

**COUNTY OF MENDOCINO**  
**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY**  
**ADULT AND AGING SERVICES**

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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)**

**INDIGENT CREMATION SERVICES**

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<b>RFP No.</b>	<b>SS-16-002 RFP</b>
<b>RFP Issue Date:</b>	<b>March 22, 2016</b>
<b>RFP Submission Deadline:</b>	<b>April 21, 2016</b>
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**I. INTENT**

This Request for Proposal (RFP) announces the intent and purpose of the County of Mendocino to contract for provision of the necessary removal, storage, and cremation interment or burial services of deceased indigents or heirless decedents that reside in Mendocino County. PROPOSERS MAY PROPOSE TO PROVIDE INDIGENT CREMATION SERVICES TO ALL OF MENDOCINO COUNTY, OR SPECIFIC, OR MULTIPLE GEOGRAPHIC SECTIONS. By proposing to deliver services in any geographic section or sections, the Proposer agrees to provide those services throughout that geographic section or sections.

**II. DEFINITIONS**

**COUNTY** – The County of Mendocino.

**VENDOR** – A person, partnership, firm, corporation, or joint venture submitting a proposal to obtain a COUNTY contract.

**CONTRACTOR** – A vendor who signs a contract with the COUNTY to perform services.

**III. PROPOSAL SUBMISSION GUIDELINES**

- A. Vendors must submit five (5) copies of their proposal: four (4) complete paper copies with original Vendor signature, and one (1) complete copy on CD. The proposal must be formatted in accordance with the instructions of this RFP. Promotional materials may be attached, but are not necessary and will not be considered as meeting any of the requirements of this RFP. Proposals must be enclosed in a sealed envelope or package, clearly marked "Mendocino County RFP No. SS-16-002 RFP", and delivered by 3:00 p.m. April 21, 2016 to:

Mendocino County  
Health and Human Services Agency  
Bev Rae  
PO Box 1060  
747 S. State Street  
Ukiah, CA 95482

**Late or facsimile proposals will not be accepted.** It is the proposer's responsibility to assure that its proposal is delivered and received at the location specified herein, on or before the date and hour set. **Proposals received after the date and time specified will not be considered.** Note: The unauthorized use of the County's official logo is strictly prohibited.

- B. Proposers are required to submit with their proposal:
- Attachment A – Proposal Summary and Statement of Responsibility (Signature Page)
  - Attachment B – Proposal Checklist/Table of Contents
  - Executive summary of proposal
  - Scope of services
  - Company background and experience
  - Proposal cost plan and narrative (as identified in Section XIII)
  - Attachment C – Exceptions to RFP
  - Attachment D – Letters of Reference
  - Attachment E – Certificate of Non-collusion
  - Insurance coverage/certificate of insurance
  - Acknowledgment of receipt of addenda, if applicable.
- C. Proposers are expected to examine all provisions, specifications, and instructions included in this RFP. Failure to do so will be at the proposer's risk.
- D. All prices and proposals must be typed or written in ink. No erasures are permitted. Errors may be crossed out; corrections may be printed in ink or typed adjacent to the error and initialed in ink by the person authorized to sign the bid. **Facsimile, telephone, electronic or verbal proposals will not be accepted.**
- E. Prices shall be stated in the format as requested herein. Where indicated, vendor shall provide unit of issue and cost per unit. In the event of a discrepancy between the unit price and the extended price for any item, the unit price shall prevail.
- F. All proposals must be dated and signed by a representative authorized to enter into contracts for the proposing vendor.
- G. All proposals will remain in effect and legally binding for at least 90 days from the opening date.
- H. Expenses incurred in preparation of the proposal, site visits, or any other actions related to responding to this RFP shall be the responsibility of the vendor. Any and all damages that may occur due to packaging or shipping of the proposal will be the sole responsibility of the vendor.
- I. All proposals, response inquiries, or correspondence relating to or in reference to this RFP, and all reports, charts, displays, schedules, exhibits and other documentation submitted by vendor shall become the property of the County of Mendocino.

- J. Time when stated as a number of days, shall include Sundays through Saturdays, excluding legal holidays.
- K. Vendor must examine all information and materials contained in and accompanying its proposal. Failure to do so will be at the vendor's risk. This will include, but not be limited to, all relevant laws and regulations of the State of California and the United States Government.
- L. If proposed, the County reserves the right to obtain equipment items through its own purchase programs.
- M. This service has been selected to be made available for use by other local government agencies (piggy-back). The use of the contract, by the other government agencies, will be optional. Sales to these governmental agencies by the Contractor shall be optional. If bidders choose to extend prices offered on this proposal to other governmental agencies, any resulting contract will be solely between the supplier and the third party unit of government. Mendocino County shall not be responsible for any problems which may arise between other government agencies and the contractor as a result of any sales and/or purchases made.
- N. The County of Mendocino encourages all vendors to participate in our ePayables program as our preferred payment method. The County's ePayables program is designed to provide the highest level of efficiency and service to our vendors ensuring that payments are received in a timely cost efficient manner (please refer to Attachment H).

#### **IV. PRE-SUBMITTAL INQUIRIES AND POINTS OF CONTACT**

- A. Pre-submittal inquires and correspondence shall be directed to:
  - Procedural inquires: Kelsey Rivera  
Senior Program Manager  
(707) 463-7777  
riverak@co.mendocino.ca.us
  - Technical inquires: Kelsey Rivera  
Senior Program Manager  
(707) 463-7777  
riverak@co.mendocino.ca.us
- B. All questions regarding this RFP shall be submitted in writing (Email is acceptable).
- C. The questions and answers will be provided by the County in writing, in the form of an addendum to all known interested vendor(s) after the inquiry deadline. If any addenda are issued by the County, they shall be sent via facsimile and/or first class

U.S. mail to the last known business address of each vendor known to have received a copy of this RFP. **Vendors must include in their proposals acknowledgement of receipt of any and all addenda issued.**

- D. The deadline for submitting written inquiries regarding this RFP is indicated in **Section VI SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES.**
- E. Questions submitted after the inquiry deadline will not be answered. Only answers to questions communicated by formal written addenda will be binding.
- F. Mendocino County requires that other Mendocino County management and employees not be contacted by Vendors during the RFP process. **Failure to comply with this requirement may disqualify those proposals from further consideration. Contact is limited to the Mendocino County RFP Representatives listed above for any and all technical and procedural inquiries.**

## V. MODIFICATIONS OR WITHDRAWAL OF PROPOSALS

- A. A proposal that is in the possession of the County may only be altered by letter or facsimile bearing the signature or name of the Vendor's authorized representative, provided it is received **prior to the deadline for submission of proposals.** Telephone, email or verbal alterations will not be accepted.
- B. A proposal that is in the possession of the County may be withdrawn by the proposer **up to the time of the deadline for submission of proposals.**

## VI. SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

The County intends to progress in this procurement in a series of orderly steps. The schedule that follows has been developed in order to provide adequate information for Vendors to prepare definitive Proposals and to permit Mendocino County to fully consider various factors that may affect its decision. **This schedule is subject to change at the discretion of the County. The County will provide sufficient advance notice to vendors in the event of schedule changes.**

Scheduled Activity	Proposed Date
Letter of interest and Request for Proposals mailed to prospective proposers	<b>March 22, 2016</b>
Inquiry Deadline	<b>April 7, 2016</b>
RFP Submission Deadline	<b>April 21, 2016</b>
RFP Selection and Notification	<b>May 5, 2016</b>
Approximate Contract Start Date	<b>July 1, 2016</b>

## VII. SELECTION PROCESS

- A. The County reserves the sole right to judge the contents of the Vendors' proposals. The selection process will be governed by the following criteria:
1. The proposals must adhere to the instructions and format as specified in this RFP.
  2. The evaluation will include a review of all documents and information relating to the Vendor's services, organizational structure, capabilities, qualifications, past performance, and costs.
  3. Vendors may be required to make an oral presentation and interview before final selection is made.
  4. The County may evaluate any information from any source it deems relevant to the evaluation.
  5. False, incomplete, or unresponsive statements in a proposal may be sufficient cause for its rejection.

