

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



ITEM: 3.6  
(ID # 17736)

**MEETING DATE:**

Tuesday, February 08, 2022

**FROM :** DISTRICT ATTORNEY:

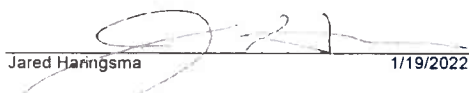
**SUBJECT:** DISTRICT ATTORNEY: Approve the Professional Services Agreements with the Vendors Listed in Attachment A for Various Background Investigation Services without seeking competitive bids for up to five years through December 31, 2026: All Districts; [Total Aggregate Cost - \$1,600,000; Up to \$160,000 in additional compensation]; 100% General Fund

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the Professional Services Agreements with the vendors listed in Attachment A ("Approved Contract Vendor List") for various background investigation services without seeking competitive bids for a total aggregate amount of \$1,600,000 for five years through December 31, 2026, and authorize the Chair of the Board to sign the Agreements on behalf of the County; and,
2. Authorize Purchasing Agent, in accordance with Ordinance No. 459, based on the availability of fiscal funding and as approved by County Counsel: (a) to sign amendments that exercise the options of the agreement including modifications of the statement of work that stay within the intent of the Agreement; (b) move the allocated funds among the vendors; (c) and sign amendments to the compensation provisions that do not exceed the sum total of ten percent (10%) of the total annual cost of the contract.

**ACTION: Policy**

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Jared Haringsma 1/19/2022

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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

On motion of Supervisor Spiegel seconded by Supervisor Perez and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Hewitt  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Date: February 8, 2022  
xc: District Attorney

Kecia R. Harper  
Clerk of the Board  
By   
Deputy

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<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	<b>Current Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Next Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Total Cost:</b>	<b>Ongoing Cost</b>
<b>COST</b>	\$350,000	\$350,000	\$1,760,000	\$ 0
<b>NET COUNTY COST</b>	\$350,000	\$350,000	\$1,760,000	\$ 0
<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS: 100% General Fund</b>			<b>Budget Adjustment: No</b>	
			<b>For Fiscal Year: 21/22 - 25/26</b>	

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:** Approve

**BACKGROUND:**

**Summary**

Conducting a thorough background investigation check is a necessary and important component of any law enforcement application process. The sensitive nature of the law enforcement work, combined with the high level of trust and authority that the public gives to these professionals, requires that candidates be of the highest moral character. The District Attorney's Office ("DA") employs multi-screening procedures including medical, psychological, physical fitness, interview panels and the background investigation in their process to ensure we select the best applicants, and applicants with criminal pasts or current involvements are filtered out.

The District Attorney's Office has recently experienced difficulties in completing background investigations on a timely basis given the limited availability of vendors. This addition of multiple vendors will allow the District Attorney's Office to increase flexibility and reduce vacancy time by shortening the turnover of these extensive background investigations. This action will allow increased efficiencies in performing this function for the office.

**Impact on Residents and Businesses**

A thorough background investigation is important to ensure the applicants selected have the correct aptitude to serve the community. Employing multiple pre-screening procedures allows the DA to select the most qualified applicants and increasing the number of vendors available to complete this effort increases departmental efficiencies

**Additional Fiscal Information**

The DA is requesting for a 10% contingency of the total contract amount, which is \$160,000, to allow for additional labor expenses. The total five (5) year cost with the 10% contingency is \$1,760,000. The DA anticipated on-going costs in this category within their current approved county budget and as a result, will not be requesting a budget modification.

**Price Reasonableness**

The DA requires multiple vendors to allow for immediate support based on the department's volume and specific needs. Using third party vendors for these services will reduce costs associated with using sworn personnel to perform background investigations. These services will be used on an "as needed" basis (Purchasing Approved SSJ #s 22-065, 22-066 and 22-

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067).

**Attachments:**

Attachment A: Approved Contract Vendor List

SSJ Nevins Professional Investigations

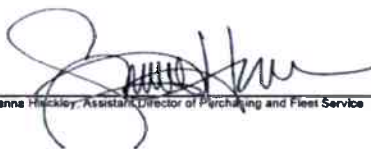
SSJ Halo Confidential Investigations

SSJ Arroyo Background Investigations

Professional Service Agreement with Arroyo Background Investigations

Professional Service Agreement with Halo Confidential Investigations LLC

Professional Service Agreement with Nevins Professional Investigations



Suzanne Mackley, Assistant Director of Purchasing and Fleet Service

1/27/2022



Juan C. Perez, Chief Operating Officer

2/3/2022



Gregory V. Priamos, Director County Counsel

2/1/2022

**Attachment A**

**Approved Contract Vendor List**

Eric Arroyo dba Arroyo Background Investigations  
19510 Van Buren Blvd., Suite #F3-192  
Riverside, CA 92508

Halo Confidential Investigations LLC  
2209 E. Baseline Rd. #300-305  
Claremont, CA 91711

Eric Nevins dba Nevins Professional Investigations  
13312 Ranchero Road, Suite 18 #452  
Oak Hills, CA 92344



**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT**

**for**

**LAW ENFORCEMENT PRE-EMPLOYMENT BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION SERVICES**

**between**

**COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE**

**and**

**ARROYO dba ARROYO BACKGROUND INVESTIGATIONS**



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This Agreement, made and entered into this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, by and between ARROYO BACKGROUND INVESTIGATIONS, (herein referred to as "CONTRACTOR"), and the COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, a political subdivision of the State of California, (herein referred to as "COUNTY"). The parties agree as follows:

**1. Description of Services**

**1.1** CONTRACTOR shall provide all services as outlined and specified in Exhibit A, Scope of Services, at the prices stated in Exhibit B, Payment Provisions to the Agreement.

**1.2** CONTRACTOR represents that it has the skills, experience, and knowledge necessary to perform under this Agreement and the COUNTY relies upon this representation. CONTRACTOR shall perform to the satisfaction of the COUNTY and in conformance to and consistent with the highest standards of firms/professionals in the same discipline in the State of California.

**1.3** CONTRACTOR affirms this it is fully apprised of all the work to be performed under this Agreement; and the CONTRACTOR agrees it can properly perform this work at the prices stated in Exhibit B. CONTRACTOR is not to perform services or provide products outside of the Agreement.

**1.4** Acceptance by the COUNTY of the CONTRACTOR's performance under this Agreement does not operate as a release of CONTRACTOR's responsibility for full compliance with the terms of this Agreement.

**2. Period of Performance**

**2.1** This Agreement shall be effective upon signature of this Agreement by both parties and continues in effect through December 31, 2023, unless terminated earlier. CONTRACTOR shall commence performance upon signature of this Agreement by both parties and shall diligently and continuously perform thereafter. The Riverside County Board of Supervisors is the only authority that may obligate the County for a non-cancelable multi-year agreement.

**3. Compensation**

**3.1** The COUNTY shall pay the CONTRACTOR for services performed, products provided, and expenses incurred in accordance with the terms of Exhibit B, Payment Provisions. Maximum payments by COUNTY to CONTRACTOR shall not exceed fifty thousand (\$50,000) annually including all expenses. The COUNTY is not responsible for any fees or costs incurred above or beyond the contracted amount and shall have no obligation to purchase any specified number of services or products. Unless otherwise specifically stated in Exhibit B, COUNTY shall not be responsible for payment of any of CONTRACTOR's expenses related to this Agreement.

**3.2** No price increases will be permitted during the first year of this Agreement (If applicable). All price decreases (for example, if CONTRACTOR offers lower prices to another governmental entity) will automatically be extended to the COUNTY. The COUNTY requires written proof satisfactory to COUNTY of cost increases prior to any approved price adjustment. After the first year of the award, a minimum of 30-days advance notice in writing is required to be considered and approved by COUNTY. No retroactive price adjustments will be considered. Any price increases must be stated in a written amendment to this Agreement. The net dollar amount of profit will remain firm during the period of the Agreement. Annual increases shall not exceed the Consumer Price Index- All Consumers, All Items - Greater Los Angeles, Riverside and Orange County areas and be subject to satisfactory performance review by the COUNTY and approved (if needed) for budget funding by the Board of Supervisors.

**3.3** CONTRACTOR shall be paid only in accordance with an invoice submitted to COUNTY by CONTRACTOR within fifteen (15) days from the last day of each calendar month, and COUNTY shall pay the invoice within thirty (30) working days from the date of receipt of the invoice. Payment shall be made to CONTRACTOR only after services have been rendered or delivery of materials or products, and acceptance has been made by COUNTY. Prepare invoices in duplicate. For this Agreement, send the original and duplicate copies of invoices to:

**Riverside County District Attorney's Office  
Attn: Accounts Payable – 10<sup>th</sup> floor  
3960 Orange Street  
Riverside, CA 92501**

- a) Each invoice shall contain a minimum of the following information: invoice number and date; remittance address; bill-to and ship-to addresses of ordering department/division; Contract Agreement number DAARC-PSA-96130-0003824-01/27; quantities; item descriptions, unit prices, extensions, sales/use tax if applicable, and an invoice total.
- b) Invoices shall be rendered monthly in arrears.

**3.4** The COUNTY obligation for payment of this Agreement beyond the current fiscal year end is contingent upon and limited by the availability of COUNTY funding from which payment can be made, and invoices shall be rendered “monthly” in arrears. In the State of California, Government agencies are not allowed to pay excess interest and late charges, per Government Codes, Section 926.10. No legal liability on the part of the COUNTY shall arise for payment beyond June 30 of each calendar year unless funds are made available for such payment. If such funds are not forthcoming for any reason, COUNTY

shall immediately notify CONTRACTOR in writing; and this Agreement shall be deemed terminated, have no further force, and effect.

**4. Alteration or Changes to the Agreement**

**4.1** The Board of Supervisors and the COUNTY Purchasing Agent and/or his designee is the only authorized COUNTY representatives who may at any time, by written order, alter this Agreement. If any such alteration causes an increase or decrease in the cost of, or the time required for the performance under this Agreement, an equitable adjustment shall be made in the Agreement price or delivery schedule, or both, and the Agreement shall be modified by written amendment accordingly.

**4.2** Any claim by the CONTRACTOR for additional payment related to this Agreement shall be made in writing by the CONTRACTOR within 30 days of when the CONTRACTOR has or should have notice of any actual or claimed change in the work, which results in additional and unanticipated cost to the CONTRACTOR. If the COUNTY Purchasing Agent decides that the facts provide sufficient justification, he may authorize additional payment to the CONTRACTOR pursuant to the claim. Nothing in this section shall excuse the CONTRACTOR from proceeding with performance of the Agreement even if there has been a change.

**5. Termination**

**5.1** COUNTY may terminate this Agreement without cause upon 30 days written notice served upon the CONTRACTOR stating the extent and effective date of termination.

**5.2** COUNTY may, upon five (5) days written notice terminate this Agreement for CONTRACTOR's default, if CONTRACTOR refuses or fails to comply with the terms of this Agreement or fails to make progress that may endanger performance and does not immediately cure such failure. In the event of such termination, the COUNTY may proceed with the work in any manner deemed proper by COUNTY.

**5.3** After receipt of the notice of termination, CONTRACTOR shall:

- (a) Stop all work under this Agreement on the date specified in the notice of termination; and
- (b) Transfer to COUNTY and deliver in the manner as directed by COUNTY any materials, reports or other products, which, if the Agreement had been completed or continued, would have been required to be furnished to COUNTY.

**5.4** After termination, COUNTY shall make payment only for CONTRACTOR's performance up to the date of termination in accordance with this Agreement.

**5.5** CONTRACTOR's rights under this Agreement shall terminate (except for fees accrued prior to the date of termination) upon dishonesty or a willful or material breach of this Agreement by CONTRACTOR; or in the event of CONTRACTOR's unwillingness or inability for any reason whatsoever to perform the terms of this Agreement. In such event, CONTRACTOR shall not be entitled to any further compensation under this Agreement.

**5.6** If the Agreement is federally or State funded, CONTRACTOR cannot be debarred from the System for Award Management (SAM). CONTRACTOR must notify the COUNTY immediately of a debarment. Reference: System for Award Management (SAM) at <https://www.sam.gov> for Central Contractor Registry (CCR), Federal Agency Registration (Fedreg), Online Representations and Certifications Application, and Excluded Parties List System (EPLS)). Excluded Parties Listing System (EPLS) (<http://www.epls.gov>) (Executive Order 12549, 7 CFR Part 3017, 45 CFR Part 76, and 44 CFR Part 17). The System for Award Management (SAM) is the Official U.S. Government system that consolidated the capabilities of CCR/FedReg, ORCA, and EPLS.

**5.7** The rights and remedies of COUNTY provided in this section shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or this Agreement.

**6. Ownership/Use of Contract Materials and Products**

The CONTRACTOR agrees that all materials, reports or products in any form, including electronic, created by CONTRACTOR for which CONTRACTOR has been compensated by COUNTY pursuant to this Agreement shall be the sole property of the COUNTY. The material, reports or products may be used by the COUNTY for any purpose that the COUNTY deems to be appropriate, including, but not limit to, duplication and/or distribution within the COUNTY or to third parties. CONTRACTOR agrees not to release or circulate in whole or part such materials, reports, or products without prior written authorization of the COUNTY.

**7. Conduct of Contractor**

**7.1** The CONTRACTOR covenants that it presently has no interest, including, but not limited to, other projects or contracts, and shall not acquire any such interest, direct or indirect, which would conflict in any manner or degree with CONTRACTOR's performance under this Agreement. The CONTRACTOR further covenants that no person or subcontractor having any such interest shall be employed or retained by CONTRACTOR under this Agreement. The CONTRACTOR agrees to inform the COUNTY of all the CONTRACTOR's interests, if any, which are or may be perceived as incompatible with the COUNTY's interests.

7.2 The CONTRACTOR shall not, under circumstances which could be interpreted as an attempt to influence the recipient in the conduct of his/her duties, accept any gratuity or special favor from individuals or firms with whom the CONTRACTOR is doing business or proposing to do business, in accomplishing the work under this Agreement.

7.3 The CONTRACTOR or its employees shall not offer gifts, gratuity, favors, and entertainment directly or indirectly to COUNTY employees.

**8. Inspection of Service; Quality Control/Assurance**

8.1 All performance (which includes services, workmanship, materials, supplies and equipment furnished or utilized in the performance of this Agreement) shall be subject to inspection and test by the COUNTY or other regulatory agencies at all times. The CONTRACTOR shall provide adequate cooperation to any inspector or other COUNTY representative to permit him/her to determine the CONTRACTOR's conformity with the terms of this Agreement. If any services performed or products provided by CONTRACTOR are not in conformance with the terms of this Agreement, the COUNTY shall have the right to require the CONTRACTOR to perform the services or provide the products in conformance with the terms of the Agreement at no additional cost to the COUNTY. When the services to be performed or the products to be provided are of such nature that the difference cannot be corrected; the COUNTY shall have the right to: (1) require the CONTRACTOR immediately to take all necessary steps to ensure future performance in conformity with the terms of the Agreement; and/or (2) reduce the Agreement price to reflect the reduced value of the services performed or products provided. The COUNTY may also terminate this Agreement for default and charge to CONTRACTOR any costs incurred by the COUNTY because of the CONTRACTOR's failure to perform.

8.2 CONTRACTOR shall establish adequate procedures for self-monitoring and quality control and assurance to ensure proper performance under this Agreement; and shall permit a COUNTY representative or other regulatory official to monitor, assess, or evaluate CONTRACTOR's performance under this Agreement at any time, upon reasonable notice to the CONTRACTOR.

**9. Independent Contractor/Employment Eligibility**

9.1 The CONTRACTOR is, for purposes relating to this Agreement, an independent contractor and shall not be deemed an employee of the COUNTY. It is expressly understood and agreed that the CONTRACTOR (including its employees, agents, and subcontractors) shall in no event be entitled to any benefits to which COUNTY employees are entitled, including but not limited to overtime, any retirement benefits, worker's compensation benefits, and injury leave or other leave benefits. There shall be no

employer-employee relationship between the parties; and CONTRACTOR shall hold COUNTY harmless from any and all claims that may be made against COUNTY based upon any contention by a third party that an employer-employee relationship exists by reason of this Agreement. It is further understood and agreed by the parties that CONTRACTOR in the performance of this Agreement is subject to the control or direction of COUNTY merely as to the results to be accomplished and not as to the means and methods for accomplishing the results.

**9.2** CONTRACTOR warrants that it shall make its best effort to fully comply with all federal and state statutes and regulations regarding the employment of aliens and others and to ensure that employees performing work under this Agreement meet the citizenship or alien status requirement set forth in federal statutes and regulations. CONTRACTOR shall obtain, from all employees performing work hereunder, all verification and other documentation of employment eligibility status required by federal or state statutes and regulations including, but not limited to, the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, 8 U.S.C. §1324 et seq., as they currently exist and as they may be hereafter amended. CONTRACTOR shall retain all such documentation for all covered employees, for the period prescribed by the law.

**9.3** Ineligible Person shall be any individual or entity who: Is currently excluded, suspended, debarred or otherwise ineligible to participate in the federal health care programs; or has been convicted of a criminal offense related to the provision of health care items or services and has not been reinstated in the federal health care programs after a period of exclusion, suspension, debarment, or ineligibility.

**9.4** CONTRACTOR shall screen prospective Covered Individuals prior to hire or engagement. CONTRACTOR shall not hire or engage any Ineligible Person to provide services directly relative to this Agreement. CONTRACTOR shall screen all current Covered Individuals within sixty (60) days of execution of this Agreement to ensure that they have not become Ineligible Persons unless CONTRACTOR has performed such screening on same Covered Individuals under a separate agreement with COUNTY within the past six (6) months. Covered Individuals shall be required to disclose to CONTRACTOR immediately any debarment, exclusion or other event that makes the Covered Individual an Ineligible Person. CONTRACTOR shall notify COUNTY within five (5) business days after it becomes aware if a Covered Individual providing services directly relative to this Agreement becomes debarred, excluded or otherwise becomes an Ineligible Person.

**9.5** CONTRACTOR acknowledges that Ineligible Persons are precluded from providing federal and state funded health care services by contract with COUNTY in the event that they are



currently sanctioned or excluded by a federal or state law enforcement regulatory or licensing agency. If CONTRACTOR becomes aware that a Covered Individual has become an Ineligible Person, CONTRACTOR shall remove such individual from responsibility for, or involvement with, COUNTY business operations related to this Agreement.

**9.6** CONTRACTOR shall notify COUNTY within five (5) business days if a Covered Individual or entity is currently excluded, suspended or debarred, or is identified as such after being sanction screened. Such individual or entity shall be promptly removed from participating in any activity associated with this Agreement.

