIZATIONS**

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

B. Contractor agrees and acknowledges that County may not make funds available for programs or services affiliated with a religious organization (a) that has denied or continues to deny access to services on the basis of any protected class; (b) will use the funds for a religious purpose; (c) will use the funds for a program or service that subjects its participants to religious education.

C. Contractor agrees and acknowledges that all recipients of funding from County must: (a) 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 (b) segregate such funding from all funding used for religious purposes.

## **33. PRICING**

Should Contractor, at any time during the term of this Contract, provide the same goods or services under similar quantity, terms and conditions to one or more counties in the State of California at prices below those set forth in this Contract, then the parties agree to amend this Contract so that such lower prices shall be extended immediately to County for all future services.

### **34. USE OF PROVISIONS, TERMS, CONDITIONS AND PRICING BY OTHER PUBLIC AGENCIES**

Contractor and County agree that the terms of this Contract may be extended to any other public agency located in the State of California, as provided for in this section. Another public agency wishing to use the provisions, terms, and pricing of this Contract to contract for equipment and services comparable to that described in this Contract shall be responsible for entering into its own contract with Contractor, as well as providing for its own payment provisions, making all payments, and obtaining any certificates of insurance and bonds that may be required. County is not responsible for providing to any other public agency any documentation relating this Contract or its implementation. Any public agency that uses provisions, terms, or pricing of this Contract shall by virtue of doing so be deemed to indemnify and hold harmless County from all claims, demands, or causes of actions of every kind arising directly or indirectly with the use of this Contract. County makes no guarantee of usage by other users of this Contract nor shall the County incur any financial responsibility in connection with any contracts entered into by another public agency. Such other public agency shall accept sole responsibility for placing orders and making payments to Contractor.

### **35. DISBARMENT OR SUSPENSION OF CONTRACTOR**

A. Contractor represents that its officers, directors and employees (i) are not currently excluded, debarred, or otherwise ineligible to participate in a federally funded program; (ii) have not been convicted of a criminal offense related to the provision of federally funded items or services nor has been previously excluded, debarred, or otherwise declared ineligible to participate in any federally funded programs, and (iii) are not, to the best of its knowledge, under investigation or otherwise aware of any circumstances which may result in Contractor being excluded from participation in federally funded programs.

B. For purposes of this Contract, federally funded programs include any federal health program as defined in 42 USC § 1320a-7b(f) (the "Federal Healthcare Programs") or any state healthcare programs.

C. This representation and warranty shall be an ongoing representation and warranty during the term of this Contract and Contractor must immediately notify the County of any change in the status of the representation and warranty set forth in this section.

D. If services pursuant to this Contract involve federally-funded programs, Contractor agrees to provide certification of non-suspension with submission of each invoice. Failure to submit certification with invoices will result in a delay in County processing Contractor's payment.

### **36. EXECUTION IN COUNTERPARTS**

This Contract may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which together shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument, it being understood that all parties need not sign the same counterpart. In the event that any signature is delivered by facsimile or electronic transmission (e.g., by e-mail delivery of a ".pdf" format data file), such signature shall create a valid and binding obligation of the party executing (or on whose behalf such signature is executed) with the same force and effect as if such facsimile or electronic signature page were an original signature.

### **37. LOCAL EMPLOYMENT POLICY**

Solano County desires, whenever possible, to hire qualified local residents to work on County projects. A local resident is defined as a person who resides in, or a business that is located in, Solano County. The County encourages an active outreach program on the part of its contractors, consultants and agents. When local projects require subcontractors, Contractor shall solicit proposals for qualified local residents where possible.

### **38. ENTIRE CONTRACT**

This Contract, including any exhibits referenced, constitutes the entire agreement between the parties and there are no inducements, promises, terms, conditions or obligations made or entered into by County or Contractor other than those contained in it.

## SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

### 1. SUB-RECIPIENT COMPLIANCE

A. All or part of this contract will be paid with Federal awards. Contractor may be designated as a Sub-recipient and the federal funds received under this contract may be designated as a subaward of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (CSLFRF). Funds, payments, expenses, and procurements under this contract must be used in accordance with Federal statutes, regulations and the terms and conditions of the Federal award, including but not limited to, the US Treasury Final Rule (31 CFR Part 35), CSLFRF Compliance Reporting Guidance, and CSLFRF Frequently Asked Questions and all amendments or successor laws, regulations, or guidance thereto.

