

AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES #028-S0811

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**THIS AGREEMENT** made and entered by and between the County of El Dorado, a political subdivision of the State of California (hereinafter referred to as "County") and Remi Vista, Inc., a California Corporation, duly qualified to conduct business in the State of California, whose principal place of business is 393 Park Marina Circle, (Mailing: P.O. Box 494100), Redding, CA 96049-4100; (hereinafter referred to as "Contractor");

**WITNESSETH**

**WHEREAS**, County has determined that it is necessary to obtain a Contractor to provide services necessary for the Transitional Housing Program-Plus (THP-Plus) for the Human Services Department, Social Services Division; and

**WHEREAS**, the County has submitted the Contractor's THP-Plus plans to the California State Department of Social Services for certification that the plan is in compliance with the requirements of the program as set forth in the California Welfare and Institutions Code Section 16522.1, (h) (1)-(21); and

**WHEREAS**, the County has received approval of said certification; and

**WHEREAS**, Contractor has represented to County that it is specially trained, experienced, expert and competent to perform the special services required hereunder and County has determined to rely upon such representations; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the intent of the parties hereto that such services be in conformity with all applicable federal, state and local laws; and

**WHEREAS**, County has determined that the provision of these services provided by Contractor is in the public's best interest, and that these services are more economically and feasibly performed by outside independent Contractors as well as authorized by El Dorado County Charter, Section 210 (b) (6) and/or Government Code 31000;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, County and Contractor mutually agree as follows:

## **ARTICLE I**

**Scope of Services:** Contractor agrees to provide services necessary for the Transitional Housing Program -Plus (THP-Plus) for the Department of Human Services, Social Services Division (DHS). THP-Plus shall consist of no more than fifteen (15) young adults ages 18-24 (participants) who are former foster/probation youth who have emancipated from County or former foster/probation youth who reside in County, but who have emancipated from a different county that has elected to participate in THP-Plus, as they move from dependency to self-sufficiency by providing youth with housing and supportive services while they acquire the skills necessary for independent living. Services shall be in accordance with Exhibit "A", marked "Remi Vista, Inc. Transitional Housing – Plus Program", incorporated herein and made by reference a part hereof.

Contractor agrees to comply with all rules, regulations, and guidelines from the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) and DHS related to THP-Plus, including, but not limited to, modifications to existing rules, regulations, or guidelines and newly issued rules, regulations, or guidelines that may be issued during the term of this Agreement.

Additionally, Contractor shall take all actions necessary, up to and including eviction, as provided in the Transitional Housing Participant Misconduct Act (California Health and Safety Code Section 50580 et seq.) and in compliance with California landlord-tenant law (California Civil Code Section 1940 et seq.), to protect the safety of participants in the program in the event that any participant becomes abusive (as "abuse" is defined in California Health and Safety Code section 50582(a)) or to remove a former program participant from the transitional housing leased to Contractor at Contractor's sole expense.

During such removal proceedings, Contractor may continue to invoice the County for services provided to the participant who is the subject of the removal proceedings so long as the participant remains in the THP-Plus housing that is provided by Contractor. In the event of an eviction process (unlawful detainer action) against a THP-Plus participant, Contractor may continue to invoice the County for the actual period of time that the THP-Plus participant remains in the Contractor provided THP-Plus housing for a period of time not to exceed two (2) months. In the event that the CDSS modifies existing rules, regulations, or guidelines or issues new rules, regulations, or guidelines regarding payments to THP-Plus providers during removal proceedings, Contractor will comply with the currently issued rules, regulations, and guidance during the term of this Agreement.

## **ARTICLE II**

**Term:** This Agreement shall become effective when fully executed by both parties hereto and shall cover the period of July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2010.

### **ARTICLE III:**

**Compensation for Services:** For services provided herein, County agrees to pay Contractor monthly in arrears. Payments shall be made within fifteen (15) days following the County's receipt and approval of itemized invoices(s) detailing services rendered. For the purpose of this Agreement the billing rate shall be \$2,920.00 per month per participant which shall be prorated per participant for any month in which only a partial month of service was provided, based upon available funding and upon written approval from County's Independent Living Program (ILP) Manager.

