

AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES # 336-S1410

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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 NBS Government Finance Group, dba NBS, a corporation, duly qualified to conduct business in the State of California, whose principal place of business is 32605 Temecula Parkway, Suite 100, Temecula, California 92592 (hereinafter referred to as "Consultant");

**WITNESSETH**

**WHEREAS**, County has determined that it is necessary to obtain a Consultant to provide special tax consulting services in formation of Community Facilities District No. 2014-1 (Carson Creek Specific Plan) Bond financing; and

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

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

**ARTICLE I**

**Scope of Services:** Consultant agrees to act as an expert resource, to answer questions and advise the County regarding the formation and administration of CFD 2014-1. NBS will meet with County staff, bond counsel, the financial advisor and other interested parties at the request of the County. In addition, NBS will:

- Gather and review data relevant to the formation of CFD 2014-1. Data will be obtained from various sources, including County records, Assessor's parcel maps, and County Assessor information.
- Make determinations of the property subject to the Special Tax
  - Establish boundaries for the CFD, giving consideration to both the project area and peripheral lands

- Verify ownership based on last equalized tax roll
- Formulate concepts with viable alternatives for spreading costs reasonably within the CFD.
- Obtain the estimate of project costs and incidental expenses and prepare a total project Cost Estimate.
- Formulate and present the Rate and Method of Apportionment to the County, bond counsel, the financial advisor and others, as appropriate.
- Prepare a pro forma to model the special tax based on the projected development, land use and Rate and Method of Apportionment.
- Prepare the Boundary Map and related documents and present to the County as required by the Mello-Roos Community Facilities Act of 1982.
- Perform Special Tax Report based on the results of the aforementioned reviews, discussions and modifications, NBS will prepare a detailed written report including the Cost Estimate, the Rate and Method of Apportionment and the Boundary Map and present to the County, bond counsel, the financial advisor and property owners. NBS will also file the Special Tax Report with the County Clerk and will include a signed Special Tax Certificate.
- Present all necessary testimony and response to public comments regarding the CFD formation proceedings if requested to do so by County.
- Provide certain disclosure data for the bond documents including the Official Statement. Such data shall include parcel data, assessed value data, value-to-lien information, Special Tax classification information and other relevant data necessary for proper disclosure to potential bond investors.
- Review all bond documents prepared and provided by bond or other legal counsel and the financial advisor including the Official Statement, the Bond Indenture and the Continuing Disclosure Agreements.
- Record the Boundary Map with the County Recorder in compliance with the Mello-Roos Community Facilities Act of 1982. NBS will record the Notice of Special Tax Lien, including the Rate and Method of Apportionment, with the County Recorder in compliance with the Mello-Roos Community Facilities Act of 1982. NBS will record the Notice of Special Tax Lien, including the Rate and Method of Apportionment, with the County Recorder in compliance with the Mello-Roos Community Facilities Act of 1982.

## **ARTICLE II**

**Term:** This Agreement shall become effective January 28, 2014 and shall remain in effect until terminated by any party or until all work contemplated hereunder shall be completed.

## **ARTICLE III**

**Compensation for Services:** For services provided herein, County agrees to pay Consultant monthly in arrears and within thirty (30) days following the County's receipt and approval of itemized invoice(s) identifying services rendered. For the purposes of this Agreement, the billing rate shall be computed using the billing rates and fee schedule as identified below:

**Formation Services:**

<b>Title:</b>	<b>Hourly Rate:</b>
Director	\$190
Sr. Consultant/Programmer	\$150
Engineer	\$140
Consultant	\$130
Analyst	\$100
Clerical/Support	\$55
Expert Witness	TBD with approval in writing by County; with minimum fee

**Expenses:** Customary out-of-pocket expenses will be billed to the County at actual cost to NBS. These expenses may include, but not be limited to travel, postage, telephone, reproduction, meals and various County charges for tapes, maps and recording fees. Travel and overnight mail charges will not be paid unless prior written approval was obtained from the County. Travel expenses shall be paid in accordance with Exhibit “A”, marked “Board of Supervisors Policy D-1”, incorporated herein and made by reference a part hereof. The total out-of-pocket expenses related to this agreement shall not exceed \$1,500.00 without additional authorization by the County in writing.

The total amount of the Agreement shall not exceed \$19,000.00 for the formation and first issuance of bonds. At the time that Consultant has billed a total of \$12,000.00 inclusive of fees, costs, and expenses, Consultant shall obtain written authorization of the County Auditor-Controller to continue to proceed with services. In no event shall the compensation inclusive of all fees, expenses, and costs, exceed \$19,000.00.

In the event that Consultant fails to deliver in a timely fashion, in the form specified, the deliverables required in this Agreement, County at its sole option may: delay the monthly payment for the period of time equal to the Consultant’s delay; cease all payments until such time as the required deliverables are received; or proceed as set forth in **ARTICLE IX – Default, Termination and Cancellation.**

**ARTICLE IV**

**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 V**

**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 agreed that in all matters pertaining to this Agreement, Consultant shall act as Consultant only to County and shall not act as Consultant to any other individual or entity affected by this Agreement nor provide information in any manner to any party outside of this Agreement without prior written approval of County Contract Administrator.

