

## Nichols Consulting Engineers, CHTD.

### FIRST AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES #4402

**THIS FIRST AMENDMENT** to that Agreement for Services #4402 made and entered into by and between the County of El Dorado, a political subdivision of the State of California (hereinafter referred to as "COUNTY"), and Nichols Consulting Engineers, CHTD., a Nevada corporation duly qualified to conduct business in the State of California, whose principal place of business is 501 Canal Boulevard, Suite 1, Point Richmond, California 94804 and whose local address is 155 Highway 50, Suite 204, Stateline, Nevada 89449 (hereinafter referred to as "CONSULTANT");

### RECITALS

**WHEREAS**, CONSULTANT has been engaged by COUNTY to provide on-call environmental review services for the Tahoe Basin for the Department of Transportation pursuant to Agreement for Services #4402, dated December 17, 2019, incorporated herein and made by reference a part hereof (hereinafter referred to as "Agreement");

**WHEREAS**, the parties hereto desire to amend the Agreement to include a new rate schedule for the extended term of the Agreement, amending **ARTICLE II, Compensation for Services**, and adding **Amended Exhibit B**;

**WHEREAS**, the parties hereto desire to amend the Agreement to extend the expiration date of December 16, 2022 for two (2) additional years, amending **ARTICLE IV, Performance Period**;

**WHEREAS**, the parties hereto desire to amend the Agreement to increase the not-to-exceed compensation amount of the Agreement by \$180,000, amending **ARTICLE V, Allowable Costs and Payments**;

**WHEREAS**, the parties hereto desire to amend the Agreement to update the COUNTY's notice recipients address, amending **ARTICLE XXVIII, Notice to Parties**;

**WHEREAS**, the parties hereto desire to fully-replace or add specific Articles to include contract provisions required by the use of federal grant funds;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the foregoing and the mutual promises and covenants hereinafter contained, COUNTY and CONSULTANT mutually agree to amend the terms of the Agreement in this First Amendment to Agreement for Services #4402 on the following terms and conditions:

- I. **ARTICLE II, Compensation for Services**, of the Agreement is amended in its entirety to read as follows:

## **ARTICLE II**

**Compensation for Services:** For services provided herein, including all of the deliverables described in individual Task Orders and Work Orders issued pursuant to this Agreement, and including all of the forms and reports required under the DBE provisions of this Agreement; and including the progress reports required by ARTICLE III, Progress Reports, below, COUNTY agrees to pay CONSULTANT in arrears. Payment shall be made within forty-five (45) days following COUNTY's receipt and approval of itemized invoices detailing services rendered.

For the purposes hereof, for the period beginning with the effective date of this Agreement and continuing until the day before the effective date of this First Amendment to the Agreement, the billing rates shall be in accordance with Exhibit B, marked "Rate Schedule," incorporated herein and made by reference a part hereof. The hourly rates listed in Exhibit B may be adjusted to a maximum of four percent (4%) increase per year which shall require written approval and acceptance by COUNTY's Contract Administrator prior to the new rates becoming effective. Any rate increases authorized by COUNTY's Contract Administrator shall not increase the not-to-exceed amount of the Agreement.

For the period beginning with the effective date of this Amendment and continuing through the remaining term of the Agreement, the billing rates shall be in accordance with Amended Exhibit B, marked "Amended Rate Schedule," incorporated herein and made by reference a part hereof. The hourly rates listed in Amended Exhibit B may be adjusted to a maximum of four percent (4%) increase per year which shall require written approval and acceptance by COUNTY's Contract Administrator prior to the new rates becoming effective. Any rate increases authorized by COUNTY's Contract Administrator shall not increase the not-to-exceed amount of the Agreement.

Other direct costs including special reproductions, delivery charges, and other outside services authorized herein, shall be invoiced at CONSULTANT's cost, for the services rendered. Any invoices that include other direct costs shall be accompanied by backup documentation to substantiate CONSULTANT's costs for the services being billed on those invoices.

Any reimbursements for mileage expenses, if any, will only be made if such expenses are included in the Cost Proposal of an approved and fully executed Task Order or Work Order issued pursuant to this Agreement.

Travel costs (i.e., overnight lodging, meals, parking, airfare, bridge tolls, and other per diem expenses) will not be reimbursed as a direct cost for any services performed under this Agreement by CONSULTANT or by any authorized subconsultants. The total amount payable by COUNTY for an individual Task

Order or Work Order shall not exceed the amount agreed to in the Task Order or Work Order, unless COUNTY's Contract Administrator and CONSULTANT amend the Task Order or Work Order in writing and prior to the performance of the work.

Cost Proposals shall be submitted for each Task Order and/or Work Order. Cost Proposals are subject to an audit or Certified Public Accountant Indirect Cost Audit Workpaper Review and are more fully described in ARTICLE IX, Audit Review Procedures.

In accordance with ARTICLE XII, State Prevailing Wage Rates, CONSULTANT shall provide COUNTY's Contract Administrator with certified payroll for applicable personnel for the period for which payment is requested and such certified payroll shall accompany each invoice submitted. The certified payroll shall contain information related only to the applicable project. No invoice shall be paid until the certified payroll is submitted. CONSULTANT shall keep payroll records in accordance with California Labor Code Section 1776.

**II. ARTICLE IV, Performance Period,** paragraph A of the Article is amended in its entirety to read as follows:

A. This Agreement shall go into effect upon execution, contingent upon approval by COUNTY, and CONSULTANT shall commence work after notification to proceed by COUNTY's Contract Administrator. The Agreement shall end on December 16, 2024, as amended, unless extended by contract amendment.

**III. ARTICLE V, Allowable Costs and Payments,** of the Agreement is amended in its entirety to read as follows:

A. CONSULTANT will be reimbursed for hours worked at the hourly rates specified in CONSULTANT's Cost Proposal of an approved and fully executed Task Order or Work Order. The specified hourly rates shall include direct salary costs, employee benefits, overhead, and fee. COUNTY shall reimburse CONSULTANT within forty-five (45) days of receiving itemized invoices in duplicate.

B. In addition, CONSULTANT will be reimbursed for incurred (actual) direct costs other than salary costs that are in the approved Cost Proposal and identified in the Cost Proposal and in a fully executed Task Order or Work Order.

C. Specific projects will be assigned to CONSULTANT through issuance of Task Orders or Work Orders.

D. After a project to be performed under this Agreement is identified by COUNTY, COUNTY will prepare a draft Task Order or Work Order, less the cost estimate. A draft Task Order or Work Order will identify the scope of services, expected results, project deliverables, period of performance, and project schedule and

will designate a COUNTY Project Coordinator. The draft Task Order or Work Order will be delivered to CONSULTANT for review. CONSULTANT shall return the draft Task Order or Work Order within ten (10) calendar days along with a Cost Estimate, including a written estimate of the number of hours and hourly rates per staff person, any anticipated reimbursable expenses, overhead, fee if any, and total dollar amount. After agreement has been reached on the negotiable items and total cost, the finalized Task Order or Work Order shall be signed by both COUNTY and CONSULTANT.

- E. Task Orders or Work Orders may be negotiated for a lump sum (Firm Fixed Price) or for specific rates of compensation, both of which must be based on the labor and other rates set forth in CONSULTANT's approved Cost Proposal and in a fully executed Task Order or Work Order.

CONSULTANT shall be responsible for any future adjustments to prevailing wage rates including, but not limited to, base hourly rates and employer payments as determined by the Department of Industrial Relations. CONSULTANT is responsible for paying the appropriate rate, including escalations that take place during the term of the Agreement.

- F. Reimbursement for transportation and subsistence costs shall not exceed the rates as specified in the approved Cost Proposal and in a fully executed Task Order or Work Order.
- G. When milestone cost estimates are included in the approved Cost Proposal, CONSULTANT shall obtain prior written approval for a revised milestone cost estimate from COUNTY's Contract Administrator before exceeding such estimate.
- H. Progress payments for each Task Order or Work Order will be made in arrears based on services provided and actual costs incurred.
- I. CONSULTANT shall not commence performance of work or services until this Agreement has been approved by COUNTY and notification to proceed has been issued by COUNTY's Contract Administrator. No payment will be made prior to approval or for any work performed prior to approval of this Agreement.
- J. A Task Order or Work Order is of no force or effect until returned to COUNTY and signed by an authorized representative of COUNTY. No expenditures are authorized on a project and work shall not commence until a Task Order or Work Order for that project has been executed by COUNTY.
- K. CONSULTANT will be reimbursed as promptly as fiscal procedures will permit upon receipt by COUNTY's Contract Administrator of itemized invoices. CONSULTANT shall provide separate invoices itemizing all costs are required for all work performed under each Task Order or Work Order. CONSULTANT shall submit invoices no later than forty-five (45) calendar days after the performance of work for which CONSULTANT is billing, or upon completion of

the Task Order or Work Order. Invoices shall detail the work performed on each milestone, on each project as applicable. Invoices shall follow the format stipulated for the approved Cost Proposal and shall reference this Agreement number, project title, Task Order or Work Order number, Activity Identification Codes (Activity IDs) applicable for each item of work and shall include the beginning and ending dates of the overall period of service. Credits due COUNTY that include any equipment purchased under the provisions of ARTICLE XI, Equipment Purchase and Other Capital Expenditures, of this Agreement, must be reimbursed by CONSULTANT prior to the expiration or termination of this Agreement. Invoices shall be mailed to COUNTY at the following address:

County of El Dorado  
Department of Transportation  
2850 Fairlane Court  
Placerville, California 95667  
Attn.: Development, Right-of-Way, and Environmental Unit

or to such other location as COUNTY directs.