Funding by County for this Agreement is subject to an allocation of funds from the State of California each fiscal year. In the event that funds are not allocated from the State of California for fiscal year 2007-2008, Contractor agrees to continue to provide the services set forth in this Agreement and assume any and all costs associated with those services.

The total amount of this Agreement shall not exceed \$1,576,800.00 for the three (3) year period.

### **ARTICLE IV**

**Nondiscrimination:** Assurance of compliance with the El Dorado County Department of Human Services nondiscrimination in State and Federally assisted programs requirement:

Contractor hereby agrees that they will comply with Title VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 as amended; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 as amended; the Food Stamp Act of 1977, as amended, and in particular Section 272.6; Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990; California Civil Code Section 51 et seq., as amended; California Government Code section 11135-11139.5, as amended; California Government Code section 12940 (c), (h) (1), (i), and (j); California Government Code section 4450; Title 22, California Code of Regulations section 98000 – 98413; Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations, Section 3105A(e); the Dymally-Alatorre Bilingual Services Act (California Government Code Section 7290-7299.8); Section 1808 of the Removal of Barriers to Interethnic Adoption Act of 1996; and other applicable federal and state laws, as well as their implementing regulations [including 45 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Parts 80, 84 and 91, 7 CFR Part 15, and 28 CFR Part 42], by ensuring that employment practices and the administration of public assistance and social services programs are nondiscriminatory, to the effect that no person shall because of ethnic group identification, age, sex, color, disability, medical condition, national origin, race, ancestry, marital status, religion, religious creed, or political belief be excluded from participation in or be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subject to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal or state financial assistance; and hereby give assurance that it will immediately take any measures necessary to effectuate this agreement.

This assurance is given in consideration of and for the purpose of obtaining any and all federal and state assistance; and the Contractor hereby gives assurance that administrative methods/procedures which have the effect of subjecting individuals to discrimination or defeating the objectives of the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) Manual of Policies and Procedures (MPP) Chapter 21, will be prohibited.

By accepting this assurance, the Contractor agrees to compile data, maintain records and submit reports as required, to permit effective enforcement of the aforementioned laws, rules and regulations and permit authorized CDSS and/or federal government personnel, during normal working hours, to review such records, books and accounts as needed to ascertain compliance. If there are any violations of this assurance, CDSS shall have the right to invoke fiscal sanctions or other legal remedies in accordance with Welfare and Institutions Code Section 10605, or Government Code section 11135-11139.5, or any other laws, or the issue may be referred to the appropriate federal agency for further compliance action and enforcement of this assurance.

This assurance is binding on the Contractor directly or through contract, license, or other provider services, as long as it receives federal or state assistance.

#### **ARTICLE VI**

**Confidentiality:** The Contractor shall protect from unauthorized disclosure names and other identifying information concerning person receiving services pursuant to this Agreement, except for statistical information not identifying any client. The Contractor shall not use such information for any purpose other than carrying out the Contractor's obligations under this Agreement. The Contractor shall promptly transmit to the County all request for disclosure of such information not originating from the client. The Contractor shall not disclose, except as otherwise specifically permitted by this Agreement or authorized by the client, any such information to anyone other than the County, except when subpoenaed by a court. For purposes of this paragraph, identity shall include, but not be limited to, name, identifying number, symbol, or other identifying particular assigned to the individual, such as finder or voice print or a photograph. If the Contractor receives any individually identifiable health information ("Protected Health Information" or "PHI") from County or creates or receives any PHI on behalf of County, the Contractor shall maintain the security and confidentiality of such PHI as required of County by applicable laws and regulations, including the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996 and the regulations promulgated thereunder.

#### **ARTICLE VI**

**HIPAA Compliance:** As a condition of Contractor performing services for the County of El Dorado, Contractor shall execute that Business Associate Agreement which is attached hereto as Exhibit "B", which is incorporated herein for all intents and purposes.

