

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

**PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES**

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**REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ)**

**VETERINARY SERVICES**

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| <b>RFQ No.</b>                  | <b>PH-16-005-RFQ</b>               |
| <b>RFP Issue Date:</b>          | <b>June 30, 2016</b>               |
| <b>RFQ Submission Deadline:</b> | <b>August 10, 2016 – 3:00 p.m.</b> |
| <b>Issued by:</b>               | <b>Public Health Services</b>      |

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## **I. INTRODUCTION**

The County of Mendocino is soliciting information from professionally qualified Veterinarians for veterinary services for Mendocino County Animal Care Services. This Request for Qualifications (RFQ) is extended to any Veterinary Service Provider (hereinafter 'Firm') that meets the minimum qualifications and has the required experience as described below.

## **II. PRE-SUBMITTAL INQUIRIES**

- A. Pre-submittal procedural or technical inquiries may be directed to:
- Bev Rae  
Program Administrator, HHSA Administration Services  
Mendocino County  
707-463-7940  
Fax 707-472-2335  
Email [raeb@co.mendocino.ca.us](mailto:raeb@co.mendocino.ca.us)
- B. All questions regarding this RFQ shall be submitted in writing (Email or Fax is acceptable).
- C. The deadline for submitting written inquiries regarding this RFQ is **July 20, 2016**.
- D. 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 RFQ.
- 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 evaluation process. Failure to comply with this requirement may disqualify those proposals from further consideration. Contact is limited to the Mendocino County RFQ Representatives for technical and procedural inquiries.

## **III. BACKGROUND/SCOPE OF SERVICES**

The selected Veterinary Services vendor will be asked to provide professional services, including, but not limited to, quality diagnostic and therapeutic veterinary medicine and surgery for the Mendocino County Animal Care Services performed at the Animal Wellness Center and/or performed on the Mobile Spay and Neuter Van. Initially, these services include:

- Providing routine health exams.
- Providing pre-surgical exams.
- Working cooperatively and collaboratively with Animal Care Services staff.
- Being available for work at the designated time and location.
- Oversee ordering of and record keeping of controlled substances.
- Vaccinating dogs and cats for rabies and other veterinary diseases.
- Providing medical direction and instruction to the staff for animals housed at the shelter.
- Performing spay and neuter surgeries.
- Performing other surgical procedures as needed.
- Providing post-operative instructions.
- Reporting on missing and replacement tools and supplies.
- To assist in planning and the execution of a comprehensive County wide rabies inoculation program.
- To render a professional opinion on injuries and be available to testify in court or administrative hearings as necessary.
- Provide clinical services up to up to \$55 per hour and/or \$350 per day for services performed on Care-A-Van not to exceed \$20,000.

#### **IV. MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS**

In order to qualify for interview and selection, the selected Veterinary Services vendor must meet the following minimum requirements:

- A. Licensed as a Veterinarian by California Veterinary Medical Board.
- B. Valid California State Driver's License.
- C. Have sufficient education, training and experience which provide the required knowledge, skills, and abilities to perform the essential functions of the job.
- D. Be able and agree to execute and meet the terms and conditions of the attached standard County of Mendocino Standard Services Agreement (see Attachment A).
- E. Be able to demonstrate financial stability.
- F. The selected Veterinary Services vendor must comply with all applicable state and federal regulations regarding equal opportunity employment.
- G.

#### **V. LETTER OF QUALIFICATIONS REQUIREMENTS**

Letters of Qualifications shall be complete and address each of the following sections. The letter must be typed or computer printed on 8.5" x 11" paper with each answer or description in the order given below. Focus your response to this RFQ. Responses should include capability to meet or exceed each minimum qualification. Submit one (1) signed original and two (2) copies of the complete Letter of Qualifications.

- A. **Organization Chart** – Provide an organization chart of the proposed team, which identifies the Veterinary Services vendor and any sub-consultants. The chart should show the organizational structure of the team, the scope of services provided by each team member and provide names of all key personnel. Include specialty-sub consultants, if applicable, that you would expect to use on this type of project. Also, include a brief description of experience that this team has had working together on previous projects.
- B. **Business Description** – Provide a complete description for the business, qualifications for the services proposed, include business name, address, telephone numbers, fax numbers and email addresses. Describe the business history and organization; philosophical approach to their profession; and current workload (number and size of projects currently underway) with a description of how the business would meet the needs of Mendocino County within its existing commitments.
- C. **Key Personnel** – Identify the key personnel and each sub-consultant for this service or project and provide their names, address, phone, fax and email contact information. Include resume of key personnel.
- D. **Experience** - Describe previous and/or similar services rendered for similar contracts.
- E. **Project Approach** - Describe the approach you would use in providing services for this project. Include the techniques, procedures, documents and tools you would use, and the effort, input and/or information you would need from the County.
- F. **Agreement** - The successful applicant will be required to adhere to the provisions, terms and conditions of the attached standard County of Mendocino Standard Services Agreement (see attachment A). Objections to any provisions must be identified in the letter of qualification.
- G. **Financial Statement** – Provide the firm's most recent financial statement OR annual audit
- H. **Billing Rates** –Provide your standard hourly billing rates for each labor category including sub-consultants that may be used.
- I. **Attachment E** – Certificate of Non-Collusion
- J. **Other** - Provide any other information regarding your qualifications you feel is appropriate for consideration for this project.

