



# REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

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***SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF VENTURA***

**REGARDING:**

Traffic Assistance Program, RFP # 1415-02

**PROPOSALS DUE:**

***April 16, 2014***

**NO LATER THAN 5:00 P.M. PACIFIC TIME**

## **1.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The Superior Court of California, County of Ventura is soliciting qualified vendors to submit proposals to provide assistance with Traffic and Traffic School related matters. The costs to reimburse the Contractor are paid through a traffic violator fee which is collected by the Court. The Contractor may not charge an additional fee to the defendant. The Contractor must be a public or private non-profit agency, and qualify as a Traffic Assistance Program (“TAP”) per California Vehicle Code (“VC”) Section 11205.2. California Vehicle Code sections applicable to the requested services may be found under Chapter 1.5 of Division 5 (commencing with Section 11205) and Chapter 1, Article 1 of Division 18 (commencing with Section 42005).

The Court adjudicates all adult traffic matters that occur in Ventura County. The Court has the option to order a convicted traffic offender to attend Traffic Violator School (TVS) if that defendant qualifies under the statutes. An accused traffic offender also has the option to request TVS in lieu of paying the full bail and receiving a Department of Motor Vehicles conviction on his/her driver’s license. Currently, the average number of adult traffic violators paying fines, forfeiting bail and registering for traffic school is on average 2,200 per month.

This Request for Proposal (RFP) is expected to result in a contract with firm fixed pricing for services as defined by the contract. The contract term shall be for two (2) years, July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2016, with three (3) additional one (1) year renewal options.

## **2.0 STAFFING**

Provide up to eight (8) qualified support staff to assist the Court in processing traffic infraction cases. The staff is hired, monitored, and supervised by the Contractor. Staff will be located at one of three court locations: the Hall of Justice, Ventura; Juvenile Courthouse, Oxnard; or East County Courthouse, Simi Valley. Although the Contractor selects the staff, the Court will participate in interviews and/or provide feedback regarding the interviews and be involved in the final selection of the successful candidates. The employment agreement between Agency and the person selected will specifically inform the person(s) selected that they are not an employee of the Court and will not be entitled to any benefits, privileges or other rights that relate to Court employees.

The Contractor is responsible to conduct a background on all candidates for employment, the scope of which must be approved by the Court but will include fingerprinting and a criminal background investigation. The Contractor will promptly provide the Court the results of the background check. If the Court determines that the results of the background check are unacceptable, the Contractor may not assign the staff to the Court.

The selected candidates must be bonded.

If the Court is dissatisfied with any of the Contractor’s personnel, Contractor will promptly replace the individual with personnel satisfactory to the Court.

The Contractor will provide bilingual staff as requested that will be able to process traffic related matters in both the English and Spanish language.

The Contractor will oversee and the Court will train staff on how to process documents in the Court's case management system and the work flow processes unique to this court system.

### **3.0 DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES AND DELIVERABLES TO BE PROVIDED**

The Contractor will work directly with the Court Traffic Division Manager to determine the specific needs of this Court as it relates to Traffic School matters. The Contractor will create and maintain a program which is effective for all Court customers. Services to be provided include, but are not limited to the following:

- Provide telephone assistance to the public (in both English and Spanish) regarding Traffic and Traffic School related matters including without limitation, Traffic School approvals, payments and extensions
- Process the daily Traffic School completion list from DMV.
- Daily review and processing of Traffic School cases on the Court's case management system.
- Respond to email inquiries from public;
- Daily cash balancing of incoming Traffic School payments;
- Review and correct case errors to allow the traffic cases to report to DMV (DMV exceptions);
- Process the TVS completions on a daily basis, whether the certificates are submitted electronically or required to be retrieved from the DMV TVCC database.
- Direct the public to the DMV website to locate an Approved Traffic School Program, both classroom and on-line classes. Staff will direct the public to the DMV phone number to obtain a copy of the list. If the defendant does not have access to a computer, print and provide hard copies which may be distributed to the public, when necessary and;
- The processing of any traffic work assignments as directed by the Court.

Customer Service Resolution:

The Court requires that when problems occur they will be addressed and handled in an efficient, courteous, and timely manner as to prevent Court interruptions. The Court requires response times to any inquiry to be within two business days.

Reports:

Provide the Court with an annual financial statement of the actual costs of services (i.e., how funding was spent) and provide a quarterly report on income and expenses in reference to fees collected for traffic assistance program services for the Court. Quarterly report to be utilized by Court to determine the appropriate fee charged to customers to offset the cost of the Contractor.

**4.0 TIMELINE FOR THIS RFP**

The Court has developed the following list of key events related to this RFP. All dates are subject to change at the discretion of the Court.

<b>EVENT</b>	<b>DATE</b>
RFP issued	3/12/2014
Deadline for questions	3/21/2014 5:00 P.M.
Questions and answers posted	3/25/2014
Latest date and time proposal may be submitted	4/16/2014 5:00 P.M.
Possible interview dates ( <i>estimate only</i> )	TBD
Evaluation of proposals ( <i>estimate only</i> )	4/30/2014
Notice of Intent to Award ( <i>estimate only</i> )	5/10/2014
Negotiations and execution of contract ( <i>estimate only</i> )	5/30/2014
Contract start date	7/1/2014
Contract end date ( <i>estimate only</i> )	6/30/2016

## 5.0 RFP ATTACHMENTS

The following attachments are included as part of this RFP:

ATTACHMENT	DESCRIPTION
Attachment 1: Administrative Rules Governing RFPs (Non-IT Services)	These rules govern this solicitation.
Attachment 2: Court Standard Terms and Conditions	If selected, the person or entity submitting a proposal (the “Proposer”) must sign the attached Court Standard Form agreement
Attachment 3: Proposer’s Acceptance of Terms and Conditions	On this form, the Proposer must indicate acceptance of the Terms and Conditions or identify exceptions to the Terms and Conditions.
Attachment 4: Darfur Contracting Act Certification	Proposer must complete the Darfur Contracting Act Certification and submit the completed certification with its proposal.
Attachment 5: DVBE Bidder Declaration	Complete this form only if claiming the DVBE incentive associated with this solicitation.

## 6.0 PAYMENT INFORMATION

Contractor’s services will be funded as set forth in applicable VC sections, specifically VC 11205.2(c), below.

### VC Section 11205.2 TRAFFIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

*(a) As used in this chapter, a traffic assistance program (TAP) is a public or private nonprofit agency that provides services, under contract with a Court to process traffic violators or under contract with the department to assist in oversight activities.*

*(b) A Court may use a TAP to assist the Court in performing services related to the processing of traffic violators. As used in this section, "services" means those services relating to the processing of traffic infraction cases at, and for, the Court, including printing and providing to the Court and traffic violators hard copy county-specific lists printed from the department's Internet Web site, administratively assisting traffic violators, and any other lawful activity relating to the administration of the Court's traffic infraction caseload.*

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*(c) The Court may charge a traffic violator a fee to defray the costs incurred by a TAP for traffic case administration services provided to the Court pursuant to subdivision (b). The Court may delegate collection of the fee to the TAP. Fees shall be approved and regulated by the Court. The fee shall not exceed the actual costs incurred by the TAP for the activities authorized under subdivision (b).*

## **7.0 SUBMISSIONS OF PROPOSALS**

- 7.1 Proposals should provide straightforward, concise information that satisfies the requirements of the “Proposal Contents” section below. Expensive bindings, color displays, and the like are not necessary or desired. Emphasis should be placed on conformity to the RFP’s instructions and requirements, and completeness and clarity of content.
- 7.2 The Proposer must submit its proposal in two parts, the technical proposal and the cost proposal.
- a. The Proposer must submit **one (1) original and four (4) copies** of the technical proposal. The original must be signed by an authorized representative of the Proposer. The Proposer must write the RFP title and number on the outside of the sealed envelope.
  - b. The Proposer must submit **one (1) original and four (4) copies** of the cost proposal. The original must be signed by an authorized representative of the Proposer. The original cost proposal (and the copies thereof) must be submitted to the Court in a single sealed envelope, separate from the technical proposal. The Proposer must write the RFP title and number on the outside of the sealed envelope.
- 7.3 Proposals must be delivered by the date and time listed on the coversheet of this RFP to:
- Superior Court of California, County of Ventura  
Attention: Jill Barrios  
800 S. Victoria Ave.  
Ventura, CA 93009**
- 7.4 Late proposals will not be accepted.
- 7.5 Only written proposals will be accepted. Proposals must be sent by registered or certified mail, courier service (e.g. FedEx), or delivered by hand. Proposals may not be transmitted by fax or email.

## 8.0 PROPOSAL CONTENTS

8.1 Technical Proposal. The following information must be included in the technical proposal. A proposal lacking any of the following information may be deemed non-responsive.

- a. Proposer's name, address, telephone and fax numbers, and federal tax identification number. Note that if Proposer is a sole proprietor using his or her social security number, the social security number will be required before finalizing a contract.
- b. Name, title, address, telephone number, and email address of the individual who will act as Proposer's designated representative for purposes of this RFP.
- c. For each key staff member: a resume describing the individual's background and experience, as well as the individual's ability and experience in conducting the proposed activities.
- d. Names, addresses, and telephone numbers of a minimum of three (3) clients for whom the Proposer has conducted similar services. The Court may check references listed by Proposer. Include a narrative statement on the work performed.
- e. Proposed method to complete the work.
- f. A sample of the financial report on income and expenses in reference to fees collected for TAP services for the Court to be submitted on a quarterly basis.

The Technical Proposal should contain an executive summary, clearly convey the scope of work, and clearly address the following:

### **Specific elements to be addressed in the technical proposal include:**

- A detailed operational plan that demonstrates an understanding of and the capability to provide a traffic violator school assistance as defined within this RFP.
- Demonstration of vendor's ability to employ and train a sufficient number of employees to efficiently and effectively handle the traffic violator school functions. Eight (8) employees are employed by the current vendor to fulfill this requirement.
- Demonstration of vendor's ability to provide back-up personnel if vendor's employees are unable to work due to illness, injury, or any other circumstance.
- Description of the specific steps which vendor will take if a complaint is received.

- Information regarding the vendor's ability to provide general liability, worker's compensation and employer's liability, motor vehicle liability, and professional liability insurance, naming the Superior Court of California, County of Ventura as additional insured.
- Acknowledgement that proof of non-profit agency status will be provided as required prior to the execution of an agreement.
- Information concerning vendor's process and contact person for resolving issues related to service provider services such as equipment, personnel or monitoring services.
- Examples of any contracts which are made between the vendor and traffic violator schools and home study programs.
- A detailed transition plan.

**Vendor Qualifications/Experience:**

A statement of qualifications of the vendor and a description of vendor's history and financial capability is required.

The proposal should address the experience of your agency and its staff as it relates to these types of services. Each proposer shall provide a short narrative statement on the ability and capacity of their organization to supply the services and material specified. It should also address the experience of individual staff member(s) who will be assigned to manage the contract. If any sub-agencies are used, they must be disclosed and you must include a description of their qualifications.

**A. Acceptance of the Terms and Conditions.**

- i. On Attachment 3, the Proposer must either indicate acceptance of the Terms and Conditions or clearly identify exceptions to the Terms and Conditions. An "exception" includes any addition, deletion, or other modification.
- ii. If exceptions are identified, the Proposer must also submit a red-lined version of the Terms and Conditions that clearly tracks proposed changes, and a written explanation or rationale for each exception and/or proposed change.