- L. The period of performance for Task Orders or Work Orders shall be in accordance with dates specified in the Task Order or Work Order. No Task Order or Work Order will be written which extends beyond the expiration date of this Agreement.
- M. The total amount payable by COUNTY for an individual Task Order or Work Order shall not exceed the amount agreed to in the Task Order or Work Order, unless authorized by contract amendment.
- N. If CONSULTANT fails to satisfactorily complete a deliverable according to the schedule set forth in a Task Order or Work Order, no payment will be made until the deliverable has been satisfactorily completed.
- O. Task Orders or Work Orders may not be used to amend this Agreement and may not exceed the scope of work under this Agreement.
- P. The total amount payable by COUNTY for all Task Orders or Work Orders, costs, or expenses resulting from this Agreement shall not exceed \$480,000, as amended. It is understood and agreed that there is no guarantee, either expressed or implied that this dollar amount will be authorized under this Agreement through Task Orders or Work Orders.

**IV. ARTICLE XXVIII, Notice to Parties**, of the Agreement is amended in its entirety to read as follows:

**ARTICLE XXVIII**

**Notice to Parties:** All notices to be given by the parties hereto shall be in writing and served by depositing the same in the United States Post Office, postage prepaid and return receipt requested. Notices to COUNTY shall be in duplicate and addressed as follows:

To COUNTY:

With a copy to:

County of El Dorado  
Department of Transportation  
2850 Fairlane Court  
Placerville, California 95667

County of El Dorado  
Chief Administrative Office  
330 Fair Lane  
Placerville, California 95667

Attn.: Rafael Martinez  
Director

Attn.: Michele Weimer  
Procurement and Contracts  
Manager

or to such other location as COUNTY directs.

Notices to CONSULTANT shall be addressed as follows:

Nichols Consulting Engineers, CHTD.  
501 Canal Boulevard, Suite 1  
Point Richmond, California, 94804

Attn.: Margot Yapp  
President

or to such other location as CONSULTANT directs.

**V. The following articles are fully replaced in their entirety:**

**ARTICLE I**

**Scope of Work:** CONSULTANT is engaged in the business of doing the services and tasks required under this Agreement, including those services and tasks that are identified in Exhibit A, marked "Scope of Work," incorporated herein and made by reference a part hereof, or as identified in individual Task or Work Orders, as applicable, to be issued in accordance with this Agreement, and those services and tasks that are reasonably necessary for the completion of the work identified in the Scope of Work or in individual Task Orders or Work Orders, as applicable.

CONSULTANT shall, at CONSULTANT's own expense, furnish all personnel, subconsultants, equipment, tools, vehicles services, and materials necessary to perform various on-call environmental reviews and associated services and tasks required by this Agreement, including those services and tasks identified in the

Scope of Work, or in any individual Task Orders or Work Orders, as applicable, and those services and tasks that reasonably necessary for the completion of the work identified in the Scope of Work.

CONSULTANT shall perform the services and tasks required under this Agreement in a safe, professional, skillful, and workmanlike manner. CONSULTANT is responsible for ensuring that its employees, as well as any subconsultant if applicable, perform the services and tasks required under this Agreement accordingly.

CONSULTANT's services are to be provided specifically in support of projects included in COUNTY's Capital Improvement Program, Environmental Improvement Program, and generally in support of other COUNTY activities as required. Before proceeding with any work under this Agreement, the parties will identify the specific services to be provided for each assignment in individual Task Orders or Work Orders, as applicable.

The specific services for each assignment shall be determined at a meeting or telephone conference between CONSULTANT and COUNTY's Contract Administrator, or designee, to discuss the needs, applicable standards, required deliverables, specific CONSULTANT staff, subconsultants, if applicable, any necessary permits, and any task-related mileage budget, if applicable, on a task-by-task basis. As applicable, Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) requirements will be discussed at the meeting or telephone conference and COUNTY's Contract Administrator will provide CONSULTANT with the necessary DBE forms and information for use and/or submittal with CONSULTANT's Task Order/Work Order proposal or CONSULTANT's final invoice. Within an agreed timeframe as determined by COUNTY's Contract Administrator, following the meeting or telephone conference, CONSULTANT shall provide COUNTY's Contract Administrator with a written scope of work, a schedule including a list of tasks with completion dates, a target completion date for the overall scope of work, and a not-to-exceed cost itemization to complete the work (resulting in a Task Order or a Work Order, as applicable), which shall require written approval, authorization, and written notification to proceed from COUNTY's Contract Administrator, prior to commencement of the work.

For services performed on an emergency basis, as determined by COUNTY's Contract Administrator, authorization to perform the required services may occur through verbal or email communication to CONSULTANT. Any verbal or email authorization to perform emergency services under this Agreement will be confirmed to CONSULTANT by a written Task Order or Work Order, as applicable, issued by COUNTY's Contract Administrator. CONSULTANT shall respond to all requests for emergency services within seventy-two (72) hours of the verbal or email service authorization.

When Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funding is utilized to support work projects, a Request for Proposal will be issued for a specific project to CONSULTANT and all other consultants with whom COUNTY has on-call agreements for the scope of work covered by the specific project. Through that competitive proposal procedure limited to existing on-call agreement, COUNTY will select the most qualified consultant and negotiate, develop, and execute a Task Order or Work Order.

COUNTY's Contract Administrator will issue a written Task Order for work assignments where the not-to-exceed cost itemization is greater than \$50,000. COUNTY's Contract Administrator will issue a written Work Order for any work assignments where the not-to-exceed cost itemization is \$50,000 or less.

Funding from various local, state and federal sources may be utilized to fund certain assignments to be performed under this Agreement and, as a consequence, the requirements (other than those incorporated herein below) of the funding agencies related to those grants will be incorporated into the provisions of the specific Task Orders or Work Orders issued for those assignments.

CONSULTANT's responsibilities for compliance with DBE requirements are described in ARTICLE XLII, Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Considerations, and in ARTICLE XLIII, Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Participation, herein. No Task Order or Work Order shall be issued under this Agreement until the required DBE forms have been received and approved by COUNTY's Contract Administrator.

CONSULTANT shall provide COUNTY's Contract Administrator with the names and titles of CONSULTANT's representatives that are authorized to bind CONSULTANT by signing Task Orders and Work Orders and Task Order and Work Order Amendments on CONSULTANT's behalf. CONSULTANT's notification of individuals authorized to execute Task Orders and Work Orders and Task Order and Work Order Amendments on CONSULTANT's behalf shall be communicated to COUNTY in accordance with the provisions of ARTICLE XXVIII, Notice to Parties, of this Agreement.

The period of performance for Task Orders and Work Orders shall be in accordance with dates specified in each Task Order or Work Order. No payment will be made for any work performed before or after the period of performance in the Task Order or Work Order, unless COUNTY's Contract Administrator and CONSULTANT amend the Task Order or Work Order. No Task Order or Work Order will be written which exceeds the cumulative total of the not-to-exceed dollar amount of this Agreement.

COUNTY shall review CONSULTANT's progress at key points as specified in each Task Order or Work Order. Milestone reviews shall be performed for the specific products and deliverables listed in each Task Order and/or Work Order.



Milestones may only be changed by written agreement (may consist of an email) between COUNTY's Contract Administrator, or designee, and CONSULTANT.

If a submittal or Task Order or Work Order deliverable is required to be an electronic file, CONSULTANT shall produce the file using Microsoft (MS) Office 365 applications (specifically, MS Word, MS Project, and MS Excel). Signed reports shall be submitted in Adobe portable document format (PDF). All digital photographs shall be submitted on a USB drive in jpeg format with a minimum resolution of 2816 x 2112. All deliverables shall be submitted in language, format and design that are compatible with and completely transferable to COUNTY's computer and that are acceptable to COUNTY's Contract Administrator. Newer versions of software may be used and other types of software used for analytical purposes may be authorized if approved in advance of the submittal by COUNTY's Contract Administrator. CONSULTANT shall submit all deliverables to COUNTY's Contract Administrator in accordance with completion time schedules identified in the individual Task Orders or Work Orders issued pursuant to this Agreement. Failure to submit the required deliverables in the format required may be grounds for termination of the Agreement, as provided in ARTICLE VI, Termination, herein.

All of the services included in this Article and Exhibit A are the responsibility of CONSULTANT, unless specifically described as a task or item of work to be provided by COUNTY. CONSULTANT shall be responsible for the supervision, administration and work performed by any subconsultant for services rendered under this Agreement.

### **ARTICLE III**

**Progress Reports:** Upon issuance of a Task Order or Work Order, CONSULTANT shall submit written progress reports to COUNTY's Contract Administrator at intervals that are commensurate with the requirements of the items of work and tasks being performed and based upon a mutually agreeable schedule. At a minimum, CONSULTANT shall submit progress reports once per month. CONSULTANT shall prepare the reports in a sufficiently detailed manner for COUNTY's Contract Administrator to determine if CONSULTANT is performing to expectations and is on schedule to provide the services and deliverables described in the Scope of Work, to provide communication of interim findings, and to afford occasions for airing difficulties or special circumstances encountered so that remedies can be developed. COUNTY shall review the report to ensure that CONSULTANT's services and deliverables adhere to current COUNTY requirements applicable to the project as determined by COUNTY's Contract Administrator, and CONSULTANT shall modify its work if the COUNTY's Contract Administrator determined it is necessary to meet current COUNTY requirements applicable to the project. Separate detail shall be provided for each ongoing Task Order or Work Order. CONSULTANT shall include in a progress report the total number of hours worked by CONSULTANT and any authorized subconsultants; a description of the tasks and work performed, including a description of any deliverables submitted during the reporting period; and the anticipated tasks, work,

and deliverables proposed for the subsequent reporting period. Any invoices submitted by CONSULTANT for payment under the terms of this Agreement shall include copies of the progress reports that relate to the services being billed on those invoices.

## **ARTICLE VI Termination**

A. Termination by Default: If either party becomes aware of an event of default, that party shall give written notice of said default to the party in default that shall state the following:

1. The alleged default and the applicable Agreement provision.
2. That the party in default has ten (10) days upon receiving the notice to cure the default (Time to Cure).