#### **VIII. SELECTION CRITERIA**

- A. The selection of VENDORS(s) and subsequent contract award(s) will be based on the criteria contained in this RFP, and as demonstrated in the submitted proposal. VENDORS(s) should submit information sufficient for the County of Mendocino to easily evaluate proposals with respect to the selection criteria. The absence of required information may cause the proposal to be deemed non-responsive and may be cause for rejection.
- B. Funding determinations for this RFP will be made through a competitive procurement process and shall be in accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local procurement laws and regulations.
- C. Competitive negotiations require that at least two (2) responsive proposals for the same scope of work and service area must be received in response to an RFP. A competition is considered failed if only one (1) responsive proposal is received. If a competition has been declared failed, the County of Mendocino then has the option to re-complete the procurement or enter into sole-source procurement.
- D. Proposal Review and Evaluation Process
1. The proposal will be judged based on service capabilities and experience of the prospective Vendor and all persons who will be providing services under contract. The following are the critical areas of the proposals that will be evaluated:
    - a. Adequacy of the described plan/approach to deliver requested services as described in Section XI SCOPE OF WORK.

- b. Experience of Vendor in providing services and quality of work.
- c. Status of Professional Certification including whether the Vendor meets the minimum requirements to provide service.
- d. Cost of providing services as outlined in Section XI SCOPE OF WORK.
- e. All criteria identified in Attachment F, Proposal Evaluation Form.

## **IX. AWARD AND CONTRACT INFORMATION**

- A. The County hereby notifies all proposers that it will affirmatively ensure that minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit proposals in response to this invitation, and that no proposer shall be discriminated against on the grounds of age, race, color, sex, religion, creed, national origin, marital status, political affiliation, or disability.
- B. The Vendor agrees that should it be awarded a contract, the Vendor shall not discriminate against any person who performs work thereunder because of age, race, color, sex, religion, creed, national origin, marital status, political affiliation, or disability.
- C. The County reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any irregularities if deemed in the best interest of the County to do so. The County will select the Vendor whose proposal is determined by the County to be the most responsive and responsible proposal and of the best advantage to the citizens of Mendocino County. The County shall be the sole judge in making such a determination.
- D. The successful Vendor will be required to enter into and sign a formal agreement with the County, which agreement will be in effect for the duration of the contract period. A sample contract is attached to this Request for Proposal as Attachment G. It is the Vendor's responsibility to review the contract's terms and conditions and to state any exceptions to those conditions in its response to the Request for Proposals (Attachment C). If no exceptions are noted, the County will understand that the Vendor agrees to the terms and conditions as stated in the contract.
- E. The terms and conditions of this Request for Proposal as well as the Vendor's proposal, and any modifications to said proposal agreed to in writing by both parties shall become a part of the contract.
- F. Prior to final selection, Vendors may be required to submit any additional information that Mendocino County may deem necessary to determine the Vendor's qualifications. Should any of the information requested by Mendocino County be considered by the Vendor to be confidential, it must be so stated. Mendocino County will attempt to treat any information submitted by the Vendor as confidential

if requested to do so; however, Mendocino County cannot ensure such confidentiality.

G. Open Procurement

1. The Vendor shall include any latitudes, prohibitions or limitations placed on the purchase of the items presented in the Vendor's Proposal. Items and/or services that the Vendor intends to be offered on a unit price basis must be so identified. [The County's objective is to clarify all purchase options.]
2. Mendocino County reserves the right to negotiate changes to the original Proposal(s), including changes in system cost and/or unit price.
3. Mendocino County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all Proposals in whole or in part.
4. Mendocino County reserves the right to negotiate a contract with more than one Vendor at the same time.

H. Local Vendor Preference:

1. The County of Mendocino has established a local vendor preference. All informal and formal Invitations to Bid and Request for Proposals for contracts are evaluated with a 5% preference for local vendors. The vendor must claim local vendor preference to be considered (refer to Attachment A – Summary and Statement of Responsibility (Signature Page), Certification No. 6). Please note the following exceptions:
  - a. Those contracts which State Law or, other law or regulation precludes this local preference.
  - b. Public Works construction projects.
2. "Local" vendor preference will be approved as such when, 1) Vendor conducts business in an office with a physical location within the County of Mendocino; 2) Vendor holds a valid business license issued by the County of Mendocino, and provides the name of the Local Agency which issued the license; and 3) business has been conducted in such a manner for not less than six (6) months prior to being able to receive the preference, said Vendor provides the business address and how many years the business has been at that location.

**X. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The Mendocino County Health and Human Services Agency (MCHHSA) is required by law to pay for the costs of indigent cremations. It is the policy of the County to utilize cremation interment for indigents or heirless decedents who are residents of Mendocino County.



**XI. SCOPE OF WORK**

The scope of work for the project includes:

This policy is subject to certain limited exceptions:

- A. When the decedent is a military veteran holding entitlement to a national burial plot but not entitlement to burial costs, burial costs may be paid, not to exceed the maximum allowance for cremation interments, including all final costs and transportation costs.
- B. When the decedent held ownership to a burial plot, burial costs may be paid, not to exceed the maximum allowance for cremation interments, including all final costs and transportation costs.
- C. When in-ground burial costs, including the burial site, do not exceed the costs of cremation interments, burial funds may be provided.

When the deceased is not a county resident, the county of residency, if within 200 miles, shall be contacted to assume responsibility. If the county of residence refuses responsibility, a cremation interment may be authorized by MCHHSA.

Under the auspices of the MCHHSA, the contractor shall perform indigent cremation interments as requested and approved by MCHHSA. The Contractor shall be responsible for providing the following services:

1. REMOVAL

- a. Retrieval of the body of the deceased
- b. Transportation of the decedent's body from pick-up location to the funeral home
- c. Meeting stated response time for retrieving the body as driving time plus 20 minutes from Mortuary to the location of the body

2. STORAGE

- a. Refrigeration of the decedent's body
- b. Cremation and interment of the remains of deceased indigent persons
- c. Cremation and scattering of remains of deceased indigent persons
- d. Burial of deceased persons if exception to cremation policy is approved by MCHHSA

3. OTHER SERVICES and CONDITIONS

- a. Completion and filing of applicable forms and records
- b. Professional services of funeral director

- c. Private family viewing
- d. Provision of urn
- e. Submission of invoices on a monthly basis on the form provided by MCHHSA

If decedent appears to be indigent, and there are no relatives or friends willing and able to cover the costs of cremation, contact the MCHHSA within three (3) working days (unless extenuating circumstances arise which unavoidably delay such contact).