B. Contractor shall also comply with all other applicable federal statutes, regulations, and executive orders, and shall provide for such compliance by other parties in any contracts it enters into with other parties relating to or involving funding under this contract.

C. Contractor shall be responsible for any disallowances, questioned costs, or other items, including interest, not allowed under ARPA CSLFRF funding. Contractor shall return to County any funds disallowed within (90) ninety days of notification from County to return such funds.

D. As a pass-through entity, the County is required to provide certain information regarding Federal award(s) to Contractor as a Sub-recipient:

- (i) Subrecipient name (which must match the name associated with its unique entity identifier): *Agency Name*
- (ii) Subrecipient's unique entity identifier: *Agency UEI*
- (iii) Federal Award Identification Number (FAIN): *SLFRP1180*
- (iv) Federal Award Date: *March 11, 2021*
- (v) Subaward Period of Performance Start and End Date: *Generally Term of Contract*
- (vi) Subaward Budget Period Start and End Date: *Generally Term of Contract*
- (vii) Amount of Federal Funds Obligated by this action by the pass-through entity to the subrecipient: *Generally Contract Budget*
- (viii) Total Amount of Federal Funds Obligated to the subrecipient by the pass-through entity including the current financial obligation: *Generally Contract Budget*
- (ix) Total Amount of the Federal Award committed to the subrecipient by the pass-through entity: *Generally Contract Budget*
- (x) Federal award project description: *American Rescue Plan Act Direct Payment for Specified Use*
- (xi) Name of Federal awarding agency, pass-through entity, and contact information for awarding official of the Pass-through entity: *Provided by the Department of the Treasury to the County of Solano. County Administrator Bill Emlen cao- clerk@solanocounty.com.*
- (xii) Assistance Listings number and Title: *21.027 Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds*
- (xiii) Identification of whether the award is R&D: *No*
- (xiv) Indirect cost rate for the Federal award (including if the de minimis rate is charged) per § 200.414: *Indirect from contract, if applicable*



County will provide any additional required information regarding the Federal Award upon receipt of funding documents from the funding source.

## 2. REPORTING

Contractor agrees to comply with and support all applicable ARPA CSLFRF reporting requirements and all reporting requirements otherwise stated in the contract, including, but not limited to, providing reports to the County as requested. Contractor shall maintain compliance with all other federal reporting requirements, including those pertaining to subaward and executive compensation information (2 CFR Part 170), and shall maintain processes and systems for proper and timely reporting as required under 2 CFR Part 170 Appendix A (unless exempt).

Contractor shall be responsible for ARPA CSLFRF related reporting by project, including but not limited to:

- Quarterly reporting on performance as related to activities and outcomes identified in Exhibit A;
- Identifying primary, secondary, and tertiary impacted and/or disproportionately impacted populations served;
- Identifying the structure and objectives of assistance programs, including negative economic impacts experienced;
- Identifying how Contractor's approach to ensuring response is reasonable and proportional to negative economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic;
- Identifying the amount of the project spending that is allocated toward evidence-based interventions;
- Identifying if a program evaluation is being conducted;
- Identifying efforts to promote equitable outcomes, including how programs were designed with equity in mind; and
- Other reporting based on project category.

## 3. UNIFORM ADMINISTRATIVE, COST PRINCIPLES, AND AUDIT REQUIREMENTS

A. Contractor shall comply with all applicable provisions of the federal Uniform Guidance, 2 CFR Part 200, including applicable Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit requirements. Without limitation, all use of funds and procurement of all services (including consultants), supplies, property, or equipment, shall be performed in conformance with 2 CFR 200.318-327 as well as in conformance with all other administrative, costs, and audit requirements under federal laws and regulations. These requirements generally require open and competitive process, with limited exceptions. Contractor shall maintain records sufficient to detail the history of procurement and provide such records upon request. These records shall include, but are not necessarily limited to: rationale for the method of procurement, selection of contract type, contractor selection or rejection, and the basis for the contract price.

B. Contractors who receive federal funding which taken together total over \$750,000 in a single fiscal year are required to have a single agency audit in accordance with 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F. A copy of this audit must be forwarded to the County by the auditor as soon as it is complete.