If the party in default does not cure the default within ten (10) days of the Time to Cure, then such party shall be in default and the party giving notice may terminate the Agreement, or any Task Order or Work Order issued under this Agreement, by issuing a Notice of Termination. The party giving notice may extend the Time to Cure at their discretion. Any extension of Time to Cure must be in writing, prepared by the party in default for signature by the party giving notice, and must specify the reason(s) for the extension and the date in which the extension of Time to Cure expires.

If COUNTY terminates this Agreement, in whole or in part, for default:

1. COUNTY reserves the right to procure the goods or services, or both, similar to those terminated, from other sources and CONSULTANT shall be liable to COUNTY for any excess costs for those goods or services. COUNTY may deduct from any payment due, or that may thereafter become due to CONSULTANT, the excess costs to procure from an alternate source.
2. COUNTY shall pay CONSULTANT the sum due to CONSULTANT under this Agreement prior to termination, unless the cost of completion to COUNTY exceeds the funds remaining in the Agreement. In which case the overage shall be deducted from any sum due CONSULTANT under this Agreement and the balance, if any, shall be paid to CONSULTANT upon demand.
3. COUNTY may require CONSULTANT to transfer title and deliver to COUNTY any completed work under the Agreement.

The following shall be events of default under this Agreement:

1. Failure by either party to perform in a timely and satisfactory manner any or all of its obligations under this Agreement.
  2. A representation or warranty made by CONSULTANT in this Agreement proves to have been false or misleading in any respect;
  3. CONSULTANT fails to observe and perform any covenant, condition or agreement on its part to be observed or performed under this Agreement, unless COUNTY agrees, in writing, to an extension of the time to perform before that time period expires.
  4. A violation of ARTICLE XIII, Conflict of Interest.
- B. The maximum amount for which COUNTY shall be liable if this Agreement is terminated is the not-to-exceed amount of the Task Order or Work Order or the total amount of this Agreement, as applicable.
- C. Bankruptcy: COUNTY may terminate this Agreement immediately in the case of bankruptcy, voluntary or involuntary, or insolvency of CONSULTANT.
- D. Ceasing Performance: COUNTY may terminate this Agreement immediately in the event CONSULTANT ceases to operate as a business or otherwise becomes unable to substantially perform any term or condition of this Agreement.
- E. Termination or Cancellation without Cause: COUNTY may terminate this Agreement or any Task Order or Work Order issued pursuant to this Agreement, in whole or in part, for convenience upon thirty (30) calendar days' written Notice of Termination. If such termination is effected, COUNTY will pay for satisfactory services rendered before the effective date of termination, as set forth in the Notice of Termination provided to CONSULTANT, and for any other services that COUNTY agrees, in writing, to be necessary for contract resolution. In no event, however, shall COUNTY be obligated to pay more than the total amount of the Task Order or Work Order, or the total amount of the Agreement, as applicable. Upon receipt of a Notice of Termination, CONSULTANT shall promptly discontinue all services affected, as of the effective date of termination set forth in such Notice of Termination, unless the Notice directs otherwise. In the event of termination, COUNTY reserves the right to take over and complete the work by contract or by any other means.
- F. Completion of Work: In the event of termination of the Agreement, for default or without cause, COUNTY reserves the right to take over and complete any work, service, or task by contract or by other means.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **Cost Principles and Administrative Requirements**

- A. CONSULTANT agrees that 48 CFR Part 31, Contract Cost Principles and Procedures, shall be used to determine the cost allowability of individual terms of cost.
- B. CONSULTANT also agrees to comply with Federal procedures in accordance with 2 CFR Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards.
- C. Any costs for which payment has been made to CONSULTANT that are determined by subsequent audit to be unallowable under 48 CFR Part 31 or 2 CFR Part 200 are subject to repayment by CONSULTANT to COUNTY.
- D. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement to the contrary, payments to CONSULTANT for travel and subsistence (per diem) and mileage expenses, if applicable, for CONSULTANT's staff or for subconsultant's claims for reimbursement shall not exceed the lesser of (1) the rates to be paid to COUNTY employees under the current Board of Supervisors Travel Policy in effect at the time the expenses are incurred; or (2) the rates authorized to be paid to rank and file state employees under the then current State of California Department of Human Resources rates. These rates may be found at <http://www.calhr.ca.gov/employees/Pages/travel-reimbursements.aspx>. If the rates invoiced are in excess of these authorized rates, then CONSULTANT is responsible for the cost difference and any overpayments shall be reimbursed to COUNTY upon demand. For the purposes of this Agreement, only mileage expenses for CONSULTANT and for subconsultants, if applicable, shall be eligible for reimbursement in accordance with ARTICLE II, Compensation for Services, above. No reimbursements for travel and subsistence (per diem) expenses for CONSULTANT or subconsultants shall be allowed.
- E. CONSULTANT and its subconsultants, if applicable shall establish and maintain accounting systems and records that properly accumulate and segregate funds received under this Agreement by line item. The accounting systems of CONSULTANT and all subconsultants shall conform to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), shall enable the determination of incurred costs at interim points of completion, and shall provide support for reimbursement of payment vouchers or invoices.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

**Retention of Records/Audit:** For the purpose of determining compliance with Public Contract Code Section 10115, et seq. and Title 21, California Code of Regulations, Chapter 21, Section 2500 et seq., when applicable, and other matters connected with the performance of the Agreement pursuant to Government Code Section 8546.7; CONSULTANT, subconsultants, and COUNTY shall maintain and make available for inspection all books, documents, papers, accounting records,

Independent CPA Audited Indirect Cost Rate workpapers, and other evidence pertaining to the performance of the Agreement, including but not limited to, the costs of administering the Agreement. All parties shall make such materials available at their respective offices at all reasonable times during the Agreement period and for three (3) years from the date of final payment under the Agreement. The state, State Auditor, COUNTY, FHWA, or any duly authorized representative of the Federal Government shall have access to any books, records, and documents of CONSULTANT and its certified public accountants (CPA) work papers that are pertinent to the Agreement and indirect cost rates (ICR) for audit, examinations, excerpts, and transactions, and copies thereof shall be furnished if requested.

## **ARTICLE IX**

### **Audit Review Procedures:**

- A. Any dispute concerning a question of fact arising under an interim or post audit of this Agreement that is not disposed of by agreement shall be reviewed by COUNTY's Chief Fiscal Officer, Community Development and Finance Administration, Chief Administrative Office.
- B. Not later than thirty (30) days after issuance of the final audit report, CONSULTANT may request a review by COUNTY's Chief Fiscal Officer of unresolved audit issues. The request for review shall be submitted in writing.
- C. Neither the pendency of a dispute nor its consideration by COUNTY shall excuse CONSULTANT from full and timely performance in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.
- D. CONSULTANT and subconsultant contracts, including cost proposals and Indirect Cost Rates (ICR), may be subject to audits or reviews such as, but not limited to, a contract audit, an incurred cost audit, an ICR Audit, or a CPA ICR audit work paper review. If selected for audit or review, the Agreement, cost proposal and ICR, and related work papers, if applicable, will be reviewed to verify compliance with 48 CFR, Part 31 and other related laws and regulations. In the instances of a CPA ICR audit work paper review it is CONSULTANT's responsibility to ensure federal, state, or local government officials are allowed full access to the CPA's work papers including making copies as necessary. The Agreement, cost proposal, and ICR shall be adjusted by CONSULTANT and approved by COUNTY's Contract Administrator to conform to the audit or review recommendations. CONSULTANT agrees that individual terms of costs identified in the audit report shall be incorporated into the Agreement by this reference if directed by COUNTY at its sole discretion. Refusal by CONSULTANT to incorporate audit or review recommendations, or to ensure that the federal, state, or local governments have access to CPA work papers, will be considered a breach of contract terms and cause for termination of the Agreement and disallowance of prior reimbursed costs.

- E. CONSULTANT Cost Proposal may be subject to a CPA ICR Audit Work Paper Review or audit by the Independent Office of Audits and Investigation (IOAI). IOAI, at its sole discretion, may review and/or audit and approve the CPA ICR documentation. The Cost Proposal shall be adjusted by CONSULTANT and approved by COUNTY Contract Administrator to conform to the Work Paper Review recommendations included in the management letter or audit recommendations included in the audit report. Refusal by CONSULTANT to incorporate the Work Paper Review recommendations included in the management letter or audit recommendations included in the audit report will be considered a breach of the Agreement terms and cause for termination of the Agreement and disallowance of prior reimbursed costs.
1. During a Caltrans' review of the ICR audit work papers created by CONSULTANT's independent CPA, Caltrans will work with the CPA and/or CONSULTANT toward a resolution of issues that arise during the review. Each party agrees to use its best efforts to resolve any audit disputes in a timely manner. If Caltrans identifies significant issues during the review and is unable to issue a cognizant approval letter, COUNTY will reimburse CONSULTANT at a provisional ICR until a FAR compliant ICR {e.g. 48 CFR, part 31; GAAS (Generally Accepted Auditing Standards); CAS (Cost Accounting Standards), if applicable; in accordance with procedures and guidelines of the American Association of State Highways and Transportation Officials Audit Guide; and other applicable procedures and guidelines is received and approved by A&I. Accepted rates will be as follows:
    - a. If the proposed rate is less than 150% - the accepted rate reimbursed will be 90% of the proposed rate.
    - b. If the proposed rate is between 150% and 200% - the accepted rate will be 85% of the proposed rate.
    - c. If the proposed rate is greater than 200% - the accepted rate will be 75% of the proposed rate.
  2. If Caltrans is unable to issue a cognizant letter per paragraph E.1. above, Caltrans may require CONSULTANT to submit a revised independent CPA-audited ICR and audit report within three (3) months of the effective date of the management letter. Caltrans will then have up to six (6) months to review CONSULTANT's and/or the independent CPA's revisions.
  3. If CONSULTANT fails to comply with the provisions of this paragraph E, or if Caltrans is still unable to issue a cognizant approval letter after the revised independent CPA-audited ICR is submitted, overhead cost reimbursement will be limited to the accepted ICR that was established upon initial rejection of the ICR and set forth in paragraph E.1. above for all rendered services. In this event, this provisional ICR will become the actual and final ICR for reimbursement purposes under this Agreement.