**10. Subcontract for Work or Services**

No contract shall be made by the CONTRACTOR with any other party for furnishing any of the work or services under this Agreement without the prior written approval of the COUNTY; but this provision shall not require the approval of contracts of employment between the CONTRACTOR and personnel assigned under this Agreement, or for parties named in the proposal and agreed to under this Agreement.

**11. Disputes**

**11.1** The parties shall attempt to resolve any disputes amicably at the working level. If that is not successful, the dispute shall be referred to the senior management of the parties. Any dispute relating to this Agreement, which is not resolved by the parties, shall be decided by the COUNTY's Purchasing Department's Compliance Contract Officer who shall furnish the decision in writing. The decision of the COUNTY's Compliance Contract Officer shall be final and conclusive unless determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to have been fraudulent, capricious, arbitrary, or so grossly erroneous to imply bad faith. The CONTRACTOR shall proceed diligently with the performance of this Agreement pending the resolution of a dispute.

**11.2** Prior to the filing of any legal action related to this Agreement, the parties shall be obligated to attend a mediation session in Riverside County before a neutral third-party mediator. A second mediation session shall be required if the first session is not successful. The parties shall share the cost of the mediations.

**12. Licensing and Permits**

CONTRACTOR shall comply with all State or other licensing requirements, including but not limited to the provisions of Chapter 9 of Division 3 of the Business and Professions Code. All licensing requirements shall be met at the time proposals are submitted to the COUNTY. CONTRACTOR warrants

that it has all necessary permits, approvals, certificates, waivers and exemptions necessary for performance of this Agreement as required by the laws and regulations of the United States, the State of California, the County of Riverside and all other governmental agencies with jurisdiction and shall maintain these throughout the term of this Agreement.

**13. Use By Other Political Entities**

The CONTRACTOR agrees to extend the same pricing, terms, and conditions as stated in this Agreement to each and every political entity, special district, and related non-profit. It is understood that other entities shall make purchases in their own name, make direct payment, and be liable directly to the CONTRACTOR; and COUNTY shall in no way be responsible to CONTRACTOR for other entities' purchases.

**14. Non-Discrimination**

CONTRACTOR shall not be discriminate in the provision of services, allocation of benefits, accommodation in facilities, or employment of personnel on the basis of ethnic group identification, race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical handicap, medical condition, marital status or sex in the performance of this Agreement; and, to the extent they shall be found to be applicable hereto, shall comply with the provisions of the California Fair Employment and Housing Act (Gov. Code 12900 et. seq), the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352), the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. §1210 et seq.) and all other applicable laws or regulations.

**15. Records and Documents**

CONTRACTOR shall make available, upon written request by any duly authorized Federal, State, or COUNTY agency, a copy of this Agreement and such books, documents and records as are necessary to certify the nature and extent of the CONTRACTOR's costs related to this Agreement. All such books, documents and records shall be maintained by CONTRACTOR for at least five years following termination of this Agreement and be available for audit by the COUNTY. CONTRACTOR shall provide to the COUNTY reports and information related to this Agreement as requested by COUNTY.

**16. Confidentiality**

**16.1** The CONTRACTOR shall not use for personal gain or make other improper use of privileged or confidential information which is acquired in connection with this Agreement. The term "privileged or confidential information" includes but is not limited to: unpublished or sensitive technological or scientific information; medical, personnel, or security records; anticipated material requirements or pricing/purchasing actions; COUNTY information or data which is not subject to public

disclosure; COUNTY operational procedures; and knowledge of selection of contractors, subcontractors or suppliers in advance of official announcement.

**16.2** The CONTRACTOR shall protect from unauthorized disclosure names and other identifying information concerning persons receiving services pursuant to this Agreement, except for general statistical information not identifying any person. The CONTRACTOR shall not use such information for any purpose other than carrying out the CONTRACTOR's obligations under this Agreement. The CONTRACTOR shall promptly transmit to the COUNTY all third-party requests for disclosure of such information. The CONTRACTOR shall not disclose, except as otherwise specifically permitted by this Agreement or authorized in advance in writing by the COUNTY, any such information to anyone other than the COUNTY. For purposes of this paragraph, identity shall include, but not be limited to, name, identifying number, symbol, or other identifying particulars assigned to the individual, such as finger or voice print or a photograph.

**16.3** The CONTRACTOR is subject to and shall operate in compliance with all relevant requirements contained in the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), Public Law 104-191, enacted August 21, 1996, and the related laws and regulations promulgated subsequent thereto. Please refer to Attachment 1 of this agreement.

**17. Administration/Contract Liaison**

The COUNTY Purchasing Agent, or designee, shall administer this Agreement on behalf of the COUNTY. The Purchasing Department is to serve as the liaison with CONTRACTOR in connection with this Agreement.

**18. Notices**

All correspondence and notices required or contemplated by this Agreement shall be delivered to the respective parties at the addresses set forth below and are deemed submitted two days after their deposit in the United States mail, postage prepaid:

**COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE**

Riverside County District Attorney's Office  
Attn: 10<sup>th</sup> Floor - Administration  
3960 Orange St.  
Riverside, CA 92501

**CONTRACTOR**

Arroyo Background Investigations  
19510 Van Buren Blvd., Suite #F3-192  
Riverside, CA 92508

**19. Force Majeure**

If either party is unable to comply with any provision of this Agreement due to causes beyond its reasonable control, and which could not have been reasonably anticipated, such as acts of God, acts of war, civil disorders, or other similar acts, such party shall not be held liable for such failure to comply.

**20. EDD Reporting Requirements**

In order to comply with child support enforcement requirements of the State of California, the COUNTY may be required to submit a Report of Independent Contractor(s) form **DE 542** to the Employment Development Department. The CONTRACTOR agrees to furnish the required data and certifications to the COUNTY within 10 days of notification of award of Agreement when required by the EDD. This data will be transmitted to governmental agencies charged with the establishment and enforcement of child support orders. Failure of the CONTRACTOR to timely submit the data and/or certificates required may result in the contract being awarded to another contractor. In the event a contract has been issued, failure of the CONTRACTOR to comply with all federal and state reporting requirements for child support enforcement or to comply with all lawfully served Wage and Earnings Assignments Orders and Notices of Assignment shall constitute a material breach of Agreement. If CONTRACTOR has any questions concerning this reporting requirement, please call (916) 657-0529. CONTRACTOR should also contact its local Employment Tax Customer Service Office listed in the telephone directory in the State Government section under "Employment Development Department" or access their Internet site at [www.edd.ca.gov](http://www.edd.ca.gov).

**21. Hold Harmless/Indemnification**

**21.1** CONTRACTOR shall indemnify and hold harmless the County of Riverside, its Agencies, Districts, Special Districts and Departments, their respective directors, officers, Board of Supervisors, elected and appointed officials, employees, agents and representatives (individually and collectively hereinafter referred to as Indemnitees) from any liability, action, claim or damage whatsoever, based or asserted upon any services of CONTRACTOR, its officers, employees, subcontractors, agents or representatives arising out of or in any way relating to this Agreement, including but not limited to property damage, bodily injury, or death or any other element of any kind or nature. CONTRACTOR shall defend the Indemnitees at its sole expense including all costs and fees (including, but not limited, to attorney fees, cost of investigation, defense and settlements or awards) in any claim or action based upon such acts, omissions, or services.

**21.2** With respect to any action or claim subject to indemnification herein by CONTRACTOR, CONTRACTOR shall, at their sole cost, have the right to use counsel of their own choice and shall have the right to adjust, settle, or compromise any such action or claim without the prior consent of COUNTY; provided, however, that any such adjustment, settlement or compromise in no manner whatsoever limits or circumscribes CONTRACTOR indemnification to Indemnitees as set forth herein.

**21.3** CONTRACTOR'S obligation hereunder shall be satisfied when CONTRACTOR has provided to COUNTY the appropriate form of dismissal relieving COUNTY from any liability for the action or claim involved.

**21.4** The specified insurance limits required in this Agreement shall in no way limit or circumscribe CONTRACTOR'S obligations to indemnify and hold harmless the Indemnitees herein from third party claims.

## **22. Insurance**

**22.1** Without limiting or diminishing the CONTRACTOR'S obligation to indemnify or hold the COUNTY harmless, CONTRACTOR shall procure and maintain or cause to be maintained, at its sole cost and expense, the following insurance coverage's during the term of this Agreement. As respects to the insurance section only, the COUNTY herein refers to the County of Riverside, its Agencies, Districts, Special Districts, and Departments, their respective directors, officers, Board of Supervisors, employees, elected or appointed officials, agents, or representatives as Additional Insureds.

### **A. Workers' Compensation:**

If the CONTRACTOR has employees as defined by the State of California, the CONTRACTOR shall maintain statutory Workers' Compensation Insurance (Coverage A) as prescribed by the laws of the State of California. Policy shall include Employers' Liability (Coverage B) including Occupational Disease with limits not less than \$1,000,000 per person per accident. The policy shall be endorsed to waive subrogation in favor of The County of Riverside.

### **B. Commercial General Liability:**

Commercial General Liability insurance coverage, including but not limited to, premises liability, unmodified contractual liability, products and completed operations liability, personal and advertising injury, and cross liability coverage, covering claims which may arise from or out of CONTRACTOR'S performance of its obligations hereunder. Policy shall name the COUNTY as Additional Insured. Policy's limit of liability shall not be less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence combined single limit. If such insurance

contains a general aggregate limit, it shall apply separately to this agreement or be no less than two (2) times the occurrence limit.

**C. Vehicle Liability:**

If vehicles or mobile equipment is used in the performance of the obligations under this Agreement, then CONTRACTOR shall maintain liability insurance for all owned, non-owned, or hired vehicles so used in an amount not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence combined single limit. If such insurance contains a general aggregate limit, it shall apply separately to this agreement or be no less than two (2) times the occurrence limit. Policy shall name the COUNTY as Additional Insureds.

**D. Professional Liability:**

Contractor shall maintain Professional Liability Insurance providing coverage for the Contractor's performance of work included within this Agreement, with a limit of liability of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 annual aggregate. If Contractor's Professional Liability Insurance is written on a claims made basis rather than an occurrence basis, such insurance shall continue through the term of this Agreement and CONTRACTOR shall purchase at his sole expense either 1) an Extended Reporting Endorsement (also, known as Tail Coverage); or 2) Prior Dates Coverage from new insurer with a retroactive date back to the date of, or prior to, the inception of this Agreement; or 3) demonstrate through Certificates of Insurance that CONTRACTOR has Maintained continuous coverage with the same or original insurer. Coverage provided under items; 1), 2), or 3) will continue as long as the law allows.

**E. General Insurance Provisions - All lines:**

1) Any insurance carrier providing insurance coverage hereunder shall be admitted to the State of California and have an A M BEST rating of not less than A: VIII (A:8) unless such requirements are waived, in writing, by the County Risk Manager. If the County's Risk Manager waives a requirement for a particular insurer such waiver is only valid for that specific insurer and only for one policy term.

2) The CONTRACTOR must declare its insurance self-insured retention for each coverage required herein. If any such self-insured retention exceeds \$500,000 per occurrence each such retention shall have the prior written consent of the County Risk Manager before the commencement of operations under this Agreement. Upon notification of self-insured retention unacceptable to the COUNTY, and at the election of the County's Risk Manager, CONTRACTOR'S carriers shall either; 1) reduce or eliminate such self-insured retention as respects this Agreement with the COUNTY, or 2) procure a bond which guarantees payment of losses and related investigations, claims administration, and defense costs and expenses.

3) CONTRACTOR shall cause CONTRACTOR'S insurance carrier(s) to furnish the County of Riverside with either 1) a properly executed original Certificate(s) of Insurance and certified original copies of Endorsements effecting coverage as required herein, and 2) if requested to do so orally or in writing by the County Risk Manager, provide original Certified copies of policies including all Endorsements and all attachments thereto, showing such insurance is in full force and effect. Further, said Certificate(s) and policies of insurance shall contain the covenant of the insurance carrier(s) that thirty (30) days written notice shall be given to the County of Riverside prior to any material modification, cancellation, expiration or reduction in coverage of such insurance. In the event of a material modification, cancellation, expiration, or reduction in coverage, this Agreement shall terminate forthwith, unless the County of Riverside receives, prior to such effective date, another properly executed original Certificate of Insurance and original copies of endorsements or certified original policies, including all endorsements and attachments thereto evidencing coverage's set forth herein and the insurance required herein is in full force and effect. CONTRACTOR shall not commence operations until the COUNTY has been furnished original Certificate (s) of Insurance and certified original copies of endorsements and if requested, certified original policies of insurance including all endorsements and any and all other attachments as required in this Section. An individual authorized by the insurance carrier shall sign the original endorsements for each policy and the Certificate of Insurance.

4) It is understood and agreed to by the parties hereto that the CONTRACTOR'S insurance shall be construed as primary insurance, and the COUNTY'S insurance and/or deductibles and/or self-insured retentions or self-insured programs shall not be construed as contributory.

5) If, during the term of this Agreement or any extension thereof, there is a material change in the scope of services; or, there is a material change in the equipment to be used in the performance of the scope of work; or, the term of this Agreement, including any extensions thereof, exceeds five (5) years; the COUNTY reserves the right to adjust the types of insurance and the monetary limits of liability required under this Agreement, if in the County Risk Manager's reasonable judgment, the amount or type of insurance carried by the CONTRACTOR has become inadequate.

6) CONTRACTOR shall pass down the insurance obligations contained herein to all tiers of subcontractors working under this Agreement.

7) The insurance requirements contained in this Agreement may be met with a program(s) of self-insurance acceptable to the COUNTY.

8) CONTRACTOR agrees to notify COUNTY of any claim by a third party or any incident or event that may give rise to a claim arising from the performance of this Agreement.

**23. General**

**23.1** CONTRACTOR shall not delegate or assign any interest in this Agreement, whether by operation of law or otherwise, without the prior written consent of COUNTY. Any attempt to delegate or assign any interest herein shall be deemed void and of no force or effect.

**23.2** Any waiver by COUNTY of any breach of any one or more of the terms of this Agreement shall not be construed to be a waiver of any subsequent or other breach of the same or of any other term of this Agreement. Failure on the part of COUNTY to require exact, full, and complete compliance with any terms of this Agreement shall not be construed as in any manner changing the terms or preventing COUNTY from enforcement of the terms of this Agreement.

**23.3** In the event the CONTRACTOR receives payment under this Agreement, which is later disallowed by COUNTY for nonconformance with the terms of the Agreement, the CONTRACTOR shall promptly refund the disallowed amount to the COUNTY on request; or at its option the COUNTY may offset the amount disallowed from any payment due to the CONTRACTOR.

**23.4** CONTRACTOR shall not provide partial delivery or shipment of services or products unless specifically stated in the Agreement.

**23.5** CONTRACTOR shall not provide any services or products subject to any chattel mortgage or under a conditional sales contract or other agreement by which an interest is retained by a third party. The CONTRACTOR warrants that it has good title to all materials or products used by CONTRACTOR or provided to COUNTY pursuant to this Agreement, free from all liens, claims, or encumbrances.

**23.6** Nothing in this Agreement shall prohibit the COUNTY from acquiring the same type or equivalent equipment, products, materials, or services from other sources, when deemed by the COUNTY to be in its best interest. The COUNTY reserves the right to purchase more or less than the quantities specified in this Agreement.

**23.7** The COUNTY agrees to cooperate with the CONTRACTOR in the CONTRACTOR's performance under this Agreement, including, if stated in the Agreement, providing the CONTRACTOR with reasonable facilities and timely access to COUNTY data, information, and personnel.

**23.8** CONTRACTOR shall comply with all applicable Federal, State, and local laws and regulations. CONTRACTOR will comply with all applicable COUNTY policies and procedures. In the



event that there is a conflict between the various laws or regulations that may apply, the CONTRACTOR shall comply with the more restrictive law or regulation.

**23.9** CONTRACTOR shall comply with all air pollution control, water pollution, safety and health ordinances, statutes, or regulations, which apply to performance under this Agreement.

**23.10** CONTRACTOR shall comply with all requirements of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) standards and codes as set forth by the U.S. Department of Labor and the State of California (Cal/OSHA).

**23.11** This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of California. Any legal action related to the performance or interpretation of this Agreement shall be filed only in the Superior Court of the State of California located in Riverside, California, and the parties waive any provision of law providing for a change of venue to another location. In the event any provision in this Agreement is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void, or unenforceable, the remaining provisions will nevertheless continue in full force without being impaired or invalidated in any way.

**23.12** This Agreement, including any attachments or exhibits, constitutes the entire Agreement of the parties with respect to its subject matter and supersedes all prior and contemporaneous representations, proposals, discussions and communications, whether oral or in writing. This Agreement may be changed or modified only by a written amendment signed by authorized representatives of both parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused their duly authorized representatives to execute this Agreement.

**COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE**, a political  
subdivision of the State of California

By:   
**JEFF HEWITT**, Chair  
Board of Supervisors

Dated: FEB 08 2022

**CONTRACTOR NAME HERE**

By:   
Eric Arroyo  
Owner/Qualified Manager

Dated: 1/10/22

ATTEST:

Kecia Harper-Ihem  
Clerk of the Board

By:   
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Gregory P. Priamos  
County Counsel

By:   
**RYAN TABLADO**  
Deputy County Counsel

## **EXHIBIT A – SCOPE OF SERVICES**

### **A. PRE-EMPLOYMENT BACKGROUND INVESTIGATIONS:**

COUNTY retains the CONTRACTOR to provide pre-employment background investigation service for applicant applying for law enforcement positions, including reports to the District Attorney's Office. Without limiting the Scope of Services described herein, CONTRACTOR shall meet the service requirement outlined below.