#### 4. SYSTEM FOR AWARD MANAGEMENT

Contractor shall maintain compliance with the System for Award Management (SAM) and Universal Entity Identifier requirements, pursuant to 2 CFR Part 25, including obtaining a unique entity identifier and completing SAM registration prior to receiving the Federal award unless exempt under 2 CFR 25.110. No entity, including subcontractors, may receive any federal funds through this contract unless the entity has provided its Unique Entity Identifier to County. Subrecipients are not required to obtain an active SAM registration but must obtain a Unique Entity Identifier.

#### 5. PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF FUNDS

Contractor shall appropriately acknowledge funding from the County of Solano ARPA CSLFRF.

Appropriate acknowledgement is defined as follows:

- A. Includes the County of Solano logo;
- B. Includes the statement, "Made possible by funding from the County of Solano";
- C. The statement and logo must be included in all public materials that mention the funded programs or services, including (but not limited to) Web sites, e-mails, news releases, media advisories, brochures, newsletters, flyers, advertisements, public service announcements, posters, and any other public communication items.

#### 6. START-UP PERIOD

Without limiting any remedy available under section 4 or section 9 of Exhibit C to this Contract, or as otherwise provided by law, in the event that Contractor does not implement the services contemplated by this Contract within 6 months of the effective date of this Contract, County reserves the right, in the sole and absolute discretion of County, to terminate the Contract with 15 days written notice of such termination to Contractor.

SOLANO COUNTY  
**DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE CERTIFICATION**

(rev-09/01/94)

COMPANY/ORGANIZATION NAME

The contractor or grant recipient named above certifies compliance with Government Code section 8355 in matters relating to providing a drug-free workplace. The above-named contractor will:

1. Publish a statement notifying employees that unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited and specifying actions to be taken against employees for violations, as required by Government Code Section 8355(a).
2. Establish a Drug-Free Awareness Program as required by Government Code section 8355(b), to inform employees about all of the following:
  - (a) The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;
  - (b) The person's or organization's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;
  - (c) Any available counseling, rehabilitation and employee assistance programs; and
  - (d) Penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations.
3. Provide, as required by Government Code section 8355(c), that every employee who works on the proposed contract or grant:
  - (a) Will receive a copy of the company's drug-free policy statement; and
  - (b) Will agree to abide by the terms of the company's statement as a condition of employment on the contract or grant.

**CERTIFICATION**

I, the official named below, swear that I am duly authorized legally to bind the contractor or grant recipient to the above described certification. I am fully aware that this certification, executed on the date below, is made under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Contractor or Grant Recipient Signature

Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Official's Name (type or print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Federal Tax I.D.

**EXHIBIT D-2**

**CHILD ABUSE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

Section 11166 of the Penal Code requires any child care custodian, medical practitioner, nonmedical practitioner, or employee of a child protective agency who has knowledge of, or observes a child in his or her professional capacity or within the scope of his or her employment, whom he or she knows or reasonably suspects, has been the victim of a child abuse to report the known or suspected instance of child abuse to a child protective agency immediately or as soon as practically possible by telephone, and to prepare and send a written report thereof within 36 hours of receiving the information concerning the incident.

I, the undersigned, have read and understand the requirements of Penal Code Section 11166 and will comply with its provisions.

Thereof, I agree to report to my immediate supervisor any suspected child abuse situations of which I am aware and will report directly to the Child Protective Services as necessary.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**ADULT ABUSE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

Welfare and Institutions Code section 15630 and following:

The undersigned, having read the statement below, signifies knowledge and understanding of its provisions:

Section 15630 of the Welfare and Institutions Code requires any care custodian, health practitioner, or employee of an adult protective services agency or a local law enforcement agency who has knowledge of, or observes a dependent adult, in his or her professional capacity or within the scope of his or her employment who he or she knows has been the victim of physical abuse, or who has injuries under circumstances which are consistent with abuse where the dependent adult's statements indicate, or in the case of a person with developmental disabilities, where his or her statements or other corroborating evidence indicates that abuse has occurred, to report the known or suspected instance of physical abuse to an adult protective services or a local law enforcement agency immediately or as soon as practically possible by telephone and to prepare and send a written report, thereof, within 36 hours of receiving the information concerning the incident.