**B. Certifications, Attachments, and other requirements.**

- i. Proposer must include the following certification in its proposal:

Proposer certifies that it has no interest that would constitute a conflict of interest under California Public Contract Code sections 10365.5, 10410 or 10411; Government Code sections 1090 et seq. or 87100 et seq.; or rule 10.103 or rule



10.104 of the California Rules of Court, which restrict employees and former employees from contracting with judicial branch entities.

- ii. Proposer must complete the Darfur Contracting Act Certification (Attachment 4) and submit the completed certification with its proposal.
- iii. If (i) Proposer is a corporation, limited liability company, or limited partnership, and (ii) the agreement resulting from this RFP will be performed in California, proof that Proposer is in good standing and qualified to conduct business in California.
- iv. Copies of current business licenses, professional certifications, or other credentials.
- v. Proof of financial solvency or stability (e.g., balance sheets and income statements).

8.2 Cost Proposal. The following information must be included in the cost proposal.

- A detailed line item budget showing total cost of the proposed services.
- A full explanation of all budget line items in a narrative entitled “Budget Justification.”
- A “not to exceed” total for all work and expenses payable under the contract, if awarded.
- In addition to the hourly rate to be paid to the support staff provide all dollar amounts and the corresponding percentage for both salary and non-salary driven benefits
- Include cost for any other operational expenditures and equipment

**NOTE:** It is unlawful for any person engaged in business within this state to sell or use any article or product as a “loss leader” as defined in Section 17030 of the Business and Professions Code.

## **9.0 OFFER PERIOD**

A Proposer's proposal is an irrevocable offer for ninety (90) days following the proposal due date. In the event a final contract has not been awarded within this period, the Court reserves the right to negotiate extensions to this period.

## 10.0 EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS

At the time proposals are opened, each proposal will be checked for the presence or absence of the required proposal contents.

The Court will evaluate the proposals on a 100 point scale using the criteria set forth in the table below. Award, if made, will be to the highest-scored proposal.

If a contract will be awarded, the Court will post an intent to award notice at <http://Ventura.courts.ca.gov/info/purchasing>

CRITERION	MAXIMUM NUMBER OF POINTS
Overall Operational Plan (should be detailed). Contractor's Process & Contact for resolving issues related to service provider services	20
Ability to Employ or Train Sufficient Number of Employees (currently 8 employees), Ability to Provide Backup Personnel when assigned employees are unable to work	20
Contractor's Qualifications/Experience (including company history, references & financial capability)	20
DVBE Incentive	10
Cost: Proposals must clearly provide a firm fixed cost per each case. For each cost identified, please provide a narrative explanation describing the cost and a justification for the cost.	30

## 11.0 INTERVIEWS

The Court may conduct interviews with Proposers to clarify aspects set forth in their proposals or to assist in finalizing the ranking of top-ranked proposals. The interviews may be conducted in person or by phone. If conducted in person, interviews will likely be held at the Court's offices. The Court will not reimburse Proposers for any costs incurred in traveling to or from the interview location. The Court will notify eligible Proposers regarding interview arrangements.

## 12.0 CONFIDENTIAL OR PROPRIETARY INFORMATION

One copy of each proposal will be retained by the Court for official files and will become a public record. California judicial branch entities are subject to rule 10.500 of the

California Rule of Court, which governs public access to judicial administrative records (see [www.courtinfo.ca.gov/cms/rules/index.cfm?title=ten&linkid=rule10\\_500](http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/cms/rules/index.cfm?title=ten&linkid=rule10_500)).

If information submitted in a proposal contains material noted or marked as confidential and/or proprietary that, in the Court's sole opinion, meets the disclosure exemption requirements of Rule 10.500, then that information will not be disclosed upon a request for access to such records. If the Court finds or reasonably believes that the material so marked is **not** exempt from disclosure, the Court will disclose the information regardless of the marking or notation seeking confidential treatment.

Notwithstanding the above, the California Public Contract Code requires the public inspection of certain proposals. If required to do so by the Public Contract Code, a Court may disclose all information contained in a proposal, including information marked as confidential or proprietary.

### **13.0 DISABLED VETERAN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PARTICIPATION GOALS**

Proposer will receive a disabled veteran business enterprise ("DVBE") incentive if, in the Court's sole determination, Proposer has met all applicable requirements. If Proposer receives the DVBE incentive, a number of points will be added to the score assigned to Proposer's proposal. The number of points that will be added is specified in Section 10.0 above.

DVBE incentive qualification is not mandatory. Failure to qualify for the DVBE incentive will not render a proposal non-responsive.

To receive the DVBE incentive, at least 3% of the contract goods and/or services must be provided by a DVBE performing a commercially useful function. Or, for solicitations of non-IT goods and IT goods and services, Proposer may have an approved Business Utilization Plan ("BUP") on file with the California Department of General Services ("DGS").

If Proposer wishes to seek the DVBE incentive:

1. Proposer must complete and submit with its proposal the Bidder Declaration (Attachment 5). Proposer must submit with the Bidder Declaration all materials required in the Bidder Declaration.
2. Proposer must submit with its proposal a DVBE Declaration (Attachment 6) completed and signed by each DVBE that will provide goods and/or services in connection with the contract. If Proposer is itself a DVBE, it must complete and sign the DVBE Declaration. If Proposer will use DVBE subcontractors, each DVBE subcontractor must complete and sign a DVBE Declaration. **NOTE:** The DVBE Declaration is not required if Proposer will qualify for the DVBE incentive using a BUP on file with DGS.

Failure to complete and submit these forms as required will result in Proposer not receiving the DVBE incentive. In addition, the Court may request additional written

clarifying information. Failure to provide this information as requested will result in Proposer not receiving the DVBE incentive.

If Proposer receives the DVBE incentive: (i) Proposer will be required to complete a post-contract DVBE certification if DVBE subcontractors are used; (ii) Proposer must use any DVBE subcontractor(s) identified in its proposal unless the Court approves in writing the substitution of another DVBE; and (iii) failure to meet the DVBE commitment set forth in its proposal will constitute a breach of contract.

**FRAUDULENT MISREPRETATION IN CONNECTION WITH THE DVBE INCENTIVE IS A MISDEMEANOR AND IS PUNISHABLE BY IMPRISONMENT OR FINE, AND VIOLATORS ARE LIABLE FOR CIVIL PENALTIES. SEE MVC 999.9.**

#### **14.0 PROTESTS**

Any protests will be handled in accordance with Chapter 7 of the Judicial Branch Contract Manual (see [www.courts.ca.gov/documents/jbcl-manual.pdf](http://www.courts.ca.gov/documents/jbcl-manual.pdf)). Failure of a Proposer to comply with the protest procedures set forth in that chapter will render a protest inadequate and non-responsive, and will result in rejection of the protest. The deadline for the Court to receive a solicitation specifications protest is the proposal due date. Protests should be sent to:

Superior Court of California, County of Ventura  
Robert Sherman, Assistant Executive Officer  
800 S. Victoria Ave.  
Ventura, CA 93009

**ATTACHMENT 1**  
**ADMINISTRATIVE RULES GOVERNING RFPS**  
**(NON-IT SERVICES)**

**1. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COURT REGARDING THE RFP**

Except as specifically addressed elsewhere in the RFP, Proposers must send any communications regarding the RFP to [TAPrfp@Ventura.courts.ca.gov](mailto:TAPrfp@Ventura.courts.ca.gov) (Procurement)

Proposers must include the RFP Number in subject line of any communication.

**2. QUESTIONS REGARDING THE RFP**

- A. If a Proposer's question relates to a proprietary aspect of its proposal and the question would expose proprietary information if disclosed to competitors, the Proposer may submit the question via email to the Procurement's Mailbox, conspicuously marking it as "CONFIDENTIAL." With the question, the Proposer must submit a statement explaining why the question is sensitive. If the Court concurs that the disclosure of the question or answer would expose proprietary information, the question will be answered, and both the question and answer will be kept in confidence. If the Court does not concur regarding the proprietary nature of the question, the question will not be answered in this manner and the Proposer will be notified.
- B. Proposers interested in responding to the RFP may submit questions via email to the Procurement's Mailbox on procedural matters related to the RFP or requests for clarification or modification of the RFP no later than the deadline for questions listed in the timeline of the RFP. If the Proposer is requesting a change, the request must set forth the recommended change and the Proposer's reasons for proposing the change. Questions or requests submitted after the deadline for questions will not be answered. Without disclosing the source of the question or request, a copy of the questions and the Court's responses will be made available.

**3. ERRORS IN THE RFP**

- A. If, before the proposal due date and time listed in the timeline of the RFP, a Proposer discovers any ambiguity, conflict, discrepancy, omission, or error in the RFP, the Proposer must immediately notify the Court via email to the Solicitations Mailbox and request modification or clarification of the RFP. Without disclosing the source of the request, the Court may modify the RFP before the proposal due date and time by releasing an addendum to the solicitation.
- B. If a Proposer fails to notify the Court of an error in the RFP known to Proposer, or an error that reasonably should have been known to Proposer, before the proposal due date and time listed in the timeline of the RFP, Proposer shall propose at its

own risk. Furthermore, if Proposer is awarded the agreement, Proposer shall not be entitled to additional compensation or time by reason of the error or its later correction.

#### **4. ADDENDA**

A. The Court may modify the RFP before the proposal due date and time listed in the timeline of the RFP by issuing an addendum. It is each Proposer's responsibility to inform itself of any addendum prior to its submission of a proposal. Addenda information will be posted at the following website:

<http://www.ventura.courts.ca.gov/vendors.html>

B. If any Proposer determines that an addendum unnecessarily restricts its ability to propose, the Proposer shall immediately notify the Court via email to [TAPrfp@Ventura.courts.ca.gov](mailto:TAPrfp@Ventura.courts.ca.gov) no later than one day following issuance of the addendum.

#### **5. WITHDRAWAL AND RESUBMISSION/MODIFICATION OF PROPOSALS**

A Proposer may withdraw its proposal at any time before the deadline for submitting proposals by notifying the Court in writing of its withdrawal. The notice must be signed by the Proposer. The Proposer may thereafter submit a new or modified proposal, provided that it is received at the Court no later than the proposal due date and time listed in the timeline of the RFP. Modifications offered in any other manner, oral or written, will not be considered. Proposals cannot be changed or withdrawn after the proposal due date and time listed in the timeline of the RFP.

#### **6. ERRORS IN THE PROPOSAL**

If errors are found in a proposal, the Court may reject the proposal; however, the Court may, at its sole option, correct arithmetic or transposition errors or both on the basis that the lowest level of detail will prevail in any discrepancy. If these corrections result in significant changes in the amount of money to be paid to the Proposer (if selected for the award of the agreement), the Proposer will be informed of the errors and corrections thereof and will be given the option to abide by the corrected amount or withdraw the proposal.

#### **7. RIGHT TO REJECT PROPOSALS**

A. Before the proposal due date and time listed in the timeline of the RFP, the Court may cancel the RFP for any or no reason. After the proposal due date and time listed in the timeline of the RFP, the Court may reject all proposals and cancel the RFP if the Court determines that: (i) the proposals received do not reflect effective competition; (ii) the cost is not reasonable; (iii) the cost exceeds the amount expected; or (iv) awarding the contract is not in the best interest of the Court.

B. The Court may or may not waive an immaterial deviation or defect in a proposal. The Court's waiver of an immaterial deviation or defect shall in no way modify the RFP

or excuse a Proposer from full compliance with RFP specifications. Until a contract resulting from this RFP is signed, the Court reserves the right to accept or reject any or all of the items in the proposal, to award the contract in whole or in part and/or negotiate any or all items with individual Proposers if it is deemed in the AOC's best interest. A notice of intent to award does not constitute a contract, and confers no right of contract on any Proposer.