4. CONSULTANT may submit to COUNTY final invoice only when all of the following items have occurred: (1) Caltrans approves or rejects the original or revised independent CPA-audited ICR; (2) all work under this Agreement has been completed to the satisfaction of COUNTY; and, (3) Caltrans has issued its final ICR review letter. CONSULTANT must submit its final invoice to COUNTY no later than sixty (60) days after occurrence of the last of these items. This accepted ICR will apply to this Agreement and all other agreements executed between COUNTY and CONSULTANT with the same fiscal period ICR.

The provisional ICR will apply to this Agreement and all other contracts executed between COUNTY and CONSULTANT, either as a prime or subconsultant, with the same fiscal period ICR.

## **ARTICLE X**

### **Subcontracting:**

- A. Nothing contained in this Agreement or otherwise, shall create any contractual relation between COUNTY and any subconsultant(s), and no subcontract shall relieve CONSULTANT of its responsibilities and obligations hereunder. CONSULTANT agrees to be as fully responsible to COUNTY for the acts and omissions of its subconsultant(s) and of persons either directly or indirectly employed by any of them as it is for the acts and omissions of persons directly employed by CONSULTANT. CONSULTANT's obligation to pay its subconsultant(s) is an independent obligation from COUNTY'S obligation to make payments to CONSULTANT.
- B. CONSULTANT shall perform the work contemplated with resources available within its own organization and no portion of the work pertinent to this Agreement shall be subcontracted without prior written authorization by COUNTY's Contract Administrator, except that which is expressly identified in the approved Cost Proposal.
- C. All subcontracts entered into as a result of this Agreement shall contain all the provisions stipulated in this Agreement to be applicable to subconsultants.
- D. CONSULTANT shall pay its subconsultants within fifteen (15) calendar days from receipt of each payment made to CONSULTANT by COUNTY.
- E. Any substitution of subconsultant(s) must be approved in writing by COUNTY's Contract Administrator prior to the start of work by the subconsultant(s).
- F. Prompt Progress Payment

CONSULTANT or subconsultant shall pay to any subconsultant, not later than fifteen (15) days after receipt of each progress payment, unless otherwise agreed to in writing, the respective amounts allowed CONSULTANT on

account of the work performed by the subconsultants, to the extent of each subconsultant's interest therein. In the event that there is a good faith dispute over all or any portion of the amount due on a progress payment from CONSULTANT or subconsultant to a subconsultant, CONSULTANT or subconsultant may withhold no more than one hundred and fifty (150) percent of the disputed amount. Any violation of this requirement shall constitute a cause for disciplinary action and shall subject the licensee to a penalty, payable to the subconsultant, of two (2) percent of the amount due per month for every month that payment is not made.

In any action for the collection of funds wrongfully withheld, the prevailing party shall be entitled to his or her attorney's fees and costs. The sanctions authorized under this requirement shall be separate from, and in addition to, all other remedies, either civil, administrative, or criminal. This clause applies to both DBE and non-DBE subconsultants.

G. Prompt Payment of Withheld Funds to Subconsultants.

COUNTY may hold retainage from CONSULTANT and shall make prompt and regular incremental acceptances of portions, as determined by the COUNTY of the contract work, and pay retainage to CONSULTANT based on these acceptances. No retainage will be held by the COUNTY from progress payments due to CONSULTANT. Any retainage kept by CONSULTANT or by a subconsultant must be paid in full to the earning subconsultant within fifteen (15) days after the subconsultant's work is satisfactorily completed. Any delay or postponement of payment may take place only for good cause and with COUNTY's prior written approval. Any violation of these provisions shall subject the violating CONSULTANT or subconsultant to the penalties, sanctions, and remedies specified in Section 3321 of the California Civil Code. This requirement shall not be construed to limit or impair any contractual, administrative or judicial remedies, otherwise available to CONSULTANT or subconsultant in the event of a dispute involving late payment or nonpayment by CONSULTANT, deficient subconsultant performance and/or noncompliance by a subconsultant. This clause applies to both DBE and non-DBE subconsultants.

H. CONSULTANT is engaged by COUNTY for its unique qualifications and skills as well as those of its personnel. CONSULTANT shall not subcontract, delegate, or assign services to be provided, in whole or in part, to any other person or entity without prior written consent of COUNTY. COUNTY may, at its sole discretion, through its Contract Administrator, authorize CONSULTANT to utilize subconsultants for services performed in Exhibit A, for the particular tasks, work, and deliverables identified therein or as identified in the individual Task Orders and/or Work Orders issued pursuant to this Agreement. Said written authorization and approval shall be sought and obtained by CONSULTANT prior to subconsultants' commencement of any work under this



Agreement. Specific subconsultants shall be authorized in individual Task Orders and Work Orders issued pursuant to this Agreement. CONSULTANT shall require each subconsultant, to the extent of the work to be performed by the subconsultant, to be bound to CONSULTANT by the terms of this Agreement and to assume toward CONSULTANT all of the obligations and responsibilities that CONSULTANT, by this Agreement, assumes toward COUNTY.

## **ARTICLE XI**

### **Equipment Purchase and Other Capital Expenditures:**

- A. Prior authorization in writing by COUNTY's Contract Administrator shall be required before CONSULTANT enters into any unbudgeted purchase order or subcontract exceeding \$5,000 for supplies, equipment, or CONSULTANT services. CONSULTANT shall provide an evaluation of the necessity or desirability of incurring such costs.
- B. For purchase of any item, service, or consulting work not covered in CONSULTANT's Cost Proposal and exceeding \$5,000, prior written authorization by COUNTY's Contract Administrator is required; three (3) competitive quotations must be submitted with the request, or the absence of bidding must be adequately justified.
- C. Any equipment purchased as a result of this Agreement is subject to the following:
  1. CONSULTANT shall maintain an inventory of all nonexpendable property. Nonexpendable property is defined as having a useful life of at least two (2) years and an acquisition cost of \$5,000 or more. If the purchased equipment needs replacement and is sold or traded in, COUNTY shall receive a proper refund or credit at the conclusion of the Agreement, or if the Agreement is terminated, CONSULTANT may either keep the equipment and credit COUNTY in an amount equal to its fair market value, or sell such equipment at the best price obtainable at a public or private sale, in accordance with established COUNTY procedures, and credit COUNTY in an amount equal to the sales price. If CONSULTANT elects to keep the equipment, fair market value shall be determined at CONSULTANT's expense, on the basis of a competent independent appraisal of that equipment. Appraisals shall be obtained from an appraiser mutually agreeable to COUNTY and CONSULTANT, if it is determined to sell the equipment, the terms and conditions of such sale must be approved in advance by COUNTY.
  2. Regulation 2 CFR Part 200 requires a credit to Federal funds when participating equipment with a fair market value greater than \$5,000 is credited to the project.

## ARTICLE XII

### State Prevailing Wage Rates:

- A. No CONSULTANT or subconsultant may be awarded an AGREEMENT containing public work elements unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) pursuant to Labor Code §1725.5. Registration with DIR must be maintained throughout the entire term of this Agreement, including any subsequent amendments.
- B. The CONSULTANT shall comply with all of the applicable provisions of the California Labor Code requiring the payment of prevailing wages. The General Prevailing Wage Rate Determinations applicable to work under this Agreement are available and on file with the Department of Transportation's Regional/District Labor Compliance Officer (<https://dot.ca.gov/programs/construction/labor-compliance>). These wage rates are made a specific part of this Agreement by reference pursuant to Labor Code §1773.2 and will be applicable to work performed at a construction project site. Prevailing wages will be applicable to all inspection work performed at COUNTY construction sites, at COUNTY facilities and at off-site locations that are set up by the construction contractor or one of its subcontractors solely and specifically to serve COUNTY projects. Prevailing wage requirements do not apply to inspection work performed at the facilities of vendors and commercial materials suppliers that provide goods and services to the general public.
- C. General Prevailing Wage Rate Determinations applicable to this project may also be obtained from the Department of Industrial Relations website at <http://www.dir.ca.gov>.
- D. Payroll Records
  1. Each CONSULTANT and subconsultant shall keep accurate certified payroll records and supporting documents as mandated by Labor Code §1776 and as defined in 8 CCR §16000 showing the name, address, social security number, work classification, straight time and overtime hours worked each day and week, and the actual per diem wages paid to each journeyman, apprentice, worker, or other employee employed by the CONSULTANT or subconsultant in connection with the public work. Each payroll record shall contain or be verified by a written declaration that it is made under penalty of perjury, stating both of the following:
    - a. The information contained in the payroll record is true and correct.
    - b. The employer has complied with the requirements of Labor Code §1771, §1811, and §1815 for any work performed by his or her employees on the public works project.