While the County had sixty-seven (67) indigent cremations during fiscal year 2014-2015, there is no guarantee, either within this Request for Proposal or any contract resulting there from, as to minimum services to be provided by the Contractor or minimum dollar amount to be paid by County.

#### D. Duty of Discovery

Mortuary shall have an affirmative duty (prior to picking up, transporting, or storing any body) to be exercised in good faith and in a reasonable manner, as follows:

1. To acquire all available information from the referring family member, friend, neighbor, significant other, domestic partner, law enforcement official, care home operator, hospital, senior nursing facility (or other residential operator) in possession of the decedent's body, as to whether the situation meets the criteria of:
  - a. A "Coroner" case (e.g.: unattended by a doctor 30 days prior to death; accidental death or under suspicious circumstances; death associated with a crime; death requiring a potential autopsy, etc.)

OR

- b. A "Public Administrator" case (e.g.: not a Coroner's case; no other person or entity with greater authority to determine disposition under Health and Safety Code Section 7100 and who is willing and able to assume responsibility for the cost of disposition (aside from any potential estate assets), etc.).
2. Depending upon the information gathered, to either take possession of the body or have the case referred to the appropriate mortuary with the relevant County contract for handling.
3. If (in the sole discretion of the Sheriff-Coroner and/or Health and Human Services) this duty is not carried out reasonably and in good faith, then the non-compliant mortuary shall run the risk of forfeiture of any payment for pick-up, transportation and storage for that case.

#### E. Decedent's Resources

The initial contact or request for cremation may come from relatives, friends, or mortuaries. The primary responsibility for cremation does NOT rest with the County. The MCHHSA, through the Public Administrator's Office, will investigate and secure available resources prior to any County agreement to pay for cremation/interment. The Public Administrator will be the lead agency in those cases where there are not identified relatives or where identified relatives are unwilling or unable to assist with the cremation/interment costs or where a Coroner's referral of an unidentified body is made.

F. Responsible Relatives' Liability

The County will only pay for the cremation services where responsible relatives are unable to do so. Where the deceased is a foster child, the child's natural parents must assume responsibility for cremation or burial, if possible. If no responsible relative with greater priority is willing and able to handle the decedent's estate affairs, the case is to be referred to the Public Administrator for handling and probate, as appropriate. Resources immediately available should be forwarded directly to the mortuary by the person handling the cremation. This amount shall be subtracted from the total maximum cost that MCHHSA will pay to the mortuary.

G. MCHHSA Approval Process

Each MCHHSA office has a designated General Assistance worker as the contact person for the cremation request. The worker will obtain:

1. Name of referring person and phone number
2. Deceased person's name and last known address
3. Social Security Number
4. Birth date
5. Type of monthly income
6. Date of Death

The gathering of information to determine eligibility will be completed by the worker as soon as possible, generally within two (2) days, barring unforeseen circumstances. If the responsible relative or friend of the deceased contacts Mendocino County Social Services (MCSS), the worker is responsible for setting up the interview appointment and determining resources eligibility as related to the deceased.

If MCHHSA is contacted by the mortuary, due to no relatives/friends of the deceased, the mortuary will contact the Public Administrator's Office, located in the MCHHSA office, to determine if they have any involvement. If the Public Administrator is handling the deceased person's affairs, he/she will provide MCHHSA with known information, including resources, and recommend the net amount to be paid toward County cremation.

Upon approval, the worker submits the County claim to the MCHHSA Fiscal Unit. Generally, written approval is faxed to the mortuary in order to expedite services. Once the mortuary receives approval from MCHHSA, payment for services is ensured. The mortuary shall retrieve the deceased within twenty-four (24) hours of receipt of the MCHHSA approval.

## **XII. PROPOSAL FORMAT AND CONTENT**

**Proposals submitted in response to this RFP should include the following elements and are to be completed in accordance with the information and outline contained in Attachment B – Proposal Check List/Table of Contents:**

- A. An executive summary and written narrative, including a detailed description of your organization's experience, qualifications and commitment to the project, addressing the below listed elements at a minimum: Experience, stability & growth, commitment, product and services.
- B. A description of the process/approach to be used in providing the services described in Sections XI – Scope of Work. Be specific and address all elements, including but not limited to, descriptions for all system modules.
- C. A description of Contractor's experience in providing the requested services.
- D. A description of the experience/qualifications of all persons who may perform services under contract, including staff resumes that cover all experience and educational background. All personal information provided will be maintained in confidence as allowed by law.
- E. Upon specific request of the County, Vendor shall provide consent and waiver forms permitting County to obtain personal employment/professional qualification information about Contractor who may perform services under this contract from third parties, and releasing third parties from any and all liability for disclosing such information to County.
- F. Any exceptions to the terms and conditions as specified in Attachment G to this RFP. The terms and conditions not specifically identified will be considered acceptable to Contractor.
- G. Two (2) letters of reference for the County to contact, including contact name, phone number, and address (to be listed in Attachment D of this RFP). These references should be organizations with which Contractor has worked to provide services.
- H. A list of key personnel, including full name, position, licenses or degrees held and a brief summary of relevant experience as related to proposed services; organization chart; list of Board of Directors (if applicable); licenses (where appropriate).

- I. Timeline indicating implementation schedule and training schedule (if applicable).
- J. Additional documents or other material, as appendices, in support of the proposal. The proposal, however, must reference any additional material or documentation on Attachment B – Proposal Checklist/Table of Contents.

### **XIII. FORMAT OF COST PROPOSAL**

The Vendor must itemize all costs, including per hour costs, chargeable to the County as described in this Section, in the separate Cost Proposal. Prices quoted shall be valid for at least ninety (90) days following the proposal submission deadline and if a contract is entered into as a result of this RFP, shall become fixed for the term of the contract.

The County shall be the sole arbiter in the determination of equality. The County reserves the right to reject any proposals and to accept the proposal or proposals which in its sole and absolute judgment shall, under all circumstances, best serve the interests of the County.

### **XIV. CONTRACT**

- A. Time is of the essence in awarding the contract. The County reserves the right to cancel any intent to award and proceed to the next vendor if the selected vendor has not signed the agreement within two (2) weeks after the notification of intent of award.
- B. Execution of Contract
  - 1. Upon the acceptance of a Vendor's Proposal, County will prepare and submit a contract to the successful Vendor for signature. (See sample contract, as Attachment G, which contains required contractual language.) In the event that the successful Vendor fails, neglects or refuses to execute the contract within two (2) weeks after receiving a copy of the contract from County, County, may, at its option terminate and cancel its action in awarding the contract and the contract shall become null and void and of no effect.
  - 2. Incorporated by reference into the contract which is to be entered into by County and the successful Vendor pursuant to this Proposal will be (a) all of the information presented in or with this Proposal and the Vendor's response thereto, and (b) all written communications between County and the successful Vendor whose Proposal is accepted.
- C. No Assignment

Assignment by the successful Contractor to any third party of any contract based on the Proposal or any monies due shall be absolutely prohibited and will not be recognized by County unless approved in advance by County in writing.