- C. The Court reserves the right to issue similar RFPs in the future. The RFP is in no way an agreement, obligation, or contract and in no way is the Court or the State of California responsible for the cost of preparing the proposal.
- D. Proposers are specifically directed **NOT** to contact any Court personnel or consultants for meetings, conferences, or discussions that are related to the RFP at any time between release of the RFP and any award and execution of a contract. Unauthorized contact with any Court personnel or consultants may be cause for rejection of the Proposer's proposal.

## **8. EVALUATION PROCESS**

- A. An evaluation team will review all proposals that are received by the appropriate deadline to determine the extent to which they comply with RFP requirements.
- B. Proposals that contain false or misleading statements may be rejected if in the Court's opinion the information was intended to mislead the evaluation team regarding a requirement of the RFP.
- C. Cost proposals will be checked only if a technical proposal is determined to be responsive. All figures entered on the cost proposal must be clearly legible.
- D. During the evaluation process, the Court may require a Proposer's representative to answer questions with regard to the Proposer's proposal. Failure of a Proposer to demonstrate that the claims made in its proposal are in fact true may be sufficient cause for deeming a proposal non-responsive.
- E. In the event of a tie, the contract will be awarded to the winner of a single coin toss. The coin toss will be witnessed by two Court employees. The Court will provide notice of the date and time of the coin toss to the affected Proposers, who may attend the coin toss at their own expense.

## **9. DISPOSITION OF MATERIALS**

All materials submitted in response to the RFP will become the property of the Court and will be returned only at the Court's option and at the expense of the Proposer submitting the proposal.

## **10. PAYMENT**

- A. The Court will authorize release of payment, from County to Contractor, based on fees collected pursuant to VC 11205.

- B. **THE COURT DOES NOT MAKE ADVANCE PAYMENT FOR SERVICES.** Payment is normally made based upon completion of tasks as provided in the agreement between the Court and the selected Proposer. The Court may withhold ten percent of each invoice until receipt and acceptance of the final deliverable. The amount of the withhold may depend upon the length of the project and the payment schedule provided in the agreement between the Court and the selected Proposer.

## 11. AWARD AND EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT

- A. Award of contract, if made, will be in accordance with the RFP to a responsible Proposer submitting a proposal compliant with all the requirements of the RFP and any addenda thereto (including any administrative or technical requirements), except for such immaterial defects as may be waived by the Court.
- B. A Proposer submitting a proposal must be prepared to use a standard Court contract form rather than its own contract form.
- C. The Court will make a reasonable effort to execute any contract based on the RFP within forty-five (45) days of selecting a proposal that best meets its requirements. However, exceptions taken by a Proposer may delay execution of a contract.
- D. Upon award of the agreement, the agreement shall be signed by the Proposer in two original contract counterparts and returned, along with the required attachments, to the Court no later than ten (10) business days of receipt of agreement form or prior to the end of June if award is at fiscal year-end. Agreements are not effective until executed by both parties and approved by the appropriate Court officials. Any work performed before receipt of a fully-executed agreement shall be at Proposer's own risk.

## 12. FAILURE TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT

The period for execution set forth in Section 11 ("Award and Execution of Agreement") may only be changed by mutual agreement of the parties. Failure to execute the agreement within the time frame identified above constitutes sufficient cause for voiding the award. Failure to comply with other requirements within the set time constitutes failure to execute the agreement. If the successful Proposer refuses or fails to execute the agreement, the Court may award the agreement to the next qualified Proposer.

## 13. NEWS RELEASES

News releases or other publicity pertaining to the award of a contract may not be issued without prior written approval of Robert Sherman, Assistant Court Executive Officer or Michael D. Planet, Court Executive Officer.



**14. ANTI-TRUST CLAIMS**

- A. In submitting a proposal to the Court, the Proposer offers and agrees that if the proposal is accepted, Proposer will assign to the Court all rights, title, and interest in and to all causes of action it may have under Section 4 of the Clayton Act (15 U.S.C. Sec. 15) or under the Cartwright Act Chapter 2, commencing with Section 16700, of Part 2 of Division 7 of the Business and Professions Code), arising from purchases of goods, materials, or services by the Proposer for sale to the Court pursuant to the proposal. Such assignment shall be made and become effective at the time the Court tenders final payment to the Proposer. (See Government Code section 4552.)
- B. If the Court receives, either through judgment or settlement, a monetary recovery for a cause of action assigned under this section, the Proposer shall be entitled to receive reimbursement for actual legal costs incurred and may, upon demand, recover from the Court any portion of the recovery, including treble damages, attributable to overcharges that were paid.
- C. Upon demand in writing by the Proposer, the Court shall, within one year from such demand, reassign the cause of action assigned under this section if the Proposer has been or may have been injured by the violation of law for which the cause of action arose and (a) the Court has not been injured thereby, or (b) the Court declines to file a court action for the cause of action. (See Government Code section 4554.)

**15. AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT**

The Court complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and similar California statutes. Requests for accommodation of disabilities by Proposers should be directed to

Superior Court of California, County of Ventura  
Human Resources  
800 S. Victoria Ave.  
Ventura, CA 93009

## ATTACHMENT 2

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF VENTURA  
**SAMPLE STANDARD AGREEMENT** rev 9-24-12

AGREEMENT NUMBER
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1. In this agreement (“Agreement”), the term “Contractor” refers to **[Contractor name]**, and the term “Court” refers to the **Superior Court of California, County of Ventura**

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2. This Agreement is effective as of **7/1/2014** (“Effective Date”) and expires on **6/30/2016** (“Expiration Date”).  
 This Agreement includes three one year options to extend through **6/30/2019**.

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3. The maximum amount the Court may pay Contractor under this Agreement is \$ **0.00**. Payment for services occurs between County and Contractor. There is no direct payment from Court to Contractor

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4. The purpose or title of this Agreement is: **To provide assistance with Traffic and Traffic School related matters, also referred to as Traffic Assistance Program (TAP) Services.**

*The purpose or title listed above is for administrative reference only and does not define, limit, or construe the scope or extent of this Agreement.*

5. The parties agree that this Agreement, made up of this coversheet, the appendixes listed below, and any attachments, contains the parties’ entire understanding related to the subject matter of this Agreement, and supersedes all previous proposals, both oral and written, negotiations, representations, commitments, writing and all other communications between the parties.

- Appendix A – Goods and Services
- Appendix B – Payment Provisions
- Appendix C – General Provisions
- Appendix D – Defined Terms

COURT’S SIGNATURE	CONTRACTOR’S SIGNATURE
<b>Superior Court of California, County of Ventura</b>	CONTRACTOR’S NAME <i>(if Contractor is not an individual person, state whether Contractor is a corporation, partnership, etc., and the state or territory where Contractor is organized)</i>  <b>[Contractor name]</b>
BY <i>(Authorized Signature)</i> 	BY <i>(Authorized Signature)</i> 
PRINTED NAME AND TITLE OF PERSON SIGNING <b>Michael D. Planet, Court Executive Officer</b>	PRINTED NAME AND TITLE OF PERSON SIGNING <b>[Name and title]</b>
DATE EXECUTED <b>[Date]</b>	DATE EXECUTED <b>[Date]</b>
ADDRESS <b>800 S. Victoria Ave. Ventura, CA 93009</b>	ADDRESS <b>[Address]</b>

## APPENDIX A

### Goods and Services

#### 1. Background and Purpose.

The Superior Court of California, County of Ventura is contracting with a qualified vendor to provide assistance with Traffic and Traffic School related matters. The costs to reimburse the Contractor are paid through a traffic violator fee which is collected by the Court. The Contractor may not charge an additional fee to the defendant. The Contractor must be a public or private non-profit agency, and qualify as a Traffic Assistance Program (“TAP”) per California Vehicle Code (“VC”) Section 11205.2. . California Vehicle Code sections applicable to the requested services may be found under Chapter 1.5 of Division 5 (commencing with Section 11205) and Chapter 1, Article 1 of Division 18 (commencing with Section 42005).

The Court adjudicates all adult traffic matters that occur in Ventura County. The Court has the option to order a convicted traffic offender to attend Traffic Violator School (TVS) if that defendant qualifies under the statutes. An accused traffic offender also has the option to request TVS in lieu of paying the full bail and receiving a Department of Motor Vehicles conviction on his/her driver’s license. Currently, the average number of adult traffic violators paying fines, forfeiting bail and registering for traffic school is on average 2,200 per month.

#### Staffing:

Provide up to eight (8) qualified support staff to assist the Court in processing traffic infraction cases. The staff is hired, monitored, and supervised by the Contractor. Staff will be located at one of the main court facilities including: the Hall of Justice, Ventura; Juvenile Courthouse, Oxnard; or East County Courthouse, Simi Valley. Although the Contractor selects the staff, the Court will participate in interviews and/or provide feedback regarding the interviews and be involved in the final selection of the successful candidates. The employment agreement between Agency and the person selected will specifically inform the person(s) selected that they are not an employee of the Court and will not be entitled to any benefits, privileges or other rights that relate to Court employees.

The Contractor is responsible to conduct a background on all candidates for employment, the scope of which must be approved by the Court but will include fingerprinting and a criminal background investigation. The Contractor will promptly provide the Court the results of the background check. If the Court determines that the results of the background check are unacceptable, the Contractor may not assign the staff to the Court.

The selected candidates must be bonded.

If the Court is dissatisfied with any of the Contractor’s personnel, Contractor will promptly replace the individual with personnel satisfactory to the Court.

The Court may require that support staff be bilingual and able to process traffic related matters in both the English and Spanish language.

The Contractor will oversee and train the support staff. The Court will assist with training on how to process documents in the Court’s case management system and the work flow processes unique to this court system.

#### 2. Description of Services. Contractor shall perform the following services (“Services”):

The Contractor will work with the Court’s Human Resource’s staff and/or the Traffic Manager to determine the specific needs of this Court as it relates to Traffic School matters. The Contractor will create and maintain a program which is effective for all Court customers. Services to be provided include, but are not limited to the following:

- Provide telephone assistance to the public (in both English and Spanish) regarding Traffic and Traffic School related matters including without limitation, Traffic School Sign-up, Traffic School Extension, and Traffic School Installment Agreements.
- Process the daily Traffic School completion list from DMV.
- Process and review daily Traffic School cases on the Court's case management system
- Initiate Traffic School payment plans and mail required forms to Defendants.
- Respond to email inquiries from public;
- Daily cash balancing of incoming Traffic School payments;
- Review and correct case errors to allow the traffic cases to report to DMV (DMV exceptions);
- Process the TVS completions on a daily basis, whether the certificates are submitted electronically or required to be retrieved from the DMV TVS database.
- Direct the public to the DMV website to locate an Approved Traffic School Program, both classroom and on-line classes. Staff will direct the public to the DMV phone number to obtain a copy of the list. If the defendant does not have access to a computer, print and provide hard copies which may be distributed to the public, when necessary and;
- Process any traffic work assignments as directed by the Court.

Customer Service Resolution:

The Court requires that when problems occur they will be addressed and handled in an efficient and timely manner as to prevent Court interruptions. The Court requires response times to any inquiry to be within two business days.