#### **1. CONTRACTOR'S QUALIFICATIONS**

CONTRACTOR shall possess the following qualifications for the pre-employment background investigation service:

- a. Experience in pre-employment background investigations for safety personnel and non-safety personnel with local government and/or public sector within the last five (5) years in accordance with the Federal Fair Credit Reporting Act and California Investigative Consumer Reporting Agencies Act.
- b. Experience conducting bulk pre-employment background investigations for police academies within a compressed timeframe.
- c. CONTRACTOR shall have 36-hour of POST background school and at least two (2) year experience in POST background check.
- d. CONTRACTOR must possess a current Private Investigator License issued by the State of California Department of Consumer Affairs, Bureau of Security, and Investigative Services.
- e. All background/reference checks must be made by CONTRACTOR with the appropriate licensure, credentials, training, and experience.
- f. CONTRACTOR must meet all insurance requirements

#### **2. CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITIES**

The CONTRACTOR responsibilities are as follow:

- a. Participate in background orientation/meeting before commencing with background investigations.
- b. Meet with the District Attorney's Office staff to discuss expectations, timelines, processes, and resources as needed.
- c. Present the manner and method of the investigations, including documents and forms used during the investigation process, for approval by District Attorney's Office prior to the commencement of the investigations.
- d. Provide thorough pre-employment background investigation services and process bulk background investigation simultaneously.
- e. Conduct background investigations in compliance with the provisions of the Federal Fair Credit Reporting Act and the California Investigative Consumer Reporting Agencies Act.
- f. Use only experienced and qualified investigators to conduct the background investigations; such experience should include significant experience in conducting background investigations for public safety classifications in public safety agencies, i.e., police officers and in compliance with California POST selection requirements when applicable.
- g. Collect and analyze applicant-screening information to facilitate the pre-employment background investigation process.
- h. Meet with candidates to review applicant-screening information and for discrepancy interviews.
- i. Prepare an executive summary for each investigation intended to be used by the District Attorney's Office for employment purposes only. Each executive summary must include a cover sheet explaining the accuracy of the information. Such summaries must be presented for approval by the District Attorney's Office prior to commencement of the investigations.
- j. Assure that executive summaries contain only factual information and comply with the Federal Fair Credit Reporting Act and California Investigative Consumer Reporting Agencies Act.
- k. Provide executive summaries from the commencement of the investigation or as required by the District Attorney's Office.
- l. Assume full responsibility for the accuracy of the executive summary content.

- m. Maintain the ability to provide services on an as-needed basis.
- n. Respond to complaints submitted by candidates regarding discrepancies with their executive summary reports.
- o. Conduct follow-up investigations and prepare addendums/modifications to executive summaries when required based on findings.

### 3. SCOPE OF SERVICES

Based upon the Department's professional standard criteria, the pre-employment background investigation service shall include but not limited to, the following:

- a. Examine the candidate's application and/or resume, verifying accuracy, and identifying areas that need further investigation.
- b. Employment History: the employment history review includes verification of employment through the candidate's current and former employers over the past ten (10) years. Verifications of employment also include automated online verification systems provided by the District Attorney's Office.
- c. Education Review: the education review includes verification of high school, college, and/or vocational school records and graduation status.
- d. Personal and Professional References: the investigator will verify the candidate's personal and professional references.
- e. Department of Motor Vehicle (OMV) Records/Insurability: A OMV check will include a review of the candidate's driving record, licensure, and any applicable court cases and final dispositions. The investigator will also verify automobile insurance records.
- f. Certificates, Licenses, Accreditations, etc.: the candidate's credentials will be verified through the issuing entities for accuracy, status, and if complaints have been filed and final disposition.
- g. Military Records: the candidate's military records will be verified for accuracy through government verification resources/documentation including registration for Selective Service.
- h. Social Security Number (SSN) Verification: the candidate's SSN will be verified and validated through the appropriate Government website and whether any death claims have been filed through the SSN.
- i. Name Identification: the applicant's name will be researched and verified for accuracy including those applicants with maiden names.

### 4. RECORD RETENTION

During the AGREEMENT's term and for the period of two (2) years after the expiration, cancellation, or termination of this AGREEMENT, or any extension of it, CONTRACTOR shall:

- a. Keep and maintain, in their original form, all records or documents related to CONTRACTOR's performance of this AGREEMENT; and
- b. Permit COUNTY or its authorized representative, at all reasonable times, to have access to, examine, audit, excerpt, copy, photocopy, or transcribe all records or documents related to CONTRACTOR's performance of this AGREEMENT including, but not limited to: direct and indirect charges, and detailed documentation, for work CONTRACTOR has performed or will perform under this AGREEMENT.

5. Riverside County District Attorney's Office Responsibilities

The Riverside County District Attorney's Office is responsible for providing the following completed items by the applicant on all backgrounds:

- a. Personal History Statement (Typed and signed by applicant)
- b. All pertinent Human Resources documents
  - i. Conditional offer of employment
  - ii. Background investigation packet instructions
  - iii. Required document list
  - iv. False statement advisement
  - v. Background investigation authorization for independent contractor
  - vi. Release and waiver for automated consumer credit report
  - vii. Any other documents required by Human Resources
- c. Applicant notarized Background waiver
- d. Pre-Investigative Questionnaire
- e. Live Scan Results (Utilizing County equipment/resources)
- f. DOJ Firearms Clearance Letter (Sworn Only)
- g. Local (Data Warehouse) and Nationwide (NCIC) Criminal Search
- h. State and Nationwide Sexual Offender Search
- i. Education Documents (Sealed)
- J. Credit Bureau Report
- k. Citizenship Verification (Birth certificate, Social Security Card, etc....)
- l. Military Service Discharge (DD214)/Selective Service Verification
- m. Dissolution of Marriage (Court Documents)
- n. Marriage Certificate(s)
- o. Driving Record for all states where a license was held (7-year printout)
- p. Automobile Liability Insurance Verification
- q. Local County Superior Court Search and printout
  - i. For all jurisdictions where the applicant has lived, worked, or gone to school

**B. ADDITIONAL CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS**

1. **Mutual Covenants:** The parties to this Agreement mutually covenant to perform all of their obligations hereunder, to exercise all discretion and rights granted hereunder, and to give all consents in a reasonable manner consistent with the standards of "good faith" and fair dealing".
2. **Agreement Exclusivity:** This is not an exclusive agreement. The COUNTY reserves the right to enter into an agreement with other contractors for the same or similar services. The COUNTY does not guarantee or represent that the CONTRACTOR will be permitted to perform any minimum amount of work or receive compensation other than on a per order basis, under the terms of this agreement.

**EXHIBIT B - PAYMENT PROVISIONS**

**A. Service Rate:** CONTRACTOR's cost includes, but not limited to costs related to the pre-employment background investigation service. CONTRACTOR shall charge the following rate:

For Services through 12/31/2022 the following represents the contracted rate:

<u>SERVICE DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>RATE</u>
Pre-Employment Background Investigation Services (Full Non-sworn Background)	Per Case	\$950.00 per case +IRS Mileage rate for all
Pre-Employment Background Investigations Services (Mini Backgrounds/Security Clearance)	Per Case	\$650.00 per case +IRS Mileage rate for all related mileage.

For Services from 1/1/2023 through 12/31/2023 the following represents the contracted rate:

<u>SERVICE DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>RATE</u>
Pre-Employment Background Investigation Services (Full Non-sworn Background)	Per Case	\$1,300.00 per case +IRS Mileage rate for all
Pre-Employment Background Investigations Services (Mini Backgrounds/Security Clearance)	Per Case	\$850.00 per case +IRS Mileage rate for all related mileage.

**B. Early Disqualification for Pre-Employment Background Check:** When an applicant is determined to be disqualified in the initial stage of the background investigation service, CONTRACTOR shall only charge the COUNTY the hourly rate for time spent doing the applicant's background investigation.

**C. Travel Outside of 100 Miles Radius:**

1. Pre-authorization to travel must be obtained and approved by the District Attorney's Office for any travel outside of a 100-mile radius from CONTRACTOR's business address. Travel reimbursement shall apply for all travel from CONTRACTOR's business address.
2. The COUNTY's private vehicle mileage reimbursement rate is the same rate as the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) standard mileage rate for a private vehicle. Changes to the rate will be concurrent with the effective date provided by the Internal Revenue Service. Private mileage claim reimbursements information must be attached (i.e. MapQuest) to the invoice.
3. For all other reimbursable expenses, please see Exhibit C: Travel Reimbursement and Other expenses for detail. **Please note: All out-of-state travel must be pre-approved by the District Attorney's Office.**
4. In the event where an applicant's background investigation will require multiple travels, the base price per case can be negotiated between both parties. Pre-approval will be done on a case-by-case basis.

**D. Background Investigations: Costing per Tier** plus any costs required to complete the background (travel time, fees charged by others to obtain official transcripts, Law Enforcement Agency Checks, overnight hotel costs, and per diem meals for out of the area investigations, etc.). These fees are unusual but do occur.

Mileage will be charged at the current year IRS rate for any required travel. The 2021 IRS mileage rate is 56 cents per mile (Rate will be adjusted for 2022 and subsequent years).

## EXHIBIT C

### TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT AND OTHER EXPENSES

**All out-of-state travel must be pre-approved by the District Attorney's Office.** Any expense accrued without approval shall be considered unauthorized and will not be reimbursed by the COUNTY. In this section, the COUNTY provides the service requirement the CONTRACTOR must meet to qualify for cost reimbursement.

#### 1. **Meals:**

Actual cost, not to exceed \$51 per day, shall be allowed for meals related to the performance of background investigation of an applicant, and related assignments that **require an overnight stay**. Meals for a single day work will not be reimbursed.

The maximum reimbursement for meals (breakfast, lunch, and dinner) is \$51 per day, inclusive of taxes and tips paid. Tips in excess of 20% of the cost of a meal will not be reimbursed. Tips made at fast food restaurants and/or convenience stores will not be reimbursed even if the meal cost is less than the maximum reimbursement rate.

- a. Reimbursement will only be authorized after submission of approved receipts. Receipts must include the date, restaurant name and location, the itemized meal purchased, meal amount, and the reasonable tip paid, not to exceed 20%. An un-itemized restaurant receipt will be accepted only if the restaurant does not provide an itemized receipt.
- b. All receipts shall be attached to the invoices to reflect the charge(s) appeared on the invoice.  
**Credit/debit card receipts and tear off receipts will not be accepted.**
- c. No reimbursement shall be made for alcoholic beverages of any kind.
- d. As a general rule, no reimbursement for meals will be made for same day travel. Reimbursement will only be granted when it is not reasonable for CONTRACTOR to provide their own meal. Special situations may be considered on a case-by-case basis.

#### 2. **Lodging:**

Reimbursement for actual lodging cost, not to exceed \$159 per night inclusive of all occupancy, accommodation, and other room related taxes and fees, is allowed. For lodging in high-cost cities, as defined by the Internal Revenue Service (e.g., San

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Francisco), actual cost allowed not to exceed \$239 per night. Lodging costs exceeding the established limit may be reimbursed at a higher rate if the CONTRACTOR submits a written memo by explaining the reason for the expense. This must be pre-approved by the Sheriff's Personnel Unit.

- a. Only the single occupancy rate may be claimed for the reimbursement.
- b. Approval of lodging may apply should CONTRACTOR be required to drive more than 8 hours one way from their location of business. CONTRACTOR must include a supporting document such as the applicant's residential information, etc.



3. Transportation:

Actual cost of common carrier services, including taxicabs, and car rentals, when necessary shall be allowed. CONTRACTOR will utilize on-line travel services and secure the least expensive flights and car rental arrangements possible. Reservations for air transportation should be booked as early as is reasonable to take advantage of lower cost air fares.

Upon request from the District Attorney's Office, supporting documentation proving that the least expensive option was utilized may be requested.

4. Rental Cars:

Actual costs evidenced by an original, dated receipt and inclusive of all related taxes and other rental fees should be submitted along with actual gas receipts (dated, vendor name printed on the receipt) obtained for the purchase of gas for the rental vehicle. No rental car reimbursement will be made for cars above the mid-range size. This information must be documented in the reimbursement information.

The purchase of Loss Damage Waiver (LOW) is mandatory so the CONTRACTOR is not held responsible for damage (under normal circumstances) to the rental vehicle and such cost will be reimbursed.

5. Private Automobile:

The COUNTY's private vehicle mileage reimbursement rate is the same rate as the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) standard mileage rate for a private vehicle. Changes to the rate will be concurrent with the effective date provided by the Internal Revenue Service. **Private mileage is calculated from the CONTRACTOR's work location to the location (applicant's location or an agreed upon location between the applicant and CONTRACTOR) and from the location back to the work location.**

- a. The District Attorney may authorize use of a private vehicle for the convenience of the driver, instead of more economical travel by air. Reimbursement shall not exceed the cost of the usual airfare plus related subsistence and surface common carrier expenses. CONTRACTOR must justify the mileage with a map printout (route taken must use the least mileage).
- b. The private vehicle must be insured to at least the minimum limits required by the State of California, or if registered/licensed out of state, the insurance must be equal to or greater than the minimum limits required by the State of California.

6. Miscellaneous Expense:

Miscellaneous expenses, including charges for business telephone calls, fax service, internet service, e-mail services, the cost of unusual or necessary services and supplies, vehicle parking, bridge tolls and any other justifiable business expense shall be considered operational expenses and shall not be reimbursed as "additional expenses".

7. Claim Forms:

Claims must include the date, destination, amount, and a brief description of service. Claims shall be filed promptly, no later than the end of the month following the month in which the travel and/or other necessary expenses occurred. **The COUNTY shall not issue any payment in advance.**

- a. No reimbursement will be made for expenses without an accompanying receipt.

8. Receipts:

Reimbursement will only be authorized after submission of approved receipts. **Original receipts are required for reimbursement.** Original receipts must include the name of the establishment where service was provided and the date on which the service was rendered. Restaurant receipts must include the items ordered, as well as the total payment made. However, there may be rare occasions when providing an itemized receipt may not be possible due to the type and location of the restaurant. In this event, an original un-itemized receipt from the restaurant can be submitted.

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT**

for

**LAW ENFORCEMENT PRE-EMPLOYMENT BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION SERVICES**

between

**COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE**

and

**Halo Confidential Investigations**



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This Agreement, made and entered into this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, by and between HALO CONFIDENTIAL INVESTIGATIONS, (herein referred to as "CONTRACTOR"), and the COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, a political subdivision of the State of California, (herein referred to as "COUNTY"). The parties agree as follows:

**1. Description of Services**

**1.1** CONTRACTOR shall provide all services as outlined and specified in Exhibit A, Scope of Services, at the prices stated in Exhibit B, Payment Provisions to the Agreement.

**1.2** CONTRACTOR represents that it has the skills, experience, and knowledge necessary to perform under this Agreement and the COUNTY relies upon this representation. CONTRACTOR shall perform to the satisfaction of the COUNTY and in conformance to and consistent with the highest standards of firms/professionals in the same discipline in the State of California.

**1.3** CONTRACTOR affirms this it is fully apprised of all the work to be performed under this Agreement; and the CONTRACTOR agrees it can properly perform this work at the prices stated in Exhibit B. CONTRACTOR is not to perform services or provide products outside of the Agreement.

**1.4** Acceptance by the COUNTY of the CONTRACTOR's performance under this Agreement does not operate as a release of CONTRACTOR's responsibility for full compliance with the terms of this Agreement.

**2. Period of Performance**

**2.1** This Agreement shall be effective upon signature of this Agreement by both parties and continues in effect through December 31, 2026, unless terminated earlier. CONTRACTOR shall commence performance upon signature of this Agreement by both parties and shall diligently and continuously perform thereafter. The Riverside County Board of Supervisors is the only authority that may obligate the County for a non-cancelable multi-year agreement.

**3. Compensation**

**3.1** The COUNTY shall pay the CONTRACTOR for services performed, products provided, and expenses incurred in accordance with the terms of Exhibit B, Payment Provisions. Maximum payments by COUNTY to CONTRACTOR shall not exceed one hundred thousand (\$100,000) annually including all expenses. The COUNTY is not responsible for any fees or costs incurred above or beyond the contracted amount and shall have no obligation to purchase any specified number of services or products. Unless otherwise specifically stated in Exhibit B, COUNTY shall not be responsible for payment of any of CONTRACTOR's expenses related to this Agreement.

**3.2** No price increases will be permitted during the first year of this Agreement (If applicable). All price decreases (for example, if CONTRACTOR offers lower prices to another governmental entity) will automatically be extended to the COUNTY. The COUNTY requires written proof satisfactory to COUNTY of cost increases prior to any approved price adjustment. After the first year of the award, a minimum of 30-days advance notice in writing is required to be considered and approved by COUNTY. No retroactive price adjustments will be considered. Any price increases must be stated in a written amendment to this Agreement. The net dollar amount of profit will remain firm during the period of the Agreement. Annual increases shall not exceed the Consumer Price Index- All Consumers, All Items - Greater Los Angeles, Riverside and Orange County areas and be subject to satisfactory performance review by the COUNTY and approved (if needed) for budget funding by the Board of Supervisors.

**3.3** CONTRACTOR shall be paid only in accordance with an invoice submitted to COUNTY by CONTRACTOR within fifteen (15) days from the last day of each calendar month, and COUNTY shall pay the invoice within thirty (30) working days from the date of receipt of the invoice. Payment shall be made to CONTRACTOR only after services have been rendered or delivery of materials or products, and acceptance has been made by COUNTY. Prepare invoices in duplicate. For this Agreement, send the original and duplicate copies of invoices to:

**Riverside County District Attorney's Office  
Attn: Accounts Payable – 10<sup>th</sup> floor  
3960 Orange Street  
Riverside, CA 92501**

- a) Each invoice shall contain a minimum of the following information: invoice number and date; remittance address; bill-to and ship-to addresses of ordering department/division; Contract Agreement number DAARC-PSA-96130-0003801-01/27; quantities; item descriptions, unit prices, extensions, sales/use tax if applicable, and an invoice total.
- b) Invoices shall be rendered monthly in arrears.

**3.4** The COUNTY obligation for payment of this Agreement beyond the current fiscal year end is contingent upon and limited by the availability of COUNTY funding from which payment can be made, and invoices shall be rendered "monthly" in arrears. In the State of California, Government agencies are not allowed to pay excess interest and late charges, per Government Codes, Section 926.10. No legal liability on the part of the COUNTY shall arise for payment beyond June 30 of each calendar year unless funds are made available for such payment. If such funds are not forthcoming for any reason, COUNTY

shall immediately notify CONTRACTOR in writing; and this Agreement shall be deemed terminated, have no further force, and effect.

**4. Alteration or Changes to the Agreement**

**4.1** The Board of Supervisors and the COUNTY Purchasing Agent and/or his designee is the only authorized COUNTY representatives who may at any time, by written order, alter this Agreement. If any such alteration causes an increase or decrease in the cost of, or the time required for the performance under this Agreement, an equitable adjustment shall be made in the Agreement price or delivery schedule, or both, and the Agreement shall be modified by written amendment accordingly.

**4.2** Any claim by the CONTRACTOR for additional payment related to this Agreement shall be made in writing by the CONTRACTOR within 30 days of when the CONTRACTOR has or should have notice of any actual or claimed change in the work, which results in additional and unanticipated cost to the CONTRACTOR. If the COUNTY Purchasing Agent decides that the facts provide sufficient justification, he may authorize additional payment to the CONTRACTOR pursuant to the claim. Nothing in this section shall excuse the CONTRACTOR from proceeding with performance of the Agreement even if there has been a change.

**5. Termination**

**5.1.** COUNTY may terminate this Agreement without cause upon 30 days written notice served upon the CONTRACTOR stating the extent and effective date of termination.