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**D. Force Majeure**

Neither party shall be liable to the other for any failure or delay in rendering performance arising out of causes beyond its control and without its fault or negligence. Such causes may include, but not be limited to, acts of God or the public enemy, freight embargoes, and unusually severe weather; but the failure or delay must be beyond its control and without its fault or negligence. Dates or times of performance will be extended to the extent of delays excused by this section, provided that the party whose performance is affected notifies the other promptly of the existence and nature of such delay.

**E. Contract Term**

The term of the AGREEMENT(s) will be for a period of one (1) year(s) with the option to extend the AGREEMENT(s) up to two (2) additional one-year periods.

**F. Insurance**

Prior to commencement of this AGREEMENT, the CONTRACTOR(s) shall provide a "Certificate of Insurance" certifying that coverage as required herein has been obtained. Individual endorsements executed by the insurance carrier shall accompany the certificate. In addition, the CONTRACTOR(s) upon request shall provide a certified copy of the policy or policies. Refer to Exhibit C (Insurance Requirements) of Attachment G, Sample Mendocino County Contract.

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**XVI. REJECTION OF PROPOSALS**

The RFP does not commit the County to award a contract, to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of the proposal to this request, or to procure or contract for services or supplies. The County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals received as a result of this request, to negotiate with any qualified source, or to cancel the RFP in part or in its entirety, if it is in the best interest of the County to do so. The County may require the proposer selected to participate in negotiations, and to submit such proposal as may result from negotiations.

Any proposal submitted during this RFP process becomes the property of the County. The County will not be liable for nor pay costs incurred by the respondent in the preparation of a response to this RFP or any other costs involved including travel. The selected contractor will be required to obtain a County business license if not already held.

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**XVII. GENERAL CONDITIONS**

While the intent of the County is to award the contract to the selected Vendor, it reserves the right to both either withdraw and/or not award a contract at any time it so desires. Costs incurred in the preparation of response to this RFP will not be reimbursed.

The County has a standard contract service agreement. The successful firm will be required to agree to the terms contained within. Any issues with the insurance coverage or terms of the standard contract service agreement should be mentioned in the response to the Request for Proposals and documented in detail in Attachment C – Exceptions to RFP.

#### Limitations

- 1) The Vendor should expect to have access only to the public records and public files of local government agencies in preparing the proposal or reports. The Vendor should not anticipate any compilation, tabulation, or analysis of data, definition or opinion, etc., unless volunteered by a responsible official of that agency.
- 2) The County has the authority to terminate the contract upon written notice to the Vendor at any time during the period of the project if the County finds that the Vendor's performance is not satisfactory (as specified in Attachment G – Sample Mendocino County Contract, paragraph 19).
- 3) Contract payments will be made on the basis of satisfactory performance by the Vendor as determined by the County. Final payment to the Vendor will only be made when the County finds that the work performed by the Vendor to be satisfactory and the final work product and documents submitted meet the tasks of the project and is accepted by the County.

### **XVIII. LIST OF ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment A – Proposal Summary and Statement of Responsibility (Signature Page)  
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Attachment F – Proposal Evaluation Form  
Attachment G – Sample Mendocino County Contract  
Attachment H – Mendocino County ePayable Information

**ATTACHMENT A**  
**PROPOSAL SUMMARY AND STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY (SIGNATURE PAGE)**

County of Mendocino  
 General Services Agency



RFP No. SS-16-002 RFP  
 Indigent Cremation Services

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**Questions regarding this RFP should be directed to:**

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 (707) 463-7777  
 Riverak@co.mendocino.ca.us
  
- Technical inquires: Kelsey Rivera  
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**This Proposal Summary and Statement of Responsibility (Signature Page) must be included with your submittal in order to validate your proposal. Proposals submitted without this page will be deemed non-responsive.**

**Vendor Authorized Representative**

Company Name: _____	Date: _____
Representative: _____	
Title: _____	
Phone: _____	
Address: _____	Fax: _____
Federal Tax ID No.: _____	Email: _____

**RFP Contact Information (if different then above)**

Contact Person: _____	
Title: _____	
Phone: _____	Fax: _____
Address: _____	Email: _____



**Certifications:**

1. Do you agree to comply with specifications, RFP instructions, draft contract requirements and other pertinent references contained in this RFP?  
☐ YES   ☐ NO
2. Do you agree that the proposal will stand firm and will not be withdrawn for a period of 90 days after the proposal is opened?  
☐ YES   ☐ NO
3. Do you certify that all statements in the proposal are true? This shall constitute a warranty, the falsity of which shall entitle the County to pursue any remedy authorized by law, and shall include the right, at the option of the County, of declaring any contract made as a result thereof to be void.  
☐ YES   ☐ NO
4. Do you agree to provide the County with any other information the County determines is necessary for accurate determination of your qualifications to provide services?  
☐ YES   ☐ NO
5. Do you agree that the proposal amount includes all costs incident to the proposed contract?  
☐ YES   ☐ NO
6. The County of Mendocino has adopted a Local Vendor Preference. Does your company meet the criteria for the five percent cost preference as a local vendor for the County of Mendocino, as described in Section IX(H)(2) AWARD AND CONTRACTING INFORMATION?  
☐ YES   ☐ NO
7. Do you agree to be an ePayable as described in Attachment H?  
☐ YES   ☐ NO

To the best of my knowledge and belief, the information provided in this initial determination of responsibilities is true and correct.

Authorized Representative: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Printed name)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**ATTACHMENT B**  
**PROPOSAL CHECK LIST/TABLE OF CONTENTS**

This proposal checklist identifies the various components that must be submitted with your proposal. This form is to be completed and included in the proposal and must be located directly behind Attachment A.

Follow this sequence in presenting your proposal with the checklist serving as your table of contents.

<b>Proposal Check List/Table of Contents</b>	<b>Page No.</b>
Signature Page, signed by authorized representative (RFP Attachment A)	
Proposal Check List/Table of Contents (RFP Attachment B)	
Executive Summary	
Scope of Services (in relation to providing services described in Section XI, Scope of Work)	
Company Background and Experience (including staff resumes)	
Proposal Cost Plan and Narrative	
Exceptions to the RFP (RFP Attachment C)	
Letters of Reference (minimum of two (2)) (RFP Attachment D)	
Certificate of Non-Collusion, signed by authorized representative (RFP Attachment E)	
Insurance Coverage (Certificate of Insurance)	

## ATTACHMENT C

### EXCEPTIONS TO RFP

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I have reviewed the RFP and General Contract Terms in their entirety and have the following exceptions: (Please identify and list your exceptions by indicating the section or paragraph and page no. as applicable. Be specific about your proposed exception(s) to content, language, or omissions. Add as many pages as required.)

[illegible]

Authorized Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

(Printed name)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**ATTACHMENT D  
LETTERS OF REFERENCE**

Please list the references (minimum of two (2)) in the section provided below and attach corresponding letters to this form.