- 2.1 Description of Deliverables.** Upon request, Contractor shall deliver to the Court the following work products ("Deliverables"):
- Quarterly financial reports on income and expenses in reference to fees collected for traffic assistance program for the Court.
- 2.2 Acceptance Criteria.** The Services and Deliverables must meet acceptance criteria or the Court may reject the applicable Services or Deliverables. Contractor will not be paid for any rejected Services or Deliverables.
- 2.3 Project Managers.** The Court's project manager is: **Tessie Bigornia, Court Operations Manager**. The Court may change its project manager at any time upon notice to Contractor without need for an amendment to this Agreement. Contractor's project manager is: **[Insert name]**. Subject to written approval by the Court, Contractor may change its project manager without need for an amendment to this Agreement.
- 2.4 Service Warranties.** Contractor warrants that: (i) the Services will be rendered with promptness and diligence and will be executed in a workmanlike manner, in accordance with the practices and

professional standards used in well-managed operations performing services similar to the Services; and (ii) Contractor will perform the Services in the most cost-effective manner consistent with the required level of quality and performance. Contractor warrants that each Deliverable will conform to and perform in accordance with the requirements of this Agreement and all applicable specifications and documentation. For each such Deliverable, the foregoing warranty shall commence for such Deliverable upon the Court's acceptance of such Deliverable, and shall continue for a period of one (1) year following acceptance. In the event any Deliverable does not conform to the foregoing warranty, Contractor shall promptly correct all non-conformities to the satisfaction of the Court.

- 2.5 Resources.** Contractor is responsible for providing any and all facilities, materials and resources (including personnel, equipment and software) necessary and appropriate for performance of the Services and to meet Contractor's obligations under this Agreement.
- 2.6 Commencement of Performance.** This Agreement is of no force and effect until signed by both parties and all Court-required approvals are secured. Any commencement of performance prior to Agreement approval shall be at Contractor's own risk.
- 2.7 Stop Work Orders.**
- A.** The Court may, at any time, by Notice to Contractor, require Contractor to stop all or any part of the Services for a period up to ninety (90) days after the Notice is delivered to Contractor, and for any further period to which the parties may agree ("Stop Work Order"). The Stop Work Order shall be specifically identified as such and shall indicate it is issued under this provision. Upon receipt of the Stop Work Order, Contractor shall immediately comply with its terms and take all reasonable steps to minimize the incurrence of costs allocable to the Services covered by the Stop Work Order during the period of stoppage. Within ninety (90) days after a Stop Work Order is delivered to Contractor, or within any extension of that period to which the parties shall have agreed, the Court shall either (i) cancel the Stop Work Order; or (ii) terminate the Services covered by the Stop Work Order as provided for in this Agreement.
- B.** If a Stop Work Order issued under this provision is canceled or the period of the Stop Work Order or any extension thereof expires, Contractor shall resume the performance of Services. The Court shall make an equitable adjustment in the delivery schedule, the Contract Amount, or both, and the Agreement shall be modified, in writing, accordingly, if:
- i. The Stop Work Order results in an increase in the time required for, or in Contractor's cost properly allocable to the performance of any part of this Agreement; and
- ii. Contractor requests an equitable adjustment within thirty (30) days after the end of the period of stoppage; however, if the Court decides the facts justify the action, the Court may receive and act upon a proposal submitted at any time before final payment under this Agreement.
- C.** The Court shall not be liable to Contractor for loss of profits because of a Stop Work Order issued under this provision.
- 3. Acceptance or Rejection.** All Goods, Services, and Deliverables are subject to acceptance by the Court. The Court may reject any Goods, Services or Deliverables that (i) fail to meet applicable acceptance criteria, (ii) are not as warranted, or (iii) are performed or delivered late (without prior consent by the Court). If the Court rejects any Good, Service, or Deliverable (other than for late performance or delivery), Contractor shall modify such rejected Good, Service, or Deliverable at no expense to the Court to correct the relevant deficiencies and shall redeliver such Good, Service, or Deliverable to the Court within ten (10) business days after the Court's rejection, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Court. Thereafter, the parties shall repeat the process set forth in this section until the Court accepts such corrected Good, Service, or Deliverable. The Court may terminate that portion of this Agreement which relates to a rejected Good, Service, or Deliverable at no expense to the Court if the Court rejects that Good, Service, or Deliverable (i) for late performance or delivery, or (ii) on at least two (2) occasions for other deficiencies.

**APPENDIX B**

**Payment Provisions**

**1. Agreement Amount**

- A. The total amount that Court may pay to Contractor for performing the Work set forth in Statement of Work, shall be based on a portion of the administration fee. Payment terms to be set up upon contract finalization.
- B. Contractor has estimated the costs necessary to complete the Work. Court's acceptance of Contractor's proposal and price does not (1) imply that Court approves or adopts Contractor's plan, methods, or procedures required to perform the Work; nor (2) relieve Contractor from sole responsibility for the accuracy of its estimate, and timely completion of the Work.

**2. Expenses**

The Agreement amount includes all costs, benefits, expenses, fees, and overhead, payable to Contractor for services rendered to Court.

**3. Method of Payment**

- A. To be determined upon contract finalization.
- B. Invoice and billing questions will be directed to the following Court representative:

Superior Court of Ventura County  
Fiscal Division  
800 South Victoria Ave.  
Ventura, CA 93009

## APPENDIX C

### General Provisions

#### 1. Provisions Applicable to Services

- 1.1 Qualifications.** Contractor shall assign to this project only persons who have sufficient training, education, and experience to successfully perform Contractor's duties. If the Court is dissatisfied with any of Contractor's personnel, for any or no reason, Contractor shall replace them with qualified personnel.
- 1.2 Turnover.** Contractor shall endeavor to minimize turnover of personnel Contractor has assigned to perform Services.
- 1.3 Background Checks.** Contractor shall cooperate with the Court if the Court wishes to perform any background checks on Contractor's personnel by obtaining, at no additional cost, all releases, waivers, and permissions the Court may require. Contractor shall not assign personnel who refuse to undergo a background check. Contractor shall provide prompt notice to the Court of (i) any person who refuses to undergo a background check, and (ii) the results of any background check requested by the Court and performed by Contractor. Contractor shall ensure that the following persons are not assigned to perform services for the Court: (a) any person refusing to undergo such background checks, and (b) any person whose background check results are unacceptable to Contractor or that, after disclosure to the Court, the Court advises are unacceptable to the Court.

#### 2. Contractor Certification Clauses. Contractor certifies that the following representations and warranties are true. Contractor shall cause its representations and warranties to remain true during the Term. Contractor shall promptly notify the Court if any representation and warranty becomes untrue. Contractor represents and warrants as follows:

- 2.1 Authority.** Contractor has authority to enter into and perform its obligations under this Agreement, and Contractor's signatory has authority to bind Contractor to this Agreement.
- 2.2 Not an Expatriate Corporation.** Contractor is not an expatriate corporation or subsidiary of an expatriate corporation within the meaning of PCC 10286.1, and is eligible to contract with the Court.
- 2.3 No Gratuities.** Contractor has not directly or indirectly offered or given any gratuities (in the form of entertainment, gifts, or otherwise), to any Judicial Branch Personnel with a view toward securing this Agreement or securing favorable treatment with respect to any determinations concerning the performance of this Agreement.
- 2.4 No Conflict of Interest.** Contractor has no interest that would constitute a conflict of interest under PCC 10365.5, 10410 or 10411; Government Code sections 1090 et seq. or 87100 et seq.; or California Rules of Court, rule 10.103 or 10.104, which restrict employees and former employees from contracting with Judicial Branch Entities.
- 2.5 No Interference with Other Contracts.** To the best of Contractor's knowledge, this Agreement does not create a material conflict of interest or default under any of Contractor's other contracts.
- 2.6 No Litigation.** No suit, action, arbitration, or legal, administrative, or other proceeding or governmental investigation is pending or threatened that may adversely affect Contractor's ability to perform the Services.
- 2.7 Compliance with Laws Generally.** Contractor complies in all material respects with all laws, rules, and regulations applicable to Contractor's business and services.
- 2.8 Drug Free Workplace.** Contractor provides a drug free workplace as required by California Government Code sections 8355 through 8357.

- 2.9 No Harassment.** Contractor does not engage in unlawful harassment, including sexual harassment, with respect to any persons with whom Contractor may interact in the performance of this Agreement, and Contractor takes all reasonable steps to prevent harassment from occurring.
- 2.10 Non-Infringement.** The Goods, Services, Deliverables, and Contractor's performance under this Agreement do not infringe, or constitute an infringement, misappropriation or violation of, any third party's intellectual property right.
- 2.11 Non-discrimination.** Contractor complies with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.), and California's Fair Employment and Housing Act (Government Code sections 12990 et seq.) and associated regulations (Code of Regulations, title 2, sections 7285 et seq.). Contractor does not unlawfully discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of age (40 and over), ancestry, color, creed, disability (mental or physical) including HIV and AIDS, marital or domestic partner status, medical condition (including cancer and genetic characteristics), national origin, race, religion, request for family and medical care leave, sex (including gender and gender identity), and sexual orientation. Contractor will notify in writing each labor organization with which Contractor has a collective bargaining or other agreement of Contractor's obligations of non-discrimination.
- 2.12 National Labor Relations Board Orders.** No more than one, final unappealable finding of contempt of court by a federal court has been issued against Contractor within the immediately preceding two-year period because of Contractor's failure to comply with an order of a federal court requiring Contractor to comply with an order of the National Labor Relations Board. Contractor swears under penalty of perjury that this representation is true.

### 3. Insurance

- 3.1 Basic Coverage.** Contractor shall provide and maintain at the Court's discretion and Contractor's expense the following insurance during the Term:
- A. Commercial General Liability.** The policy must be at least as broad as the Insurance Services Office (ISO) Commercial General Liability "occurrence" form, with coverage for liabilities arising out of premises, operations, independent contractors, products and completed operations, personal and advertising injury, and liability assumed under an insured contract. The policy must provide limits of at least \$1,000,000 per occurrence and annual aggregate.
  - B. Workers Compensation and Employer's Liability.** The policy is required only if Contractor has employees. The policy must include workers' compensation to meet minimum requirements of the California Labor Code, and it must provide coverage for employer's liability bodily injury at minimum limits of \$1,000,000 per accident or disease.
  - C. Automobile Liability.** This policy is required only if Contractor uses an automobile or other vehicle in the performance of this Agreement. The policy must cover bodily injury and property damage liability and be applicable to all vehicles used in Contractor's performance of this Agreement whether owned, non-owned, leased, or hired. The policy must provide combined single limits of at least \$1,000,000 per occurrence.
  - D. Professional Liability.** This policy is required only if Contractor performs professional services under this Agreement. The policy must cover liability resulting from any act, error, or omission committed in Contractor's performance of Services under this Agreement, at minimum limits of \$1,000,000 per occurrence and annual aggregate. If the policy is written on a "claims made" form, Contractor shall maintain such coverage continuously throughout the Term and, without lapse, for a period of three (3) years beyond the termination and acceptance of all Services provided under this Agreement. The retroactive date or "prior acts inclusion date" of any such "claims made" policy must be no later than the date that activities commence pursuant to this Agreement.
- 3.2 Commercial Crime Insurance.** This policy is required only if Contractor handles or has regular access to the Court's funds or property of significant value to the Court. This policy must cover dishonest acts including loss due to theft of money, securities, and property; forgery, and alteration of documents; damage to Court buildings, and property; and fraudulent transfer of money, securities, and property. The minimum liability limit must be \$100,000.