"Care Custodian" means an administrator or an employee of any of the following public or private facilities:

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| 1. Health facility  | 12. Licensing worker or evaluator  |
| 2. Clinic   | 13. Public assistance worker   |
| 3. Home health agency   | 14. Adult protective services agency   |
| 4. Educational institution  | 15. Patient's rights advocate  |
| 5. Sheltered workshop   | 16. Nursing home ombudsman ...   |
| 6. Camp   | 17. Legal guardian or conservator  |
| 7. Respite care facility  | 18. Skilled nursing facility   |
| 8. Residential care institution including foster homes and group homes  | 19. Intermediate care facility   |
| 9. Community care facility  | 20. Local Law enforcement agency   |
| 10. Adult day care facility, including adult day health care facilities | 21. Any other person who provides goods or services necessary to avoid physical harm or mental suffering and who performs duties |
| 11. Regional center for persons with developmental disabilities         |  |

"Health Practitioner" means a physician, surgeon, psychiatrist, psychologist, dentist, resident, intern, podiatrist, chiropractor, licensed nurse, dental hygienist, marriage, family and child counselor or any other person who is currently licensed under Division 2 (commencing with Section 500) of the Business and Professions Code, any emergency medical technician I or II, paramedic, a person certified pursuant to Division 2.5 (commencing with Section 1797) of the Health and Safety Code, or psychological assistant registered pursuant to Section 2913 of the Business and Professions Code, a marriage, family and child counselor trainee, as defined in subdivision (c) of Section 4980.03 of the Business and Professions Code, a state or county public health employee who treats a dependent adult for any condition, a coroner, or a religious practitioner who diagnoses, examines, or treats dependent adults.

I certify that a full copy of Welfare and Institutions Code section 15630 and following has been provided to me, and I have read and understand the above statement and will comply with its provisions.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

RFP NO.: **DOIT 2023-002**

SUBMISSION DATE: 5/3/2023 5:00 PM PST

**EXHIBIT D-4**

**SOLANO COUNTY**

**HIPAA CONTRACTOR AGREEMENT**

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(Contractor Name)

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This Exhibit shall constitute the Business Associate Agreement (the "Agreement") between the County of Solano (the "County") and the Contractor or grant recipient (the "Contractor") and applies to the functions Contractor will perform on behalf of the County (collectively, "Services"), that is identified in Exhibit A, Scope of Work.

- A County wishes to disclose certain information to Contractor pursuant to the terms of the Agreement, some of which may constitute Protected Health Information ("PHI") (defined below).
- B County and its Contractor acknowledge that Contractor is subject to the Privacy and Security Rules (45 CFR parts 160 and 164) promulgated by the United States Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), Public Law 104-191 as amended by the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act as set forth in Title XIII of Division A and Title IV of Division B of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 ("HITECH Act), in certain aspects of its operations performed on behalf of the County.
- C As part of the HIPAA Regulations, the Privacy Rule and the Security Rule (defined below) require County to enter into an Agreement containing specific requirements with Contractor prior to the disclosure of PHI, as set forth in, but not limited to, Title 45, sections 164.314(a), 164.502(e) and 164.504(e) of the Code of Federal Regulations ("C.F.R.") and contained in this Agreement.

**I. DEFINITIONS**

Terms used, but not otherwise defined, in this Agreement shall have the same meaning as those terms in 45 CFR parts 160 and 164.

- 1. **Breach** means the same as defined under the HITECH Act [42 U.S.C. section 17921].
- 2. **Contractor** means the same as defined under the Privacy Rule, the Security rule, and the HITECH Act, including, but not limited to, 42 U.S.C. section 17938 and 45 C.F.R. § 160.103.

