

AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES #5521

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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 Green Valley Mortuary LTD, a limited partnership, duly qualified to conduct business in the State of California, whose principal place of business is 3004 Alexandrite Drive, Rescue, CA 95672 (hereinafter referred to as "Contractor");

**RECITALS**

**WHEREAS**, County has determined that it is necessary to obtain a contractor to assist its Sheriff's Office in providing professional morgue services;

**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;

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

**WHEREAS**, County has determined that the provision of such services provided by Contractor are 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 Section 31000;

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

## **ARTICLE I**

**Scope of Services:** Contractor agrees to furnish personnel, equipment, supplies, and services necessary to provide professional morgue services for the Sheriff's Office Morgue. Services shall include, but not be limited to, those tasks as identified in Exhibit A, marked "Scope of Work," incorporated herein and made by reference a part hereof.

## **ARTICLE II**

**Term:** This Agreement shall become effective upon final execution by both parties hereto and shall expire on October 31, 2021.

## **ARTICLE III**

**Compensation for Services:** For services provided herein, including any deliverables that may be identified in the individual Work Orders, County agrees to pay Contractor upon the satisfactory completion and County's acceptance of work, in arrears. Payment shall be made within forty-five (45) days following County's receipt and approval of itemized invoices identifying the services rendered.

For the purposes hereof, the billing rates shall be in accordance with Exhibit B marked "Fee Schedule," incorporated herein and made by reference a part hereof.

The total amount of this Agreement shall not exceed \$75,000, inclusive of all costs, expenses, and Work Orders.

Itemized invoices shall follow the format specified by County and shall reference this Agreement number and the County-supplied Work Order number, if applicable, on their faces. Copies of documentation attached to invoices shall reflect Contractor's charges for the specific services billed on those invoices. Invoices shall be mailed to County at the following address:

County of El Dorado  
Sheriff's Office  
200 Industrial Drive  
Placerville, California 95667

Attn.: Tasha Thompson, Captain

or to such other location as County directs.

In the event that Contractor fails to deliver, in the format specified, the required by this Agreement, County at its sole option may delay the payment for the period of time of the delay, cease all payments until such time as the required deliverables are received, or proceed as set forth below in ARTICLE XII, Default, Termination, and Cancellation, herein.

## **ARTICLE IV**

**Taxes:** Contractor certifies that as of today's date, it is not in default on any unsecured property taxes or other taxes or fees owed by Contractor to County. Contractor agrees that it shall not default on any obligations to County during the term of this Agreement.

## **ARTICLE V**

**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 VI**

**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 the term hereof.

## **ARTICLE VII**

**Confidentiality:** Contractor shall maintain the confidentiality and privileged nature of all records, including billing records, together with any knowledge therein acquired, in accordance with all applicable state and federal laws and regulations, as they may now exist or may hereafter be amended or changed. Contractor, and all Contractor's staff, employees, and representatives, shall not use or disclose, directly or indirectly at any time, any said confidential information, other than to County's Sheriff's Department for the purpose of, and in the performance of, this Agreement. This confidentiality provision shall survive after the expiration or earlier termination of this Agreement.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

**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 IX**

**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 the 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 X**

**Fiscal Considerations:** The parties to this Agreement recognize and acknowledge that County is a political subdivision of the State of California. As such, 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 County, this Agreement and/or any Work Order issued pursuant to the Agreement may be deemed to be canceled in its entirety subject to payment for services performed prior to cancellation.

## **ARTICLE XI**

**Audit by California State Auditor:** Contractor acknowledges that if total compensation under this Agreement is greater than \$10,000.00, this Agreement is subject to examination and audit by the California State Auditor for a period of three (3) years, or for any longer period required by law, after final payment under this Agreement, pursuant to California Government Code § 8546.7. In order to facilitate these potential examinations and audits, Contractor shall maintain, for a period of at least three (3) years, or for any longer period required by law, after final payment under the Agreement, all books, records, and documentation necessary to demonstrate performance under the Agreement.

## **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 in 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, 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 County, shall be terminable in the case of bankruptcy, voluntary or involuntary, or insolvency of Contractor.

- C. Ceasing Performance: County may terminate this Agreement immediately 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 or any individual Work Order issued pursuant to 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 not to exceed amount of the Work Order or the total amount of the Agreement. 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 in duplicate and addressed as follows:

COUNTY OF EL DORADO  
Sheriff's Office  
200 Industrial Drive  
Placerville, California 95667  
ATTN: Tasha Thompson, Captain

or to such other location as the County directs.

with a carbon copy to

COUNTY OF EL DORADO  
Chief Administrative Office  
Procurement and Contracts Division  
2850 Fairlane Court  
Placerville, California 95667  
ATTN: Michele Weimer  
Procurement and Contracts Manager

Notices to Contractor shall be addressed as follows:

Green Valley Mortuary LTD  
PO Box 277  
Cameron Park, CA 95682  
ATTN: Dennis Hamilton, Managing Partner

or to such other location as the Contractor directs.