## **ARTICLE VII**

**Changes to Agreement:** This Agreement may be amended by mutual consent of the parties hereto. Said amendments shall become effective only when in writing and fully executed by duly authorized officers of the parties hereto.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

**Contractor 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 agreed that in all matters pertaining to this Agreement, Contractor shall act as Contractor only to County and shall not act as Contractor to any other individual or entity affected by this Agreement nor provide information in any manner to any party outside of this Agreement that would conflict with Contractor's responsibilities to County during term hereof.

## **ARTICLE IX**

**Assignment and Delegation:** Contractor is engaged by County for its unique qualifications and skills as well as those of its personnel. Contractor 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.

## **ARTICLE X**

**Independent Contractor/Liability:** Contractor is, and shall be at all times, deemed independent and shall be wholly responsible for the manner in which it performs services required by terms of this Agreement. Contractor exclusively assumes responsibility for acts of its employees, associates, and subcontractors, if any are authorized herein, as they relate to services to be provided under this Agreement during the course and scope of their employment.

Contractor shall be responsible for performing the work under this Agreement in a safe, professional, skillful and workmanlike manner and shall be liable for its own negligence and negligent acts of its employees. County shall have no right of control over the manner in which work is to be done and shall, therefore, not be charged with responsibility of preventing risk to Contractor or its employees.

## **ARTICLE XI**

**Fiscal Considerations:** The parties to this Agreement recognize and acknowledge that County is a political subdivision of the State of California. As such, El Dorado County is subject to the provisions of Article XVI, Section 18 of the California Constitution and other similar fiscal and procurement laws and regulations and may not expend funds for products, equipment or services not budgeted in a given fiscal year. It is further understood that in the normal course of County business, County will adopt a proposed budget prior to a given fiscal year, but that the final adoption of a budget does not occur until after the beginning of the fiscal year.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement to the contrary, County shall give notice of cancellation of this Agreement in the event of adoption of a proposed budget that does not provide for funds for the services, products or equipment subject herein. Such notice shall become effective upon the adoption of a final budget which does not provide funding for this Agreement. Upon the effective date of such notice, this Agreement shall be automatically terminated and County released from any further liability hereunder.

In addition to the above, should the Board of Supervisors during the course of a given year for financial reasons reduce, or order a reduction, in the budget for any County department for which services were contracted to be performed, pursuant to this paragraph in the sole discretion of the County, this Agreement may be deemed to be canceled in its entirety subject to payment for services performed prior to cancellation.

## **ARTICLE XII**

### **Default, Termination, and Cancellation:**

- A. Default: Upon the occurrence of any default of the provisions of this Agreement, a party shall give written notice of said default to the party in default (notice). If the party in default does not cure the default within ten (10) days of the date of notice (time to cure), then such party shall be in default. The time to cure may be extended at the discretion of the party giving notice. 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 on which the extension of time to cure expires.

Notice given under this section shall specify the alleged default and the applicable Agreement provision and shall demand that the party in default perform the provisions of this Agreement within the applicable period of time. No such notice shall be deemed a termination of this Agreement unless the party giving notice so elects in this notice, or the party giving notice so elects in a subsequent written notice after the time to cure has expired.

. In the event of termination for default, County reserves the right to take over and complete the work by contract or by any other means.

- B. Bankruptcy: This Agreement, at the option of the County, shall be terminable in the case of bankruptcy, voluntary or involuntary, or insolvency of Contractor.
- C. Ceasing Performance: County may terminate this Agreement in the event Contractor ceases to operate as a business, or otherwise becomes unable to substantially perform any term or condition of this Agreement.

D. Termination or Cancellation without Cause: County may terminate this Agreement in whole or in part upon seven (7) calendar days written notice by County without cause. If such prior termination is effected, County will pay for satisfactory services rendered prior to the effective dates as set forth in the Notice of Termination provided to Contractor, and for such other services, which County may agree to in writing as necessary for contract resolution. In no event, however, shall County be obligated to pay more than the total amount of the contract. Upon receipt of a Notice of Termination, Contractor 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

### **ARTICLE XIII**

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

Notices to County shall be addressed as follows:

COUNTY OF EL DORADO  
HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT  
3057 BRIW ROAD  
PLACERVILLE, CA 95667  
ATTN: DOUG NOWKA, DIRECTOR

or to such other location as the County directs.