**5.2** COUNTY may, upon five (5) days written notice terminate this Agreement for CONTRACTOR's default, if CONTRACTOR refuses or fails to comply with the terms of this Agreement or fails to make progress that may endanger performance and does not immediately cure such failure. In the event of such termination, the COUNTY may proceed with the work in any manner deemed proper by COUNTY.

**5.3** After receipt of the notice of termination, CONTRACTOR shall:

- (a) Stop all work under this Agreement on the date specified in the notice of termination; and
- (b) Transfer to COUNTY and deliver in the manner as directed by COUNTY any materials, reports or other products, which, if the Agreement had been completed or continued, would have been required to be furnished to COUNTY.

**5.4** After termination, COUNTY shall make payment only for CONTRACTOR's performance up to the date of termination in accordance with this Agreement.

**5.5** CONTRACTOR's rights under this Agreement shall terminate (except for fees accrued prior to the date of termination) upon dishonesty or a willful or material breach of this Agreement by CONTRACTOR; or in the event of CONTRACTOR's unwillingness or inability for any reason whatsoever to perform the terms of this Agreement. In such event, CONTRACTOR shall not be entitled to any further compensation under this Agreement.

**5.6** If the Agreement is federally or State funded, CONTRACTOR cannot be debarred from the System for Award Management (SAM). CONTRACTOR must notify the COUNTY immediately of a debarment. Reference: System for Award Management (SAM) at <https://www.sam.gov> for Central Contractor Registry (CCR), Federal Agency Registration (Fedreg), Online Representations and Certifications Application, and Excluded Parties List System (EPLS)). Excluded Parties Listing System (EPLS) (<http://www.epls.gov>) (Executive Order 12549, 7 CFR Part 3017, 45 CFR Part 76, and 44 CFR Part 17). The System for Award Management (SAM) is the Official U.S. Government system that consolidated the capabilities of CCR/FedReg, ORCA, and EPLS.

**5.7** The rights and remedies of COUNTY provided in this section shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or this Agreement.

**6. Ownership/Use of Contract Materials and Products**

The CONTRACTOR agrees that all materials, reports or products in any form, including electronic, created by CONTRACTOR for which CONTRACTOR has been compensated by COUNTY pursuant to this Agreement shall be the sole property of the COUNTY. The material, reports or products may be used by the COUNTY for any purpose that the COUNTY deems to be appropriate, including, but not limit to, duplication and/or distribution within the COUNTY or to third parties. CONTRACTOR agrees not to release or circulate in whole or part such materials, reports, or products without prior written authorization of the COUNTY.

**7. Conduct of Contractor**

**7.1** The CONTRACTOR covenants that it presently has no interest, including, but not limited to, other projects or contracts, and shall not acquire any such interest, direct or indirect, which would conflict in any manner or degree with CONTRACTOR's performance under this Agreement. The CONTRACTOR further covenants that no person or subcontractor having any such interest shall be employed or retained by CONTRACTOR under this Agreement. The CONTRACTOR agrees to inform the COUNTY of all the CONTRACTOR's interests, if any, which are or may be perceived as incompatible with the COUNTY's interests.

7.2 The CONTRACTOR shall not, under circumstances which could be interpreted as an attempt to influence the recipient in the conduct of his/her duties, accept any gratuity or special favor from individuals or firms with whom the CONTRACTOR is doing business or proposing to do business, in accomplishing the work under this Agreement.

7.3 The CONTRACTOR or its employees shall not offer gifts, gratuity, favors, and entertainment directly or indirectly to COUNTY employees.

**8. Inspection of Service; Quality Control/Assurance**

8.1 All performance (which includes services, workmanship, materials, supplies and equipment furnished or utilized in the performance of this Agreement) shall be subject to inspection and test by the COUNTY or other regulatory agencies at all times. The CONTRACTOR shall provide adequate cooperation to any inspector or other COUNTY representative to permit him/her to determine the CONTRACTOR's conformity with the terms of this Agreement. If any services performed or products provided by CONTRACTOR are not in conformance with the terms of this Agreement, the COUNTY shall have the right to require the CONTRACTOR to perform the services or provide the products in conformance with the terms of the Agreement at no additional cost to the COUNTY. When the services to be performed or the products to be provided are of such nature that the difference cannot be corrected; the COUNTY shall have the right to: (1) require the CONTRACTOR immediately to take all necessary steps to ensure future performance in conformity with the terms of the Agreement; and/or (2) reduce the Agreement price to reflect the reduced value of the services performed or products provided. The COUNTY may also terminate this Agreement for default and charge to CONTRACTOR any costs incurred by the COUNTY because of the CONTRACTOR's failure to perform.

8.2 CONTRACTOR shall establish adequate procedures for self-monitoring and quality control and assurance to ensure proper performance under this Agreement; and shall permit a COUNTY representative or other regulatory official to monitor, assess, or evaluate CONTRACTOR's performance under this Agreement at any time, upon reasonable notice to the CONTRACTOR.

**9. Independent Contractor/Employment Eligibility**

9.1 The CONTRACTOR is, for purposes relating to this Agreement, an independent contractor and shall not be deemed an employee of the COUNTY. It is expressly understood and agreed that the CONTRACTOR (including its employees, agents, and subcontractors) shall in no event be entitled to any benefits to which COUNTY employees are entitled, including but not limited to overtime, any retirement benefits, worker's compensation benefits, and injury leave or other leave benefits. There shall be no



employer-employee relationship between the parties; and CONTRACTOR shall hold COUNTY harmless from any and all claims that may be made against COUNTY based upon any contention by a third party that an employer-employee relationship exists by reason of this Agreement. It is further understood and agreed by the parties that CONTRACTOR in the performance of this Agreement is subject to the control or direction of COUNTY merely as to the results to be accomplished and not as to the means and methods for accomplishing the results.

**9.2** CONTRACTOR warrants that it shall make its best effort to fully comply with all federal and state statutes and regulations regarding the employment of aliens and others and to ensure that employees performing work under this Agreement meet the citizenship or alien status requirement set forth in federal statutes and regulations. CONTRACTOR shall obtain, from all employees performing work hereunder, all verification and other documentation of employment eligibility status required by federal or state statutes and regulations including, but not limited to, the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, 8 U.S.C. §1324 et seq., as they currently exist and as they may be hereafter amended. CONTRACTOR shall retain all such documentation for all covered employees, for the period prescribed by the law.

**9.3** Ineligible Person shall be any individual or entity who: Is currently excluded, suspended, debarred or otherwise ineligible to participate in the federal health care programs; or has been convicted of a criminal offense related to the provision of health care items or services and has not been reinstated in the federal health care programs after a period of exclusion, suspension, debarment, or ineligibility.

**9.4** CONTRACTOR shall screen prospective Covered Individuals prior to hire or engagement. CONTRACTOR shall not hire or engage any Ineligible Person to provide services directly relative to this Agreement. CONTRACTOR shall screen all current Covered Individuals within sixty (60) days of execution of this Agreement to ensure that they have not become Ineligible Persons unless CONTRACTOR has performed such screening on same Covered Individuals under a separate agreement with COUNTY within the past six (6) months. Covered Individuals shall be required to disclose to CONTRACTOR immediately any debarment, exclusion or other event that makes the Covered Individual an Ineligible Person. CONTRACTOR shall notify COUNTY within five (5) business days after it becomes aware if a Covered Individual providing services directly relative to this Agreement becomes debarred, excluded, or otherwise becomes an Ineligible Person.

**9.5** CONTRACTOR acknowledges that Ineligible Persons are precluded from providing federal and state funded health care services by contract with COUNTY in the event that they are

currently sanctioned or excluded by a federal or state law enforcement regulatory or licensing agency. If CONTRACTOR becomes aware that a Covered Individual has become an Ineligible Person, CONTRACTOR shall remove such individual from responsibility for, or involvement with, COUNTY business operations related to this Agreement.

**9.6** CONTRACTOR shall notify COUNTY within five (5) business days if a Covered Individual or entity is currently excluded, suspended or debarred, or is identified as such after being sanction screened. Such individual or entity shall be promptly removed from participating in any activity associated with this Agreement.

**10. Subcontract for Work or Services**

No contract shall be made by the CONTRACTOR with any other party for furnishing any of the work or services under this Agreement without the prior written approval of the COUNTY; but this provision shall not require the approval of contracts of employment between the CONTRACTOR and personnel assigned under this Agreement, or for parties named in the proposal and agreed to under this Agreement.

**11. Disputes**

**11.1** The parties shall attempt to resolve any disputes amicably at the working level. If that is not successful, the dispute shall be referred to the senior management of the parties. Any dispute relating to this Agreement, which is not resolved by the parties, shall be decided by the COUNTY's Purchasing Department's Compliance Contract Officer who shall furnish the decision in writing. The decision of the COUNTY's Compliance Contract Officer shall be final and conclusive unless determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to have been fraudulent, capricious, arbitrary, or so grossly erroneous to imply bad faith. The CONTRACTOR shall proceed diligently with the performance of this Agreement pending the resolution of a dispute.

**11.2** Prior to the filing of any legal action related to this Agreement, the parties shall be obligated to attend a mediation session in Riverside County before a neutral third-party mediator. A second mediation session shall be required if the first session is not successful. The parties shall share the cost of the mediations.

**12. Licensing and Permits**

CONTRACTOR shall comply with all State or other licensing requirements, including but not limited to the provisions of Chapter 9 of Division 3 of the Business and Professions Code. All licensing requirements shall be met at the time proposals are submitted to the COUNTY. CONTRACTOR warrants

that it has all necessary permits, approvals, certificates, waivers and exemptions necessary for performance of this Agreement as required by the laws and regulations of the United States, the State of California, the County of Riverside and all other governmental agencies with jurisdiction and shall maintain these throughout the term of this Agreement.

**13. Use By Other Political Entities**

The CONTRACTOR agrees to extend the same pricing, terms, and conditions as stated in this Agreement to each and every political entity, special district, and related non-profit. It is understood that other entities shall make purchases in their own name, make direct payment, and be liable directly to the CONTRACTOR; and COUNTY shall in no way be responsible to CONTRACTOR for other entities' purchases.

**14. Non-Discrimination**

CONTRACTOR shall not be discriminate in the provision of services, allocation of benefits, accommodation in facilities, or employment of personnel on the basis of ethnic group identification, race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical handicap, medical condition, marital status or sex in the performance of this Agreement; and, to the extent they shall be found to be applicable hereto, shall comply with the provisions of the California Fair Employment and Housing Act (Gov. Code 12900 et. seq), the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352), the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. S1210 et seq.) and all other applicable laws or regulations.

**15. Records and Documents**

CONTRACTOR shall make available, upon written request by any duly authorized Federal, State, or COUNTY agency, a copy of this Agreement and such books, documents and records as are necessary to certify the nature and extent of the CONTRACTOR's costs related to this Agreement. All such books, documents and records shall be maintained by CONTRACTOR for at least five years following termination of this Agreement and be available for audit by the COUNTY. CONTRACTOR shall provide to the COUNTY reports and information related to this Agreement as requested by COUNTY.

**16. Confidentiality**

**16.1** The CONTRACTOR shall not use for personal gain or make other improper use of privileged or confidential information which is acquired in connection with this Agreement. The term "privileged or confidential information" includes but is not limited to: unpublished or sensitive technological or scientific information; medical, personnel, or security records; anticipated material requirements or pricing/purchasing actions; COUNTY information or data which is not subject to public

disclosure; COUNTY operational procedures; and knowledge of selection of contractors, subcontractors or suppliers in advance of official announcement.

**16.2** The CONTRACTOR shall protect from unauthorized disclosure names and other identifying information concerning persons receiving services pursuant to this Agreement, except for general statistical information not identifying any person. The CONTRACTOR shall not use such information for any purpose other than carrying out the CONTRACTOR's obligations under this Agreement. The CONTRACTOR shall promptly transmit to the COUNTY all third-party requests for disclosure of such information. The CONTRACTOR shall not disclose, except as otherwise specifically permitted by this Agreement or authorized in advance in writing by the COUNTY, any such information to anyone other than the COUNTY. For purposes of this paragraph, identity shall include, but not be limited to, name, identifying number, symbol, or other identifying particulars assigned to the individual, such as finger or voice print or a photograph.

**16.3** The CONTRACTOR is subject to and shall operate in compliance with all relevant requirements contained in the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), Public Law 104-191, enacted August 21, 1996, and the related laws and regulations promulgated subsequent thereto. Please refer to Attachment 1 of this agreement.

**17. Administration/Contract Liaison**

The COUNTY Purchasing Agent, or designee, shall administer this Agreement on behalf of the COUNTY. The Purchasing Department is to serve as the liaison with CONTRACTOR in connection with this Agreement.

**18. Notices**

All correspondence and notices required or contemplated by this Agreement shall be delivered to the respective parties at the addresses set forth below and are deemed submitted two days after their deposit in the United States mail, postage prepaid:

**COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE**

Riverside County District Attorney's Office  
Attn: 10<sup>th</sup> Floor - Administration  
3960 Orange St.  
Riverside, CA 92501

**CONTRACTOR**

Halo Confidential Investigations  
2209 E. Baseline Rd. #300-305  
Claremont, CA 91711

**19. Force Majeure**

If either party is unable to comply with any provision of this Agreement due to causes beyond its reasonable control, and which could not have been reasonably anticipated, such as acts of God, acts of war, civil disorders, or other similar acts, such party shall not be held liable for such failure to comply.

**20. EDD Reporting Requirements**

In order to comply with child support enforcement requirements of the State of California, the COUNTY may be required to submit a Report of Independent Contractor(s) form **DE 542** to the Employment Development Department. The CONTRACTOR agrees to furnish the required data and certifications to the COUNTY within 10 days of notification of award of Agreement when required by the EDD. This data will be transmitted to governmental agencies charged with the establishment and enforcement of child support orders. Failure of the CONTRACTOR to timely submit the data and/or certificates required may result in the contract being awarded to another contractor. In the event a contract has been issued, failure of the CONTRACTOR to comply with all federal and state reporting requirements for child support enforcement or to comply with all lawfully served Wage and Earnings Assignments Orders and Notices of Assignment shall constitute a material breach of Agreement. If CONTRACTOR has any questions concerning this reporting requirement, please call (916) 657-0529. CONTRACTOR should also contact its local Employment Tax Customer Service Office listed in the telephone directory in the State Government section under "Employment Development Department" or access their Internet site at [www.edd.ca.gov](http://www.edd.ca.gov).

**21. Hold Harmless/Indemnification**

**21.1** CONTRACTOR shall indemnify and hold harmless the County of Riverside, its Agencies, Districts, Special Districts and Departments, their respective directors, officers, Board of Supervisors, elected and appointed officials, employees, agents and representatives (individually and collectively hereinafter referred to as Indemnitees) from any liability, action, claim or damage whatsoever, based or asserted upon any services of CONTRACTOR, its officers, employees, subcontractors, agents or representatives arising out of or in any way relating to this Agreement, including but not limited to property damage, bodily injury, or death or any other element of any kind or nature. CONTRACTOR shall defend the Indemnitees at its sole expense including all costs and fees (including, but not limited, to attorney fees, cost of investigation, defense and settlements or awards) in any claim or action based upon such acts, omissions or services.

**21.2** With respect to any action or claim subject to indemnification herein by CONTRACTOR, CONTRACTOR shall, at their sole cost, have the right to use counsel of their own choice and shall have the right to adjust, settle, or compromise any such action or claim without the prior consent of COUNTY; provided, however, that any such adjustment, settlement or compromise in no manner whatsoever limits or circumscribes CONTRACTOR indemnification to Indemnitees as set forth herein.

**21.3** CONTRACTOR'S obligation hereunder shall be satisfied when CONTRACTOR has provided to COUNTY the appropriate form of dismissal relieving COUNTY from any liability for the action or claim involved.

**21.4** The specified insurance limits required in this Agreement shall in no way limit or circumscribe CONTRACTOR'S obligations to indemnify and hold harmless the Indemnitees herein from third party claims.

**22. Insurance**

**22.1** Without limiting or diminishing the CONTRACTOR'S obligation to indemnify or hold the COUNTY harmless, CONTRACTOR shall procure and maintain or cause to be maintained, at its sole cost and expense, the following insurance coverage's during the term of this Agreement. As respects to the insurance section only, the COUNTY herein refers to the County of Riverside, its Agencies, Districts, Special Districts, and Departments, their respective directors, officers, Board of Supervisors, employees, elected or appointed officials, agents, or representatives as Additional Insureds.

**A. Workers' Compensation:**

If the CONTRACTOR has employees as defined by the State of California, the CONTRACTOR shall maintain statutory Workers' Compensation Insurance (Coverage A) as prescribed by the laws of the State of California. Policy shall include Employers' Liability (Coverage B) including Occupational Disease with limits not less than \$1,000,000 per person per accident. The policy shall be endorsed to waive subrogation in favor of The County of Riverside.

**B. Commercial General Liability:**

Commercial General Liability insurance coverage, including but not limited to, premises liability, unmodified contractual liability, products and completed operations liability, personal and advertising injury, and cross liability coverage, covering claims which may arise from or out of CONTRACTOR'S performance of its obligations hereunder. Policy shall name the COUNTY as Additional Insured. Policy's limit of liability shall not be less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence combined single limit. If such insurance

contains a general aggregate limit, it shall apply separately to this agreement or be no less than two (2) times the occurrence limit.

**C. Vehicle Liability:**

If vehicles or mobile equipment is used in the performance of the obligations under this Agreement, then CONTRACTOR shall maintain liability insurance for all owned, non-owned, or hired vehicles so used in an amount not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence combined single limit. If such insurance contains a general aggregate limit, it shall apply separately to this agreement or be no less than two (2) times the occurrence limit. Policy shall name the COUNTY as Additional Insureds.

**D. Professional Liability:**

Contractor shall maintain Professional Liability Insurance providing coverage for the Contractor's performance of work included within this Agreement, with a limit of liability of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 annual aggregate. If Contractor's Professional Liability Insurance is written on a claims made basis rather than an occurrence basis, such insurance shall continue through the term of this Agreement and CONTRACTOR shall purchase at his sole expense either 1) an Extended Reporting Endorsement (also, known as Tail Coverage); or 2) Prior Dates Coverage from new insurer with a retroactive date back to the date of, or prior to, the inception of this Agreement; or 3) demonstrate through Certificates of Insurance that CONTRACTOR has Maintained continuous coverage with the same or original insurer. Coverage provided under items; 1), 2), or 3) will continue as long as the law allows.

**E. General Insurance Provisions - All lines:**

1) Any insurance carrier providing insurance coverage hereunder shall be admitted to the State of California and have an A M BEST rating of not less than A: VIII (A:8) unless such requirements are waived, in writing, by the County Risk Manager. If the County's Risk Manager waives a requirement for a particular insurer such waiver is only valid for that specific insurer and only for one policy term.