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Contact Name/Address</b>	<b>Phone No.</b>	<b>Dates Services Provided (From/Through)</b>

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**ATTACHMENT E**  
**CERTIFICATE OF NON-COLLUSION**

The undersigned certifies, under penalty of perjury, that this proposal has been made in good faith and without collusion or fraud with any other person. As used in this certification, the word "person" shall mean any natural person, business, partnership, corporation, union, committee, club, or other organization, entity, or group of individuals.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Proposer)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Authorized Agent)

\_\_\_\_\_, 2016  
Date

**ATTACHMENT F**  
**COUNTY OF MENDOCINO SAMPLE PROPOSAL EVALUATION FORM**  
**RFP No. SS-16-002 RFP**

Vendor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

A.	Completeness of Response	Pass/Fail	
B.	Financial Stability	Pass/Fail	
C.	Technical Criteria	Pass/Fail	

NOTE: In the event that the proposal rates a 'Fail' on any of the above, please seek the guidance of the General Services Agency

		Weight	*Rating Scale	Points Total
D.	Cost	15 points		
E.	Implementation Plan and Schedule	35 points		
F.	Relevant Experience	25 points		
G.	References	10 points		
H.	Overall Proposal	15 points		

Evaluation Total (Maximum 500)		
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Comments:

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**Scoring: (To be performed by the General Services Agency/Purchasing Agent)**

Weight      X      \*Rating (per Scale)      =      Points Total

\*Rating Scale: 5 = Excellent    4 = Above Average    3 = Average    2 = Fair    1 = Poor    0 = Unacceptable

**ATTACHMENT G – SAMPLE AGREEMENT**

This Agreement, dated as of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016, is by and between the COUNTY OF MENDOCINO, hereinafter referred to as the “COUNTY”, and \_\_\_\_\_, hereinafter referred to as the “CONTRACTOR”.

**WITNESSETH**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code Section 31000, COUNTY may retain independent contractors to perform special services to or for COUNTY or any department thereof; and,

WHEREAS, COUNTY desires to obtain CONTRACTOR for its [Services]; and,

WHEREAS, CONTRACTOR is willing to provide such services on the terms and conditions set forth in this AGREEMENT and is willing to provide same to COUNTY.

NOW, THEREFORE it is agreed that COUNTY does hereby retain CONTRACTOR to provide the services described in Exhibit “A”, and CONTRACTOR accepts such engagement, on the General Terms and Conditions hereinafter specified in this Agreement, the Additional Provisions attached hereto, and the following described exhibits, all of which are incorporated into this Agreement by this reference:

Exhibit A	Definition of Services
Exhibit B	Payment Terms
Exhibit C	Insurance Requirements
Exhibit D	Assurance of Compliance with Nondiscrimination
Appendix A	Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and other Responsibility Matters – lower tier covered transactions

The term of this Agreement shall be from \_\_\_\_\_, 20xx through \_\_\_\_\_, 20xx.

**The compensation payable to CONTRACTOR hereunder shall not exceed [Spelled out Contract Amount] (\$[Numerical Amount]) for the term of this Agreement.**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the day and year first above written.

**COUNTY OF MENDOCINO  
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY**

\_\_\_\_\_  
HHSA Director

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Budgeted: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Budget Unit:

Line Item:

Org/Object:

Grant: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Grant No.

**PURCHASING AGENT:**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
CARMEL J. ANGELO, Chief Executive Officer

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

**INSURANCE REVIEW:**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
ALAN D. FLORA,  
Assistant Chief Executive Officer

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

**EXECUTIVE OFFICE REVIEW:  
APPROVAL RECOMMENDED**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
CARMEL J. ANGELO, Chief Executive Officer

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

**CONTRACTOR/COMPANY NAME**

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

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONTRACTOR:**

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

By signing above, signatory warrants and represents that he/she executed this Agreement in his/her authorized capacity and that by his/her signature on this Agreement, he/she or the entity upon behalf of which he/she acted, executed this Agreement.

**COUNTY COUNSEL REVIEW:**

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
Katharine L. Elliott, Acting County Counsel

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

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

**FISCAL REVIEW:**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy CEO/Fiscal

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

**Signatory Authority:** \$0-25,000 Department; **\$25,001- 50,000 Purchasing Agent;** \$50,001+ Board of Supervisors  
**Exception to Bid Process Required/Completed** ☐ \_\_\_\_\_



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**GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

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1. **INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR:** No relationship of employer and employee is created by this Agreement; it being understood and agreed that CONTRACTOR is an Independent Contractor. CONTRACTOR is not the agent or employee of the COUNTY in any capacity whatsoever, and COUNTY shall not be liable for any acts or omissions by CONTRACTOR nor for any obligations or liabilities incurred by CONTRACTOR.

CONTRACTOR shall have no claim under this Agreement or otherwise, for seniority, vacation time, vacation pay, sick leave, personal time off, overtime, health insurance medical care, hospital care, retirement benefits, social security, disability, Workers' Compensation, or unemployment insurance benefits, civil service protection, or employee benefits of any kind.

CONTRACTOR shall be solely liable for and obligated to pay directly all applicable payroll taxes (including federal and state income taxes) or contributions for unemployment insurance or old age pensions or annuities which are imposed by any governmental entity in connection with the labor used or which are measured by wages, salaries or other remuneration paid to its officers, agents or employees and agrees to indemnify and hold County harmless from any and all liability which COUNTY may incur because of CONTRACTOR's failure to pay such amounts.

In carrying out the work contemplated herein, CONTRACTOR shall comply with all applicable federal and state workers' compensation and liability laws and regulations with respect to the officers, agents and/or employees conducting and participating in the work; and agrees that such officers, agents, and/or employees will be considered as Independent Contractors and shall not be treated or considered in any way as officers, agents and/or employees of COUNTY.

CONTRACTOR does, by this Agreement, agree to perform his/her said work and functions at all times in strict accordance with all applicable federal, state and County laws, including but not limited to prevailing wage laws, ordinances, regulations, titles, departmental procedures and currently approved methods and practices in his/her field and that the sole interest of COUNTY is to ensure that said service shall be performed and rendered in a competent, efficient, timely and satisfactory manner and in accordance with the standards required by the County agency concerned.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the COUNTY determines that pursuant to state and federal law CONTRACTOR is an employee for purposes of income tax withholding, COUNTY may upon two (2) week's written notice to CONTRACTOR, withhold from payments to CONTRACTOR hereunder federal and state income taxes and pay said sums to the federal and state governments.

2. **INDEMNIFICATION:** CONTRACTOR shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the COUNTY, its officers, agents, and employees, from and against any and all claims, liabilities, and losses whatsoever including damages to property and injuries to, or death of persons, reasonable attorney's fees, expert fees and court costs occurring or

resulting, or alleged to be occurring or resulting, to any and all persons, firms or corporations furnishing or supplying work, services, materials, or supplies in connections with the CONTRACTOR'S performance or its obligations under this AGREEMENT, and from any and all claims, liabilities, and losses occurring or resulting, or alleged to be occurring or resulting, to any person, firm, or corporation for damage, injury, or death arising out of or connected with the CONTRACTOR'S performance of its obligations under this AGREEMENT, unless such claims, liabilities, or losses arise out of the sole negligence or willful misconduct of COUNTY. "CONTRACTOR'S performance" includes CONTRACTOR'S action or inaction and the action or inaction of CONTRACTOR'S officers, employees, agents and subcontractors.