Notices to Contractor shall be addressed as follows:

REMI VISTA, INC.  
P.O. BOX 494100  
REDDING, CA 96049-4100  
ATTN: JOHN TILLERY, CPA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

or to such other location as the Contractor directs.

### **ARTICLE XIV**

**Indemnity:** The Contractor shall defend, indemnify, and hold the County harmless against and from any and all claims, suits, losses, damages and liability for damages of every name, kind and description, including attorneys fees and costs incurred, brought for, or on account of, injuries to or death of any person, including but not limited to workers, County employees, and the public, or damage to property, or any economic or consequential losses, which are claimed to or in any way arise out of or are connected with the Contractor's services, operations, or performance hereunder, regardless of the existence or degree of fault or negligence on the part of the County, the Contractor, subcontractor(s) and employee(s) of any of these, except for the sole, or active negligence of the County, its officers and employees, or as expressly prescribed by statute. This duty of Contractor to indemnify and save County harmless includes the duties to defend set forth in California Civil Code Section 2778.

## **ARTICLE XV**

**Insurance:** Contractor shall provide proof of a policy of insurance satisfactory to the El Dorado County Risk Manager and documentation evidencing that Contractor maintains insurance that meets the following requirements:

- A. Full Workers' Compensation and Employers' Liability Insurance covering all employees of Contractor as required by law in the State of California.
- B. Commercial General Liability Insurance of not less than \$1,000,000.00 combined single limit per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage.
- C. Automobile Liability Insurance of not less than \$1,000,000.00 is required in the event motor vehicles are used by the Contractor in the performance of the Agreement.
- D. In the event Contractor is a licensed professional, and is performing professional services under this Agreement, professional liability (for example, malpractice insurance) is required with a limit of liability of not less than \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence. For the purposes of this Agreement, professional liability is required.
- E. General or Professional Liability certification must show inclusion of sexual abuse/sexual molestation coverage.
- F. Contractor shall furnish a certificate of insurance satisfactory to the El Dorado County Risk Manager as evidence that the insurance required above is being maintained.
- G. The insurance will be issued by an insurance company acceptable to the Risk Management Division, or be provided through partial or total self-insurance likewise acceptable to the Risk Management Division.
- H. Contractor agrees that the insurance required above shall be in effect at all times during the term of this Agreement. In the event said insurance coverage expires at any time or times during the term of this Agreement, Contractor agrees to provide at least thirty (30) days prior to said expiration date, a new certificate of insurance evidencing insurance coverage as provided for herein for not less than the remainder of the term of the Agreement, or for a period of not less than one (1) year. New certificates of insurance are subject to the approval of the Risk Management Division and Contractor agrees that no work or services shall be performed prior to the giving of such approval. In the event the Contractor fails to keep in effect at all times insurance coverage as herein provided, County may, in addition to any other remedies it may have, terminate this Agreement upon the occurrence of such event.
- I. The certificate of insurance must include the following provisions stating that:
  1. The insurer will not cancel the insured's coverage without thirty (30) days prior written notice to County, and;



2. The County of El Dorado, its officers, officials, employees, and volunteers are included as additional insured, but only insofar as the operations under this Agreement are concerned. This provision shall apply to all liability policies except workers' compensation and professional liability insurance policies.
- J. The Contractor's insurance coverage shall be primary insurance as respects the County, its officers, officials, employees and volunteers. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the County, its officers, officials, employees or volunteers shall be excess of the Contractor's insurance and shall not contribute with it.
- K. Any deductibles or self-insured retentions must be declared to and approved by the County, either: the insurer shall reduce or eliminate such deductibles or self-insured retentions as respects the County, its officers, officials, employees, and volunteers; or the Contractor shall procure a bond guaranteeing payment of losses and related investigations, claim administration and defense expenses.
- L. Any failure to comply with the reporting provisions of the policies shall not affect coverage provided to the County, its officers, officials, employees or volunteers.
- M. The insurance companies shall have no recourse against the County of El Dorado, its officers and employees or any of them for payment of any premiums or assessments under any policy issued by any insurance company.
- N. Contractor's obligations shall not be limited by the foregoing insurance requirements and shall survive expiration of this Agreement.
- O. In the event Contractor cannot provide an occurrence policy, Contractor shall provide insurance covering claims made as a result of performance of this Agreement for not less than three (3) years following completion of performance of this Agreement.
- P. Certificate of insurance shall meet such additional standards as may be determined by the contracting County Department either independently or in consultation with the Risk Management Division, as essential for the protection of the County.