- 3.3 Umbrella Policies.** Contractor may satisfy basic coverage limits through any combination of basic coverage and umbrella insurance.
- 3.4 Aggregate Limits of Liability.** The basic coverage limits of liability may be subject to annual aggregate limits. If this is the case the annual aggregate limits of liability must be at least two (2) times the limits required for each policy, or the aggregate may equal the limits required but must apply separately to this Agreement.
- 3.5 Deductibles and Self-Insured Retentions.** Contractor shall declare to the Court all deductibles and self-insured retentions that exceed \$100,000 per occurrence. Any increases in deductibles or self-insured retentions that exceed \$100,000 per occurrence are subject to the Court's approval. Deductibles and self-insured retentions do not limit Contractor's liability.
- 3.6 Additional Insured Endorsements.** Contractor's commercial general liability policy, automobile liability policy, and, if applicable, umbrella policy must be endorsed to name the following as additional insureds with respect to liabilities arising out of the performance of this Agreement: the Superior Court of California, County of **Ventura**, the State of California, the Judicial Council of California, the Administrative Office of the Courts, and their respective judges, subordinate judicial officers, executive officers, administrators, officers, officials, agents, representatives, contractors, volunteers or employees.
- 3.7 Certificates of Insurance.** Before Contractor begins performing Services, Contractor shall give the Court certificates of insurance attesting to the existence of coverage, and stating that the policies will not be canceled, terminated, or amended to reduce coverage without thirty (30) days' prior written notice to the Court.
- 3.8 Qualifying Insurers.** For insurance to satisfy the requirements of this section, all required insurance must be issued by an insurer with an A.M. Best rating of A - or better that is approved to do business in the State of California.
- 3.9 Required Policy Provisions.** Each policy must provide, as follows: (i) the policy is primary and non-contributory with any insurance or self-insurance maintained by Judicial Branch Entities and Judicial Branch Personnel, and the basic coverage insurer waives any and all rights of subrogation against Judicial Branch Entities and Judicial Branch Personnel; (ii) the insurance applies separately to each insured against whom a claim is made or a lawsuit is brought, to the limits of the insurer's liability; and (iii) each insurer waives any right of recovery or subrogation it may have against the Superior Court of California, County of **Ventura**, the State of California, the Judicial Council of California, the Administrative Office of the Courts, and their respective judges, subordinate judicial officers, executive officers, administrators, officers, officials, agents, representatives, contractors, volunteers or employees for loss or damage.
- 3.10 Partnerships.** If Contractor is an association, partnership, or other joint business venture, the basic coverage may be provided by either (i) separate insurance policies issued for each individual entity, with each entity included as a named insured or as an additional insured; or (ii) joint insurance program with the association, partnership, or other joint business venture included as a named insured.
- 3.11 Consequence of Lapse.** If required insurance lapses during the Term, the Court is not required to process invoices after such lapse until Contractor provides evidence of reinstatement that is effective as of the lapse date.
- 4. Indemnity.** Contractor will defend (with counsel satisfactory to the Court or its designee), indemnify and hold harmless the Judicial Branch Entities and the Judicial Branch Personnel against all claims, losses, and expenses, including attorneys' fees and costs, that arise out of or in connection with (i) a latent or patent defect in any Goods, (ii) an act or omission of Contractor, its agents, employees, independent contractors, or subcontractors in the performance of this Agreement, (iii) a breach of a representation, warranty, or other provision of this Agreement, and (iv) infringement of any trade secret, patent, copyright or other third party intellectual property. This indemnity applies regardless of the theory of liability on which a claim is made or a loss occurs. This indemnity will survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement, and acceptance of any Goods, Services, or Deliverables. Contractor shall not make any admission of liability or other statement on behalf of an indemnified party or enter into any settlement or other agreement which would bind an indemnified party, without the Court's prior written consent, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld; and the Court shall

have the right, at its option and expense, to participate in the defense and/or settlement of a claim through counsel of its own choosing. Contractor's duties of indemnification exclude indemnifying a party for that portion of losses and expenses that are finally determined by a reviewing court to have arisen out of the sole negligence or willful misconduct of the indemnified party.

5. **Option Term.** Unless Section 2 of the Coversheet indicates that an Option Term is not applicable, the Court may, at its sole option, extend this Agreement for three one-year terms, at the end of which Option Term this Agreement shall expire. In order to exercise this Option Term, the Court must send Notice to Contractor at least thirty (30) days prior to the end of the Initial Term. The exercise of an Option Term will be effective without Contractor's signature.
6. **Tax Delinquency.** Contractor must provide notice to the Court immediately if Contractor has reason to believe it may be placed on either, (i) the California Franchise Tax Board's list of 500 largest state income tax delinquencies, or (ii) the California Board of Equalization's list of 500 largest delinquent sales and use tax accounts. The Court may terminate this Agreement immediately "for cause" pursuant to Section 7.2 below if (i) Contractor fails to provide the notice required above, or (ii) Contractor is included on either list mentioned above.
7. **Termination**
  - 7.1 **Termination for Convenience.** The Court may terminate, in whole or in part, this Agreement for convenience upon thirty (30) days prior Notice. After receipt of such Notice, and except as otherwise directed by the Court, Contractor shall immediately: (a) stop Services as specified in the Notice; and (b) stop the delivery or manufacture of Goods as specified in the Notice.
  - 7.2 **Termination for Cause.** The Court may terminate this Agreement, in whole or in part, immediately "for cause" if (i) Contractor fails or is unable to meet or perform any of its duties under this Agreement, and this failure is not cured within ten (10) days following Notice of default (or in the opinion of the Court, is not capable of being cured within this cure period); (ii) Contractor or Contractor's creditors file a petition as to Contractor's bankruptcy or insolvency, or Contractor is declared bankrupt, becomes insolvent, makes an assignment for the benefit of creditors, goes into liquidation or receivership, or otherwise loses legal control of its business; or (iii) Contractor makes or has made under this Agreement any representation, warranty, or certification that is or was incorrect, inaccurate, or misleading.
  - 7.3 **Termination upon Death.** This entire Agreement will terminate immediately without further action of the parties upon the death of a natural person who is a party to this Agreement, or a general partner of a partnership that is a party to this Agreement.
  - 7.4 **Termination for Changes in Budget or Law.** The Court's payment obligations under this Agreement are subject to annual appropriation and the availability of funds. Expected or actual funding may be withdrawn, reduced, or limited prior to the expiration or other termination of this Agreement. Funding beyond the current appropriation year is conditioned upon appropriation of sufficient funds to support the activities described in this Agreement. The Court may terminate this Agreement or limit Contractor's Services (and reduce proportionately Contractor's fees) upon Notice to Contractor without prejudice to any right or remedy of the Court if: (i) expected or actual funding to compensate Contractor is withdrawn, reduced or limited; or (ii) the Court determines that Contractor's performance under this Agreement has become infeasible due to changes in applicable laws.
  - 7.5 **Rights and Remedies of the Court.**
    - A. *Nonexclusive Remedies.* All remedies provided in this Agreement may be exercised individually or in combination with any other available remedy. Contractor shall notify the Court immediately if Contractor is in default, or if a third party claim or dispute is brought or threatened that alleges facts that would constitute a default under this Agreement. If Contractor is in default, the Court may do any of the following: (i) withhold all or any portion of a payment otherwise due to Contractor, and exercise any other rights of setoff as may be provided in this Agreement or any other agreement between a Judicial Branch Entity and Contractor; (ii) require Contractor to enter into non-binding mediation; (iii) exercise, following Notice, the Court's right of early termination of this Agreement as provided herein; and (iv) seek any other remedy available at law or in equity.

- B. Replacement.** If the Court terminates this Agreement in whole or in part for cause, the Court may acquire from third parties, under the terms and in the manner the Court considers appropriate, goods or services equivalent to those terminated, and Contractor shall be liable to the Court for any excess costs for those goods or services. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, in no event shall the excess cost to the Court for such goods and services be excluded under this Agreement as indirect, incidental, special, exemplary, punitive or consequential damages of the Court. Contractor shall continue any Services not terminated hereunder.
- C. Delivery of Materials.** In the event of any expiration or termination of this Agreement, Contractor shall promptly provide the Court with all originals and copies of the Deliverables, including any partially-completed Deliverables-related work product or materials, and any Court-provided materials in its possession, custody, or control. In the event of any termination of this Agreement, the Court shall not be liable to Contractor for compensation or damages incurred as a result of such termination; provided that if the Court's termination is not for cause, the Court shall pay any fees due under this Agreement for Services performed or Deliverables completed and accepted as of the date of the Court's termination Notice.

**7.6 Survival.** Termination or expiration of this Agreement shall not affect the rights and obligations of the parties which arose prior to any such termination or expiration (unless otherwise provided herein) and such rights and obligations shall survive any such termination or expiration. Rights and obligations which by their nature should survive shall remain in effect after termination or expiration of this Agreement, including any section of this Agreement that states it shall survive such termination or expiration.

**8. Assignment and Subcontracting.** Contractor may not assign or subcontract its rights or duties under this Agreement, in whole or in part, whether by operation of law or otherwise, without the prior written consent of the Court. Consent may be withheld for any reason or no reason. Any assignment or subcontract made in contravention of the foregoing shall be void and of no effect. Subject to the foregoing, this Agreement will be binding on the parties and their permitted successors and assigns.

**9. Notices.** Notices must be sent to the following address and recipient:

If to Contractor:	If to the Court:
<u>[name, title, address]</u>	<u>[name, title, address]</u> Michael D. Planet, CEO 800 S. Victoria Ave. Ventura, CA 93009
<u>With a copy to:</u>	<u>With a copy to:</u> Jill Barrios, Sr. Analyst 800 S. Victoria Ave. Ventura, CA 93009 Jill.barrios@ventura.courts.ca.gov

Either party may change its address for Notices by giving the other party Notice of the new address in accordance with this section. Notices will be considered to have been given at the time of actual delivery in person, three (3) days after deposit in the mail as set forth above, or one (1) day after delivery to an overnight air courier service.

**10. Provisions Applicable to Certain Agreements.** The provisions in this section are *applicable only to the types of orders specified in the first sentence of each subsection*. If this Agreement is not of the type described in the first sentence of a subsection, then that subsection does not apply to the Agreement.

**10.1 Union Activities Restrictions.** *If the Contract Amount is over \$50,000, this section is applicable.* Contractor agrees that no Court funds received under this Agreement will be used to assist, promote or deter union organizing during the Term. If Contractor incurs costs, or makes expenditures to assist, promote or deter union organizing, Contractor will maintain records sufficient to show that no Court

funds were used for those expenditures. Contractor will provide those records to the Attorney General upon request.