3. **INSURANCE AND BOND:** CONTRACTOR shall at all times during the term of the Agreement with the COUNTY maintain in force those insurance policies and bonds as designated in the attached Exhibit C, and will comply with all those requirements as stated therein.
4. **WORKERS' COMPENSATION:** CONTRACTOR shall provide Workers' Compensation insurance, as applicable, at CONTRACTOR's own cost and expense and further, neither the CONTRACTOR nor its carrier shall be entitled to recover from COUNTY any costs, settlements, or expenses of Workers' Compensation claims arising out of this Agreement.
5. **CONFORMITY WITH LAW AND SAFETY:**
  - a. In performing services under this Agreement, CONTRACTOR shall observe and comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, codes and regulations of governmental agencies, including federal, state, municipal, and local governing bodies, having jurisdiction over the scope of services, including all applicable provisions of the California Occupational Safety and Health Act. CONTRACTOR shall indemnify and hold COUNTY harmless from any and all liability, fines, penalties and consequences from any of CONTRACTOR's failures to comply with such laws, ordinances, codes and regulations.
  - b. **Accidents:** If a death, serious personal injury or substantial property damage occurs in connection with CONTRACTOR's performance of this Agreement, CONTRACTOR shall immediately notify Mendocino County Risk Manager's Office by telephone. CONTRACTOR shall promptly submit to COUNTY a written report, in such form as may be required by COUNTY of all accidents which occur in connection with this Agreement. This report must include the following information: (1) name and address of the injured or deceased person(s); (2) name and address of CONTRACTOR's sub-contractor, if any; (3) name and address of CONTRACTOR's liability insurance carrier; and (4) a detailed description of the accident and whether any of COUNTY's equipment, tools, material, or staff were involved.
  - c. CONTRACTOR further agrees to take all reasonable steps to preserve all physical evidence and information which may be relevant to the circumstances surrounding a potential claim, while maintaining public safety, and to grant to the COUNTY the

opportunity to review and inspect such evidence, including the scene of the accident.

6. **PAYMENT:** For services performed in accordance with this Agreement, payment shall be made to CONTRACTOR as provided in Exhibit "B" hereto as funding permits.
7. **TAXES:** Payment of all applicable federal, state, and local taxes shall be the sole responsibility of the CONTRACTOR.
8. **OWNERSHIP OF DOCUMENTS:** CONTRACTOR hereby agrees to provide to a private, not-for-profit, successor and if there is none then assigns the COUNTY and its assignees all copyright and other use rights in any and all proposals, plans, specification, designs, drawings, sketches, renderings, models, reports and related documents (including computerized or electronic copies) respecting in any way the subject matter of this Agreement, whether prepared by the COUNTY, the CONTRACTOR, the CONTRACTOR's subcontractors or third parties at the request of the CONTRACTOR (collectively, "Documents and Materials"). This explicitly includes the electronic copies of all above stated documentation.

CONTRACTOR shall be permitted to retain copies, including reproducible copies and computerized copies, of said Documents and Materials. CONTRACTOR agrees to take such further steps as may be reasonably requested by COUNTY to implement the aforesaid assignment. If for any reason said assignment is not effective, CONTRACTOR hereby grants the COUNTY and any assignee of the COUNTY an express royalty – free license to retain and use said Documents and Materials. The COUNTY's rights under this paragraph shall apply regardless of the degree of completion of the Documents and Materials and whether or not CONTRACTOR's services as set forth in Exhibit "A" of this Agreement have been fully performed or paid for.

CONTRACTOR shall pay all royalties and license fees which may be due for any patented or copyrighted materials, methods or systems selected by the CONTRACTOR and incorporated into the work as set forth in Exhibit "A", and shall defend, indemnify and hold the COUNTY harmless from any claims for infringement of patent or copyright arising out of such selection.

The COUNTY's rights under this Paragraph 8 shall not extend to any computer software used to create such Documents and Materials.

9. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** The CONTRACTOR covenants that it presently has no interest, and shall not have any interest, direct or indirect, which would conflict in any manner with the performance of services required under this Agreement.
10. **NOTICES:** All notices, requests, demands, or other communications under this Agreement shall be in writing. Notices shall be given for all purposes as follows:

Personal delivery: When personally delivered to the recipient, notices are effective on delivery.

First Class Mail: When mailed first class to the last address of the recipient known to the party giving notice, notice is effective three (3) mail delivery days after deposit in a United States Postal Service office or mailbox. Certified Mail: When mailed certified mail, return receipt requested, notice is effective on receipt, if delivery is confirmed by a return receipt.

Overnight Delivery: When delivered by overnight delivery (Federal Express/Airborne/United Parcel Service/DHL WorldWide Express) with charges prepaid or charged to the sender's account, notice is effective on delivery, if delivery is confirmed by the delivery service.

Facsimile transmission: When sent by facsimile to the facsimile number of the recipient known to the party giving notice, notice is effective on receipt, provided that, (a) a duplicate copy of the notice is promptly given by first-class or certified mail or by overnight delivery, or (b) the receiving party delivers a written confirmation of receipt. Any notice given facsimile shall be deemed received on the next business day if it is received after 5:00 p.m. (recipient's time) or on a non-business day.

Addresses for purpose of giving notice are as follows:

To COUNTY:                    HHSA  
  
                                     Ukiah, CA 95482  
                                     ATTN:

To CONTRACTOR:            [Name of Contractor]  
                                     [Number and Street]  
                                     [City, State, Zip Code]  
                                     ATTN:

Any correctly addressed notice that is refused, unclaimed, or undeliverable because of an act or omission of the party to be notified shall be deemed effective as of the first date that said notice was refused, unclaimed, or deemed undeliverable by the postal authorities, messenger, or overnight delivery service.

Any party may change its address or facsimile number by giving the other party notice of the change in any manner permitted by this Agreement.

11. USE OF COUNTY PROPERTY: CONTRACTOR shall not use County property (including equipment, instruments and supplies) or personnel for any purpose other than in the performance of his/her obligations under this Agreement.
12. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY PRACTICES PROVISIONS: CONTRACTOR certifies that it will comply with all federal and state laws pertaining to equal employment opportunity and that it shall not engage in any unlawful discrimination.

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- a. CONTRACTOR shall, in all solicitations or advertisements for applicants for employment placed as a result of this Agreement, state that it is an "Equal Opportunity Employer" or that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to their race, creed, color, disability, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, age, religion, Veteran's status, political affiliation, or any other non-merit factor.
  - b. CONTRACTOR shall, if requested to so do by the COUNTY, certify that it has not, in the performance of this Agreement, engaged in any unlawful discrimination.
  - c. If requested to do so by the COUNTY, CONTRACTOR shall provide the COUNTY with access to copies of all of its records pertaining or relating to its employment practices, except to the extent such records or portions of such records are confidential or privileged under state or federal law.
  - d. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be construed in any manner so as to require or permit any act which is prohibited by law.
  - e. The CONTRACTOR shall include the provisions set forth in this paragraph in each of its subcontracts.
13. **DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE:** CONTRACTOR and CONTRACTOR's employees shall comply with the COUNTY's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace. Neither CONTRACTOR nor CONTRACTOR's employees shall unlawfully manufacture, distribute, dispense, possess or use controlled substances, as defined in 21 U.S. Code § 812, including, but not limited to, marijuana, heroin, cocaine, and amphetamines, at any COUNTY facility or work site. If CONTRACTOR or any employee of CONTRACTOR is convicted or pleads *nolo contendere* to a criminal drug statute violation occurring at a County facility or work site, the CONTRACTOR, within five days thereafter, shall notify the head of the County department/agency for which the contract services are performed. Violation of this provision shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement.
  14. **ENERGY CONSERVATION:** CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with the mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency in the State of California Energy Conservation Plan, (Title 24, California Administrative Code).
  15. **COMPLIANCE WITH LICENSING REQUIREMENTS:** CONTRACTOR shall comply with all necessary licensing requirements and shall obtain appropriate licenses and display the same in a location that is reasonably conspicuous, as well as file copies of same with the County Executive Office.
  16. **AUDITS; ACCESS TO RECORDS:** The CONTRACTOR shall make available to the COUNTY, its authorized agents, officers, or employees, for examination any and all ledgers, books of accounts, invoices, vouchers, cancelled checks, and other records or documents evidencing or relating to the expenditures and disbursements charged to the COUNTY, and shall furnish to the COUNTY, within sixty (60) days after examination, its authorized agents, officers or employees such other evidence or information as the

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COUNTY may require with regard to any such expenditure or disbursement charged by the CONTRACTOR.