## **ARTICLE XVI**

**Interest of Public Official:** No official or employee of County who exercises any functions or responsibilities in review or approval of services to be provided by Contractor under this Agreement shall participate in or attempt to influence any decision relating to this Agreement which affects personal interest or interest of any corporation, partnership, or association in which he/she is directly or indirectly interested; nor shall any such official or employee of County have any interest, direct or indirect, in this Agreement or the proceeds thereof.

## **ARTICLE XVII**

**Interest of Contractor:** Contractor covenants that Contractor presently has no personal interest or financial interest, and shall not acquire same in any manner or degree in either: 1) any other contract connected with or directly affected by the services to be performed by this Agreement; or, 2) any other entities connected with or directly affected by the services to be performed by this Agreement.

Contractor further covenants that in the performance of this Agreement no person having any such interest shall be employed by Contractor.

## **ARTICLE XVIII**

**California Residency (Form 590):** All independent Contractors providing services to the County must file a State of California Form 590, certifying their California residency or, in the case of a corporation, certifying that they have a permanent place of business in California. The Contractor will be required to submit a Form 590 prior to execution of an Agreement or County shall withhold seven (7) percent of each payment made to the Contractor during term of the Agreement. This requirement applies to any agreement/contract exceeding \$1,500.00.

## **ARTICLE XIX**

**Taxpayer Identification Number (Form W-9):** All independent Contractors or corporations providing services to the County must file a Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Form W-9, certifying their Taxpayer Identification Number.

## **ARTICLE XX**

**County Business License:** It is unlawful for any person to furnish supplies or services, or transact any kind of business in the unincorporated territory of El Dorado County without possessing a County business license unless exempt under County Code Section 5.08.070.

## **ARTICLE XXI**

**Administrator:** The County Officer or employee with responsibility for administering this Agreement is Doug Nowka, Director, Human Services Department, or successor.

## **ARTICLE XXII**

**Authorized Signatures:** The parties to this Agreement represent that the undersigned individuals executing this Agreement on their respective behalf are fully authorized to do so by law or other appropriate instrument and to bind upon said parties to the obligations set forth herein.

## **ARTICLE XXIII**

**Partial Invalidity:** If any provision of this Agreement is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void or unenforceable, the remaining provisions will continue in full force and effect without being impaired or invalidated in any way.

**ARTICLE XXIV**

**Venue:** Any dispute resolution action arising out of this Agreement, including, but not limited to, litigation, mediation, or arbitration, shall be brought in El Dorado County, California, and shall be resolved in accordance with the laws of the State of California.

**ARTICLE XXV**

**Entire Agreement:** This document and the documents referred to herein or exhibits hereto are the entire Agreement between the parties and they incorporate or supersede all prior written or oral Agreements or understandings.

**Requesting Contract Administrator/Department Head Concurrence:**

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_\_\_  
Doug Nowka  
Director  
Human Services Department

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**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement on the dates indicated below, the latest of which shall be deemed to be the effective date of this Agreement.

**-- COUNTY OF EL DORADO --**

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

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

Chair  
Board of Supervisors  
"County"

ATTEST:  
Cindy Keck  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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

Deputy Clerk

**-- CONTRACTOR --**

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

REMI VISTA, INC.  
A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION

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

John Tillary, CPA  
Executive Director  
"Contractor"

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

Corporate Secretary

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