3. **Breach of the Security of the Information System** means the unauthorized acquisition, including, but not limited to, access to, use, disclosure, modification or destruction, of unencrypted computerized data that materially compromises the security, confidentiality, or integrity of personal information maintained by or on behalf of the County. Good faith acquisition of personal information by an employee or agent of the information holder for the purposes of the information holder is not a breach of the security of the system; provided, that the personal information is not used or subject to further unauthorized disclosure.
4. **Commercial Use** means obtaining protected health information with the intent to sell, transfer or use it for commercial, or personal gain, or malicious harm; sale to third party for consumption, resale, or processing for resale; application or conversion of data to make a profit or obtain a benefit contrary to the intent of this Agreement.
5. **Covered Entity means the same as defined** under the Privacy Rule and the Security rule, including, but not limited to, 45 C.F.R. § 160.103.
6. **Designated Record Set means the same as defined** in 45 C.F.R. § 164.501.
7. **Electronic Protected Health Information (ePHI) means the same as defined** in 45 C.F.R. § 160.103.
8. **Electronic Health Record means the same as defined** shall have the meaning given to such term in the HITECH Act, including, but not limited to, 42 U.S.C. § 17921.
9. **Encryption** means the process using publicly known algorithms to convert plain text and other data into a form intended to protect the data from being able to be converted back to the original plain text by known technological means.
10. **Health Care Operations means the same as defined** in 45 C.F.R. § 164.501.
11. **Individual means the same as defined** in 45 CFR § 160.103 and shall include a person who qualifies as a personal representative in accordance with 45 CFR § 164.502(g).
12. **Marketing means the same as defined** under 45 CFR § 164.501 and the act or process of promoting, selling, leasing or licensing any patient information or data for profit without the express written permission of County.
13. **Privacy Officer means the same as defined** in 45 C.F.R. § 164.530(a)(1). The Privacy Officer is the official designated by a County or Contractor to be responsible for compliance with HIPAA/HITECH regulations.
14. **Privacy Rule** means the Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information at 45 CFR parts 160 and t 164, subparts A and E.
15. **Protected Health Information or PHI** means any information, whether oral or recorded in any form or medium: (i) that relates to the past, present or future physical or mental condition of an individual; the provision of health care to an individual; or the past, present or future payment for the provision of health care to an individual; and (ii) that identifies the individual or with respect to which there is a reasonable basis to believe the information can be used to identify the individual, and shall have the meaning given to such term under the Privacy Rule, including, but not limited to, 45 C.F.R. § 164.501. Protected Health



Information includes Electronic Protected Health Information [45 C.F.R. §§ 160.103 and 164.501].

16. **Required by Law** means the same as defined in 45 CFR § 164.103.
17. **Security Rule** means the HIPAA Regulation that is codified at 45 C.F.R. parts 160 and 164, subparts A and C.
18. **Security Incident** means the attempted or successful unauthorized access, use, disclosure, modification, or destruction of information or interference with system operations in an information system.
19. **Security Event** means an immediately reportable subset of security incidents which incident would include:
  - a. a suspected penetration of Contractor's information system of which the Contractor becomes aware of but for which it is not able to verify immediately upon becoming aware of the suspected incident that PHI was not accessed, stolen, used, disclosed, modified, or destroyed;
  - b. any indication, evidence, or other security documentation that the Contractor's network resources, including, but not limited to, software, network routers, firewalls, database and application servers, intrusion detection systems or other security appliances, may have been damaged, modified, taken over by proxy, or otherwise compromised, for which Contractor cannot refute the indication of the time the Contractor became aware of such indication;
  - c. a breach of the security of the Contractor's information system(s) by unauthorized acquisition, including, but not limited to, access to or use, disclosure, modification or destruction, of unencrypted computerized data and which incident materially compromises the security, confidentiality, or integrity of the PHI; and or,
  - d. the unauthorized acquisition, including but not limited to access to or use, disclosure, modification or destruction, of unencrypted PHI or other confidential information of the County by an employee or authorized user of Contractor's system(s) which materially compromises the security, confidentiality, or integrity of PHI or other confidential information of the County.

If data acquired (including but not limited to access to or use, disclosure, modification or destruction of such data) is in encrypted format but the decryption key which would allow the decoding of the data is also taken, the parties shall treat the acquisition as a breach for purposes of determining appropriate response.

20. **Security Rule** means the Security Standards for the Protection of Electronic Protected Health Information at 45 CFR parts 160 and 164, subparts A and C.
21. **Unsecured PHI** means protected health information that is not rendered unusable, unreadable, or indecipherable to unauthorized individuals through the use of a technology or methodology specified by the Secretary. Unsecured PHI shall have the meaning given to such term under the HITECH Act and any guidance issued pursuant to such Act including, but not limited to, 42 U.S.C. section 17932(h).

## II. OBLIGATIONS OF CONTRACTOR

1. Compliance with the Privacy Rule: Contractor agrees to fully comply with the requirements under the Privacy Rule applicable to “Business Associates” as defined in the Privacy Rule and not use or further disclose Protected Health Information other than as permitted or required by this agreement or as required by law.
2. Compliance with the Security Rule: Contractor agrees to fully comply with the requirements under the Security Rule applicable to “Business Associates” as defined in the Security Rule.
3. Compliance with the HITECH Act: Contractor hereby acknowledges and agrees it will comply with the HITECH provisions as proscribed in the HITECH Act.