2) The CONTRACTOR must declare its insurance self-insured retention for each coverage required herein. If any such self-insured retention exceeds \$500,000 per occurrence each such retention shall have the prior written consent of the County Risk Manager before the commencement of operations under this Agreement. Upon notification of self-insured retention unacceptable to the COUNTY, and at the election of the County's Risk Manager, CONTRACTOR'S carriers shall either; 1) reduce or eliminate such self-insured retention as respects this Agreement with the COUNTY, or 2) procure a bond which guarantees payment of losses and related investigations, claims administration, and defense costs and expenses.



3) CONTRACTOR shall cause CONTRACTOR'S insurance carrier(s) to furnish the County of Riverside with either 1) a properly executed original Certificate(s) of Insurance and certified original copies of Endorsements effecting coverage as required herein, and 2) if requested to do so orally or in writing by the County Risk Manager, provide original Certified copies of policies including all Endorsements and all attachments thereto, showing such insurance is in full force and effect. Further, said Certificate(s) and policies of insurance shall contain the covenant of the insurance carrier(s) that thirty (30) days written notice shall be given to the County of Riverside prior to any material modification, cancellation, expiration or reduction in coverage of such insurance. In the event of a material modification, cancellation, expiration, or reduction in coverage, this Agreement shall terminate forthwith, unless the County of Riverside receives, prior to such effective date, another properly executed original Certificate of Insurance and original copies of endorsements or certified original policies, including all endorsements and attachments thereto evidencing coverage's set forth herein and the insurance required herein is in full force and effect. CONTRACTOR shall not commence operations until the COUNTY has been furnished original Certificate (s) of Insurance and certified original copies of endorsements and if requested, certified original policies of insurance including all endorsements and any and all other attachments as required in this Section. An individual authorized by the insurance carrier shall sign the original endorsements for each policy and the Certificate of Insurance.

4) It is understood and agreed to by the parties hereto that the CONTRACTOR'S insurance shall be construed as primary insurance, and the COUNTY'S insurance and/or deductibles and/or self-insured retentions or self-insured programs shall not be construed as contributory.

5) If, during the term of this Agreement or any extension thereof, there is a material change in the scope of services; or, there is a material change in the equipment to be used in the performance of the scope of work; or, the term of this Agreement, including any extensions thereof, exceeds five (5) years; the COUNTY reserves the right to adjust the types of insurance and the monetary limits of liability required under this Agreement, if in the County Risk Manager's reasonable judgment, the amount or type of insurance carried by the CONTRACTOR has become inadequate.

6) CONTRACTOR shall pass down the insurance obligations contained herein to all tiers of subcontractors working under this Agreement.

7) The insurance requirements contained in this Agreement may be met with a program(s) of self-insurance acceptable to the COUNTY.



8) CONTRACTOR agrees to notify COUNTY of any claim by a third party or any incident or event that may give rise to a claim arising from the performance of this Agreement.

**23. General**

**23.1** CONTRACTOR shall not delegate or assign any interest in this Agreement, whether by operation of law or otherwise, without the prior written consent of COUNTY. Any attempt to delegate or assign any interest herein shall be deemed void and of no force or effect.

**23.2** Any waiver by COUNTY of any breach of any one or more of the terms of this Agreement shall not be construed to be a waiver of any subsequent or other breach of the same or of any other term of this Agreement. Failure on the part of COUNTY to require exact, full, and complete compliance with any terms of this Agreement shall not be construed as in any manner changing the terms or preventing COUNTY from enforcement of the terms of this Agreement.

**23.3** In the event the CONTRACTOR receives payment under this Agreement, which is later disallowed by COUNTY for nonconformance with the terms of the Agreement, the CONTRACTOR shall promptly refund the disallowed amount to the COUNTY on request; or at its option the COUNTY may offset the amount disallowed from any payment due to the CONTRACTOR.

**23.4** CONTRACTOR shall not provide partial delivery or shipment of services or products unless specifically stated in the Agreement.

**23.5** CONTRACTOR shall not provide any services or products subject to any chattel mortgage or under a conditional sales contract or other agreement by which an interest is retained by a third party. The CONTRACTOR warrants that it has good title to all materials or products used by CONTRACTOR or provided to COUNTY pursuant to this Agreement, free from all liens, claims, or encumbrances.

**23.6** Nothing in this Agreement shall prohibit the COUNTY from acquiring the same type or equivalent equipment, products, materials, or services from other sources, when deemed by the COUNTY to be in its best interest. The COUNTY reserves the right to purchase more or less than the quantities specified in this Agreement.

**23.7** The COUNTY agrees to cooperate with the CONTRACTOR in the CONTRACTOR's performance under this Agreement, including, if stated in the Agreement, providing the CONTRACTOR with reasonable facilities and timely access to COUNTY data, information, and personnel.

**23.8** CONTRACTOR shall comply with all applicable Federal, State and local laws and regulations. CONTRACTOR will comply with all applicable COUNTY policies and procedures. In the

event that there is a conflict between the various laws or regulations that may apply, the CONTRACTOR shall comply with the more restrictive law or regulation.

**23.9** CONTRACTOR shall comply with all air pollution control, water pollution, safety and health ordinances, statutes, or regulations, which apply to performance under this Agreement.

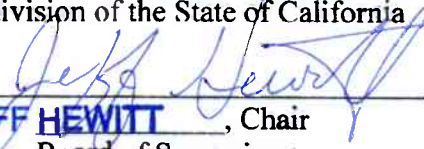
**23.10** CONTRACTOR shall comply with all requirements of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) standards and codes as set forth by the U.S. Department of Labor and the State of California (Cal/OSHA).

**23.11** This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of California. Any legal action related to the performance or interpretation of this Agreement shall be filed only in the Superior Court of the State of California located in Riverside, California, and the parties waive any provision of law providing for a change of venue to another location. In the event any provision in this Agreement is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void, or unenforceable, the remaining provisions will nevertheless continue in full force without being impaired or invalidated in any way.

**23.12** This Agreement, including any attachments or exhibits, constitutes the entire Agreement of the parties with respect to its subject matter and supersedes all prior and contemporaneous representations, proposals, discussions, and communications, whether oral or in writing. This Agreement may be changed or modified only by a written amendment signed by authorized representatives of both parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused their duly authorized representatives to execute this Agreement.

**COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE**, a political  
subdivision of the State of California


By:   
**JEFF HEWITT**, Chair  
Board of Supervisors

Dated: FEB 08 2022

ATTEST:  
Kecia Harper-Ihera  
Clerk of the Board

By:   
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
Gregory P. Priamos  
County Counsel

By:   
**RYAN LABKO**  
Deputy County Counsel

**CONTRACTOR NAME HERE**

By: , CEO  
Jon Strash  
Qualified Manager/Owner

Dated: Jan. 14, 2022

## **EXHIBIT A – SCOPE OF SERVICES**

### **A. PRE-EMPLOYMENT BACKGROUND INVESTIGATIONS:**

COUNTY retains the CONTRACTOR to provide pre-employment background investigation service for applicant applying for law enforcement positions, including reports to the District Attorney's Office. Without limiting the Scope of Services described herein, CONTRACTOR shall meet the service requirement outlined below.

#### **1. CONTRACTOR'S QUALIFICATIONS**

CONTRACTOR shall possess the following qualifications for the pre-employment background investigation service:

- a. Experience in pre-employment background investigations for safety personnel and non-safety personnel with local government and/or public sector within the last five (5) years in accordance with the Federal Fair Credit Reporting Act and California Investigative Consumer Reporting Agencies Act.
- b. Experience conducting bulk pre-employment background investigations for police academies within a compressed timeframe.
- c. CONTRACTOR shall have 36-hour of POST background school and at least two (2) year experience in POST backgroundcheck.
- d. CONTRACTOR must possess a current Private Investigator License issued by the State of California Department of Consumer Affairs, Bureau of Security, and Investigative Services.
- e. All background/reference checks must be made by CONTRACTOR with the appropriate licensure, credentials, training, and experience.
- f. CONTRACTOR must meet all insurance requirements

#### **2. CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITIES**

The CONTRACTOR responsibilities are as follow:

- a. Participate in background orientation/meeting before commencing with background investigations.
- b. Meet with the District Attorney's Office staff to discuss expectations, timelines, processes, and resources as needed.
- c. Present the manner and method of the investigations, including documents and forms used during the investigation process, for approval by District Attorney's Office prior to the commencement of the investigations.
- d. Provide thorough pre-employment background investigation services and process bulk background investigation simultaneously.
- e. Conduct background investigations in compliance with the provisions of the Federal Fair Credit Reporting Act and the California Investigative Consumer Reporting Agencies Act.
- f. Use only experienced and qualified investigators to conduct the background investigations; such experience should include significant experience in conducting background investigations for public safety classifications in public safety agencies, i.e., police officers and in compliance with California POST selection requirements when applicable.
- g. Collect and analyze applicant-screening information to facilitate the -pre-employment background investigation process.
- h. Meet with candidates to review applicant-screening information and for discrepancy interviews.
- i. Prepare an executive summary for each investigation intended to be used by the District Attorney's Office for employment purposes only. Each executive summary must include a cover sheet explaining the accuracy of the information. Such summaries must be presented for approval by the District Attorney's Office upon completion of the investigations.
- j. Assure that executive summaries contain factual information including the reasonable interpretation of the information gathered and comply with the Federal Fair Credit Reporting Act and California Investigative Consumer Reporting Agencies Act.
- k. Provide executive summaries from the commencement of the investigation or as required by the District Attorney's Office.
- l. Assume full responsibility for the accuracy of the executive summary content.

- m. Maintain the ability to provide services on an as-needed basis.
- n. Respond to complaints submitted by candidates regarding discrepancies with their executive summary reports.
- o. Conduct follow-up investigations and prepare addendums/modifications to executive summaries when required based on findings.

### 3. SCOPE OF SERVICES

Based upon the Department's professional standard criteria, the pre-employment background investigation service shall include but not limited to, the following:

- a. Examine the candidate's application and/or resume, verifying accuracy, and identifying areas that need further investigation.
- b. Employment History: the employment history review includes verification of employment through the candidate's current and former employers over the past ten (10) years. Verifications of employment also include automated online verification systems provided by the District Attorney's Office.
- c. Education Review: the education review includes verification of high school, college, and/or vocational school records and graduation status.
- d. Personal and Professional References: the investigator will verify the candidate's personal and professional references.
- e. Department of Motor Vehicle (DMV) Records/Insurability: A DMV check will include a review of the candidate's driving record, licensure, and any applicable court cases and final dispositions. The investigator will also verify automobile insurance records.
- f. Certificates, Licenses, Accreditations, etc.: the candidate's credentials will be verified through the issuing entities for accuracy, status, and if complaints have been filed and final disposition.
- g. Military Records: the candidate's military records will be verified for accuracy through government verification resources/documentation including registration for Selective Service.
- h. Social Security Number (SSN) Verification: the candidate's SSN will be verified and validated through the appropriate Government website and whether any death claims have been filed through the SSN.
- i. Name Identification: the applicant's name will be researched and verified for accuracy including those applicants with maiden names.

### 4. RECORD RETENTION

During the AGREEMENT's term and for the period of three (3) years after the expiration, cancellation, or termination of this AGREEMENT, or any extension of it, CONTRACTOR shall:

- a. Keep and maintain, in their original form, all records or documents related to CONTRACTOR's performance of this AGREEMENT; and
- b. Permit COUNTY or its authorized representative, at all reasonable times, to have access to, examine, audit, excerpt, copy, photocopy, or transcribe all records or documents related to CONTRACTOR's performance of this AGREEMENT including, but not limited to: direct and indirect charges, and detailed documentation, for work CONTRACTOR has performed or will perform under this AGREEMENT.

5. Riverside County District Attorney's Office Responsibilities

The Riverside County District Attorney's Office is responsible for providing the following completed items by the applicant on all backgrounds:

- a. Personal History Statement (Typed and signed by applicant)
- b. All pertinent Human Resources documents
  - i. Conditional offer of employment
  - ii. Background investigation packet instructions
  - iii. Required document list
  - iv. False statement advisement
  - v. Background investigation authorization for independent contractor
  - vi. Release and waiver for automated consumer credit report
  - vii. Any other documents required by Human Resources
- c. Applicant notarized Background waiver
- d. Pre-Investigative Questionnaire
- e. Live Scan Results (Utilizing County equipment/resources)
- f. DOJ Firearms Clearance Letter (Sworn Only)
- g. Local (Data Warehouse) and Nationwide (NCIC) Criminal Search
- h. State and Nationwide Sexual Offender Search
- i. Education Documents (Sealed)
- J. Credit Bureau Report
- k. Citizenship Verification (Birth certificate, Social Security Card, etc....)
- l. Military Service Discharge (DD214)/Selective Service Verification
- m. Dissolution of Marriage (Court Documents)
- n. Marriage Certificate(s)
- o. Driving Record for all states where a license was held (7-year printout)
- p. Automobile Liability Insurance Verification
- q. Local County Superior Court Search and printout
  - i. For all jurisdictions where the applicant has lived, worked, or gone to school

**B. ADDITIONAL CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS**

1. **Mutual Covenants:** The parties to this Agreement mutually covenant to perform all of their obligations hereunder, to exercise all discretion and rights granted hereunder, and to give all consents in a reasonable manner consistent with the standards of "good faith" and fair dealing".
2. **Agreement Exclusivity:** This is not an exclusive agreement. The COUNTY reserves the right to enter into an agreement with other contractors for the same or similar services. The COUNTY does not guarantee or represent that the CONTRACTOR will be permitted to perform any minimum amount of work or receive compensation other than on a per order basis, under the terms of this agreement.

**EXHIBIT B - PAYMENT PROVISIONS**

**A. Service Rate:** CONTRACTOR's cost includes, but not limited to costs related to the pre-employment background investigation service. CONTRACTOR shall charge the following rate:

<u>SERVICE DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>RATE</u>
Pre-Employment Background Investigation Services (Tier A Background Investigations)	Per Case	\$1,500.00 +IRS Mileage rate for all related mileage.
Pre-Employment Background Investigation Services (Partial A Background Investigations)	Per Case	\$1,050.00 +IRS Mileage rate for all related mileage.
Tier Rush (Completed background within three weeks)	Per Case	\$2,000.00 +IRS Mileage rate for all related mileage.
Pre-Employment Background Investigation Services (Tier B Background Investigations)	Per Case	\$1,300.00 +IRS Mileage rate for all related mileage.
Pre-Employment Background Investigations Services (Partial B Background Investigations)	Per Case	\$850.00 per case +IRS Mileage rate for all related mileage.

**B. Early Disqualification for Pre-Employment Background Check:** When an applicant is determined to be disqualified in the initial stage of the background investigation service, CONTRACTOR shall only charge the COUNTY the hourly rate for time spent doing the applicant's background investigation (8 hrs. or less) at \$50 per hour.

**C. Travel Outside of 100 Miles Radius:**

1. Pre-authorization to travel must be obtained and approved by the District Attorney's Office for any travel outside of a 100-mile radius from CONTRACTOR's business address. Travel reimbursement shall apply for all travel from CONTRACTOR's business address.
2. The COUNTY's private vehicle mileage reimbursement rate is the same rate as the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) standard mileage rate for a private vehicle. Changes to the rate will be concurrent with the effective date provided by the Internal Revenue Service. Private mileage claim reimbursements information must be attached (i.e. MapQuest) to the invoice.
3. For all other reimbursable expenses, please see Exhibit C: Travel Reimbursement and Other expenses for detail.  
**Please note: All out-of-state travel must be pre-approved by the District Attorney's Office.**
4. In the event where an applicant's background investigation will require multiple travels, the base price per case can be negotiated between both parties. Pre-approval will be done on a case-by-case basis.

**D. Background Investigations: Costing per Tier** plus any costs required to complete the background (travel time, fees charged by others to obtain official transcripts, Law Enforcement Agency Checks, overnight hotel costs, and per diem meals for out of the area investigations, etc.). These fees are unusual but do occur.

**Tier A includes, Sworn/Dispatcher/Supervisor/Specialty Civilian/DDA**

**Partial A (Early Disqualification or Withdrawal)**

**Tier Rush covers all backgrounds where the goal is to complete within three weeks from the Personal History Statement (PHS) Interview.**

**Tier B includes Basic Civilian-All non sworn DA staff Not supervisors/managers**

**Partial B (Early Disqualification or Withdrawal)**

Mileage will be charged at the current year IRS rate for any required travel. The 2021 IRS mileage rate is 56 cents per mile (Rate will be adjusted for 2022 and subsequent years).



## EXHIBIT C

### TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT AND OTHER EXPENSES

**All out-of-state travel must be pre-approved by the District Attorney's Office.** Any expense accrued without approval shall be considered unauthorized and will not be reimbursed by the COUNTY. In this section, the COUNTY provides the service requirement the CONTRACTOR must meet to qualify for cost reimbursement.

#### 1. Meals:

Actual cost, not to exceed \$51 per day, shall be allowed for meals related to the performance of background investigation of an applicant, and related assignments that **require an overnight stay**. Meals for a single day work will not be reimbursed.

The maximum reimbursement for meals (breakfast, lunch, and dinner) is \$51 per day, inclusive of taxes and tips paid. Tips in excess of 20% of the cost of a meal will not be reimbursed. Tips made at fast food restaurants and/or convenience stores will not be reimbursed even if the meal cost is less than the maximum reimbursement rate.

- a. Reimbursement will only be authorized after submission of approved receipts. Receipts must include the date, restaurant name and location, the itemized meal purchased, meal amount, and the reasonable tip paid, not to exceed 20%. An un-itemized restaurant receipt will be accepted only if the restaurant does not provide an itemized receipt.
- b. All receipts shall be attached to the invoices to reflect the charge(s) appeared on the invoice.  
**Credit/debit card receipts and tear off receipts will not be accepted.**
- c. No reimbursement shall be made for alcoholic beverages of anykind.
- d. As a general rule, no reimbursement for meals will be made for same day travel. Reimbursement will only be granted when it is not reasonable for CONTRACTOR to provide their own meal. Special situations may be considered on a case-by-case basis.

#### 2. Lodging:

Reimbursement for actual lodging cost, not to exceed \$159 per night inclusive of all occupancy, accommodation, and other room related taxes and fees, is allowed. For lodging in high-cost cities, as defined by the Internal Revenue Service (e.g., San Francisco), actual cost allowed not to exceed \$239 per night. Lodging costs exceeding the established limit may be reimbursed at a higher rate if the CONTRACTOR submits a written memo by explaining the reason for the expense. This must be pre-approved by the District Attorney's Personnel Unit.

- a. Only the single occupancy rate may be claimed for the reimbursement.
- b. Approval of lodging may apply should CONTRACTOR be required to drive more than 8 hours one way from their location of business. CONTRACTOR must include a supporting document such as the applicant's residential information, etc.