2. The payroll records enumerated under paragraph (1) above shall be certified as correct by the CONSULTANT under penalty of perjury. The payroll records and all supporting documents shall be made available for inspection and copying by COUNTY representatives at all reasonable hours at the principal office of the CONSULTANT. The CONSULTANT shall provide copies of certified payrolls or permit inspection of its records as follows:
  - a. A certified copy of an employee's payroll record shall be made available for inspection or furnished to the employee or the employee's authorized representative on request.
  - b. A certified copy of all payroll records enumerated in paragraph (1) above, shall be made available for inspection or furnished upon request to a representative of COUNTY, the Division of Labor Standards Enforcement and the Division of Apprenticeship Standards of the Department of Industrial Relations. Certified payrolls submitted to COUNTY, the Division of Labor Standards Enforcement and the Division of Apprenticeship Standards shall not be altered or obliterated by the CONSULTANT.
  - c. The public shall not be given access to certified payroll records by the CONSULTANT. The CONSULTANT is required to forward any requests for certified payrolls to the COUNTY Contract Administrator by both email and regular mail on the business day following receipt of the request.
3. Each CONSULTANT shall submit a certified copy of the records enumerated in paragraph (1) above, to the entity that requested the records within ten (10) calendar days after receipt of a written request.
4. Any copy of records made available for inspection as copies and furnished upon request to the public or any public agency by COUNTY shall be marked or obliterated in such a manner as to prevent disclosure of each individual's name, address, and social security number. The name and address of the CONSULTANT or subconsultant performing the work shall not be marked or obliterated.
5. The CONSULTANT shall inform COUNTY of the location of the records enumerated under paragraph (1) above, including the street address, city and county, and shall, within five (5) working days, provide a notice of a change of location and address.
6. The CONSULTANT or subconsultant shall have ten (10) calendar days in which to comply subsequent to receipt of written notice requesting the records enumerated in paragraph (1) above. In the event the CONSULTANT or subconsultant fails to comply within the ten (10) day period, he or she shall, as a penalty to COUNTY, forfeit one hundred dollars (\$100) for each calendar day, or portion thereof, for each worker, until strict compliance is effectuated. Such penalties shall be withheld by COUNTY

from payments then due. CONSULTANT is not subject to a penalty assessment pursuant to this section due to the failure of a subconsultant to comply with.

- E. When prevailing wage rates apply, the CONSULTANT is responsible for verifying compliance with certified payroll requirements. Invoice payment will not be made until the invoice is approved by the COUNTY Contract Administrator.

F. Penalty

1. The CONSULTANT and any of its subconsultants shall comply with Labor Code §1774 and §1775. Pursuant to Labor Code §1775, the CONSULTANT and any subconsultant shall forfeit to the COUNTY a penalty of not more than two hundred dollars (\$200) for each calendar day, or portion thereof, for each worker paid less than the prevailing rates as determined by the Director of DIR for the work or craft in which the worker is employed for any public work done under the AGREEMENT by the CONSULTANT or by its subconsultant in violation of the requirements of the Labor Code and in particular, Labor Code §§1770 to 1780, inclusive.
2. The amount of this forfeiture shall be determined by the Labor Commissioner and shall be based on consideration of mistake, inadvertence, or neglect of the CONSULTANT or subconsultant in failing to pay the correct rate of prevailing wages, or the previous record of the CONSULTANT or subconsultant in meeting their respective prevailing wage obligations, or the willful failure by the CONSULTANT or subconsultant to pay the correct rates of prevailing wages. A mistake, inadvertence, or neglect in failing to pay the correct rates of prevailing wages is not excusable if the CONSULTANT or subconsultant had knowledge of the obligations under the Labor Code. The CONSULTANT is responsible for paying the appropriate rate, including any escalations that take place during the term of the AGREEMENT.
3. In addition to the penalty and pursuant to Labor Code §1775, the difference between the prevailing wage rates and the amount paid to each worker for each calendar day or portion thereof for which each worker was paid less than the prevailing wage rate shall be paid to each worker by the CONSULTANT or subconsultant.
4. If a worker employed by a subconsultant on a public works project is not paid the general prevailing per diem wages by the subconsultant, the prime CONSULTANT of the project is not liable for the penalties described above unless the prime CONSULTANT had knowledge of that failure of the subconsultant to pay the specified prevailing rate of wages to those workers or unless the prime CONSULTANT fails to comply with all of the following requirements:

- a. The AGREEMENT executed between the CONSULTANT and the subconsultant for the performance of work on public works projects shall include a copy of the requirements in Labor Code §§ 1771, 1775, 1776, 1777.5, 1813, and 1815.
  - b. The CONSULTANT shall monitor the payment of the specified general prevailing rate of per diem wages by the subconsultant to the employees by periodic review of the certified payroll records of the subconsultant.
  - c. Upon becoming aware of the subconsultant's failure to pay the specified prevailing rate of wages to the subconsultant's workers, the CONSULTANT shall diligently take corrective action to halt or rectify the failure, including but not limited to, retaining sufficient funds due the subconsultant for work performed on the public works project.
  - d. Prior to making final payment to the subconsultant for work performed on the public works project, the CONSULTANT shall obtain an affidavit signed under penalty of perjury from the subconsultant that the subconsultant had paid the specified general prevailing rate of per diem wages to the subconsultant's employees on the public works project and any amounts due pursuant to Labor Code §1813.
5. Pursuant to Labor Code §1775, COUNTY shall notify the CONSULTANT on a public works project within fifteen (15) calendar days of receipt of a complaint that a subconsultant has failed to pay workers the general prevailing rate of per diem wages.
  6. If COUNTY determines that employees of a subconsultant were not paid the general prevailing rate of per diem wages and if COUNTY did not retain sufficient money under the Agreement to pay those employees the balance of wages owed under the general prevailing rate of per diem wages, the CONSULTANT shall withhold an amount of moneys due the subconsultant sufficient to pay those employees the general prevailing rate of per diem wages if requested by COUNTY.

#### G. Hours of Labor

Eight (8) hours labor constitutes a legal day's work. The CONSULTANT shall forfeit, as a penalty to the COUNTY, twenty-five dollars (\$25) for each worker employed in the execution of the Agreement by the CONSULTANT or any of its subconsultants for each calendar day during which such worker is required or permitted to work more than eight (8) hours in any one calendar day and forty (40) hours in any one calendar week in violation of the provisions of the Labor Code, and in particular §§1810 to 1815 thereof, inclusive, except that work performed by employees in excess of eight (8) hours per day, and forty (40) hours during any one week, shall be permitted upon compensation for all hours worked in excess of eight (8) hours per day and forty (40) hours in any

week, at not less than one and one-half (1.5) times the basic rate of pay, as provided in §1815.

#### H. Employment of Apprentices

1. Where either the prime Agreement or the subagreement exceeds thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000), the CONSULTANT and any subconsultants under him or her shall comply with all applicable requirements of Labor Code §§ 1777.5, 1777.6 and 1777.7 in the employment of apprentices.
2. CONSULTANTS and subconsultants are required to comply with all Labor Code requirements regarding the employment of apprentices, including mandatory ratios of journey level to apprentice workers. Prior to commencement of work, CONSULTANT and subconsultants are advised to contact the DIR Division of Apprenticeship Standards website at <https://www.dir.ca.gov/das/>, for additional information regarding the employment of apprentices and for the specific journey-to- apprentice ratios for the AGREEMENT work. The CONSULTANT is responsible for all subconsultants' compliance with these requirements.

Note: The Federal "Payment of Predetermined Minimum Wage" applies only to federal-aid construction contracts.

### **ARTICLE XIII**

#### **Conflict of Interest:**

- A. During the term of this Agreement, CONSULTANT shall disclose any financial, business, or other relationship with COUNTY that may have an impact upon the outcome of this Agreement or any ensuing COUNTY construction project. CONSULTANT shall also list current clients who may have a financial interest in the outcome of this Agreement or any ensuing COUNTY construction project that will follow. CONSULTANT has acknowledged this interest of CONSULTANT and CONSULTANT has duly executed Exhibit C, marked "Interest of Consultant Disclosure Statement," incorporated herein and made by reference a part hereof.
- B. CONSULTANT certifies that it has disclosed to COUNTY any actual, apparent, or potential conflicts of interest that may exist relative to the services to be provided pursuant to this Agreement. CONSULTANT agrees to advise COUNTY of any actual, apparent or potential conflicts of interest that may develop subsequent to the date of execution of this Agreement. CONSULTANT further agrees to complete any statements of economic interest if required by either COUNTY ordinance or State law. COUNTY's Contract Administrator shall at the time this Agreement is executed make an initial determination whether or not the individuals who will provide services or perform work pursuant to this Agreement are consultants within the meaning of the Political

Reform Act and COUNTY's Conflict of Interest Code. Statements of economic interests are public records subject to disclosure under the California Public Records Act.

- C. CONSULTANT hereby certifies that it does not now have, nor shall it acquire, any financial or business interest that would conflict with the performance of services under this Agreement.
- D. CONSULTANT hereby certifies that CONSULTANT or subconsultant and any firm affiliated with CONSULTANT or subconsultant that bids on any construction contract or on any Agreement to provide construction inspection for any construction project resulting from this Agreement, has established necessary controls to ensure a conflict of interest does not exist. An affiliated firm is one, which is subject to the control of the same persons, through joint ownership or otherwise.
- E. CONSULTANT covenants that during the term of this Agreement neither it, or any officer or employee of CONSULTANT, has or shall acquire any interest, directly or indirectly, in any of the following:
  - 1. Any other contract connected with, or directly affected by, the services to be performed by this Agreement.
  - 2. Any other entities connected with, or directly affected by, the services to be performed by this Agreement.
  - 3. Any officer or employee of COUNTY that are involved in this Agreement.

If CONSULTANT becomes aware of a conflict of interest related to this Agreement, CONSULTANT shall promptly notify COUNTY of the existence of that conflict, and COUNTY may, in its sole discretion, immediately terminate this Agreement by giving written notice of termination specified in ARTICLE VI, Termination.

## **ARTICLE XVI**

### **Non-Discrimination Clause and Statement of Compliance:**

- A. CONSULTANT's signature affixed herein, and dated, shall constitute a certification under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that CONSULTANT has, unless exempt, complied with the nondiscrimination program requirements of Government Code § 12990 and 2 CCR §11102.
- B. During the performance of this Agreement, CONSULTANT and its subconsultants shall not unlawfully discriminate, harass, or allow harassment against any employee or applicant for employment because of sex, race, color,

ancestry, religious creed, national origin, physical disability (including HIV and AIDS), mental disability, medical condition (e.g., cancer), age (over 40), marital status, genetic information, gender, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, or military and veteran status, and denial of family care leave. CONSULTANT and subconsultants shall insure that the evaluation and treatment of their employees and applicants for employment are free from such discrimination and harassment.