## III. USES AND DISCLOSURES

Contractor shall not use Protected Health Information except for the purpose of performing Contractor’s obligations under the Contract and as permitted by the Contract and this Agreement. Further, Contractor shall not use Protected Health Information in any manner that would constitute a violation of the Privacy Rule or the HITECH Act if so used by County.

1. Contractor may use Protected Health Information:
  - a. For functions, activities, and services for or on the Covered Entities’ behalf for purposes specified in the Contract and this Agreement.
  - b. As authorized for Contractor’s management, administrative or legal responsibilities as a Contractor of the County. The uses and disclosures of PHI may not exceed the limitations applicable to the County;
  - c. As required by law.
  - d. To provide Data Aggregation services to the County as permitted by 45 CFR § 164.504(e)(2)(i)(B).
  - e. To report violations of law to appropriate Federal and State authorities, consistent with CFR § 164.502(j)(1).
2. Any use of Protected Health Information by Contractor, its agents, or subcontractors, other than those purposes of the Agreement, shall require the express written authorization by the County and a Business Associate Agreement or amendment as necessary.
3. Contractor shall not disclose Protected Health Information to a health plan for payment or health care operations if the patient has requested this restriction and has paid out of pocket in full for the health care item or service to which the Protected Health information relates.
4. Contractor shall not directly or indirectly receive remuneration in exchange for Protected Health Information, except with the prior written consent of County and as permitted by the HITECH Act, 42 U.S.C. section 17935(d)(2); however, this prohibition shall not affect payment by the County to Contractor for services provided pursuant to the Contract.

5. Contractor shall not use or disclosed Protected Health Information for prohibited activities including, but not limited to, marketing or fundraising purposes.
6. Contractor agrees to adequately and properly maintain all Protected Health Information received from, or created, on behalf of County.
7. If Contractor discloses Protected Health Information to a third party, Contractor must obtain, prior to making any such disclosure, i) reasonable written assurances from such third party that such Protected Health Information will be held confidential as provided pursuant to this Agreement and only disclosed as required by law or for the purposes for which it was disclosed to such third party, and (ii) a *written* agreement from such third party to immediately notify Contractor of any breaches of confidentiality of the Protected Health Information, to the extent it has obtained knowledge of such breach [42 U.S.C. section 17932; 45 C.F.R. §§ 164.504(e)(2)(i), 164.504(e)(2)(i)(B), 164.504(e)(2)(ii)(A) and 164.504(e)(4)(ii)].

#### **IV. MINIMUM NECESSARY**

Contractor (and its agents or subcontractors) shall request, use and disclose only the minimum amount of Protected Health necessary to accomplish the purpose of the request, use or disclosure. [42 U.S.C. section 17935(b); 45 C.F.R. § 164.514(d)(3)]. Contractor understands and agrees that the definition of “minimum necessary” is in flux and shall keep itself informed of guidance issued by the Secretary with respect to what constitutes “minimum necessary.”

#### **V. APPROPRIATE SAFEGUARDS**

1. Contractor shall implement appropriate safeguards as are necessary to prevent the use or disclosure of Protected Health Information otherwise than as permitted by this Agreement, including, but not limited to, administrative, physical and technical safeguards that reasonably and appropriately protect the confidentiality, integrity and availability of the Protected Health Information in accordance with 45 C.F.R. §§ 164.308, 164.310, and 164.312. [45 C.F.R. § 164.504(e)(2)(ii)(B); 45 C.F.R. § 164.308(b)]. Contractor shall comply with the policies and procedures and documentation requirements of the HIPAA Security Rule, including, but not limited to, 45 C.F.R. § 164.316. [42 U.S.C. section 17931].
2. Contractor agrees to comply with Subpart 45 CFR part 164 with respect to Electronic Protected Health Information (ePHI). Contractor must secure all Electronic Protected Health Information by technological means that render such information unusable, unreadable, or indecipherable to unauthorized individuals and in accordance with the National Institute of Standards Technology (NIST) Standards and Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) as applicable.
3. Contractor agrees that destruction of Protected Health Information on paper, film, or other hard copy media must involve either cross cut shredding or otherwise destroying the Protected Health Information so that it cannot be read or reconstructed.
4. Should any employee or subcontractor of Contractor have direct, authorized access to computer systems of the County that contain Protected Health Information, Contractor shall immediately notify County of any change of such personnel (e.g. employee or subcontractor termination, or change in assignment where such access is no longer necessary) in order for County to disable previously authorized access.