3. Transportation:

Actual cost of common carrier services, including taxicabs, and car rentals, when necessary shall be allowed. CONTRACTOR will utilize on-line travel services and secure the least expensive flights and car rental arrangements possible. Reservations for air transportation should be booked as early as is reasonable to take advantage of lower cost air fares.

Upon request from the District Attorney's Office, supporting documentation proving that the least expensive option was utilized may be requested.

4. Rental Cars:

Actual costs evidenced by an original, dated receipt and inclusive of all related taxes and other rental fees should be submitted along with actual gas receipts (dated, vendor name printed on the receipt) obtained for the purchase of gas for the rental vehicle. No rental car reimbursement will be made for cars above the mid-range size. This information must be documented in the reimbursement information.

The purchase of Loss Damage Waiver (LOW) is mandatory so the CONTRACTOR is not held responsible for damage (under normal circumstances) to the rental vehicle and such cost will be reimbursed.

5. Private Automobile:

The COUNTY's private vehicle mileage reimbursement rate is the same rate as the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) standard mileage rate for a private vehicle. Changes to the rate will be concurrent with the effective date provided by the Internal Revenue Service. **Private mileage is calculated from the CONTRACTOR's work location to the location (applicant's location or an agreed upon location between the applicant and CONTRACTOR) and from the location back to the work location.**

- a. The District Attorney may authorize use of a private vehicle for the convenience of the driver, instead of more economical travel by air. Reimbursement shall not exceed the cost of the usual airfare plus related subsistence and surface common carrier expenses. CONTRACTOR must justify the mileage with a map printout (route taken must use the least mileage).
- b. The private vehicle must be insured to at least the minimum limits required by the State of California, or if registered/licensed out of state, the insurance must be equal to or greater than the minimum limits required by the State of California.

6. Miscellaneous Expense:

Miscellaneous expenses, including charges for business telephone calls, fax service, internet service, e-mail services, the cost of unusual or necessary services and supplies, vehicle parking, bridge tolls and any other justifiable business expense shall be considered operational expenses and shall not be reimbursed as "additional expenses".

7. Claim Forms:

Claims must include the date, destination, amount, and a brief description of service. Claims shall be filed promptly, no later than the end of the month following the month in which the travel and/or other necessary expenses occurred. **The COUNTY shall not issue any payment in advance.**

- a. No reimbursement will be made for expenses without an accompanying receipt.

8. Receipts:

Reimbursement will only be authorized after submission of approved receipts. **Original receipts are required for reimbursement.** Original receipts must include the name of the establishment where service was provided and the date on which the service was rendered. Restaurant receipts must include the items ordered, as well as the total payment made. However, there may be rare occasions when providing an itemized receipt may not be possible due to the type and location of the restaurant. In this event, an original un-itemized receipt from the restaurant can be submitted.

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT**

**for**

**LAW ENFORCEMENT PRE-EMPLOYMENT BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION AND  
INTERNAL AFFAIRS INVESTIGATION SERVICES**

**between**

**COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE**

**and**

**ERIC B. NEVINS dba NEVINS PROFESSIONAL INVESTIGATIONS**



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This Agreement, made and entered into this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, by and between NEVINS PROFESSIONAL INVESTIGATIONS, (herein referred to as "CONTRACTOR"), and the COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, a political subdivision of the State of California, (herein referred to as "COUNTY"). The parties agree as follows:

**1. Description of Services**

1.1 CONTRACTOR shall provide all services as outlined and specified in Exhibit A, Scope of Services, at the prices stated in Exhibit B, Payment Provisions to the Agreement.

1.2 CONTRACTOR represents that it has the skills, experience, and knowledge necessary to perform under this Agreement and the COUNTY relies upon this representation. CONTRACTOR shall perform to the satisfaction of the COUNTY and in conformance to and consistent with the highest standards of firms/professionals in the same discipline in the State of California.

1.3 CONTRACTOR affirms this it is fully apprised of all of the work to be performed under this Agreement; and the CONTRACTOR agrees it can properly perform this work at the prices stated in Exhibit B. CONTRACTOR is not to perform services or provide products outside of the Agreement.

1.4 Acceptance by the COUNTY of the CONTRACTOR's performance under this Agreement does not operate as a release of CONTRACTOR's responsibility for full compliance with the terms of this Agreement.

**2. Period of Performance**

2.1 This Agreement shall be effective upon signature of this Agreement by both parties and continues in effect through December 31, 2026, unless terminated earlier. CONTRACTOR shall commence performance upon signature of this Agreement by both parties and shall diligently and continuously perform thereafter. The Riverside County Board of Supervisors is the only authority that may obligate the County for a non-cancelable multi-year agreement.

**3. Compensation**

3.1 The COUNTY shall pay the CONTRACTOR for services performed, products provided, and expenses incurred in accordance with the terms of Exhibit B, Payment Provisions. Maximum payments by COUNTY to CONTRACTOR shall not exceed two hundred thousand (\$200,000) annually including all expenses. The COUNTY is not responsible for any fees or costs incurred above or beyond the contracted amount and shall have no obligation to purchase any specified number of services or products. Unless otherwise specifically stated in Exhibit B, COUNTY shall not be responsible for payment of any of CONTRACTOR's expenses related to this Agreement.



**3.2** No price increases will be permitted during the first year of this Agreement (If applicable). All price decreases (for example, if CONTRACTOR offers lower prices to another governmental entity) will automatically be extended to the COUNTY. The COUNTY requires written proof satisfactory to COUNTY of cost increases prior to any approved price adjustment. After the first year of the award, a minimum of 30-days advance notice in writing is required to be considered and approved by COUNTY. No retroactive price adjustments will be considered. Any price increases must be stated in a written amendment to this Agreement. The net dollar amount of profit will remain firm during the period of the Agreement. Annual increases shall not exceed the Consumer Price Index- All Consumers, All Items - Greater Los Angeles, Riverside and Orange County areas and be subject to satisfactory performance review by the COUNTY and approved (if needed) for budget funding by the Board of Supervisors.

**3.3** CONTRACTOR shall be paid only in accordance with an invoice submitted to COUNTY by CONTRACTOR within fifteen (15) days from the last day of each calendar month, and COUNTY shall pay the invoice within thirty (30) working days from the date of receipt of the invoice. Payment shall be made to CONTRACTOR only after services have been rendered or delivery of materials or products, and acceptance has been made by COUNTY. Prepare invoices in duplicate. For this Agreement, send the original and duplicate copies of invoices to:

**Riverside County District Attorney's Office  
Attn: Accounts Payable – 10<sup>th</sup> floor  
3960 Orange Street  
Riverside, CA 92501**

- a) Each invoice shall contain a minimum of the following information: invoice number and date; remittance address; bill-to and ship-to addresses of ordering department/division; Contract Agreement number DAARC-PSA-96130-0003823-01/27; quantities; item descriptions, unit prices, extensions, sales/use tax if applicable, and an invoice total.
- b) Invoices shall be rendered monthly in arrears.

**3.4** The COUNTY obligation for payment of this Agreement beyond the current fiscal year end is contingent upon and limited by the availability of COUNTY funding from which payment can be made, and invoices shall be rendered "monthly" in arrears. In the State of California, Government agencies are not allowed to pay excess interest and late charges, per Government Codes, Section 926.10. No legal liability on the part of the COUNTY shall arise for payment beyond June 30 of each calendar year unless funds are made available for such payment. In the event that such funds are not forthcoming for any

reason, COUNTY shall immediately notify CONTRACTOR in writing; and this Agreement shall be deemed terminated, have no further force, and effect.

**4. Alteration or Changes to the Agreement**

4.1 The Board of Supervisors and the COUNTY Purchasing Agent and/or his designee is the only authorized COUNTY representatives who may at any time, by written order, alter this Agreement. If any such alteration causes an increase or decrease in the cost of, or the time required for the performance under this Agreement, an equitable adjustment shall be made in the Agreement price or delivery schedule, or both, and the Agreement shall be modified by written amendment accordingly.

4.2 Any claim by the CONTRACTOR for additional payment related to this Agreement shall be made in writing by the CONTRACTOR within 30 days of when the CONTRACTOR has or should have notice of any actual or claimed change in the work, which results in additional and unanticipated cost to the CONTRACTOR. If the COUNTY Purchasing Agent decides that the facts provide sufficient justification, he may authorize additional payment to the CONTRACTOR pursuant to the claim. Nothing in this section shall excuse the CONTRACTOR from proceeding with performance of the Agreement even if there has been a change.

**5. Termination**

5.1 COUNTY may terminate this Agreement without cause upon 30 days written notice served upon the CONTRACTOR stating the extent and effective date of termination.

5.2 COUNTY may, upon five (5) days written notice terminate this Agreement for CONTRACTOR's default, if CONTRACTOR refuses or fails to comply with the terms of this Agreement or fails to make progress that may endanger performance and does not immediately cure such failure. In the event of such termination, the COUNTY may proceed with the work in any manner deemed proper by COUNTY.

5.3 After receipt of the notice of termination, CONTRACTOR shall:

- (a) Stop all work under this Agreement on the date specified in the notice of termination; and
- (b) Transfer to COUNTY and deliver in the manner as directed by COUNTY any materials, reports or other products, which, if the Agreement had been completed or continued, would have been required to be furnished to COUNTY.

5.4 After termination, COUNTY shall make payment only for CONTRACTOR's performance up to the date of termination in accordance with this Agreement.

**5.5** CONTRACTOR's rights under this Agreement shall terminate (except for fees accrued prior to the date of termination) upon dishonesty or a willful or material breach of this Agreement by CONTRACTOR; or in the event of CONTRACTOR's unwillingness or inability for any reason whatsoever to perform the terms of this Agreement. In such event, CONTRACTOR shall not be entitled to any further compensation under this Agreement.

**5.6** If the Agreement is federally or State funded, CONTRACTOR cannot be debarred from the System for Award Management (SAM). CONTRACTOR must notify the COUNTY immediately of a debarment. Reference: System for Award Management (SAM) at <https://www.sam.gov> for Central Contractor Registry (CCR), Federal Agency Registration (Fedreg), Online Representations and Certifications Application, and Excluded Parties List System (EPLS)). Excluded Parties Listing System (EPLS) (<http://www.epls.gov>) (Executive Order 12549, 7 CFR Part 3017, 45 CFR Part 76, and 44 CFR Part 17). The System for Award Management (SAM) is the Official U.S. Government system that consolidated the capabilities of CCR/FedReg, ORCA, and EPLS.

**5.7** The rights and remedies of COUNTY provided in this section shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or this Agreement.

**6. Ownership/Use of Contract Materials and Products**

The CONTRACTOR agrees that all materials, reports or products in any form, including electronic, created by CONTRACTOR for which CONTRACTOR has been compensated by COUNTY pursuant to this Agreement shall be the sole property of the COUNTY. The material, reports or products may be used by the COUNTY for any purpose that the COUNTY deems to be appropriate, including, but not limit to, duplication and/or distribution within the COUNTY or to third parties. CONTRACTOR agrees not to release or circulate in whole or part such materials, reports, or products without prior written authorization of the COUNTY.

**7. Conduct of Contractor**

**7.1** The CONTRACTOR covenants that it presently has no interest, including, but not limited to, other projects or contracts, and shall not acquire any such interest, direct or indirect, which would conflict in any manner or degree with CONTRACTOR's performance under this Agreement. The CONTRACTOR further covenants that no person or subcontractor having any such interest shall be employed or retained by CONTRACTOR under this Agreement. The CONTRACTOR agrees to inform the COUNTY of all the CONTRACTOR's interests, if any, which are or may be perceived as incompatible with the COUNTY's interests.



7.2 The CONTRACTOR shall not, under circumstances which could be interpreted as an attempt to influence the recipient in the conduct of his/her duties, accept any gratuity or special favor from individuals or firms with whom the CONTRACTOR is doing business or proposing to do business, in accomplishing the work under this Agreement.

7.3 The CONTRACTOR or its employees shall not offer gifts, gratuity, favors, and entertainment directly or indirectly to COUNTY employees.

8. **Inspection of Service; Quality Control/Assurance**

8.1 All performance (which includes services, workmanship, materials, supplies and equipment furnished or utilized in the performance of this Agreement) shall be subject to inspection and test by the COUNTY or other regulatory agencies at all times. The CONTRACTOR shall provide adequate cooperation to any inspector or other COUNTY representative to permit him/her to determine the CONTRACTOR's conformity with the terms of this Agreement. If any services performed or products provided by CONTRACTOR are not in conformance with the terms of this Agreement, the COUNTY shall have the right to require the CONTRACTOR to perform the services or provide the products in conformance with the terms of the Agreement at no additional cost to the COUNTY. When the services to be performed or the products to be provided are of such nature that the difference cannot be corrected; the COUNTY shall have the right to: (1) require the CONTRACTOR immediately to take all necessary steps to ensure future performance in conformity with the terms of the Agreement; and/or (2) reduce the Agreement price to reflect the reduced value of the services performed or products provided. The COUNTY may also terminate this Agreement for default and charge to CONTRACTOR any costs incurred by the COUNTY because of the CONTRACTOR's failure to perform.

8.2 CONTRACTOR shall establish adequate procedures for self-monitoring and quality control and assurance to ensure proper performance under this Agreement; and shall permit a COUNTY representative or other regulatory official to monitor, assess, or evaluate CONTRACTOR's performance under this Agreement at any time, upon reasonable notice to the CONTRACTOR.

9. **Independent Contractor/Employment Eligibility**

9.1 The CONTRACTOR is, for purposes relating to this Agreement, an independent contractor and shall not be deemed an employee of the COUNTY. It is expressly understood and agreed that the CONTRACTOR (including its employees, agents, and subcontractors) shall in no event be entitled to any benefits to which COUNTY employees are entitled, including but not limited to overtime, any retirement benefits, worker's compensation benefits, and injury leave or other leave benefits. There shall be no

employer-employee relationship between the parties; and CONTRACTOR shall hold COUNTY harmless from any and all claims that may be made against COUNTY based upon any contention by a third party that an employer-employee relationship exists by reason of this Agreement. It is further understood and agreed by the parties that CONTRACTOR in the performance of this Agreement is subject to the control or direction of COUNTY merely as to the results to be accomplished and not as to the means and methods for accomplishing the results.

**9.2** CONTRACTOR warrants that it shall make its best effort to fully comply with all federal and state statutes and regulations regarding the employment of aliens and others and to ensure that employees performing work under this Agreement meet the citizenship or alien status requirement set forth in federal statutes and regulations. CONTRACTOR shall obtain, from all employees performing work hereunder, all verification and other documentation of employment eligibility status required by federal or state statutes and regulations including, but not limited to, the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, 8 U.S.C. §1324 et seq., as they currently exist and as they may be hereafter amended. CONTRACTOR shall retain all such documentation for all covered employees, for the period prescribed by the law.

**9.3** Ineligible Person shall be any individual or entity who: Is currently excluded, suspended, debarred or otherwise ineligible to participate in the federal health care programs; or has been convicted of a criminal offense related to the provision of health care items or services and has not been reinstated in the federal health care programs after a period of exclusion, suspension, debarment, or ineligibility.

**9.4** CONTRACTOR shall screen prospective Covered Individuals prior to hire or engagement. CONTRACTOR shall not hire or engage any Ineligible Person to provide services directly relative to this Agreement. CONTRACTOR shall screen all current Covered Individuals within sixty (60) days of execution of this Agreement to ensure that they have not become Ineligible Persons unless CONTRACTOR has performed such screening on same Covered Individuals under a separate agreement with COUNTY within the past six (6) months. Covered Individuals shall be required to disclose to CONTRACTOR immediately any debarment, exclusion or other event that makes the Covered Individual an Ineligible Person. CONTRACTOR shall notify COUNTY within five (5) business days after it becomes aware if a Covered Individual providing services directly relative to this Agreement becomes debarred, excluded or otherwise becomes an Ineligible Person.

**9.5** CONTRACTOR acknowledges that Ineligible Persons are precluded from providing federal and state funded health care services by contract with COUNTY in the event that they are

currently sanctioned or excluded by a federal or state law enforcement regulatory or licensing agency. If CONTRACTOR becomes aware that a Covered Individual has become an Ineligible Person, CONTRACTOR shall remove such individual from responsibility for, or involvement with, COUNTY business operations related to this Agreement.

9.6 CONTRACTOR shall notify COUNTY within five (5) business days if a Covered Individual or entity is currently excluded, suspended or debarred, or is identified as such after being sanction screened. Such individual or entity shall be promptly removed from participating in any activity associated with this Agreement.

**10. Subcontract for Work or Services**

No contract shall be made by the CONTRACTOR with any other party for furnishing any of the work or services under this Agreement without the prior written approval of the COUNTY; but this provision shall not require the approval of contracts of employment between the CONTRACTOR and personnel assigned under this Agreement, or for parties named in the proposal and agreed to under this Agreement.

**11. Disputes**

11.1 The parties shall attempt to resolve any disputes amicably at the working level. If that is not successful, the dispute shall be referred to the senior management of the parties. Any dispute relating to this Agreement, which is not resolved by the parties, shall be decided by the COUNTY's Purchasing Department's Compliance Contract Officer who shall furnish the decision in writing. The decision of the COUNTY's Compliance Contract Officer shall be final and conclusive unless determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to have been fraudulent, capricious, arbitrary, or so grossly erroneous to imply bad faith. The CONTRACTOR shall proceed diligently with the performance of this Agreement pending the resolution of a dispute.

11.2 Prior to the filing of any legal action related to this Agreement, the parties shall be obligated to attend a mediation session in Riverside County before a neutral third-party mediator. A second mediation session shall be required if the first session is not successful. The parties shall share the cost of the mediations.

**12. Licensing and Permits**

CONTRACTOR shall comply with all State or other licensing requirements, including but not limited to the provisions of Chapter 9 of Division 3 of the Business and Professions Code. All licensing requirements shall be met at the time proposals are submitted to the COUNTY. CONTRACTOR warrants

that it has all necessary permits, approvals, certificates, waivers and exemptions necessary for performance of this Agreement as required by the laws and regulations of the United States, the State of California, the County of Riverside and all other governmental agencies with jurisdiction and shall maintain these throughout the term of this Agreement.

**13. Use By Other Political Entities**

The CONTRACTOR agrees to extend the same pricing, terms, and conditions as stated in this Agreement to each and every political entity, special district, and related non-profit. It is understood that other entities shall make purchases in their own name, make direct payment, and be liable directly to the CONTRACTOR; and COUNTY shall in no way be responsible to CONTRACTOR for other entities' purchases.