- 10.2 Domestic Partners, Spouses, and Gender Discrimination.** *If the Contract Amount is \$100,000 or more, this section is applicable.* Contractor is in compliance with, and throughout the Term will remain in compliance with, PCC 10295.3 which places limitations on contracts with contractors who discriminate in the provision of benefits regarding marital or domestic partner status.
- 10.3 Child Support Compliance Act.** *If the Contract Amount is \$100,000 or more, this section is applicable.* Contractor recognizes the importance of child and family support obligations and fully complies with (and will continue to comply with during the Term) all applicable state and federal laws relating to child and family support enforcement, including disclosure of information and compliance with earnings assignment orders, as provided in Family Code section 5200 et seq. Contractor provides the names of all new employees to the New Hire Registry maintained by the California Employment Development Department.
- 10.4 Priority Hiring.** *If the Contract Amount is over \$200,000 and this Agreement is for services (other than Consulting Services), this section is applicable.* Contractor shall give priority consideration in filling vacancies in positions funded by this Agreement to qualified recipients of aid under Welfare and Institutions Code section 11200 in accordance with PCC 10353.
- 10.5 Iran Contracting Act.** *If the Contract Amount is \$1,000,000 or more and Contractor did not provide to Court an Iran Contracting Act certification as part of the solicitation process, this section is applicable.* Contractor certifies either (i) it is not on the current list of persons engaged in investment activities in Iran (“Iran List”) created by the California Department of General Services pursuant to PCC 2203(b), and is not a financial institution extending \$20,000,000 or more in credit to another person, for forty-five (45) days or more, if that other person will use the credit to provide goods or services in the energy sector in Iran and is identified on the Iran List, or (ii) it has received written permission from the Court to enter into this Agreement pursuant to PCC 2203(c).
- 10.6 Loss Leader Prohibition.** *If this Agreement involves the purchase of goods, this section is applicable.* Contractor shall not sell or use any article or product as a “loss leader” as defined in Section 17030 of the Business and Professions Code.
- 10.7 Recycling.** *If this Agreement provides for the purchase or use of goods specified in PCC 12207 (for example, certain paper products, office supplies, mulch, glass products, lubricating oils, plastic products, paint, antifreeze, tires and tire-derived products, and metal products), this section is applicable with respect to those goods. Without limiting the foregoing, if this Agreement includes (i) document printing, (ii) parts cleaning, or (iii) janitorial and building maintenance services, this section is applicable.* Contractor shall use recycled products in the performance of this Agreement to the maximum extent doing so is economically feasible. Upon request, Contractor shall certify in writing under penalty of perjury, the minimum, if not exact, percentage of post consumer material as defined in the PCC 12200, in such goods regardless of whether the goods meet the requirements of PCC 12209. With respect to printer or duplication cartridges that comply with the requirements of PCC 12156(e), the certification required by this subdivision shall specify that the cartridges so comply.
- 10.8 Sweatshop Labor.** *If this Agreement provides for the laundering of apparel, garments or corresponding accessories, or for furnishing equipment, materials, or supplies other than for public works, this section is applicable.* Contractor certifies that no apparel, garments or corresponding accessories, equipment, materials, or supplies furnished to the Court under this Agreement have been laundered or produced in whole or in part by sweatshop labor, forced labor, convict labor, indentured labor under penal sanction, abusive forms of child labor or exploitation of children in sweatshop labor, or with the benefit of sweatshop labor, forced labor, convict labor, indentured labor under penal sanction, abusive forms of child labor or exploitation of children in sweatshop labor. Contractor adheres to the Sweatfree Code of Conduct as set forth on the California Department of Industrial Relations website located at [www.dir.ca.gov](http://www.dir.ca.gov), and PCC 6108. Contractor agrees to cooperate fully in providing reasonable access to Contractor’s records, documents, agents, and employees, and premises if reasonably required by authorized officials of the Department of Industrial Relations, or the Department of Justice to determine

Contractor's compliance with the requirements under this section and shall provide the same rights of access to the Court.

- 10.9 Federal Funding Requirements.** *If this Agreement is funded in whole or in part by the federal government, this section is applicable.* It is mutually understood between the parties that this Agreement may have been written for the mutual benefit of both parties before ascertaining the availability of congressional appropriation of funds, to avoid program and fiscal delays that would occur if this Agreement were executed after that determination was made. This Agreement is valid and enforceable only if sufficient funds are made available to the Court by the United State Government for the fiscal year in which they are due and consistent with any stated programmatic purpose, and this Agreement is subject to any additional restrictions, limitations, or conditions enacted by the Congress or to any statute enacted by the Congress that may affect the provisions, terms, or funding of this Agreement in any manner. The parties mutually agree that if the Congress does not appropriate sufficient funds for any program under which this Agreement is intended to be paid, this Agreement shall be deemed amended without any further action of the parties to reflect any reduction in funds. The Court may invalidate this Agreement under the termination for convenience or cancellation clause (providing for no more than thirty (30) days' Notice of termination or cancellation), or amend this Agreement to reflect any reduction in funds.
- 10.10 DVBE Participation.** *If Contractor made a commitment to achieve disabled veteran business enterprise ("DVBE") participation in connection with this Agreement, this section is applicable.* Contractor shall within sixty (60) days of receiving final payment under this Agreement certify in a report to the Court: (i) the total amount the prime Contractor received under this Agreement; (ii) the name and address of any DVBE that participated in the performance of this Agreement; (iii) the amount each DVBE received from Contractor; (iv) that all payments under this Agreement have been made to the DVBE; and (v) the actual percentage of DVBE participation that was achieved. A person or entity that knowingly provides false information shall be subject to a civil penalty for each violation.
- 10.11 Antitrust Claims.** *If this Agreement resulted from a competitive solicitation, this section is applicable.* Contractor shall assign to the Court all rights, title, and interest in and to all causes of action it may have under Section 4 of the Clayton Act (15 U.S.C. Sec. 15) or under the Cartwright Act (Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 16700) of Part 2 of Division 7 of the Business and Professions Code), arising from purchases of goods, materials, or services by Contractor for sale to the Court. Such assignment shall be made and become effective at the time the Court tenders final payment to Contractor. If the Court receives, either through judgment or settlement, a monetary recovery for a cause of action assigned under this section, Contractor shall be entitled to receive reimbursement for actual legal costs incurred and may, upon demand, recover from the Court any portion of the recovery, including treble damages, attributable to overcharges that were paid by Contractor but were not paid by the Court as part of the bid price, less the expenses incurred in obtaining that portion of the recovery. Upon demand in writing by Contractor, the Court shall, within one (1) year from such demand, reassign the cause of action assigned under this part if Contractor has been or may have been injured by the violation of law for which the cause of action arose and (a) the Court has not been injured thereby, or (b) the Court declines to file a court action for the cause of action.
- 10.12 Legal Services.** *If this Agreement is for legal services, this section is applicable.* Contractor shall: (i) adhere to legal cost and billing guidelines designated by the Court; (ii) adhere to litigation plans designated by the Court, if applicable; (iii) adhere to case phasing of activities designated by the Court, if applicable; (iv) submit and adhere to legal budgets as designated by the Court; (v) maintain legal malpractice insurance in an amount not less than the amount designated by the Court; and (vi) submit to legal bill audits and law firm audits if so requested by the Court, whether conducted by employees or designees of the Court or by any legal cost-control provider retained by the Court for that purpose. Contractor may be required to submit to a legal cost and utilization review as determined by the Court. If (a) the Contract Amount is greater than \$50,000, (b) the legal services are not the legal representation of low- or middle-income persons, in either civil, criminal, or administrative matters, and (c) the legal services are to be performed within California, then Contractor agrees to make a good faith effort to provide a minimum number of hours of pro bono legal services during each year of the Agreement equal to the lesser of either (A) thirty (30) multiplied by the number of full time attorneys in the firm's offices

in California, with the number of hours prorated on an actual day basis for any period of less than a full year or (B) the number of hours equal to ten percent (10%) of the Contract Amount divided by the average billing rate of the firm. Failure to make a good faith effort may be cause for non-renewal of this Agreement or another judicial branch or other state contract for legal services, and may be taken into account when determining the award of future contracts with a Judicial Branch Entity for legal services.

- 10.13 Good Standing.** *If Contractor is a corporation, limited liability company, or limited partnership, and this Agreement is performed in whole or in part in California, this section is applicable.* Contractor is, and will remain for the Term, qualified to do business and in good standing in California.
- 10.14 Equipment Purchases.** *If this Agreement includes the purchase of equipment, this section is applicable.* The Court may, at its option, repair any damaged or replace any lost or stolen items and deduct the cost thereof from Contractor's invoice to the Court, or require Contractor to repair or replace any damaged, lost, or stolen equipment to the satisfaction of the Court at no expense to the Court. If a theft occurs, Contractor must file a police report immediately.
- 10.15 Four-Digit Date Compliance.** *If this Agreement includes the purchase of systems, software, or instrumentation with imbedded chips, this section is applicable.* Contractor represents and warrants that it will provide only Four-Digit Date Compliant deliverables and services to the Court. "Four-Digit Date Compliant" deliverables and services can accurately process, calculate, compare, and sequence date data, including date data arising out of or relating to leap years and changes in centuries. This warranty and representation is subject to the warranty terms and conditions of this Agreement and does not limit the generality of warranty obligations set forth elsewhere in this Agreement.
- 10.16 Janitorial Services or Building Maintenance Services.** *If this Agreement is for janitorial or building maintenance services, this section is applicable.* If this Agreement requires Contractor to perform Services at a new site, Contractor shall retain for sixty (60) days all employees currently employed at that site by any previous contractor that performed the same services at the site. Contractor shall provide upon request information sufficient to identify employees providing janitorial or building maintenance services at each site and to make the necessary notifications required under Labor Code section 1060 et seq.

## 11. Miscellaneous Provisions.

- 11.1 Independent Contractor.** Contractor is an independent contractor to the Court. No employer-employee, partnership, joint venture, or agency relationship exists between Contractor and the Court. Contractor has no authority to bind or incur any obligation on behalf of the Court. If any governmental entity concludes that Contractor is not an independent contractor, the Court may terminate this Agreement immediately upon Notice.
- 11.2 GAAP Compliance.** Contractor maintains an adequate system of accounting and internal controls that meets Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.
- 11.3 Audit.** Contractor must allow the Court or its designees to review and audit Contractor's (and any subcontractors') documents and records relating to this Agreement, and Contractor (and its subcontractors) shall retain such documents and records for a period of four (4) years following final payment under this Agreement. If an audit determines that Contractor (or any subcontractor) is not in compliance with this Agreement, Contractor shall correct errors and deficiencies by the twentieth (20th) day of the month following the review or audit. If an audit determines that Contractor has overcharged the Court five percent (5%) or more during the time period subject to audit, Contractor must reimburse the Court in an amount equal to the cost of such audit. This Agreement is subject to examinations and audit by the State Auditor for a period three (3) years after final payment.
- 11.4 Licenses and Permits.** Contractor shall obtain and keep current all necessary licenses, approvals, permits and authorizations required by applicable law for the performance of the Services or the delivery of the Goods. Contractor will be responsible for all fees and taxes associated with obtaining such licenses, approvals, permits and authorizations, and for any fines and penalties arising from its noncompliance with any applicable law.