The CONTRACTOR shall maintain full and adequate records in accordance with County requirements to show the actual costs incurred by the CONTRACTOR in the performance of this Agreement. If such books and records are not kept and maintained by CONTRACTOR within the County of Mendocino, California, CONTRACTOR shall, upon request of the COUNTY, make such books and records available to the COUNTY for inspection at a location within County or CONTRACTOR shall pay to the COUNTY the reasonable, and necessary costs incurred by the COUNTY in inspecting CONTRACTOR's books and records, including, but not limited to, travel, lodging and subsistence costs. CONTRACTOR shall provide such assistance as may be reasonably required in the course of such inspection. The COUNTY further reserves the right to examine and reexamine said books, records and data during the four (4) year period following termination of this Agreement or completion of all work hereunder, as evidenced in writing by the COUNTY, and the CONTRACTOR shall in no event dispose of, destroy, alter, or mutilate said books, records, accounts, and data in any manner whatsoever for four (4) years after the COUNTY makes the final or last payment or within four (4) years after any pending issues between the COUNTY and CONTRACTOR with respect to this Agreement are closed, whichever is later.

17. **DOCUMENTS AND MATERIALS:** CONTRACTOR shall maintain and make available to COUNTY for its inspection and use during the term of this Agreement, all Documents and Materials, as defined in Paragraph 8 of this Agreement. CONTRACTOR's obligations under the preceding sentence shall continue for four (4) years following termination or expiration of this Agreement or the completion of all work hereunder (as evidenced in writing by COUNTY), and CONTRACTOR shall in no event dispose of, destroy, alter or mutilate said Documents and Materials, for four (4) years following the COUNTY's last payment to CONTRACTOR under this Agreement.
18. **TIME OF ESSENCE:** Time is of the essence in respect to all provisions of this Agreement that specify a time for performance; provided, however, that the foregoing shall not be construed to limit or deprive a party of the benefits of any grace or use period allowed in this Agreement.
19. **TERMINATION:** The COUNTY has and reserves the right to suspend, terminate or abandon the execution of any work by the CONTRACTOR without cause at any time upon giving to the CONTRACTOR prior written notice. In the event that the COUNTY should abandon, terminate or suspend the CONTRACTOR's work, the CONTRACTOR shall be entitled to payment for services provided hereunder prior to the effective date of said suspension, termination or abandonment. Said payment shall be computed in accordance with Exhibit B hereto, provided that the maximum amount payable to CONTRACTOR for its [Services] shall not exceed \$[Contract Amount] payment for services provided hereunder prior to the effective date of said suspension, termination or abandonment or lack of funding.

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20. **NON APPROPRIATION:** If COUNTY should not appropriate or otherwise make available funds sufficient to purchase, lease, operate or maintain the products set forth in this Agreement, or other means of performing the same functions of such products, COUNTY may unilaterally terminate this Agreement only upon thirty (30) days written notice to CONTRACTOR. Upon termination, COUNTY shall remit payment for all products and services delivered to COUNTY and all expenses incurred by CONTRACTOR prior to CONTRACTOR'S receipt of the termination notice.
21. **CHOICE OF LAW:** This Agreement, and any dispute arising from the relationship between the parties to this Agreement, shall be governed by the laws of the State of California, excluding any laws that direct the application of another jurisdiction's laws.
22. **VENUE:** All lawsuits relating to this contract must be filed in Mendocino County Superior Court, Mendocino County, California.
23. **WAIVER:** No waiver of a breach, failure of any condition, or any right or remedy contained in or granted by the provisions of this Agreement shall be effective unless it is in writing and signed by the party waiving the breach, failure, right or remedy. No waiver of any breach, failure, right or remedy shall be deemed a waiver of any other breach, failure, right or remedy, whether or not similar, nor shall any waiver constitute a continuing waiver unless the writing so specifies.
24. **ADVERTISING OR PUBLICITY:** CONTRACTOR shall not use the name of County, its officers, directors, employees or agents, in advertising or publicity releases or otherwise without securing the prior written consent of COUNTY in each instance.
25. **ENTIRE AGREEMENT:** This Agreement, including all attachments, exhibits, and any other documents specifically incorporated into this Agreement, shall constitute the entire agreement between COUNTY and CONTRACTOR relating to the subject matter of this Agreement. As used herein, Agreement refers to and includes any documents incorporated herein by reference and any exhibits or attachments. This Agreement supersedes and merges all previous understandings, and all other agreements, written or oral, between the parties and sets forth the entire understanding of the parties regarding the subject matter thereof. This Agreement may not be modified except by a written document signed by both parties.
26. **HEADINGS:** Herein are for convenience of reference only and shall in no way affect interpretation of this Agreement.
27. **MODIFICATION OF AGREEMENT:** This Agreement may be supplemented, amended or modified only by the mutual agreement of the parties. No supplement, amendment or modification of this Agreement shall be binding unless it is in writing and signed by authorized representatives of both parties.
28. **ASSURANCE OF PERFORMANCE:** If at any time the COUNTY has good objective cause to believe CONTRACTOR may not be adequately performing its obligations under this Agreement or that CONTRACTOR may fail to complete the Services as

required by this Agreement, COUNTY may request from CONTRACTOR prompt written assurances of performance and a written plan acceptable to COUNTY, to correct the observed deficiencies in CONTRACTOR's performance. CONTRACTOR shall provide such written assurances and written plan within thirty (30) calendar days of its receipt of COUNTY's request and shall thereafter diligently commence and fully perform such written plan. CONTRACTOR acknowledges and agrees that any failure to provide such written assurances and written plan within the required time is a material breach under this Agreement.