- C. CONSULTANT and subconsultants shall comply with the provisions of the Fair Employment and Housing Act (Gov. Code § 12900 [a-f] et seq.) and the applicable regulations promulgated there under (2 CCR §11000 et seq.), the provisions of Gov. Code §§ 11135-11139.5, and the regulations or standards adopted by COUNTY to implement such article. The applicable regulations of the Fair Employment and Housing Commission implementing Government Code Section 12900 (a-f), set forth in Subchapter 5 of Chapter 5 of Division 4.1 of Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations, are incorporated into this Agreement by reference and made a part hereof as if set forth in full.
- D. CONSULTANT shall permit access by representatives of the Department of Fair Employment and Housing and COUNTY upon reasonable notice at any time during the normal business hours, but in no case less than twenty-four (24) hours' notice, to such of its books, records, accounts, and all other sources of information and its facilities as said Department or COUNTY shall require to ascertain compliance with this clause.
- E. CONSULTANT and its subconsultants shall give written notice of their obligations under this clause to labor organizations with which they have a collective bargaining or other Agreement.
- F. CONSULTANT shall include the nondiscrimination and compliance provisions of this clause in all subcontracts to perform work under this Agreement.
- G. CONSULTANT with regard to the work performed under this AGREEMENT, shall act in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. §2000d et seq.). Title VI provides that the recipients of federal assistance will implement and maintain a policy of nondiscrimination in which no person in the state of California shall, on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, or disability, be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or subject to discrimination under any program or activity by the recipients of federal assistance or their assignees and successors in interest.
- H. CONSULTANT shall comply with regulations relative to non-discrimination in federally assisted programs of the U.S. Department of Transportation (49 CFR Part 21 - Effectuation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964). Specifically, CONSULTANT shall not participate either directly or indirectly in the



discrimination prohibited by 49 CFR §21.5, including employment practices and the selection and retention of subconsultants.

- I. CONSULTANT, subrecipient or subconsultant will never exclude any person from participation in, deny any person the benefits of, or otherwise discriminate against anyone in connection with the award and performance of any contract covered by 49 CFR 26 on the basis of race, color, sex, or national origin. In administering the COUNTY components of the DBE Program Plan, CONSULTANT, subrecipient or subconsultant will not, directly, or through contractual or other arrangements, use criteria or methods of administration that have the effect of defeating or substantially impairing accomplishment of the objectives of the DBE Program Plan with respect to individuals of a particular race, color, sex, or national origin.
- J. CONSULTANT agrees to comply with the following non-discrimination statutes and authorities; including but not limited to:
  - The Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, (42 U.S.C. § 4601);
  - Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1973, (23 U.S.C. § 324 *et seq.*);
  - Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, (29 U.S.C. § 794 *et seq.*), as amended; and 49 CFR Part 27;
  - The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, (42 U.S.C. § 6101 *et seq.*)
  - Airport and Airway Improvement Act of 1982, (49 U.S.C. § 471, Section 47123), as amended;
  - The Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987, (PL 100-209), (Broadened the scope, coverage and applicability of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, The Age Discrimination Act of 1975 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, by expanding the definition of the terms "programs or activities" to include all of the programs or activities of the Federal-aid recipients, sub-recipients and contractors, whether such programs or activities are Federally funded or not); Titles II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act, which prohibit discrimination on the basis of disability in the operation of public entities, public and private transportation systems, places of public accommodation, and certain testing entities (42 U.S.C. §§ 12131-12189) as implemented by Department of Transportation regulations at 49 C.F.R. parts 37 and 38;
  - The Federal Aviation Administration's Non-discrimination statute (49 U.S.C. § 47123) (prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, and sex);
  - Executive Order 12898, Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations, which ensures discrimination against minority populations by discouraging programs, policies, and activities with disproportionately high and

adverse human health or environmental effects on minority and low-income populations;

- Executive Order 13166, Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency, and resulting agency guidance, national origin discrimination includes discrimination because of limited English proficiency (LEP). To ensure compliance with Title VI, you must take reasonable steps to -ensure that LEP persons have meaningful access to your programs (70 Fed. Reg. at 74087 to 74100); and
- Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended, which prohibits you from discriminating because of sex in education programs or activities (20 U.S.C. 1681 et seq).

## **ARTICLE XVII**

### **Debarment and Suspension Certification:**

A. CONSULTANT's signature affixed herein shall constitute a certification under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that CONSULTANT or any person associated therewith in the capacity of owner, partner, director, officer, or manager:

1. Is not currently under suspension, debarment, voluntary exclusion, or determination of ineligibility by any federal agency;
2. Has not been suspended, debarred, voluntarily excluded, or determined ineligible by any federal agency within the past three (3) years;
3. Does not have a proposed debarment pending; and
4. Has not been indicted, convicted, or had a civil judgment rendered against it by a court of competent jurisdiction in any matter involving fraud or official misconduct within the past three (3) years.

B. Any exceptions to this certification must be disclosed to COUNTY. Exceptions will not necessarily result in denial of recommendation for award but will be considered in determining CONSULTANT responsibility. Disclosures must indicate to whom exceptions apply, initiating agency, and dates of action.

C. Exceptions to the Federal Government Excluded Parties List System maintained by the General Services Administration are to be determined by the Federal Highway Administration.

## **ARTICLE XXIV**

**Consultant to County:** It is understood that the services provided under this Agreement shall be prepared in and with cooperation from COUNTY and its staff. It is further understood that this Agreement does not create an exclusive relationship between COUNTY and CONSULTANT, and CONSULTANT may

perform similar work or services for others. However, CONSULTANT shall not enter into any agreement with any other party or provide any information in any manner to any other party, that would conflict with CONSULTANT'S responsibilities or hinder CONSULTANT'S performance of services hereunder, unless COUNTY'S Contract Administrator, in writing, authorizes that agreement or sharing of information.

#### **ARTICLE XXVI**

**Independent Contractor:** The parties intend that an independent contractor relationship will be created by this contract. CONSULTANT is, and shall be at all times, deemed independent and shall be wholly responsible for the manner in which it performs services required by the terms of this Agreement. CONSULTANT exclusively assumes responsibility for acts of its employees, agents, affiliates, and subcontractors, if any are authorized herein, as they relate to the services or work to be performed under this Agreement during the course and scope of their employment by CONSULTANT. Those persons will be entirely and exclusively under the direction, supervision, and control of CONSULTANT.

COUNTY may designate the tasks to be performed and the results to be accomplished under this Agreement, provide information concerning the work or services, approve or disapprove the final work product and/or services provided, and set deadlines for the completion of the work or services, but COUNTY will not control or direct the manner, means, methods, or sequence in which CONSULTANT performs the work or services for accomplishing the results. CONSULTANT understands and agrees that CONSULTANT lacks the authority to bind COUNTY or incur any obligations on behalf of COUNTY.

CONSULTANT, including any subcontractor or employees of CONSULTANT, shall not receive, nor be eligible for, any benefits COUNTY provides for its employees, including, but not limited to, vacation pay, paid holidays, life insurance, health insurance, social security, disability insurance, pension, or 457 plans. CONSULTANT shall not receive, nor be eligible for, workers' compensation, including medical and indemnity payments. COUNTY is not responsible for withholding, and shall not withhold, Federal Income Contribution Act amounts or taxes of any kind from any payments which it owes CONSULTANT. CONSULTANT shall not be subject to the work schedules or vacation periods that apply to COUNTY employees.

CONSULTANT shall be solely responsible for paying its employees, and for withholding Federal Income Contribution Act amounts and other taxes, workers' compensation, unemployment compensation, medical insurance, life insurance, or any other benefit that CONSULTANT provides for its employees.

CONSULTANT acknowledges that it has no authority to bind the COUNTY or incur any obligations on behalf of the COUNTY with regard to any matter and shall not make any agreements or representations on the COUNTY'S behalf.

## **ARTICLE XXXVII**

**Compliance with Federal, State, and COUNTY Requirements:** COUNTY is relying on federal assistance or grants, state funds, and local agency or other grant funds for all or a portion of the funding for the services to be provided herein. As a requirement of COUNTY's use of federal, state, and local agency grant funds, COUNTY is required to comply with certain contracting requirements and to extend those requirements to all third-party contracts. CONSULTANT shall comply with all applicable provisions of federal, state, and local agency regulations, including those required by the FHWA grant funding requirements, regulations, and related executive orders regarding the use, expenditure, control, reporting, allowable costs, and management of such funds

Failure of CONSULTANT to comply with any federal, state, or local agency provision may be the basis for withholding payments for charges made by CONSULTANT and for such other remedies as may be appropriate including termination of this Agreement. CONSULTANT shall further comply with any flow-down or third-party contracting provisions which may be required under the federal, state, or local agency regulations and which may apply to CONSULTANT's subcontracts, if any, associated with this Agreement.

## **ARTICLE XLII**

**Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Considerations:** CONSULTANT must give consideration to DBE firms as specified in 23 C.F.R. § 172.5(b) and in Appendix A to 49 C.F.R. Part 26. CONSULTANT shall ensure that certified DBE firms have the opportunity to participate in the performance of this Agreement and CONSULTANT shall take all necessary and reasonable steps for such assurance.

As applicable, DBE requirements will be discussed at the meeting or telephone conference held to determine the specific services required in a Task Order or Work Order. COUNTY's Contract Administrator will provide CONSULTANT with the necessary DBE forms and information for use and/or submittal with CONSULTANT's Task Order/Work Order proposal or CONSULTANT's final invoice.

