

**EXHIBIT “A”
SCOPE OF SERVICES**

Consultant Shall:

1. Provide determination of medical cause of death in a timely manner and at the earliest possible time in all cases including, but not limited to, autopsies, gross and microscopic examination of tissues, bacteriological examination, review of medical reports and other such services as are appropriate to determine the cause of death. Consultant shall submit a **complete** written report of findings to Coroner not later than **seventy (70)** working days following performance of the autopsy and/or related services such as toxicology or neuropathology. **Reports which require more than seventy (70) working days to complete requires approval from the Coroner.** Medical transcription services shall be the responsibility of the Consultant.
2. Perform all required autopsies in facilities provided by County unless otherwise agreed between Consultant and Coroner. External examinations shall be performed in facilities in El Dorado County provide by County. Evaluation of medical records shall be performed in Consultant’s office. County shall be responsible for transporting medical records to Consultant.
3. Provide licensed pathologists to perform all required autopsies at least once per day, five days per week, Monday through Friday, unless the Coroner requires no autopsies. The time to be mutually agreed upon by the Consultant and the Coroner. Services shall be provided within twenty-four (24) hours of a request by the Coroner, weekends excluded. The Consultant, upon specific request of the Coroner, shall provide services on weekends and/or at the location where a body is discovered. Consultant to be reimbursed at \$180.00 per hour for this service in addition to the normal autopsy fee.
4. Testify at all civil and criminal proceedings when requested to do so by the District Attorney or County of El Dorado as to any matter relating to autopsy findings.
5. The County shall identify the time at which Consultant shall appear in court for such testimony as is described in #4 above. Consultant shall be reimbursed at an hourly rate of \$180.00 per hour for this service. This same fee also applies to any conferences, liaison, pre-trial conferences, criminal depositions, and exhumations. These reimbursements are to be paid out of the District Attorney’s budget in criminal matters only.

6. The County shall pay all costs of disinterments unless upon disinterment of the body, it is discovered that the Consultant's diagnosis of the cause of death was incorrect, and that the negligence of the Consultant contributed to the diagnosis. In such a case, the Consultant shall pay the cost of disinterment.

County shall:

1. Through the Coroner have sole discretion and jurisdiction control as to which cases, pursuant to Section 27491 of the California Government Code, shall be autopsied.
2. Provide direction to Consultant as to work to be performed, recognizing that Consultant shall use its independent medical judgment in determining how to perform the autopsies.
3. Have the right to approve all personnel employed by Consultant. In the event County disapproves of any such personnel, those person disapproved of shall not be used by Consultant in the performance of this Agreement. Consultant assumes all liability caused by acts or omissions of its personnel while on County property.
4. Furnish to Consultant the physical facilities necessary to perform gross autopsies.
5. Provide all histology services through a histology laboratory. Provide any specialized chemical, bacteriological, immunological and hematological tests as are required.
6. Have sole discretion through the Coroner in granting permission to be present at any post-mortem examination as provided in Section 2749.4 of the Government Code.
7. Provide specialized services to the autopsy staff when needed, including, but not limited to, providing criminalistics, forensic toxicology, clinical chemistry, clinical microbiology, forensic radiology, forensic odontology, forensic neuropathology, entomology, anthropology and anesthesiology.
8. In the event of a major disaster involving ten (10) or more deaths, additional compensation will be negotiated.