- 11.5 Confidential Information.** During the Term and at all times thereafter, Contractor will: (a) hold all Confidential Information in strict trust and confidence, (b) refrain from using or permitting others to use Confidential Information in any manner or for any purpose not expressly permitted by this Agreement, and (c) refrain from disclosing or permitting others to disclose any Confidential Information to any third party without obtaining the Court's express prior written consent on a case-by-case basis. Contractor will disclose Confidential Information only to its employees or contractors who need to know that information in order to perform Services hereunder and who have executed a confidentiality agreement with Contractor at least as protective as the provisions of this section. The provisions of this section shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement. Contractor will protect the Confidential Information from unauthorized use, access, or disclosure in the same manner as Contractor protects its own confidential or proprietary information of a similar nature, and with no less than the greater of reasonable care and industry-standard care. The Court owns all right, title and interest in the Confidential Information. Contractor will notify the Court promptly upon learning of any unauthorized disclosure or use of Confidential Information and will cooperate fully with the Court to protect such Confidential Information. Upon the Court's request and upon any termination or expiration of this Agreement, Contractor will promptly (a) return to the Court or, if so directed by the Court, destroy all Confidential Information (in every form and medium), and (b) certify to the Court in writing that Contractor has fully complied with the foregoing obligations. Contractor acknowledges that there can be no adequate remedy at law for any breach of Contractor's obligations under this section, that any such breach will likely result in irreparable harm, and that upon any breach or threatened breach of the confidentiality obligations, the Court shall be entitled to appropriate equitable relief, without the requirement of posting a bond, in addition to its other remedies at law.
- 11.6 Ownership of Deliverables.** Unless otherwise agreed in this Agreement, Contractor hereby assigns to the Court ownership of all Deliverables, any partially-completed Deliverables, and related work product or materials. Contractor agrees not to assert any rights at common law, or in equity, or establish a copyright claim in any of these materials. Contractor shall not publish or reproduce any Deliverable in whole or part, in any manner or form, or authorize others to do so, without the written consent of the Court.
- 11.7 Publicity.** Contractor shall not make any public announcement or press release about this Agreement without the prior written approval of the Court.
- 11.8 Choice of Law and Jurisdiction.** California law, without regard to its choice-of-law provisions, governs this Agreement. The parties shall attempt in good faith to resolve informally and promptly any dispute that arises under this Agreement. Jurisdiction for any legal action arising from this Agreement shall exclusively reside in state or federal courts located in California, and the parties hereby consent to the jurisdiction of such courts.
- 11.9 Negotiated Agreement.** This Agreement has been arrived at through negotiation between the parties. Neither party is the party that prepared this Agreement for purposes of construing this Agreement under California Civil Code section 1654.
- 11.10 Amendment and Waiver.** Except as otherwise specified in this Agreement, no amendment or change to this Agreement will be effective unless expressly agreed in writing by a duly authorized officer of the Court. A waiver of enforcement of any of this Agreement's terms or conditions by the Court is effective only if expressly agreed in writing by a duly authorized officer of the Court. Any waiver or failure to enforce any provision of this Agreement on one occasion will not be deemed a waiver of any other provision or of such provision on any other occasion.
- 11.11 Force Majeure.** Neither party shall be liable to the other for any delay in or failure of performance, nor shall any such delay in or failure of performance constitutes default, if such delay or failure is caused by a force majeure. Force majeure, for purposes of this paragraph, is defined as follows: acts of war and acts of god, such as earthquakes, floods, and other natural disasters, such that performance is impossible.
- 11.12 Follow-On Contracting.** No person, firm, or subsidiary who has been awarded a Consulting Services agreement may submit a bid for, nor be awarded an agreement for, the providing of services, procuring goods or supplies, or any other related action that is required, suggested, or otherwise deemed appropriate in the end product of this Agreement.

**11.13 Severability.** If any part of this Agreement is held unenforceable, all other parts remain enforceable.

**11.14 Headings; Interpretation.** All headings are for reference purposes only and do not affect the interpretation of this Agreement. The word “including” means “including, without limitation.” Unless specifically stated to the contrary, all references to days herein shall be deemed to refer to calendar days.

**11.15 Time of the Essence.** Time is of the essence in Contractor’s performance under this Agreement.

**11.16 Counterparts.** This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which is considered an original.



## APPENDIX D

### Defined Terms

As used in this Agreement, the following terms have the indicated meanings:

**“Agreement”** is defined on the Coversheet.

**“Contractor”** is defined on the Coversheet.

**“Confidential Information”** means: (i) any information related to the business or operations of the Court, including information relating to the Court’s personnel and users; and (ii) all financial, statistical, personal, technical and other data and information of the Court (and proprietary information of third parties provided to Contractor) which is designated confidential or proprietary, or that Contractor otherwise knows, or would reasonably be expected to know, is confidential. Confidential Information does not include information that Contractor demonstrates to the Court’s satisfaction that: (a) Contractor lawfully knew prior to the Court’s first disclosure to Contractor, (b) a third party rightfully disclosed to Contractor free of any confidentiality duties or obligations, or (c) is, or through no fault of Contractor has become, generally available to the public.

**“Consulting Services”** refers to the services performed under “Consulting Services Agreements,” which are defined in PCC 10335.5, substantially, as contracts that: (i) are of an advisory nature; (ii) provide a recommended course of action or personal expertise; (iii) have an end product that is basically a transmittal of information, either written or oral, that is related to the governmental functions of state agency administration and management and program management or innovation; and (iv) are obtained by awarding a contract, a grant, or any other payment of funds for services of the above type.

**“Contract Amount”** is defined on the Coversheet.

**“Court”** is defined on the Coversheet.

**“Coversheet”** refers to the first page of this Agreement.

**“Deliverables”** is defined in Appendix A.

**“Effective Date”** is defined on the Coversheet.

**“Expiration Date”** is the later of (i) the day so designated on the Coversheet, and (ii) the last day of any Option Term.

**“Goods”** is defined in Appendix A.

**“Initial Term”** is the period commencing on the Effective Date and ending on the Expiration Date designated on the Coversheet.

**“Judicial Branch Entity”** or **“Judicial Branch Entities”** means the Court and any other California superior or appellate court, the Judicial Council of California, the Administrative Office of Courts, and the Habeas Corpus Resource Center.

**“Judicial Branch Personnel”** means members, justices, judges, judicial officers, subordinate judicial officers, employees, and agents of a Judicial Branch Entity.

**“Notice”** means a written communication from one party to another that is (a) delivered in person, (b) sent by registered or certified mail, or (c) sent by overnight air courier, in each case properly posted and fully prepaid to the appropriate address and recipient set forth in Appendix C.

**“Option Term”** means a period, if any, through which this Agreement may be or has been extended by the Court.

**“PCC”** refers to the California Public Contract Code.

**“Services”** is defined in Appendix A.

**“Stop Work Order”** is defined in Appendix B.

**“Term”** comprises the Initial Term and any Option Terms.


**ATTACHMENT 3**  
**PROPOSER'S ACCEPTANCE OF TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

**Instructions:** Mark the appropriate choice below and sign this attachment.

1. Proposer accepts Attachment 2: Court Standard Terms and Conditions (“Attachment 2”) without exception.

***OR***

2. Proposer proposes exceptions or modifications to Attachment 2. Proposer must also submit (i) a red-lined version of Attachment 2 that clearly tracks proposed modifications, and (ii) a written explanation or rationale for each exception or proposed modification.

BY (Authorized Signature) 
PRINTED NAME OF PERSON SIGNING
TITLE OF PERSON SIGNING

**ATTACHMENT 4  
DARFUR CONTRACTING ACT CERTIFICATION**

Pursuant to Public Contract Code (PCC) section 10478, if a proposer currently or within the previous three years has had business activities or other operations outside of the United States, it must either (i) certify that it is not a “scrutinized company” as defined in PCC 10476, or (ii) receive written permission from the Court to submit a proposal.

To submit a proposal to the Court, you must complete **ONLY ONE** of the following three paragraphs. To complete paragraph 1 or 2, simply check the corresponding box. To complete paragraph 3, check the corresponding box **and** complete the certification for paragraph 3.

1. We do not currently have, and we have not had within the previous three years, business activities or other operations outside of the United States.

***OR***

2. We are a “scrutinized company” as defined in PCC 10476, but we have received written permission from the Court to submit a proposal pursuant to PCC 10477(b). *A copy of the written permission from the Court is included with our proposal.*

***OR***

3. We currently have, or we have had within the previous three years, business activities or other operations outside of the United States, but we **certify below** that we are not a “scrutinized company” as defined in PCC 10476.

**CERTIFICATION FOR PARAGRAPH 3:**

I, the official named below, CERTIFY UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY, that I am duly authorized to legally bind the proposer to the clause in paragraph 3. This certification is made under the laws of the State of California.

<i>Company Name (Printed)</i>		<i>Federal ID Number</i>
<i>By (Authorized Signature)</i>		
<i>Printed Name and Title of Person Signing</i>		
<i>Date Executed</i>	<i>Executed in the County of _____ in the State of _____</i>	

## ATTACHMENT 5 BIDDER DECLARATION

Complete this form only if Bidder wishes to claim the DVBE incentive associated with this solicitation. Please review the "Bidder Declaration Instructions" prior to completing this form. If Bidder submits incomplete or inaccurate information, it will not receive the DVBE incentive.

### SECTION I. COMPLETE IF BIDDER IS A DVBE

*If Bidder is not a DVBE, skip this section.*

1. DVBE Supplier ID number: \_\_\_\_\_
2. DVBE Certification active from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_
3. Percentage of the contract work Bidder will subcontract to **non-DVBE** subcontractors:  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. The disabled veteran owners and managers of Bidder must complete and sign the **DVBE Declaration** (a separate document). Bidder must submit the completed DVBE Declaration along with this Bidder Declaration.
5. Bidder must submit a copy of its DVBE certification along with this Bidder Declaration.

### SECTION II. COMPLETE IF BIDDER HAS A DVBE BUSINESS UTILIZATION PLAN

*Skip this section if (i) Bidder does not have an approved DVBE Business Utilization Plan (BUP) on file with DGS, or (ii) this solicitation is for non-IT services.*

1. Date BUP was approved by DGS: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Date through which BUP is valid: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Bidder must submit a copy of its "Notice of Approved DVBE Business Utilization Plan" issued by DGS along with this Bidder Declaration.

### SECTION III. COMPLETE IF BIDDER WILL USE DVBE SUBCONTRACTORS

Enter the total number of DVBE subcontractors (Subcontractors) that Bidder will use for this contract: \_\_\_\_\_

*If the total number of DVBE Subcontractors Bidder will use is zero, skip this section.*

Provide the following information or materials for **each** DVBE Subcontractor Bidder will use for this contract. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

1. Subcontractor name: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Subcontractor contact person: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Subcontractor address: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Subcontractor phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Subcontractor email: \_\_\_\_\_
6. Subcontractor DVBE Supplier ID number: \_\_\_\_\_
7. Subcontractor DVBE Certification active from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.
8. Bidder must submit a copy of Subcontractor’s DVBE certification along with this Bidder Declaration.
9. Describe the goods and/or services to be provided by Subcontractor in connection with the contract:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
10. Explain how Subcontractor is performing a “commercially useful function” for purposes of this contract. (Please see the instructions for the definition of “commercially useful function.”)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
11. Enter the percentage of the total bid price for the goods and/or services to be provided by Subcontractor: \_\_\_\_\_%
12. Provide written confirmation from Subcontractor that it will provide the goods and/or services identified above if Bidder is awarded the contract.
13. The disabled veteran owners and managers of Subcontractor must complete and sign the **DVBE Declaration** (a separate document). Bidder must submit the completed DVBE Declaration along with this Bidder Declaration.

**SECTION IV. CERTIFICATION**

I, the official named below, certify that the information provided in this form is true and correct. I am duly authorized to legally bind the Bidder to this certification. This certification is made under the laws of the State of California.

<i>Company Name (Printed)</i>	<i>Tax ID Number</i>
<i>Address</i>	<i>Telephone Number</i>
<i>By (Authorized Signature)</i>	
<i>Printed Name and Title of Person Signing</i>	
<i>Date Executed</i>	<i>Executed in the County of _____ in the State of _____</i>

## BIDDER DECLARATION INSTRUCTIONS

### General Instructions

In this form, (i) “Bidder” refers to a person or entity that submits a response to a competitive solicitation issued by the JBE, including both IFBs and RFPs; and (ii) “bid” refers to a response to a competitive solicitation issued by the JBE, including both IFBs and RFPs.

If Bidder wishes to claim the DVBE incentive in a solicitation where a DVBE incentive is offered, it must complete the Bidder Declaration. If no DVBE incentive is offered, or Bidder does not wish to claim the DVBE incentive, Bidder should not complete the Bidder Declaration.