## **ARTICLE XLIII**

### **Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Participation:**

A. CONSULTANT, COUNTY, or subconsultant shall take necessary and reasonable steps to ensure that DBEs have opportunities to participate in the contract (49 CFR 26). To ensure equal participation of DBEs provided in 49 CFR 26.5, COUNTY shows a contract goal for DBEs. CONSULTANT shall make work available to DBEs and select work parts consistent with available DBE subconsultants and suppliers.

CONSULTANT shall meet the DBE goal shown elsewhere in these special provisions or demonstrate that they made adequate good faith efforts to meet this goal. It is CONSULTANT's responsibility to verify that the DBE firm is

certified as DBE at date of proposal opening and document the record by printing out the California Unified Certification Program (CUCP) data for each DBE firm. A list of DBEs certified by the CUCP can be found at <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/civil-rights/dbe-search>.

All DBE participation will count toward the California Department of Transportation's federally mandated statewide overall DBE goal. Credit for materials or supplies CONSULTANT purchases from DBEs counts towards the goal in the following manner:

- 100 percent counts if the materials or supplies are obtained from a DBE manufacturer.
- 60 percent counts if the materials or supplies are purchased from a DBE regular dealer.
- Only fees, commissions, and charges for assistance in the procurement and delivery of materials or supplies count if obtained from a DBE that is neither a manufacturer nor regular dealer. 49CFR26.55 defines "manufacturer" and "regular dealer."

This Agreement is subject to 49 C.F.R. § 26 entitled "Participation by Disadvantaged Business Enterprises in Department of Transportation Financial Assistance Programs." Consultants who obtain DBE participation on this Agreement shall assist Caltrans in meeting its federally mandated statewide overall DBE goal.

- B. The goal for DBE participation for this Agreement is 7%. Participation by DBE CONSULTANT or subconsultants shall be in accordance with information contained in the Consultant Proposal DBE Commitment (Exhibit 10-O1) or in the Consultant Contract DBE Commitment (Exhibit 10-O2). If a DBE subconsultant is unable to perform, CONSULTANT must make a good faith effort to replace him/her with another DBE subconsultant, if the goal is not otherwise met.
- C. DBEs and other small businesses, as defined in 49 C.F.R. § 26.5, are encouraged to participate in the performance of contracts financed in whole or in part with federal funds. CONSULTANT or subconsultant shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the performance of this contract. CONSULTANT shall carry out applicable requirements of 49 C.F.R. Part 26 in the award and administration of US DOT-assisted agreements. Failure by CONSULTANT to carry out these requirements is a material breach of this Agreement, which may result in the termination of this Agreement or such other remedy as COUNTY deems appropriate.

#### D. Contract Assurance

Under 49 CFR 26.13(b):

CONSULTANT, subrecipient or subconsultant shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the performance of this contract. CONSULTANT shall carry out applicable requirements of 49 CFR 26 in the award and administration of federal-aid contracts.

Failure by CONSULTANT to carry out these requirements is a material breach of this contract, which may result in the termination of this contract or such other remedy as the recipient deems appropriate, which may include, but is not limited to:

- 1) Withholding monthly progress payments;
- 2) Assessing sanctions;
- 3) Liquidating damages; and/or
- 4) Disqualifying CONSULTANT from future proposing as non-responsible.

#### E. Termination and Substitution of DBE Subconsultants

CONSULTANT shall utilize the specific DBEs listed to perform the work and supply the materials for which each is listed unless CONSULTANT or DBE subconsultant obtains COUNTY's written consent. CONSULTANT shall not terminate or substitute a listed DBE for convenience and perform the work with their own forces or obtain materials from other sources without the authorization from COUNTY. Unless COUNTY's consent is provided, CONSULTANT shall not be entitled to any payment for work or material used unless it is performed or supplied by listed DBE on the Exhibit 10-02 Consultant Contract DBE Commitment form, included in the bid.

COUNTY authorizes a request to use other forces or sources of materials if CONSULTANT shows any of the following justifications:

- 1) Listed DBE fails or refuses to execute a written contract based on plans and specifications for the project.
- 1) COUNTY stipulated that a bond is a condition of executing the subcontract and the listed DBE fails to meet the COUNTY's bond requirements.
- 2) Work requires a consultant's license and listed DBE does not have a valid license under Contractors License Law.

- 3) Listed DBE fails or refuses to perform the work or furnish the listed materials (failing or refusing to perform is not an allowable reason to remove a DBE if the failure or refusal is a result of bad faith or discrimination).
- 4) Listed DBE's work is unsatisfactory and not in compliance with the contract.
- 5) Listed DBE is ineligible to work on the project because of suspension or debarment.
- 6) Listed DBE becomes bankrupt or insolvent.
- 7) Listed DBE voluntarily withdraws with written notice from the contract.
- 8) Listed DBE is ineligible to receive credit for the type of work required.
- 9) Listed DBE owner dies or becomes disabled resulting in the inability to perform the work on the contract.
- 10) COUNTY determines other documented good cause.

CONSULTANT shall notify the original DBE of the intent to use other forces or material sources and provided the reasons and provide the DBE with five (5) days to respond to the notice and advise CONSULTANT and COUNTY of the reasons why the use of other forces or sources of materials should not occur.

CONSULTANT's request to use other forces or material sources must include:

- 1) One of more of the reasons listed in the preceding paragraph.
- 2) Notices from CONSULTANT to the DBE regarding the request.
- 3) Notices from the DBEs to CONSULTANT regarding the request.

If a listed DBE is terminated or substituted, CONSULTANT must make good faith efforts to find another DBE to substitute for the original DBE. The substitute DBE must perform at least the same amount of work as the original DBE under the contract to the extent needed to meet or exceed the DBE goal.

#### F. Commitment and Utilization

COUNTY's DBE program must include a monitoring and enforcement mechanism to ensure that DBE commitments reconcile to DBE utilization.

COUNTY shall request CONSULTANT to:

- 1) Notify COUNTY's Contract Administrator or designated representative of any changes to its anticipated DBE participation
- 2) Provide this notification before starting the affected work

3) Maintain records including:

- Name and business address of each 1<sup>st</sup>-tier subconsultant
- Name and business address of each DBE subconsultant, DBE vendor, and DBE trucking company, regardless of tier
- Date of payment and total amount paid to each business (see Exhibit 9-F *Monthly Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Payment*)

If CONSULTANT is a DBE CONSULTANT, they shall include the date of work performed by their own forces and the corresponding value of their work.

If a DBE is decertified before completing its work, the DBE must notify CONSULTANT in writing of the decertification date. If a business becomes a certified DBE before completing its work, the business must notify CONSULTANT in writing of the certification date. CONSULTANT shall submit the notifications to COUNTY. On work completion, CONSULTANT shall complete a Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) Certification Statute Change, Exhibit 17-O, form and submit the form to COUNTY within thirty (30) days of contract acceptance.

Upon work completion, CONSULTANT shall complete Exhibit 17-F Final Report – Utilization of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE), First-Tier Subcontractors and submit it to the COUNTY within ninety (90) days of contract acceptance. The COUNTY will withhold \$10,000 until the form is submitted. The COUNTY will release the withhold upon submission of the completed form.

If COUNTY reports of DBE participation to Caltrans, the COUNTY must display both commitments and attainments.

- G. DBE is only eligible to be counted toward the Agreement goal if it performs a commercially useful function (CUF) on the Agreement. CUF must be evaluated on an agreement by agreement basis. A DBE performs a Commercially Useful Function (CUF) when it is responsible for execution of the work of the contract and is carrying out its responsibilities by actually performing, managing, and supervising the work involved. To perform a CUF, the DBE must also be responsible with respect to materials and supplies used on the contract, for negotiating price, determining quality and quantity, ordering the material, and installing (where applicable) and paying for the material itself. To determine whether a DBE is performing a CUF, evaluate the amount of work subcontracted, industry practices, whether the amount the firm is to be paid under the contract is commensurate with the work it is actually performing, and other relevant factors.
- H. A DBE does not perform a CUF 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 DBE participation. In determining whether a DBE is such an extra participant, examine similar transactions, particularly those in which DBEs do not participate.

- I. If a DBE does not perform or exercise responsibility for at least thirty percent (30%) of the total cost of its contract with its own work force, or the DBE subcontracts a greater portion of the work of the contract than would be expected on the basis of normal industry practice for the type of work involved, it will be presumed that it is not performing a CUF.
- J. CONSULTANT shall maintain records of materials purchased or supplied from all subcontracts entered into with certified DBEs. The records shall show the name and business address of each DBE or vendor and the total dollar amount actually paid each DBE or vendor, regardless of tier. The records shall show the date of payment and the total dollar figure paid to all firms. DBE prime consultants shall also show the date of work performed by their own forces along with the corresponding dollar value of the work.
- K. Upon completion of the Agreement, a summary of these records shall be prepared and submitted on the form entitled, "Final Report-Utilization of Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE), First-Tier Subconsultants" CEM-2402F [Exhibit 17-F, of the LAPM], certified correct by CONSULTANT or CONSULTANT's authorized representative and shall be furnished to COUNTY's Contract Administrator with the final invoice. Failure to provide the summary of DBE payments with the final invoice shall result in twenty-five percent (25%) of the dollar value of the invoice being withheld from payment until the form is submitted. The amount will be returned to CONSULTANT when a satisfactory "Final Report-Utilization of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE), First-Tier Subconsultants" is submitted to COUNTY's Contract Administrator.
- L. If a DBE subconsultant is decertified during the life of the Agreement, the decertified subconsultant shall notify CONSULTANT in writing with the date of decertification. If a subconsultant becomes a certified DBE during the life of the Agreement, the subconsultant shall notify CONSULTANT in writing with the date of certification. Any changes should be reported to COUNTY's Contract Administrator within thirty (30) days.
- M. After submitting an invoice for reimbursement that includes a payment to a DBE, but no later than the 10<sup>th</sup> of the following month, the prime contractor/consultant shall complete and email the Exhibit 9- F: Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Running Tally of Payments to [business.support.unit@dot.ca.gov](mailto:business.support.unit@dot.ca.gov) with a copy to the Agency.
- N. Any subcontract entered into as a result of this AGREEMENT shall contain all of the provisions of this section.