**14. Non-Discrimination**

CONTRACTOR shall not be discriminate in the provision of services, allocation of benefits, accommodation in facilities, or employment of personnel on the basis of ethnic group identification, race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical handicap, medical condition, marital status or sex in the performance of this Agreement; and, to the extent they shall be found to be applicable hereto, shall comply with the provisions of the California Fair Employment and Housing Act (Gov. Code 12900 et. seq), the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352), the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. S1210 et seq.) and all other applicable laws or regulations.

**15. Records and Documents**

CONTRACTOR shall make available, upon written request by any duly authorized Federal, State, or COUNTY agency, a copy of this Agreement and such books, documents and records as are necessary to certify the nature and extent of the CONTRACTOR's costs related to this Agreement. All such books, documents and records shall be maintained by CONTRACTOR for at least five years following termination of this Agreement and be available for audit by the COUNTY. CONTRACTOR shall provide to the COUNTY reports and information related to this Agreement as requested by COUNTY.

**16. Confidentiality**

16.1 The CONTRACTOR shall not use for personal gain or make other improper use of privileged or confidential information which is acquired in connection with this Agreement. The term "privileged or confidential information" includes but is not limited to: unpublished or sensitive technological or scientific information; medical, personnel, or security records; anticipated material requirements or pricing/purchasing actions; COUNTY information or data which is not subject to public



disclosure; COUNTY operational procedures; and knowledge of selection of contractors, subcontractors or suppliers in advance of official announcement.

**16.2** The CONTRACTOR shall protect from unauthorized disclosure names and other identifying information concerning persons receiving services pursuant to this Agreement, except for general statistical information not identifying any person. The CONTRACTOR shall not use such information for any purpose other than carrying out the CONTRACTOR's obligations under this Agreement. The CONTRACTOR shall promptly transmit to the COUNTY all third-party requests for disclosure of such information. The CONTRACTOR shall not disclose, except as otherwise specifically permitted by this Agreement or authorized in advance in writing by the COUNTY, any such information to anyone other than the COUNTY. For purposes of this paragraph, identity shall include, but not be limited to, name, identifying number, symbol, or other identifying particulars assigned to the individual, such as finger or voice print or a photograph.

**16.3** The CONTRACTOR is subject to and shall operate in compliance with all relevant requirements contained in the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), Public Law 104-191, enacted August 21, 1996, and the related laws and regulations promulgated subsequent thereto. Please refer to Attachment 1 of this agreement.

**17. Administration/Contract Liaison**

The COUNTY Purchasing Agent, or designee, shall administer this Agreement on behalf of the COUNTY. The Purchasing Department is to serve as the liaison with CONTRACTOR in connection with this Agreement.

**18. Notices**

All correspondence and notices required or contemplated by this Agreement shall be delivered to the respective parties at the addresses set forth below and are deemed submitted two days after their deposit in the United States mail, postage prepaid:

**COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE**

Riverside County District Attorney's Office  
Attn: 10<sup>th</sup> Floor - Administration  
3960 Orange St.  
Riverside, CA 92501

**CONTRACTOR**

Nevins Professional Investigations  
13312 Ranchero Road, Suite 18 #452  
Oak Hills, CA 92344

**19. Force Majeure**

If either party is unable to comply with any provision of this Agreement due to causes beyond its reasonable control, and which could not have been reasonably anticipated, such as acts of God, acts of war, civil disorders, or other similar acts, such party shall not be held liable for such failure to comply.

**20. EDD Reporting Requirements**

In order to comply with child support enforcement requirements of the State of California, the COUNTY may be required to submit a Report of Independent Contractor(s) form **DE 542** to the Employment Development Department. The CONTRACTOR agrees to furnish the required data and certifications to the COUNTY within 10 days of notification of award of Agreement when required by the EDD. This data will be transmitted to governmental agencies charged with the establishment and enforcement of child support orders. Failure of the CONTRACTOR to timely submit the data and/or certificates required may result in the contract being awarded to another contractor. In the event a contract has been issued, failure of the CONTRACTOR to comply with all federal and state reporting requirements for child support enforcement or to comply with all lawfully served Wage and Earnings Assignments Orders and Notices of Assignment shall constitute a material breach of Agreement. If CONTRACTOR has any questions concerning this reporting requirement, please call (916) 657-0529. CONTRACTOR should also contact its local Employment Tax Customer Service Office listed in the telephone directory in the State Government section under "Employment Development Department" or access their Internet site at [www.edd.ca.gov](http://www.edd.ca.gov).

**21. Hold Harmless/Indemnification**

**21.1** CONTRACTOR shall indemnify and hold harmless the County of Riverside, its Agencies, Districts, Special Districts and Departments, their respective directors, officers, Board of Supervisors, elected and appointed officials, employees, agents and representatives (individually and collectively hereinafter referred to as Indemnitees) from any liability, action, claim or damage whatsoever, based or asserted upon any services of CONTRACTOR, its officers, employees, subcontractors, agents or representatives arising out of or in any way relating to this Agreement, including but not limited to property damage, bodily injury, or death or any other element of any kind or nature. CONTRACTOR shall defend the Indemnitees at its sole expense including all costs and fees (including, but not limited, to attorney fees, cost of investigation, defense and settlements or awards) in any claim or action based upon such acts, omissions or services.

**21.2** With respect to any action or claim subject to indemnification herein by CONTRACTOR, CONTRACTOR shall, at their sole cost, have the right to use counsel of their own choice and shall have the right to adjust, settle, or compromise any such action or claim without the prior consent of COUNTY; provided, however, that any such adjustment, settlement or compromise in no manner whatsoever limits or circumscribes CONTRACTOR indemnification to Indemnitees as set forth herein.

**21.3** CONTRACTOR'S obligation hereunder shall be satisfied when CONTRACTOR has provided to COUNTY the appropriate form of dismissal relieving COUNTY from any liability for the action or claim involved.

**21.4** The specified insurance limits required in this Agreement shall in no way limit or circumscribe CONTRACTOR'S obligations to indemnify and hold harmless the Indemnitees herein from third party claims.

## **22. Insurance**

**22.1** Without limiting or diminishing the CONTRACTOR'S obligation to indemnify or hold the COUNTY harmless, CONTRACTOR shall procure and maintain or cause to be maintained, at its sole cost and expense, the following insurance coverage's during the term of this Agreement. As respects to the insurance section only, the COUNTY herein refers to the County of Riverside, its Agencies, Districts, Special Districts, and Departments, their respective directors, officers, Board of Supervisors, employees, elected or appointed officials, agents, or representatives as Additional Insureds.

### **A. Workers' Compensation:**

If the CONTRACTOR has employees as defined by the State of California, the CONTRACTOR shall maintain statutory Workers' Compensation Insurance (Coverage A) as prescribed by the laws of the State of California. Policy shall include Employers' Liability (Coverage B) including Occupational Disease with limits not less than \$1,000,000 per person per accident. The policy shall be endorsed to waive subrogation in favor of The County of Riverside.

### **B. Commercial General Liability:**

Commercial General Liability insurance coverage, including but not limited to, premises liability, unmodified contractual liability, products and completed operations liability, personal and advertising injury, and cross liability coverage, covering claims which may arise from or out of CONTRACTOR'S performance of its obligations hereunder. Policy shall name the COUNTY as Additional Insured. Policy's limit of liability shall not be less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence combined single limit. If such insurance

contains a general aggregate limit, it shall apply separately to this agreement or be no less than two (2) times the occurrence limit.

**C. Vehicle Liability:**

If vehicles or mobile equipment is used in the performance of the obligations under this Agreement, then CONTRACTOR shall maintain liability insurance for all owned, non-owned, or hired vehicles so used in an amount not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence combined single limit. If such insurance contains a general aggregate limit, it shall apply separately to this agreement or be no less than two (2) times the occurrence limit. Policy shall name the COUNTY as Additional Insureds.

**D. Professional Liability:**

Contractor shall maintain Professional Liability Insurance providing coverage for the Contractor's performance of work included within this Agreement, with a limit of liability of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 annual aggregate. If Contractor's Professional Liability Insurance is written on a claims made basis rather than an occurrence basis, such insurance shall continue through the term of this Agreement and CONTRACTOR shall purchase at his sole expense either 1) an Extended Reporting Endorsement (also, known as Tail Coverage); or 2) Prior Dates Coverage from new insurer with a retroactive date back to the date of, or prior to, the inception of this Agreement; or 3) demonstrate through Certificates of Insurance that CONTRACTOR has Maintained continuous coverage with the same or original insurer. Coverage provided under items; 1), 2), or 3) will continue as long as the law allows.

**E. General Insurance Provisions - All lines:**

1) Any insurance carrier providing insurance coverage hereunder shall be admitted to the State of California and have an A M BEST rating of not less than A: VIII (A:8) unless such requirements are waived, in writing, by the County Risk Manager. If the County's Risk Manager waives a requirement for a particular insurer such waiver is only valid for that specific insurer and only for one policy term.

2) The CONTRACTOR must declare its insurance self-insured retention for each coverage required herein. If any such self-insured retention exceeds \$500,000 per occurrence each such retention shall have the prior written consent of the County Risk Manager before the commencement of operations under this Agreement. Upon notification of self-insured retention unacceptable to the COUNTY, and at the election of the County's Risk Manager, CONTRACTOR'S carriers shall either; 1) reduce or eliminate such self-insured retention as respects this Agreement with the COUNTY, or 2) procure a bond which guarantees payment of losses and related investigations, claims administration, and defense costs and expenses.



3) CONTRACTOR shall cause CONTRACTOR'S insurance carrier(s) to furnish the County of Riverside with either 1) a properly executed original Certificate(s) of Insurance and certified original copies of Endorsements effecting coverage as required herein, and 2) if requested to do so orally or in writing by the County Risk Manager, provide original Certified copies of policies including all Endorsements and all attachments thereto, showing such insurance is in full force and effect. Further, said Certificate(s) and policies of insurance shall contain the covenant of the insurance carrier(s) that thirty (30) days written notice shall be given to the County of Riverside prior to any material modification, cancellation, expiration or reduction in coverage of such insurance. In the event of a material modification, cancellation, expiration, or reduction in coverage, this Agreement shall terminate forthwith, unless the County of Riverside receives, prior to such effective date, another properly executed original Certificate of Insurance and original copies of endorsements or certified original policies, including all endorsements and attachments thereto evidencing coverage's set forth herein and the insurance required herein is in full force and effect. CONTRACTOR shall not commence operations until the COUNTY has been furnished original Certificate (s) of Insurance and certified original copies of endorsements and if requested, certified original policies of insurance including all endorsements and any and all other attachments as required in this Section. An individual authorized by the insurance carrier shall sign the original endorsements for each policy and the Certificate of Insurance.

4) It is understood and agreed to by the parties hereto that the CONTRACTOR'S insurance shall be construed as primary insurance, and the COUNTY'S insurance and/or deductibles and/or self-insured retentions or self-insured programs shall not be construed as contributory.

5) If, during the term of this Agreement or any extension thereof, there is a material change in the scope of services; or, there is a material change in the equipment to be used in the performance of the scope of work; or, the term of this Agreement, including any extensions thereof, exceeds five (5) years; the COUNTY reserves the right to adjust the types of insurance and the monetary limits of liability required under this Agreement, if in the County Risk Manager's reasonable judgment, the amount or type of insurance carried by the CONTRACTOR has become inadequate.

6) CONTRACTOR shall pass down the insurance obligations contained herein to all tiers of subcontractors working under this Agreement.

7) The insurance requirements contained in this Agreement may be met with a program(s) of self-insurance acceptable to the COUNTY.

8) CONTRACTOR agrees to notify COUNTY of any claim by a third party or any incident or event that may give rise to a claim arising from the performance of this Agreement.

**23. General**

**23.1** CONTRACTOR shall not delegate or assign any interest in this Agreement, whether by operation of law or otherwise, without the prior written consent of COUNTY. Any attempt to delegate or assign any interest herein shall be deemed void and of no force or effect.

**23.2** Any waiver by COUNTY of any breach of any one or more of the terms of this Agreement shall not be construed to be a waiver of any subsequent or other breach of the same or of any other term of this Agreement. Failure on the part of COUNTY to require exact, full, and complete compliance with any terms of this Agreement shall not be construed as in any manner changing the terms or preventing COUNTY from enforcement of the terms of this Agreement.

**23.3** In the event the CONTRACTOR receives payment under this Agreement, which is later disallowed by COUNTY for nonconformance with the terms of the Agreement, the CONTRACTOR shall promptly refund the disallowed amount to the COUNTY on request; or at its option the COUNTY may offset the amount disallowed from any payment due to the CONTRACTOR.

**23.4** CONTRACTOR shall not provide partial delivery or shipment of services or products unless specifically stated in the Agreement.

**23.5** CONTRACTOR shall not provide any services or products subject to any chattel mortgage or under a conditional sales contract or other agreement by which an interest is retained by a third party. The CONTRACTOR warrants that it has good title to all materials or products used by CONTRACTOR or provided to COUNTY pursuant to this Agreement, free from all liens, claims, or encumbrances.

**23.6** Nothing in this Agreement shall prohibit the COUNTY from acquiring the same type or equivalent equipment, products, materials or services from other sources, when deemed by the COUNTY to be in its best interest. The COUNTY reserves the right to purchase more or less than the quantities specified in this Agreement.

**23.7** The COUNTY agrees to cooperate with the CONTRACTOR in the CONTRACTOR's performance under this Agreement, including, if stated in the Agreement, providing the CONTRACTOR with reasonable facilities and timely access to COUNTY data, information, and personnel.

**23.8** CONTRACTOR shall comply with all applicable Federal, State and local laws and regulations. CONTRACTOR will comply with all applicable COUNTY policies and procedures. In the

event that there is a conflict between the various laws or regulations that may apply, the CONTRACTOR shall comply with the more restrictive law or regulation.

**23.9** CONTRACTOR shall comply with all air pollution control, water pollution, safety and health ordinances, statutes, or regulations, which apply to performance under this Agreement.

**23.10** CONTRACTOR shall comply with all requirements of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) standards and codes as set forth by the U.S. Department of Labor and the State of California (Cal/OSHA).

**23.11** This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of California. Any legal action related to the performance or interpretation of this Agreement shall be filed only in the Superior Court of the State of California located in Riverside, California, and the parties waive any provision of law providing for a change of venue to another location. In the event any provision in this Agreement is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void, or unenforceable, the remaining provisions will nevertheless continue in full force without being impaired or invalidated in any way.

**23.12** This Agreement, including any attachments or exhibits, constitutes the entire Agreement of the parties with respect to its subject matter and supersedes all prior and contemporaneous representations, proposals, discussions and communications, whether oral or in writing. This Agreement may be changed or modified only by a written amendment signed by authorized representatives of both parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused their duly authorized representatives to execute this Agreement.

**COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE**, a political  
subdivision of the State of California

By: Jeff Hewitt  
**JEFF HEWITT**

Chair  
Board of Supervisors

Dated: FEB 08 2022

ATTEST:  
Kecia Harper-Ihem  
Clerk of the Board

By: [Signature]  
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
Gregory P. Priamos  
County Counsel

By: [Signature]

**RYAN HARBRO**

Deputy County Counsel

**CONTRACTOR NAME HERE**

By: [Signature]

Eric B. Nevins  
Owner/Qualified Manager

Dated: 1/10/2022

## EXHIBIT A – SCOPE OF SERVICES

### A. PRE-EMPLOYMENT BACKGROUND INVESTIGATIONS:

COUNTY retains the CONTRACTOR to provide pre-employment background investigation service for applicant applying for law enforcement positions, including reports to the District Attorney's Office. Without limiting the Scope of Services described herein, CONTRACTOR shall meet the service requirement outlined below.

#### 1. CONTRACTOR'S QUALIFICATIONS

CONTRACTOR shall possess the following qualifications for the pre-employment background investigation service:

- a. Experience in pre-employment background investigations for safety personnel and non-safety personnel with local government and/or public sector within the last five (5) years in accordance with the Federal Fair Credit Reporting Act and California Investigative Consumer Reporting Agencies Act.
- b. Experience conducting bulk pre-employment background investigations for police academies within a compressed timeframe.
- c. CONTRACTOR shall have 36-hour of POST background school and at least two (2) year experience in POST background check.
- d. CONTRACTOR must possess a current Private Investigator License issued by the State of California Department of Consumer Affairs, Bureau of Security, and Investigative Services.
- e. All background/reference checks must be made by CONTRACTOR with the appropriate licensure, credentials, training, and experience.
- f. CONTRACTOR must meet all insurance requirements

#### 2. CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITIES

The CONTRACTOR responsibilities are as follow:

- a. Participate in background orientation/meeting before commencing with background investigations.
- b. Meet with the District Attorney's Office staff to discuss expectations, timelines, processes, and resources as needed.
- c. Present the manner and method of the investigations, including documents and forms used during the investigation process, for approval by District Attorney's Office prior to the commencement of the investigations.
- d. Provide thorough pre-employment background investigation services and process bulk background investigations simultaneously.
- e. Conduct background investigations in compliance with the provisions of the Federal Fair Credit Reporting Act and the California Investigative Consumer Reporting Agencies Act.
- f. Use only experienced and qualified investigators to conduct the background investigations; such experience should include significant experience in conducting background investigations for public safety classifications in public safety agencies, i.e., police officers and in compliance with California POST selection requirements when applicable.
- g. Collect and analyze applicant-screening information to facilitate the pre-employment background investigation process.
- h. Meet with candidates to review applicant-screening information and for discrepancy interviews.
- i. Prepare an executive summary for each investigation intended to be used by the District Attorney's Office for employment purposes only. Each executive summary must include a cover sheet explaining the accuracy of the information. Such summaries must be presented for approval by the District Attorney's Office prior to commencement of the investigations.
- j. Assure that executive summaries contain only factual information and comply with the Federal Fair Credit Reporting Act and California Investigative Consumer Reporting Agencies Act.



- k. Provide executive summaries from the commencement of the investigation or as required by the District Attorney's Office.
- l. Assume full responsibility for the accuracy of the executive summary content.
- m. Maintain the ability to provide services on an as-needed basis.
- n. Respond to complaints submitted by candidates regarding discrepancies with their executive summary reports.
- o. Conduct follow-up investigations and prepare addendums/modifications to executive summaries when required based on findings.