The JBE will determine whether Bidder is eligible to receive the DVBE incentive based on information provided in the Bidder Declaration. The JBE may, but is not obligated to, verify or seek clarification of any information set forth in the Bidder Declaration. If Bidder submits incomplete or inaccurate information, it will not receive the DVBE incentive.

### Instructions for Section I

1. Provide Bidder’s DVBE Supplier ID number, if applicable. This number is in Bidder’s DGS Supplier Profile, accessible at <https://www.bidsync.com/DPXBisCASB>.
2. Provide the applicable dates. These dates are listed in Bidder’s DGS Supplier Profile, accessible at <https://www.bidsync.com/DPXBisCASB>.
3. This percentage is equal to the amount to be paid by Bidder to the non-DVBE subcontractors divided by Bidder’s total bid price, multiplied by 100. Enter a percentage; do not enter a dollar amount. For example, if the amount to be paid by Bidder to non-DVBE subcontractor is \$35,000 and Bidder’s total bid price is \$125,000, enter “28%” ( $35000 \div 125000 = 0.28$ ;  $0.28 \times 100 = 28$ ).
4. The DVBE Declaration is separate from the Bidder Declaration. The Bidder must submit along with the Bidder Declaration a DVBE Declaration completed and signed by the disabled veteran owners and managers of Bidder.
5. Each entity certified as a DVBE by DGS will have received a DVBE certification. Bidder must submit a copy of its DVBE certification.

### Instructions for Section II

*Please skip this section if (i) Bidder does not have an approved Business Utilization Plan (BUP) on file with DGS, or (ii) this solicitation is for non-IT services.*

1. Provide the date on which DGS approved Bidder’s BUP.
2. Provide the date through which the BUP is valid.
3. Bidder must provide a copy of its “Notice of Approved DVBE Business Utilization Plan” issued by DGS. This copy must be provided along with the Bidder Declaration.

### Instructions for Section III

A DVBE Subcontractor (Subcontractor) is any certified DVBE (whether a person, firm, corporation, or organization) contracting to perform part of Bidder’s contract.

Enter the total number of Subcontractors Bidder will use for the contract. If the number is zero, skip to Section IV. Otherwise, provide complete information (items 1-13 of Section III) for **each** Subcontractor.

1. Provide the full legal name of Subcontractor.

2. Provide the name of a contact person at Subcontractor. The contact person must be able to verify the information provided in the Bidder Declaration regarding that Subcontractor.
3. Provide the full address of Subcontractor.
4. Provide Subcontractor's phone number, including area code.
5. Provide Subcontractor's email address. If Subcontractor does not have an email address, insert "N/A."
6. Provide Subcontractor's DVBE Supplier ID number. This number is in Subcontractor's DGS Supplier Profile, accessible at <https://www.bidsync.com/DPXBisCASB>.
7. Provide the applicable dates. These dates are in Subcontractor's DGS Supplier Profile, accessible at <https://www.bidsync.com/DPXBisCASB>.
8. Each entity certified as a DVBE by DGS will have received a DVBE certification. Bidder must submit a copy of each Subcontractor's DVBE certification. Provide a copy of Subcontractor's DVBE certification.
9. Provide a detailed description of the goods and/or services Subcontractor will provide for the contract.
10. Provide an explanation of how Subcontractor's goods and/or services constitute a "commercially useful function" for purposes of the contract. Pursuant to Military and Veterans Code section 999, a person or an entity is deemed to perform a "commercially useful function" if a person or entity does all of the following: (i) is responsible for the execution of a distinct element of the work of the contract; (ii) carries out the obligation by actually performing, managing, or supervising the work involved; (iii) performs work that is normal for its business services and functions; (iv) is responsible, with respect to products, inventories, materials, and supplies required for the contract, for negotiating price, determining quality and quantity, ordering, installing, if applicable, and making payment; and (v) is not further subcontracting a portion of the work that is greater than that expected to be subcontracted by normal industry practices. Note: a person or entity will not be considered to perform a "commercially useful function" if its role is limited to that of an extra participant in a transaction, contract, or project through which funds are passed in order to obtain the appearance of DVBE participation.
11. This percentage is equal to the amount to be paid by Bidder to Subcontractor divided by Bidder's total bid price, multiplied by 100. Enter a percentage; do not enter a dollar amount. For example, if the amount to be paid by Bidder to Subcontractor is \$6,600 and Bidder's total bid price is \$75,000, enter "8.8%" ( $6600 \div 75000 = 0.088$ ;  $0.088 \times 100 = 8.8$ ).
12. The Bidder must submit a written confirmation from the Subcontractor, indicating that Subcontractor will provide the required goods and/or services if Bidder is awarded the contract.
13. The DVBE Declaration is a separate form from the Bidder Declaration. The Bidder must submit along with the Bidder Declaration a DVBE Declaration completed and signed by the disabled veteran owners and managers of the Subcontractor.

#### **Instructions for Section IV**

Provide Bidder's full legal name, and federal ID number, address, and telephone number in the appropriate boxes. The certification must be signed by an authorized Bidder representative in the box labeled "By (*Authorized Signature*)."

Provide the name and title of the authorized Bidder representative, and the date, county and state where that person signed the certification, in the appropriate boxes.

**ATTACHMENT 6  
DVBE DECLARATION**

**SECTION 1. MUST BE COMPLETED BY ALL DVBEs**

Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (DVBE) name: \_\_\_\_\_  
DVBE Supplier ID number: \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION 2. MUST BE COMPLETED BY ALL DVBEs**

Check only one box in Section 2 and provide original signatures of all disabled veteran (DV) owners and managers of the DVBE.

- I (we) declare that the DVBE is not a broker or agent, as defined in Military and Veterans Code (MVC) section 999.2(b), of the goods and/or services provided by the DVBE in connection with the solicitation identified above.
  
- Pursuant to MVC 999.2(f), I (we) declare that the DVBE is a broker or agent for the following principal. (*Attach additional sheets if more than one principal*)  
Principal Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Principal Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Principal Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Disabled veteran owners and managers of the DVBE:** (*attach additional sheets if necessary*)

<i>Printed Name of DV owner/manager</i>	<i>Date signed</i>
<i>Signature of DV owner/manager</i>	

<i>Printed Name of DV owner/manager</i>	<i>Date signed</i>
<i>Signature of DV owner/manager</i>	

<i>Printed Name of DV owner/manager</i>	<i>Date signed</i>
<i>Signature of DV owner/manager</i>	



**SECTION 3. MUST BE COMPLETED BY DVBEs THAT PROVIDE RENTAL EQUIPMENT AND ARE NOT BROKERS/AGENTS**

*Skip this section if (i) the DVBE is not providing rental equipment or (ii) the DVBE indicated in Section 2 that it is a broker or agent.*

Check applicable boxes in Section 3 and provide original signatures of all DV owners and managers of the DVBE.

- Pursuant to MVC 999.2 (c), (d) and (g), I am (we are) the DV(s) with at least 51% ownership of the DVBE, or DV manager(s) of the DVBE. The DVBE maintains certification requirements in accordance with MVC 999 et seq.
- The undersigned owner(s) own(s) at least 51% of the quantity and value of each piece of equipment that will be rented in connection with this solicitation. I (we), the DV owner(s) of the equipment, have submitted to DGS my (our) personal federal tax return(s) at time of certification and annually thereafter as defined in MVC 999.2 (c) and (g).

**Disabled veteran owners of the DVBE:** *(attach additional sheets if necessary)*

<i>Printed Name of DV owner</i>	<i>Tax ID Number of DV owner</i>
<i>Address of DV owner</i>	<i>DV owner Telephone Number</i>
<i>Signature of DV owner</i>	<i>Date signed</i>

<i>Printed Name of DV owner</i>	<i>Tax ID Number of DV owner</i>
<i>Address of DV owner</i>	<i>Telephone # of DV owner</i>
<i>Signature of DV owner</i>	<i>Date signed</i>

**Disabled veteran managers of the DVBE:** *(attach additional sheets if necessary)*

<i>Printed Name of DV manager</i>	<i>Date signed</i>
<i>Signature of DV manager</i>	

<i>Printed Name of DV manager</i>	<i>Date signed</i>
<i>Signature of DV manager</i>	

## DVBE DECLARATION INSTRUCTIONS

### General Instructions

In this form, (i) “Bidder” refers to a person or entity that submits a response to a competitive solicitation issued by the JBE, including both IFBs and RFPs; and (ii) “bid” refers to a response to a competitive solicitation issued by the JBE, including both IFBs and RFPs.

If Bidder wishes to claim the DVBE incentive in a solicitation where a DVBE incentive is offered, it must submit a DVBE Declaration completed by each DVBE that will provide goods and/or services in connection with its bid. If Bidder is itself a DVBE, it must complete the DVBE Declaration itself. If Bidder will use one or more DVBE subcontractors, each DVBE subcontractor must complete a DVBE Declaration.

If no DVBE incentive is offered, or Bidder does not wish to claim the DVBE incentive, Bidder should not submit a DVBE Declaration. In addition, if Bidder wishes to claim the DVBE incentive using a DVBE Business Utilization Plan (BUP) on file with DGS, Bidder should not submit a DVBE Declaration. Note that a BUP cannot be used to qualify for the DVBE incentive in a non-IT services solicitation.

The JBE will determine whether Bidder is eligible to receive the DVBE incentive based on information provided in the DVBE Declaration. The JBE may, but is not obligated to, verify or seek clarification of any information set forth in the DVBE Declaration. If Bidder submits incomplete or inaccurate information, it will not receive the DVBE incentive.

### Instructions for Section 1

Provide the full legal name of the DVBE, and the DVBE’s Supplier ID number. This number is in the DVBE’s DGS Supplier Profile, accessible at <https://www.bidsync.com/DPXBisCASB>.

### Instructions for Section 2

Check only one box. If the DVBE is not a broker or agent, check the first box. If the DVBE is a broker or agent, check the second box and provide the name, address, and phone number of the principal for which the DVBE is an agent or broker. Military and Veterans Code section 999.2(b) defines “broker” or “agent” as an individual or entity that does not have title, possession, control, and risk of loss of materials, supplies, services, or equipment provided to [a JBE], unless one or more of the disabled veteran owners has at least 51-percent ownership of the quantity and value of the materials, supplies, services, and of each piece of equipment provided under the contract.

All disabled veteran owners and managers of the DVBE must sign and date Section 2. If there are insufficient signature blocks for all disabled veteran owners and managers to sign, attach additional sheets.

### Instructions for Section 3

*The DVBE must complete Section 3 only if both of the following are true (i) the DVBE will provide rental equipment in connection with the contract, and (ii) the DVBE checked the first box in Section 2, indicating that it is not a broker or agent.*

*If (i) the DVBE will not provide rental equipment in connection with the contract, or (ii) the DVBE checked the second box in Section 2, indicating that it is a broker or agent, the DVBE should not check a box in Section 3 or provide the signatures in Section 3.*

Check each box in Section 3 if the corresponding statements are true.

All disabled veteran owners of the DVBE must sign and date Section 3, in the signature blocks designated for disabled veteran owners. Each disabled veteran owner of the DVBE must also provide his or her tax ID number,

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address, and telephone number in the signature block. If there are insufficient signature blocks for all disabled veteran owners, attach additional sheets.

All disabled veteran managers of the DVBE must sign and date Section 3, in the signature blocks designated for disabled veteran managers. If there are insufficient signature blocks for all disabled veteran managers, attach additional sheet.