## **VI. SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

- A. Letters of Qualifications shall be submitted in a sealed envelope, clearly marked with the RFQ#: PH-16-005-RFQ to:

Mendocino County  
Health and Human Services Agency  
747 South State Street  
PO Box 1060  
Ukiah, CA 95482  
Attn: Bev Rae

- B. Letters must be received, regardless of postmarked date, no later than **August 10, 2016 , by 3:00 PM.** Late or facsimile proposals will not be accepted. It is the Firm'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.*
- C. Letters of Qualifications received shall remain confidential until the contract(s), if any, resulting from this RFQ are awarded. Thereafter, all information submitted in response to this RFP shall be deemed public record. In the event that a Firm desires to claim portions of its Proposal as exempt from disclosure, it is incumbent on the Firm to clearly identify those portions with the word "confidential" printed on the lower right hand corner of the page. The County will consider a Firm's request for exemption from disclosure. However, the County will make its decision based upon applicable laws. An assertion by the Firm that the entire Proposal is exempt from disclosure will not be honored.
- D. The Firm is solely responsible for the costs incurred in preparing its Letter of Qualification. The County of Mendocino will provide no compensation for such costs.
- E. The County of Mendocino reserves the right to reject any or all Letters of Qualifications for any reason, to withhold consideration of incomplete responses, to waive informalities or request additional information of the Firms at its discretion, and reserves the right to terminate the solicitation and/or evaluation process at any time.
- F. Acceptance of a Letter of Qualifications or other material during the selection process does not constitute a contract and does not obligate the County of Mendocino to award funds. Funding is subject to final contract approval by the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors. The County also reserves the right to reject any or all proposals (Letters of Qualifications) without penalty and to act in the best interest of the County as may be required.
- G. 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 C).

## **VII. EVALUATION AND SELECTION CRITERIA**

The RFQ selection will be conducted in two phases:

(1) Qualification: The County will receive and review Letters of Qualifications, and select a list of finalists; and

(2) Selection Phase: The County may schedule interviews with the finalists, perform verification of qualifications and background, and select the preferred Firm for contract negotiation. The Letters of Qualifications shall be based on the information provided in this RFQ. More detailed information and site visits may be provided to the finalists during the Selection Phase prior to the scheduling of interviews (if necessary). The County may elect to visit offices and/or completed projects of the finalists before making the final selection. Arrangements for these visits will be made during the Selection Phase.

The following criteria will be used in evaluating and selecting the prospective Consultant:

- A. Clarity of submittal and responsiveness to RFQ.
- B. Qualifications - Relevant qualifications, education and experience of the service provider.
- C. Experience and Ability - Experience providing services on similar projects as described in this RFQ.
- D. Service/Project Control - Quality and performance of previous projects, record of budget and schedule performance, and adequacy of quality assurance and control.
- E. Comparison of billing rates.
- F. Any other criteria deemed relevant to selection.

Attachment A – County of Mendocino Standard Services Agreement

Attachment B – Certificate of Non-Collusion

Attachment C – Mendocino County ePayables Information

## ATTACHMENT A

0-\$25,000 Agreement # \_\_\_\_\_

### COUNTY OF MENDOCINO STANDARD SERVICES 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 in State and Federally Assisted Programs
- Appendix A   Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters -- Lower Tier Covered Transactions

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

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  
DEPARTMENT FISCAL REVIEW:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
[Dept. Head Name, Title, Service Area]

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

Budgeted: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Budget Unit:

Line Item:

Org/Object Code:

Grant: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Grant No.:

**CONTRACTOR/COMPANY**

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

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

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

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

**NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONTRACTOR:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**INSURANCE REVIEW:**

**RISK MANAGER**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Alan Flora, Assistant Chief Executive Officer

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

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.

**EXECUTIVE OFFICE REVIEW:**

APPROVAL RECOMMENDED

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Carmel Angelo, Chief Executive Officer

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

**COUNTY COUNSEL REVIEW:**

APPROVED AS TO FORM

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Katharine L. Elliott, County Counsel

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 ☐ \_\_\_\_\_



## **GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

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: COUNTY OF MENDOCINO  
HHSA [Service Area]  
P.O. Box  
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.
  - 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 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.
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]

## **EXHIBIT A**

### **DEFINITION OF SERVICES**

CONTRACTOR shall provide the following services:

[END OF DEFINITION OF SERVICES]

## **EXHIBIT B**

### **PAYMENT TERMS**

[END OF PAYMENT TERMS]

## **EXHIBIT C**

### **INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS**

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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**

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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  
[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;
  - A. (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 B  
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.

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(Name of Proposer)

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

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



**ATTACHMENT C  
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 Dow [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\\_-sg01vn000r\\_epayablesvendors\\_-na](http://corp.bankofamerica.com/business/ci/landing/epayables-vendors?cm_mmc=sb-general_-vanity_-sg01vn000r_epayablesvendors_-na)