#### **ARTICLE XIV**

**Change of Address:** In the event of a change in address for Contractor's principal place of business, Contractor's Agent for Service of Process, or Notices to Contractor, Contractor shall notify County in writing as provided in ARTICLE XIII, Notice to Parties. Said notice shall become part of this Agreement upon acknowledgment in writing by County's Contract Administrator, and no further amendment of the Agreement shall be necessary provided that such change of address does not conflict with any other provisions of this Agreement.

#### **ARTICLE XV**

**Indemnity:** Contractor shall defend, indemnify, and hold County and its officers, agents, employees, and representatives 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 Contractor's services, operations, or performance hereunder, regardless of the existence or degree of fault or negligence on the part of County, Contractor, subcontractor(s), and employee(s) of any of these, except for the sole or active negligence of County, its officers, agents, employees, and representatives, 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 XVI**

**Insurance:** Contractor shall provide proof of a policy of insurance satisfactory to County's Risk Management Division 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 combined single limit per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage and a \$2,000,000 aggregate limit.
- C. Automobile Liability Insurance of not less than \$1,000,000 is required in the event motor vehicles are used by Contractor in performance of the Agreement.

- D. In the event Contractor is a licensed professional or professional consultant and is performing professional services under this Agreement, Professional Liability Insurance is required with a limit of liability of not less than \$1,000,000.
- E. Contractor shall furnish a certificate of insurance satisfactory to County's Risk Management Division as evidence that the insurance required above is being maintained.
- F. The insurance will be issued by an insurance company acceptable to County's Risk Management Division or be provided through partial or total self-insurance likewise acceptable to the Risk Management Division.
- G. Contractor agrees that the insurance required herein 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 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 Contractor agrees that no work or services shall be performed prior to the giving of such approval. In the event 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. Contractor
- H. The certificate of insurance must include the following provisions stating that:
  - 1. The insurer will not cancel the insured's coverage without prior written notice to County; and
  - 2. The County of El Dorado, its officers, officials, employees, and volunteers are included as additional insured, on an additional insured endorsement, but only insofar as the operations under this Agreement are concerned. This provision shall apply to the general liability policy.
- I. Contractor's insurance coverage shall be primary insurance in respect to County, its officers, officials, employees, and volunteers. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by County, its officers, officials, employees, or volunteers shall be in excess of Contractor's insurance and shall not contribute with it.
- J. Any deductibles or self-insured retentions must be declared to and approved by County. At the option of County, either: The insurer shall reduce or eliminate such deductibles or self-insured retentions in respect to County, its officers, officials, employees, and volunteers; or Contractor 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 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. Contractor's obligations shall not be limited by the foregoing insurance requirements and shall survive the expiration of this Agreement.
- N. 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.
- O. The certificate of insurance shall meet such additional standards as may be determined by the contracting County department, either independently or in consultation with County's Risk Management Division as essential for protection of County.

#### **ARTICLE XVII**

**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 XVIII**

**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 XIX**

**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. Contractor 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 Agreement 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 Contractor 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 ARTICLE XII, Default, Termination, and Cancellation, herein.



## **ARTICLE XX**

### **Nondiscrimination:**

- A. County may require Contractor's services on projects involving funding from various state and/or federal agencies, and as a consequence, Contractor shall comply with all applicable nondiscrimination statutes and regulations during the performance of this Agreement including but not limited to the following: Contractor and its employees and representatives shall not unlawfully discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, physical handicap, mental disability, medical condition, genetic information, military or veteran status, marital status, age, gender, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, or sex; Contractor shall, unless exempt, comply with the applicable provisions of the Fair Employment and Housing Act (Government Code, Sections 12900 et seq.) and applicable regulations promulgated thereunder (California Code of Regulations, Title 2, Sections 7285.0 et seq.); the applicable regulations of the Fair Employment and Housing Commission implementing Government Code, Section 12990, set forth in Chapter 5 of Division 4 of Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations incorporated into this Agreement by reference and made a part hereof as if set forth in full; and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended. Contractor and its employees and representatives shall give written notice of their obligations under this clause as required by law.
- B. Where applicable, Contractor shall include these nondiscrimination and compliance provisions in any of its agreements that affect or are related to the services performed herein.
- C. Contractor's signature executing this Agreement shall provide any certifications necessary under the federal laws, the laws of the State of California, including but not limited to Government Code Sections 12990 and 8355 and Title 2, California Code of Regulations, Section 8103.

## **ARTICLE XXI**

**California Residency (Form 590):** If Contractor is a California resident, Contractor must file a State of California Form 590, certifying its California residency or, in the case of a limited liability company or corporation, certifying that it has a permanent place of business in California. Contractor will be required to submit a Form 590 prior to execution of this Agreement, or County shall withhold seven (7) percent of each payment made to Contractor during the term of this Agreement. This requirement applies to any agreement/contract exceeding \$1,500.