29. **SUBCONTRACTING/ASSIGNMENT:** CONTRACTOR shall not subcontract, assign or delegate any portion of this Agreement or any duties or obligations hereunder without the COUNTY's prior written approval.
- a. Neither party shall, on the basis of this Agreement, contract on behalf of or in the name of the other party. Any agreement that violates this Section shall confer no rights on any party and shall be null and void.
  - b. CONTRACTOR shall use subcontractors identified in Exhibit "A" and shall not substitute subcontractors without COUNTY's prior written approval.
  - c. CONTRACTOR shall remain fully responsible for compliance by its subcontractors with all the terms of this Agreement, regardless of the terms of any agreement between CONTRACTOR and its subcontractors.
30. **SURVIVAL:** The obligations of this Agreement, which by their nature would continue beyond the termination on expiration of the Agreement, including without limitation, the obligations regarding Indemnification (Paragraph 2), Ownership of Documents (Paragraph 8), and Conflict of Interest (Paragraph 9), shall survive termination or expiration for two (2) years.
31. **SEVERABILITY:** If a court of competent jurisdiction holds any provision of this Agreement to be illegal, unenforceable, or invalid in whole or in part for any reason, the validity and enforceability of the remaining provisions, or portions of them, will not be affected, unless an essential purpose of this Agreement would be defeated by the loss of the illegal, unenforceable, or invalid provision.
32. **PATENT AND COPYRIGHT INDEMNITY:** CONTRACTOR represents that it knows of no allegations, claims, or threatened claims that the materials, services, hardware or software ("CONTRACTOR Products") provided to COUNTY under this Agreement infringe any patent, copyright or other proprietary right. CONTRACTOR shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless COUNTY of, from and against all losses, claims, damages, liabilities, costs expenses and amounts (collectively, "Losses") arising out of or in connection with an assertion that any CONTRACTOR Products or the use thereof, infringe any patent, copyright or other proprietary right of any third party.
- a. COUNTY will: (1) notify CONTRACTOR promptly of such claim, suit or assertion; (2) permit CONTRACTOR to defend, compromise, or settle the claim; and, (3) provide,



on a reasonable basis, information to enable CONTRACTOR to do so. CONTRACTOR shall not agree without COUNTY's prior written consent, to any settlement, which would require COUNTY to pay money or perform some affirmative act in order to continue using the CONTRACTOR Products.

- b. If CONTRACTOR is obligated to defend COUNTY pursuant to this Section 32 and fails to do so after reasonable notice from COUNTY, COUNTY may defend itself and/or settle such proceeding, and CONTRACTOR shall pay to COUNTY any and all losses, damages and expenses (including attorney's fees and costs) incurred in relationship with COUNTY's defense and/or settlement of such proceeding.
- c. In the case of any such claim of infringement, CONTRACTOR shall either, at its option, (1) procure for COUNTY the right to continue using the CONTRACTOR Products; or (2) replace or modify the CONTRACTOR Products so that that they become non-infringing, but equivalent in functionality and performance.
- d. Notwithstanding this Section 32, COUNTY retains the right and ability to defend itself, at its own expense, against any claims that CONTRACTOR Products infringe any patent, copyright, or other intellectual property right.

**33. OTHER AGENCIES:**

Other tax supported agencies within the State of California who have not contracted for their own requirements may desire to participate in this contract. The CONTRACTOR is requested to service these agencies and will be given the opportunity to accept or reject the additional requirements. If the CONTRACTOR elects to supply other agencies, orders will be placed directly by the agency and payments made directly by the agency.

[END OF GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS]

## DEFINITION OF SERVICES

[END OF DEFINITION OF SERVICES]////////////////////////////////////

## PAYMENT TERMS

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EXHIBIT C  
INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Insurance coverage in a minimum amount set forth herein shall not be construed to relieve CONTRACTOR for liability in excess of such coverage, nor shall it preclude COUNTY from taking such other action as is available to it under any other provisions of this Agreement or otherwise in law.

CONTRACTOR agrees to indemnify and hold harmless COUNTY, its elected or appointed officials, employees or volunteers against any claims, actions, or demands against them, or any of them, and against any damages, liabilities or expenses, including costs of defense and attorney's fees, for personal injury or death, or for the loss or damage to the property, or any or all of them, to the extent arising out of the performance of this Agreement by CONTRACTOR.

CONTRACTOR affirms that s/he is aware of the provisions of Section 3700 of the California Labor Code which requires every employer to be insured against liability for the Workers' Compensation or to undertake self-insurance in accordance with the provisions of the Code and CONTRACTOR further assures that s/he will comply with such provisions before commencing the performance of work under this Agreement. CONTRACTOR shall furnish to COUNTY certificate(s) of insurance evidencing Worker's Compensation Insurance coverage to cover its employees, and CONTRACTOR shall require all subcontractors similarly to provide Workers' Compensation Insurance as required by the Labor Code of the State of California for all of CONTRACTOR'S and subcontractors' employees.

CONTRACTOR shall furnish to COUNTY certificates of insurance with Automobile Liability/General Liability Endorsements evidencing at a minimum the following:

- a. Combined single limit bodily injury liability and property damage liability - \$1,000,000 each occurrence.
- b. Vehicle / Bodily Injury combined single limit vehicle bodily injury and property damage liability - \$500,000 each occurrence.

[END OF INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS]

EXHIBIT D  
CONTRACTOR ASSURANCE OF COMPLIANCE WITH  
THE MENDOCINO COUNTY  
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY  
NONDISCRIMINATION IN STATE  
AND FEDERALLY ASSISTED PROGRAMS

NAME OF CONTRACTOR: [Contractor's Name]

HEREBY AGREES THAT it 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, sexual orientation, 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, 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 CONTRACTOR directly or through contract, license, or other provider services, as long as it receives federal or state assistance.

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Date

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[Contractor's Address]

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Address of CONTRACTOR

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CONTRACTOR Signature

Appendix A  
CERTIFICATION REGARDING  
DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, and OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS  
LOWER TIER COVERED TRANSACTIONS

This certification is required by the regulations implementing Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension, 29 CFR Part 98, Section 98.510, Participants' responsibilities. The regulations were published as Part VII of the May 26, 1988 Federal Register (pages 19160-19211).

- (1) The primary principal certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it and its principals:
- (a) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal department or agency;
  - (b) Have not within a three-year period preceding this proposal been convicted of or had a civil judgment tendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State, or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsifications or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
  - (c) Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a government entity (Federal, State, or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (1) (b) of this certification, and
  - (d) Have not, within a three-year period preceding this application/proposal, had one or more public transactions (Federal, State, or local) terminated for cause or default.
- (2) Where the primary principal is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such principal shall attach an explanation.

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(Type Name)

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(Organization Name)

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(Title)

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(Organization Address)

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(Signature)

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(Date)

**ATTACHMENT H**  
**MENDOCINO COUNTY EPAYABLES INFORMATION**

The County of Mendocino is currently making electronic payments to all of our vendors and suppliers who qualify. To achieve this more efficient form of payment, the County has partnered with Bank of America and their ePayables credit card program. This electronic initiative will yield many benefits to its participants:

- Expedited receipt of cash – electronic payments provide cash flow benefits by eliminating mail and paper check float
- Elimination of check processing costs
- Remittance data transmitted with payment for more efficient back-end reconciliation
- No collection costs associated with lost or misplaced checks
- Reduced exposure to check fraud
- More efficient handling of exception items
- Fits with existing accounting software – requires no purchase of software, no modifications to existing accounts receivable system and no change to bank accounts.
- Going green with paperless electronic payments help conserve the environment by eliminating printing and mailing of paper checks.

For information regarding the payment process, please contact Dennis Dowd [dowd@co.mendocino.ca.us](mailto:dowd@co.mendocino.ca.us) or 707-234-6864.

Additional information regarding the Bank of America Program is also available at:

[http://corp.bankofamerica.com/business/ci/landing/epayables-vendors?cm\\_mmc=sb-general-vanity-sq01vn000r\\_epayablesvendors-na](http://corp.bankofamerica.com/business/ci/landing/epayables-vendors?cm_mmc=sb-general-vanity-sq01vn000r_epayablesvendors-na)