## **ARTICLE VI**

**Assignment and Delegation:** 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.

## **ARTICLE VII**

**Independent Consultant/Liability:** 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 terms of this Agreement. Consultant exclusively assumes responsibility for acts of its employees, associates, and sub-Consultants, if any are authorized herein, as they relate to services to be provided under this Agreement during the course and scope of their employment.

Consultant 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 Consultant or its employees.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

**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 IX**

**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 Consultant.
- C. Ceasing Performance: County may terminate this Agreement in the event Consultant 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 Consultant, 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, 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.

**ARTICLE X**

**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  
Auditor-Controller  
360 Fair Lane  
Placerville CA 95667  
Attn: Joe Harn  
or to such other location as the County directs.

Notices to Consultant shall be addressed as follows:

NBS Government Finance Group, DBA NBS  
32605 Temecula Parkway, Suite 100  
Temecula CA 92592  
Michael Rentner, President

or to such other location as the Consultant directs.

#### **ARTICLE XI**

**Indemnity:** The Consultant shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the County, its officials, employees and representatives 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, which are claimed to or in any way arise out of or are connected with Consultant's negligent services, negligent operations, or negligent performance hereunder, except for the sole or active negligence of the County, its officers and employees, and except as expressly prohibited by statute. This duty of Consultant to indemnify and save County harmless expressly includes the duties to defend set forth in California Civil Code Section 2778.

#### **ARTICLE XII**

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

- A. Full Workers' Compensation and Employers' Liability Insurance covering all employees of Consultant 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 Consultant in the performance of the Agreement.
- D. In the event Consultant 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.
- E. Consultant shall furnish a certificate of insurance satisfactory to the El Dorado County Risk Manager as evidence that the insurance required above is being maintained.
- F. The insurance will be issued by an insurance company acceptable to Risk Management, or be provided through partial or total self-insurance likewise acceptable to Risk Management.

- G. Consultant 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, Consultant 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 Risk Management and Consultant agrees that no work or services shall be performed prior to the giving of such approval. In the event the Consultant 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.
- H. 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 the general liability policy.
- I. The Consultant's insurance coverage shall be primary insurance as respects the County, its officers, officials, employees and volunteers.
- J. 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 Consultant shall procure a bond guaranteeing payment of losses and related investigations, claim administration and defense expenses.
- K. 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.
- L. 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.
- M. Consultant's obligations shall not be limited by the foregoing insurance requirements and shall survive expiration of this Agreement.
- N. In the event Consultant cannot provide an occurrence policy, Consultant 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.
- O. Certificate of insurance shall meet such additional standards as may be determined by the contracting County Department either independently or in consultation with Risk Management, as essential for the protection of the County.

**ARTICLE XIII**

**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 Consultant 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 XIV**

**Interest of Consultant:** Consultant covenants that Consultant 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. Consultant further covenants that in the performance of this Agreement, no person having any such interest shall be employed by Consultant.

**ARTICLE XV**

**Conflict of Interest:** The parties to this Agreement have read and are aware of the provisions of Government Code Section 1090 et seq. and Section 87100 relating to conflict of interest of public officers and employees. Consultant attests that it has no current business or financial relationship with any County employee(s) that would constitute a conflict of interest with provision of services under this contract and will not enter into any such business or financial relationship with any such employee(s) during the term of this Agreement. County represents that it is unaware of any financial or economic interest of any public officer or employee of Consultant relating to this Agreement.

It is further understood and agreed that if such a financial interest does exist at the inception of this Agreement either party may immediately terminate this Agreement by giving written notice as detailed in the Article in the Agreement titled, "Default, Termination and Cancellation".

**ARTICLE XVI**

**California Residency (Form 590):** All independent Consultants 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, if relevant. The Consultant 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 Consultant during term of the Agreement. This requirement applies to any agreement/contract exceeding \$1,500.00.

**ARTICLE XVII**

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



Form W-9, or other form(s) as deemed acceptable by County, certifying their Taxpayer Identification Number.

**ARTICLE XVII 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 XIX**

**Administrator:** The County Officer or employee with responsibility for administering this Agreement is Joe Harn, Auditor-Controller, or successor.

**ARTICLE XX**

**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 XXI**

**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 XXII**

**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 XXIII**

**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 CONCURRENCE:**

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

Joe Harn  
Auditor-Controller

**REQUESTING DEPARTMENT HEAD CONCURRENCE:**

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

Joe Harn  
Auditor-Controller

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

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

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

Terri Daly  
Chief Administrative Officer

**DRAFT**

**-- CONSULTANT --**

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

NBS Government Finance Group, dba NBS  
A California Corporation

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

Michael Rentner  
President  
"Consultant"

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

Corporate Secretary

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