## **ARTICLE LII**

**Environmental Compliance:** CONSULTANT shall comply with all applicable standards, orders, or requirements issued under Section 306 of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7606); Section 508 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. § 1368); Executive Order 11738; Environmental Protection Agency regulations (2 C.F.R. Subtitle B, Chapter XV, Part 1532 (§ 1532.10 et seq.)); and mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency which are contained in the state energy conservation plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (Pub. L. 94-163, 89 Stat. 871).

## **VI. The following articles are added in their entirety:**

### **ARTICLE LIX**

**Force Majeure:** Neither party will be liable for any delay, failure to perform, or omission under this Agreement that is due to any cause that it is beyond its control, not due to its own negligence, and cannot be overcome by the exercise of due diligence. In that event, the affected party will:

1. Promptly give written notice to the other of the fact that it is unable to so perform and the cause(s) that is beyond its control.
2. Once the cause(s) has ceased, provide written notice to the other party and immediately resume its performance under this Agreement.

For purposes of this Article, "cause that is beyond its control" includes labor disturbances, riots, fires, earthquakes, floods, storms, lightning, epidemics, war, disorders, hostilities, expropriation or confiscation of properties, failure of and delays by carriers, interference by civil or military authorities, whether legal or de facto, and whether purporting to act under some constitution, decree, or law, or otherwise, or acts of God.

### **ARTICLE LX**

**Electronic Signatures:** Each party agrees that the electronic signatures, whether digital or encrypted, of the parties included in this Agreement, are intended to authenticate this writing and to have the same force and effect as manual signatures. Electronic Signature means any electronic visual symbol or signature attached to or logically associated with a record and executed and adopted by a party with the intent to sign such record, including facsimile or email electronic signatures, pursuant to the California Uniform Electronic Transactions Act (Cal. Civ. Code §§ 1633.1 to 1633.17) as amended from time to time.

### **ARTICLE LXI**

**Waiver:** No failure on the part of the parties to exercise any rights under this Agreement, and no course of dealing with respect to any right hereunder, shall operate as a waiver of that right, nor shall any single or partial exercise of any right

preclude the exercise of any other right. The remedies herein provided are cumulative and are not exclusive of any other remedies provided by law.

## **ARTICLE LXII**

**Appendices A – E of the TITLE VI Assurances:** The [U.S. Department of Transportation Order 1050.2A](#) requires all federal-aid Department of Transportation contracts between the County and a consultant to contain Appendices A and E of the Title VI Assurances that were attached to that Order. Order No. 1050.2a requires that the COUNTY include Appendices B, C, and D if applicable in certain federal-aid right of way acquisition contracts. In addition, the CONSULTANT must include the Title VI Assurances Appendices A and E, and if applicable Appendices B, C, and D in all subcontracts to perform work under the contract.

As this is not a right of way acquisition contract, the COUNTY is not including Appendices B, C, and D of the Title VI Assurances attached that Order. The COUNTY will provide a copy of Order No. 1050.2A upon request.

### **A. Appendix A**

During the performance of this Agreement, the contractor, for itself, its assignees and successors in interest (hereinafter collectively referred to as CONSULTANT) agrees as follows:

1. **Compliance with Regulations:** CONSULTANT shall comply with the regulations relative to nondiscrimination in federally assisted programs of the Department of Transportation, Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 21, as they may be amended from time to time, (hereinafter referred to as the REGULATIONS), which are herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this agreement.
2. **Nondiscrimination:** CONSULTANT, with regard to the work performed by it during the AGREEMENT, shall not discriminate on the grounds of race, color, sex, national origin, religion, age, or disability in the selection and retention of sub-applicants, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment. CONSULTANT shall not participate either directly or indirectly in the discrimination prohibited by Section 21.5 of the Regulations, including employment practices when the agreement covers a program set forth in Appendix B of the Regulations.
3. **Solicitations for Sub-agreements, Including Procurements of Materials and Equipment:** In all solicitations either by competitive bidding or negotiation made by CONSULTANT for work to be performed under a Sub- agreement, including procurements of materials or leases of equipment, each potential sub-applicant or supplier shall be notified by CONSULTANT of the CONSULTANT'S obligations under this

Agreement and the Regulations relative to nondiscrimination on the grounds of race, color, or national origin.

4. Information and Reports: CONSULTANT shall provide all information and reports required by the Regulations, or directives issued pursuant thereto, and shall permit access to its books, records, accounts, other sources of information, and its facilities as may be determined by the recipient or FHWA to be pertinent to ascertain compliance with such Regulations or directives. Where any information required of CONSULTANT is in the exclusive possession of another who fails or refuses to furnish this information, CONSULTANT shall so certify to the recipient or FHWA as appropriate, and shall set forth what efforts CONSULTANT has made to obtain the information.
5. Sanctions for Noncompliance: In the event of CONSULTANT's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination provisions of this agreement, the recipient shall impose such agreement sanctions as it or the FHWA may determine to be appropriate, including, but not limited to:
  - i. withholding of payments to CONSULTANT under the Agreement within a reasonable period of time, not to exceed 90 days; and/or
  - ii. cancellation, termination or suspension of the Agreement, in whole or in part.
6. Incorporation of Provisions: CONSULTANT shall include the provisions of paragraphs (1) through (6) in every sub-agreement, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment, unless exempt by the Regulations, or directives issued pursuant thereto.

CONSULTANT shall take such action with respect to any sub-agreement or procurement as the recipient or FHWA may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for noncompliance, provided, however, that, in the event CONSULTANT becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a sub-applicant or supplier as a result of such direction, CONSULTANT may request the recipient enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the State, and, in addition, CONSULTANT may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

## B. APPENDIX E

During the performance of this contract, the CONSULTANT, for itself, its assignees, and successors in interest (hereinafter referred to as the "CONSULTANT") agrees to comply with the following non-discrimination statutes and authorities, including, but not limited to:

#### Pertinent Non-Discrimination Authorities:

- Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000d et seq., 78 stat. 252), prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin); and 49 CFR Part 21.
- The Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, (42 U.S.C. § 4601), (prohibits unfair treatment of persons displaced or whose property has been acquired because of Federal or Federal-aid programs and projects);
- Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1973, (23 U.S.C. § 324 et seq.), prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex;
- Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, (29 U.S.C. § 794 et seq.), as amended, (prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability); and 49 CR Part 27;
- The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, (42 U.S.C. § 6101 et seq.), prohibits discrimination on the basis of age);
- Airport and Airway Improvement Act of 1982, (49 U.S.C. § 471, Section 47123), as amended, (prohibits discrimination based on race, creed, color, national origin, or sex);
- The Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987, (PL 100-209), (Broadened the scope, coverage and applicability of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, The Age Discrimination Act of 1975 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, by expanding the definition of the terms “programs or activities” to include all of the programs or activities of the Federal-aid recipients, sub-recipients and contractors, whether such programs or activities are Federally funded or not);
- Titles II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act, which prohibit discrimination on the basis of disability in the operation of public entities, public and private transportation systems, places of public accommodation, and certain testing entities (42 U.S.C. §§ 12131 – 12189) as implemented by Department of Transportation regulations 49 C.F.R. parts 37 and 38;
- The Federal Aviation Administration’s Non-discrimination statute (49 U.S.C. § 47123) (prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, and sex);
- Executive Order 12898, Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations, which ensures discrimination against minority populations by discouraging programs, policies, and activities with disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects on minority and low-income populations;
- Executive Order 13166, Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency, and resulting agency guidance, national origin discrimination includes discrimination because of Limited English Proficiency (LEP). To ensure compliance with Title VI, you must take reasonable steps to ensure that LEP persons have meaningful access to your programs (70 Fed. Reg. at 74087 to 74100);
- Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended, which prohibits you from discriminating because of sex in education programs or activities (20 U.S.C. 1681 et seq).

Except as herein amended, all other parts and sections of Agreement for Services #4402 shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this First Amendment to Agreement for Services #4402 on the dates indicated below.

--COUNTY OF EL DORADO--

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_


Board of Supervisors  
"COUNTY"

Attest:  
Kim Dawson  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

--NICHOLS CONSULTING ENGINEERS, CHTD.--

By:  \_\_\_\_\_  
Margot Yapp  
President  
"CONSULTANT"

Dated: 10/24/2022

By:  \_\_\_\_\_  
Greg Fasiano  
Corporate Secretary

Dated: 10/24/22

# Nichols Consulting Engineers, CHTD.

## Amended Exhibit B

### Amended Rate Schedule

| Item                      | Rate                       |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Labor</b>              |                            |
| Principal                 | \$275.19 - \$321.38 / hour |
| Associate                 | \$200.50 - \$222.81 / hour |
| Senior                    | \$158.22 - \$242.88 / hour |
| Staff                     | \$91.48 - \$130.68 / hour  |
| Technical Editor          | \$137.18 - \$148.39 / hour |
| Clerical                  | \$96.98 - \$104.90 / hour  |
| Salaries and Expenditures |                            |
| *Annual Salary Escalation | 4%                         |
| **Mileage Expenses        |                            |
| Other Direct Costs        | At Cost                    |

\* The hourly rates may be adjusted to a maximum of four percent (4%) increase per year and shall require written approval and acceptance by COUNTY's Contract Administrator prior to the new rates becoming effective. Any rate increases authorized by COUNTY's Contract Administrator shall not increase the not-to-exceed amount of the Agreement.

\*\* Reimbursement for mileage expenses for CONSULTANT and for any subconsultants, if applicable, shall be compensated in accordance with the provisions of ARTICLE II, Compensation for Services, and ARTICLE VII, Cost Principles and Administrative Requirements, of this Agreement.