#### **VI. AGENT AND SUBCONTRACTOR'S OF CONTRACTOR**

1. Contractor shall ensure that any agents and subcontractors to whom it provides Protected Health Information, agree in writing to the same restrictions and conditions that apply to Contractor with respect to such PHI and implement the safeguards required with respect to Electronic PHI [45 C.F.R. § 164.504(e)(2)(ii)(D) and 45 C.F.R. § 164.308(b)].
2. Contractor shall implement and maintain sanctions against agents and subcontractors that violate such restrictions and conditions and shall mitigate the effects of any such violation (see 45 C.F.R. §§ 164.530(f) and 164.530(e)(I)).
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#### **VII. ACCESS TO PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION**

1. If Contractor receives Protected Health Information from the County in a Designated Record Set, Contractor agrees to provide access to Protected Health Information in a Designated Record Set to the County in order to meet its requirements under 45 C.F.R. § 164.524.
2. Contractor shall make Protected Health Information maintained by Contractor or its agents or subcontractors in Designated Record Sets available to County for inspection and copying within five (5) days of a request by County to enable County to fulfill its obligations under state law, [Health and Safety Code section 123110] the Privacy Rule, including, but not limited to, 45 C.F.R. § 164.524 [45 C.F.R. § 164.504(e)(2)(ii)(E)]. If Contractor maintains an Electronic Health Record, Contractor shall provide such information in electronic format to enable County to fulfill its obligations under the HITECH Act, including, but not limited to, 42 U.S.C. section 17935(e).
3. If Contractor receives a request from an Individual for a copy of the individual's Protected Health Information, and the Protected Health Information is in the sole possession of the Contractor, Contractor will provide the requested copies to the individual in a timely manner. If Contractor receives a request for Protected Health Information not in its possession and in the possession of the County, or receives a request to exercise other individual rights as set forth in the Privacy Rule, Contractor shall promptly forward the request to the County. Contractor shall then assist County as necessary in responding to the request in a timely manner. If a Contractor provides copies of Protected Health Information to the individual, it may charge a reasonable fee for the copies as the regulations shall permit.
4. Contractor shall provide copies of HIPAA Privacy and Security Training records and HIPAA policies and procedures within five (5) calendar days upon request from the County.

#### **VIII. AMENDMENT OF PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION**

Upon receipt of notice from County, promptly amend or permit the County access to amend any portion of Protected Health Information in the designated record set which Contractor created for or received from the County so that the county may meet its amendment obligations under 45 CFR § 164.526. If any individual requests an amendment of Protected Information directly from Contractor or its agents or subcontractors, Contractor must notify the County in writing within five (5) days of the request. Any approval or denial of amendment of Protected Information maintained by Contractor or its agents or subcontractors shall be the responsibility of the County [45 C.F.R. § 164.504(e)(2)(ii)(F)].

#### **IX. ACCOUNTING OF DISCLOSURES**

1. At the request of the County, and in the time and manner designed by the County, Contractor and its agents or subcontractors shall make available to the County, the information required to provide an accounting of disclosures to enable the County to fulfill its obligations under the Privacy Rule, including, but not limited to, 45 C.F.R. § 164.528, and the HITECH Act, including

- but not limited to 42 U.S.C. § 17935. Contractor agrees to implement a process that allows for an accounting to be collected and maintained by the Contractor and its agents or subcontractors for at least six (6) years prior to the request. However, accounting of disclosures from an Electronic Health Record for treatment, payment or health care operations purposes are required to be collected and maintained for only three (3) years prior to the request, and only to the extent that Contractor maintains an electronic health record and is subject to this requirement.
2. At a minimum, the information collected and maintained shall include: (i) the date of disclosure; (ii) the name of the entity or person who received Protected Health Information and, if known, the address of the entity or person; (iii) a brief description of Protected Information disclosed; and (iv) a brief statement of purpose of the disclosure that reasonably informs the individual of the basis for the disclosure, or a copy of the individual's authorization, or a copy of the written request for disclosure.
  3. In the event that the request for an accounting is delivered directly to Contractor or its agents or subcontractors, Contractor shall forward within five (5) calendar days a written copy of the request to the County. It shall be the County's responsibility to prepare and deliver any such accounting requested. Contractor shall not disclose any Protected Information except as set forth in this Agreement [45 C.F.R. §§ 164.504(e)(2)(ii)(G) and 165.528]. The provisions of this paragraph shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

#### **X. GOVERNMENTAL ACCESS TO RECORDS**

Contractor shall make its internal practices, books and records relating to its use and disclosure of the protected health information it creates for or receives from the County, available to the County and to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human for purposes of determining Contractors compliance with the Privacy rule [45 C.F.R. § 164.504(e)(2)(ii)(H)]. Contractor shall provide to the County a copy of any Protected Health Information that Contractor provides to the Secretary concurrently with providing such Protected Information to the Secretary.