## **ARTICLE XXII**

**County Payee Data Record Form:** All independent contractors or corporations providing services to County who do not have a Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Form W-9 (Form W-9) on file with County must file a County Payee Data Record Form with County.

### **ARTICLE XXIII**

**Business License:** County's Business License Ordinance provides that 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 Ordinance Code Section 5.08.070. Contractor warrants and represents that it shall comply with all of the requirements of County's Business License Ordinance, where applicable, prior to beginning work under this Agreement and at all times during the term of this Agreement.

### **ARTICLE XXIV**

**Licenses:** Contractor hereby represents and warrants that Contractor and any of its subcontractors employed under this Agreement has all the applicable licenses, permits, and certifications that are legally required for Contractor and its subcontractors to practice its profession or provide the services or work contemplated under this Agreement in the State of California. Contractor and its subcontractors shall obtain or maintain said applicable licenses, permits, or certificates in good standing throughout the term of this Agreement.

### **ARTICLE XXV**

**California Forum and Law:** 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 XXVI**

**Contract Administrator:** The County Officer or employee with responsibility for administering this Agreement is Captain Tasha Thompson, Sheriff's Department, or successor.

### **ARTICLE XXVII**

**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 the obligations set forth herein.

### **ARTICLE XXVIII**

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

### **ARTICLE XXIX**

**No Third Party Beneficiaries:** Nothing in this Agreement is intended, nor will be deemed, to confer rights or remedies upon any person or legal entity not a party to this Agreement.

### **ARTICLE XXX**

**Counterparts:** This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be an original and all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

### **ARTICLE XXXI**

**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: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tasha Thompson  
Captain  
Sheriff's Office

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

**Requesting Department Head Concurrence:**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
John D'Agostini  
Sheriff

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

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement on the dates indicated below.

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

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Board of Supervisors  
"County"

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

Attest:  
Kim Dawson  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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

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

**-- CONTRACTOR --**

GREEN VALLEY MORTUARY LTD  
A Limited Partnership

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dennis Hamilton  
Managing Partner  
"Contractor"

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

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name  
Corporate Secretary

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

# EXHIBIT “A”

## Scope of Work

Contractor shall provide staff and equipment as needed on a temporary basis to assist County with the transition to maintaining an in-house morgue. Contractor shall provide professional morgue services that are supplemental to the professional medical examiner services provided by other contractor(s). These services shall be provided during regular business hours unless agreed to in writing by the parties. Such services may include, but are not limited to the following:

- Set up autopsy area prior to autopsy procedures.
- Prepare bodies for autopsies.
- Record weight, height, eye color, hair color, absence or presence of teeth or dentures and any other identifying and/or distinguishing characteristics of the body.
- Photograph decedents and maintain case photo files.
- Assist with autopsies - must be able to move bodies, have dissection skills and experience, including opening heads and ability to properly attain toxicology specimens.
- Restore remains after autopsy.
- Clean morgue after autopsy and maintain proper morgue sanitation
- Handle, inventory, and properly package decedent property when necessary.
- Fingerprint decedents and obtain DNA blood cards for identification purposes.
- Obtain radiographs of decedents on selected cases.
- Maintain inventory of decedents, including proper intake and release of bodies and maintenance of all morgue body inventory logs.
- Maintain inventory of "wet tissue" obtained from autopsies, including disposal of short-term storage cases and logging of long-term storage (homicide cases).
- Maintain inventory of all morgue consumable supplies and re-order when needed.
- Take, process, and maintain inventory of radiographs and radiology supplies; manage radiation safety program.
- Maintain autopsy equipment (sharpen knives, send out dull scissors for sharpening, send out saws in need of repair, maintenance of dictation equipment, etc.)
- Manage inventory of linens needed for morgue - scrubs, cover gowns, towels, etc.
- Interact with outside agencies and facilitate communication exchange of investigative information needed for proper analysis of forensic autopsy cases.
- Provide testimony at any civil or criminal proceedings about any matter related to services provided as requested by the District Attorney
- Coordinate and meet with multiple outside vendors such as:
  - Hazardous waste disposal service
  - Uniform/ laundry service
  - X-ray equipment maintenance and repair technician
  - Couriers for specimen transport
- Interpret and follow policies and procedures related to the scope of practice sterile techniques, safety and security, including adhering to all County safety rules and OSHA regulations.
- Complete forms, records, and reports; file and retrieve documents.

- Use the Electronic Death Registration System (EDRS) to prepare, transfer, and receive death certificates.
- Handle and maintain chain of custody of physical evidence from criminal and non-criminal cases.
- Log, file, and catalog, toxicology samples.

## EXHIBIT “B”

### Fee Schedule

The current hourly rate is \$42.00.

Overtime rate (with 12 hours notice) \$47.00

Overtime rate (with less than 24 hrs notice) \$62.00