#### **XI. CERTIFICATION**

To the extent that the County determines that such examination is necessary to comply with the Contractor's legal obligations pursuant to HIPAA relating to certification of its security practices, County, or its authorized agents or contractors may, at the County's expense, examine Contractor's facilities, systems, procedures and records as may be necessary for such agents or contractors to certify to County the extent to which Contractor's security safeguards comply with HIPAA Regulations, the HITECH Act, or this Agreement.

#### **XII. BREACH OF UNSECURED PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION**

1. In the case of a breach of unsecured Protected Health Information, Contractor shall comply with the applicable provisions of 42 U.S.C. § 17932 and 45 C.F.R. part 164, subpart D, including but not limited to 45 C.F.R. § 164.410.
2. Contractor agrees to notify County of any access, use or disclosure of Protected Health Information not permitted or provided for by this Agreement of which it becomes aware, including any breach as required in 45 C.F.R. § 164.410. or security incident immediately upon discovery by telephone at 707-784-2962 and [Riskdepartment@solanocounty.com](mailto:Riskdepartment@solanocounty.com) or 707-784-3199 and will include, to the extent possible, the identification of each Individual whose unsecured Protect Health Information has been, or is reasonably believed by the Contractor to have been accessed, acquired, used, or disclosed, a description of the Protected Health Information involved, the nature of the unauthorized access, use or disclosure, the

date of the occurrence, and a description of any remedial action taken or proposed to be taken by Contractor. Contractor will also provide to County any other available information that the Covered entity requests.

3. A breach or unauthorized access, use or disclosure shall be treated as discovered by the Contractor on the first day on which such unauthorized access, use, or disclosure is known, or should reasonably have been known, to the Contractor or to any person, other than the individual committing the unauthorized disclosure, that is an employee, officer, subcontractor, agent or other representative of the Contractor.
4. Contractor shall mitigate, to the extent practicable, any harmful effect that results from a breach, security incident, or unauthorized access, use or disclosure of unsecured Protected Health Information by Contractor or its employees, officers, subcontractors, agents or representatives.
5. Following a breach, security incident, or any unauthorized access, use or disclosure of unsecured Protected Health Information, Contractor agrees to take any and all corrective action necessary to prevent recurrence, to document any such action, and to make all documentation available to the County.
6. Except as provided by law, Contractor agrees that it will not inform any third party of a breach or unauthorized access, use or disclosure of Unsecured Protected Health Information without obtaining the County's prior written consent. County hereby reserves the sole right to determine whether and how such notice is to be provided to any individuals, regulatory agencies, or others as may be required by law, regulation or contract terms, as well as the contents of such notice. When applicable law requires the breach to be reported to a federal or state agency or that notice be given to media outlets, Contractor shall cooperate with and coordinate with County to ensure such reporting is in compliance with applicable law and to prevent duplicate reporting, and to determine responsibilities for reporting.
7. Contractor acknowledges that it is required to comply with the referenced rules and regulations and that Contractor (including its subcontractors) may be held liable and subject to penalties for failure to comply.
8. In meeting its obligations under this Agreement, it is understood that Contractor is not acting as the County's agent. In performance of the work, duties, and obligations and in the exercise of the rights granted under this Agreement, it is understood and agreed that Contractor is at all times acting an independent contractor in providing services pursuant to this Agreement and Exhibit A, Scope of Work.

### **XIII. TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT**

1. Upon termination of this Agreement for any reason, Contractor shall return or destroy, at County's sole discretion, all other Protected Health Information received from the County, or created or received by Contractor on behalf of the County.
2. Contractor will retain no copies of Protected Health Information P in possession of subcontractors or agents of Contractor.
3. Contractor shall provide the County notification of the conditions that make return or destruction not feasible, in the event that Contractor determines that returning or destroying the PHI is not feasible. If the County agrees that the return of the Protected Health Information