### 3. SCOPE OF SERVICES

Based upon the Department's professional standard criteria, the pre-employment background investigation service shall include but not limited to, the following:

- a. Examine the candidate's application and/or resume, verifying accuracy, and identifying areas that need further investigation.
- b. Employment History: the employment history review includes verification of employment through the candidate's current and former employers over the past ten (10) years. Verifications of employment also include automated online verification systems provided by the District Attorney's Office.
- c. Education Review: the education review includes verification of high school, college, and/or vocational school records and graduation status.
- d. Personal and Professional References: the investigator will verify the candidate's personal and professional references.
- e. Department of Motor Vehicle (OMV) Records/Insurability: A OMV check will include a review of the candidate's driving record, licensure, and any applicable court cases and final dispositions. The investigator will also verify automobile insurance records.
- f. Certificates, Licenses, Accreditations, etc.: the candidate's credentials will be verified through the issuing entities for accuracy, status, and if complaints have been filed and final disposition.
- g. Military Records: the candidate's military records will be verified for accuracy through government verification resources/documentation including registration for Selective Service.
- h. Social Security Number (SSN) Verification: the candidate's SSN will be verified and validated through the appropriate Government website and whether any death claims have been filed through the SSN.
- i. Name Identification: the applicant's name will be researched and verified for accuracy including those applicants with maiden names.

### 4. RECORD RETENTION

During the AGREEMENT's term and for the period of two (2) years after the expiration, cancellation, or termination of this AGREEMENT, or any extension of it, CONTRACTOR shall:

- a. Keep and maintain, in their original form, all records or documents related to CONTRACTOR's performance of this AGREEMENT; and
- b. Permit COUNTY or its authorized representative, at all reasonable times, to have access to, examine, audit, excerpt, copy, photocopy, or transcribe all records or documents related to CONTRACTOR's performance of this AGREEMENT including, but not limited to: direct and indirect charges, and detailed documentation, for work CONTRACTOR has performed or will perform under this AGREEMENT.

5. Riverside County District Attorney's Office Responsibilities

The Riverside County District Attorney's Office is responsible for providing the following completed items by the applicant on all backgrounds:

- a. Personal History Statement (Typed and signed by applicant)
- b. All pertinent Human Resources documents
  - i. Conditional offer of employment
  - ii. Background investigation packet instructions
  - iii. Required document list
  - iv. False statement advisement
  - v. Background investigation authorization for independent contractor
  - vi. Release and waiver for automated consumer credit report
  - vii. Any other documents required by Human Resources
- c. Applicant notarized Background waiver
- d. Pre-Investigative Questionnaire
- e. Live Scan Results (Utilizing County equipment/resources)
- f. DOJ Firearms Clearance Letter (Sworn Only)
- g. Local (Data Warehouse) and Nationwide (NCIC) Criminal Search
- h. State and Nationwide Sexual Offender Search
- i. Education Documents (Sealed)
- J. Credit Bureau Report
- k. Citizenship Verification (Birth certificate, Social Security Card, etc....)
- L. Military Service Discharge (DD214)/Selective Service Verification
- m. Dissolution of Marriage (Court Documents)
- n. Marriage Certificate(s)
- o. Driving Record for all states where a license was held (7-year printout)
- p. Automobile Liability Insurance Verification
- q. Local County Superior Court Search and printout
  - i. For all jurisdictions where the applicant has lived, worked, or gone to school

B. INTERNAL AFFAIRS INVESTIGATIONS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL:

1. CONTRACTOR's QUALIFICATION

CONTRACTOR shall conduct Internal Affairs investigation that encompasses the following types: administrative and/or disciplinary investigations, which includes confidential employee investigations into allegations of misconduct, discrimination/harassment/retaliation complaints, violation of departmental rules and regulations, violation of state and/or federal laws, etc. Services will include conducting interviews, analyzing evidence, and assessing witness credibility, summarizing the case in a written investigative report. CONTRACTOR must meet the following minimum qualifications:

- a. Experience in conducting investigations (i.e., allegations of employee misconduct, discrimination/harassment complaints, etc.) with local government and/or public sector within the last five (5) years.
- b. A minimum of 5 years' verifiable experience conducting investigations
  - I. Of which, a minimum of 2 years' experience conducting administrative investigations for public agencies

- II. Of which, a minimum of 1-year experience conducting administrative investigations in which the involved employee(s) are subject to the Peace Officers' Bill of Rights, as defined in California Government Code section 3300
- c. Ability to provide proof of California POST certified training related to Internal Affairs investigations
- d. Demonstrable knowledge of confidentiality laws related to peace officer personnel records.
- e. Must be a California licensed private investigator or attorney
- f. Must be willing to travel throughout Riverside County
- g. CONTRACTOR must meet all insurance requirements

## 2. CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITIES

The CONTRACTOR responsibilities are as follow:

- a. Meet with the District Attorney staff to discuss expectations, timelines, processes, and resources as needed
- b. Present the manner and method of the investigations for approval by District Attorney's Office prior to the commencement of the investigations
- c. Provide thorough investigation services
- d. Use only experienced investigators to conduct the investigations; such experience should include significant experience in conducting investigations for public safety classifications in public safety agencies, i.e., police officers.
- e. Interview subjects, witnesses, complainants, and applicable bargaining unit agreements.
- f. Record all interviews.
- g. Collect and analyze investigation-related information to facilitate the investigation process.
- h. Provide investigation reports, to include findings and supporting documentations within the estimated timeframe as agreed upon between the District Attorney and the investigator in charge.
- i. Commitment to participate in subsequent arbitration and/or court hearings, as applicable.
- j. Provide testimony transcriptions and summary reports when requested.
- k. Ability to provide references from public agencies for which administrative investigations have been
- l. Assume full responsibility for the accuracy of the investigation and meet with District Attorney staff and/or other authorized parties to discuss investigation as needed.
- m. Maintain the ability to provide services on an as-needed basis.
- n. Conduct follow-up investigations and prepare addendums/modifications to summaries and/or reports when required based on findings.

## 3. RECORD RETENTION

During the AGREEMENT's term and for the period of two (2) years after the expiration, cancellation, or termination of this AGREEMENT, or any extension of it, CONTRACTOR shall:

- a. Keep and maintain, in their original form, all records or documents related to CONTRACTOR's performance of this AGREEMENT; and
- b. Permit COUNTY or its authorized representative, at all reasonable times, to have access to, examine, audit, excerpt, copy, photocopy, or transcribe all records or documents related to CONTRACTOR's performance of this AGREEMENT including, but not limited to: direct and indirect charges, and detailed documentation, for work CONTRACTOR has performed or will perform under this AGREEMENT.



4. Riverside County District Attorney's Office Responsibilities

The Riverside County District Attorney's Office is responsible for providing the following completed documents and services:

- a. Notification and service of the Administrative paperwork:
  - i. Notice of Administrative (Internal Affairs) Investigation to subject employee(s).
  - ii. Administrative Leave Notice and all associated directives.
  - iii. Notice of employee witness interviews. Iv.
  - Notice of employee subject interviews.
  - v. Admonition of Rights (Served by contract investigator).
- b. Provide a private location for administrative interviews.
- c. Provide applicable Policy Manuals, MOU's, and County Policy.
- d. Transcription of all interviews.
- e. Printing of Final Report and Transcribed Interviews.

5. SCOPE OF SERVICE

As part of the Department standard criteria, CONTRACTOR shall conduct all serious administrative investigations, including but not limited to:

- a. DA Investigator-involved shootings
- b. Dishonesty
- c. Drug Use
- d. Misappropriation of Public Funds
- e. Sexual Misconduct
- f. Alleged Constitutional Violations
- g. Allegations of Racial Profiling or Discriminatory Policing
- h. Cases handled for other Jurisdictions/Interagency Cases/Referrals by Agency Head or Command Staff
- i. Investigations of allegations of Misconduct likely to result in litigation against the agency or its members.

6. RECORD RETENTION

During the AGREEMENT's term and for the period of two (2) years after the expiration, cancellation, or termination of this AGREEMENT, or any extension of it, CONTRACTOR shall:

- a. Keep and maintain, in their original form, all records or documents related to CONTRACTOR's performance of this AGREEMENT.
- b. Permit COUNTY or its authorized representative, at all reasonable times, to have access to, examine, audit, excerpt, copy, photocopy, or transcribe all records or documents related to CONTRACTOR's performance of this AGREEMENT including, but not limited to: direct and indirect charges, and detailed documentation, for work CONTRACTOR has performed or will perform under this AGREEMENT.

**C. ADDITIONAL CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS**

1. **Mutual Covenants:** The parties to this Agreement mutually covenant to perform all of their obligations hereunder, to exercise all discretion and rights granted hereunder, and to give all consents in a reasonable manner consistent with the standards of "good faith" and fair dealing".
2. **Agreement Exclusivity:** This is not an exclusive agreement. The COUNTY reserves the right to enter into an agreement with other contractors for the same or similar services. The COUNTY does not guarantee or represent that the CONTRACTOR will be permitted to perform any minimum amount of work or receive compensation other than on a per order basis, under the terms of this agreement.

**EXHIBIT B - PAYMENT PROVISIONS**

**A. Service Rate:** CONTRACTOR's cost includes, but not limited to costs related to the pre-employment background investigation service. CONTRACTOR shall charge the following rate:

<u>SERVICE DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>RATE</u>
Pre-Employment Background Investigation Services (Level I and Level II Background Investigations)	Per Hour	\$50.00 per hour +IRS Mileage rate for all related mileage.
Pre-Employment Background Investigations Services (Level III Security Checks)	Per Case	\$25.00 per case +IRS Mileage rate for all related mileage.
Internal Affairs Administrative Investigations	Per Hour	\$95.00 per hour +any costs required to obtain supporting documentation.  \$150.00 per hour +IRS Mileage rate for all related mileage for any administrative/court hearings and preparation. **SEE "E" BELOW

**B. Early Disqualification for Pre-Employment Background Check:** When an applicant is determined to be disqualified in the initial stage of the background investigation service, CONTRACTOR shall only charge the COUNTY the hourly rate for time spent doing the applicant's background investigation.

**C. Travel Outside of 150 Miles Radius:**

1. Pre-authorization to travel must be obtained and approved by the District Attorney's Office for any travel outside of a 150-mile radius from CONTRACTOR's business address. Travel reimbursement shall apply for all travel from CONTRACTOR's business address.
2. The COUNTY's private vehicle mileage reimbursement rate is the same rate as the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) standard mileage rate for a private vehicle. Changes to the rate will be concurrent with the effective date provided by the Internal Revenue Service. Private mileage claim reimbursements information must be attached (i.e. MapQuest) to the invoice.
3. For all other reimbursable expenses, please see Exhibit C: Travel Reimbursement and Other expenses for detail.  
**Please note: All out-of-state travel must be pre-approved by the District Attorney's Office.**

**D. Background Investigations: \$50.00 per hour**, plus any costs required to complete the background (travel time, fees charged by others to obtain official transcripts, Law Enforcement Agency Checks, overnight hotel costs, and per diem meals for out of the area investigations, etc.). These fees are unusual but do occur.

**Level I and Level II Investigations cover all full-time Sworn and Bureau Non-Sworn (Attorney Records staff, Investigative Technicians, Forensic Technicians, Audio-Video Technicians, Dispatchers, and secretarial).**

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**Level III investigations cover all Volunteers, Law Clerks, Citizen's Academy and other Temporary positions.**

Mileage will be charged at the current year IRS rate for any required travel. The 2022 IRS mileage rate is 58.5 cents per mile (Rate will be adjusted for 2023 and subsequent years).

- E. **Administrative Investigations: \$95.00 per hour**, plus any costs required to complete the initial investigation (travel time, fees charged by others to obtain official transcripts, documents, parking, overnight hotel costs, and per diem meals for out of the area overnight investigations, etc.). These fees are unusual but do occur. Travel and any overnight stays outside of Riverside County must be pre-approved by the Riverside County District Attorney's Office.

Mileage will be charged at the current year IRS rate for any required travel. The 2022 IRS mileage rate is 58.5 cents per mile (Rate will be adjusted for 2023 and subsequent years).

**\$150.00 per hour**, for any preparations and testimony at administrative hearings to include arbitrations or other Court proceedings including criminal cases arising out of the administrative investigation. This includes all time associated with preparation to testify, review of reports and documents, travel time, associated meetings with administrative or legal staff, and standby for testimony at the testimony facility (If placed on call, this rate does not apply for standby time). Travel and any overnight stays outside of Riverside County must be pre-approved by the Riverside County District Attorney's Office.

Mileage will be charged at the current year IRS rate for any required travel. The 2022 IRS mileage rate is 58.5 cents per mile (Rate will be adjusted for 2023 and subsequent years).

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EXHIBIT C

TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT AND OTHER EXPENSES

All out-of-state travel must be pre-approved by the District Attorney's Office. Any expense accrued without approval shall be considered unauthorized and will not be reimbursed by the COUNTY. In this section, the COUNTY provides the service requirement the CONTRACTOR must meet to qualify for cost reimbursement.

1. **Meals:**

Actual cost, not to exceed \$51 per day, shall be allowed for meals related to the performance of background investigation of an applicant, and related assignments that require an overnight stay. Meals for a single day work will not be reimbursed.

The maximum reimbursement for meals (breakfast, lunch, and dinner) is \$51 per day, inclusive of taxes and tips paid. Tips in excess of 20% of the cost of a meal will not be reimbursed. Tips made at fast food restaurants and/or convenience stores will not be reimbursed even if the meal cost is less than the maximum reimbursement rate.

- a. Reimbursement will only be authorized after submission of approved receipts. Receipts must include the date, restaurant name and location, the itemized meal purchased, meal amount, and the reasonable tip paid, not to exceed 20%. An un-itemized restaurant receipt will be accepted only if the restaurant does not provide an itemized receipt.
- b. All receipts shall be attached to the invoices to reflect the charge(s) appeared on the invoice. **Credit/debit card receipts and tear off receipts will not be accepted.**
- c. No reimbursement shall be made for alcoholic beverages of any kind.
- d. As a general rule, no reimbursement for meals will be made for same day travel. Reimbursement will only be granted when it is not reasonable for CONTRACTOR to provide their own meal. Special situations may be considered on a case-by-case basis.

2. **Lodging:**

Reimbursement for actual lodging cost, not to exceed \$159 per night inclusive of all occupancy, accommodation, and other room related taxes and fees, is allowed. For lodging in high-cost cities, as defined by the Internal Revenue Service (e.g., San Francisco), actual cost allowed not to exceed \$239 per night. Lodging costs exceeding the established limit may be reimbursed at a higher rate if the CONTRACTOR submits a written memo by explaining the reason for the expense. This must be pre-approved by the Sheriff's Personnel Unit.

- a. Only the single occupancy rate may be claimed for the reimbursement.
- b. Approval of lodging may apply should CONTRACTOR be required to drive more than 8 hours one way from their location of business. CONTRACTOR must include a supporting document such as the applicant's residential information, etc.



3. Transportation:

Actual cost of common carrier services, including taxicabs, and car rentals, when necessary shall be allowed. CONTRACTOR will utilize on-line travel services and secure the least expensive flights and car rental arrangements possible. Reservations for air transportation should be booked as early as is reasonable to take advantage of lower cost air fares.

Upon request from the District Attorney's Office, supporting documentation proving that the least expensive option was utilized may be requested.

4. Rental Cars:

Actual costs evidenced by an original, dated receipt and inclusive of all related taxes and other rental fees should be submitted along with actual gas receipts (dated, vendor name printed on the receipt) obtained for the purchase of gas for the rental vehicle. No rental car reimbursement will be made for cars above the mid-range size. This information must be documented in the reimbursement information.

The purchase of Loss Damage Waiver (LOW) is mandatory so the CONTRACTOR is not held responsible for damage (under normal circumstances) to the rental vehicle and such cost will be reimbursed.

5. Private Automobile:

The COUNTY's private vehicle mileage reimbursement rate is the same rate as the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) standard mileage rate for a private vehicle. Changes to the rate will be concurrent with the effective date provided by the Internal Revenue Service. Private mileage is calculated from the CONTRACTOR's work location to the location (applicant's location or an agreed upon location between the applicant and CONTRACTOR) and from the location back to the work location.

- a. The District Attorney may authorize use of a private vehicle for the convenience of the driver, instead of more economical travel by air. Reimbursement shall not exceed the cost of the usual airfare plus related subsistence and surface common carrier expenses. CONTRACTOR must justify the mileage with a map printout (route taken must use the least mileage).
- b. The private vehicle must be insured to at least the minimum limits required by the State of California, or if registered/licensed out of state, the insurance must be equal to or greater than the minimum limits required by the State of California.

6. Miscellaneous Expense:

Miscellaneous expenses, including charges for business telephone calls, fax service, internet service, e-mail services, the cost of unusual or necessary services and supplies, bridge tolls and any other justifiable business expense shall be considered operational expenses and shall not be reimbursed as "additional expenses".

7. Claim Forms:

Claims must include the date, destination, amount, and a brief description of service. Claims shall be filed promptly, no later than the end of the month following the month in which the travel and/or other necessary expenses occurred. The COUNTY shall not issue any payment in advance.

- a. No reimbursement will be made for expenses without an accompanying receipt.

8. Receipts:

Reimbursement will only be authorized after submission of approved receipts. **Original receipts are required for reimbursement.** Original receipts must include the name of the establishment where service was provided and the date on which the service was rendered. Restaurant receipts must include the items ordered, as well as the total payment made. However, there may be rare occasions when providing an itemized receipt may not be possible due to the type and location of the restaurant. In this event, an original un-itemized receipt from the restaurant can be submitted.



MICHAEL A. HESTRIN  
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

OFFICE OF  
THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

MEMORANDUM

January 25, 2022

TO: Board of Supervisors/Purchasing Agent

FROM: Jared Haringsma, ADA of Administration

Via: Ginika Ezinwa, Deputy Director-DA Finance

SUBJECT: Single Source Procurement Background Investigator Services

The below information is provided in support of my Department requesting approval for a sole or single source. (*Outside of a duly declared emergency, the time to develop a statement of work or specifications is not in itself justification for sole or single source.*)

1. **Supplier being requested: Arroyo Background Investigations**

2. **Vendor ID:** 225994

3. **X Single Source Sole Source**

(*Single Source - is a purchase of a commodity or service without obtaining competitive bids although more than one source is available*)

(*Sole Source - is a purchase of a commodity or service that is proprietary, or no other vendor is qualified or willing to meet the county specified requirements*)

4. **Have you previously requested and received approval for a sole or single source request for this vendor for your department?** (*If yes, please provide the approved sole or single source number*).

**Yes** ☒ **No**

SSJ# No

4a. **Was the request approved for a different project?**

☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

*No*

5. **Supply/Service being requested:**

This proposal is to engage the selected vendor in the advanced level background investigation services for both sworn and non-sworn personnel within the District Attorney's Office. Due to the sensitive nature of the work being performed by the office, it is critical that an efficient job is done in reviewing the background history of potential employees.



6. **Unique features of the supply/service being requested from this supplier.** *(If this sole source request is due to proprietary software or machinery, or hardware, provide a supporting letter from the manufacturer. If this is a single source request provide an explanation of how this provides the best value for the County by selecting this vendor.)*

The sensitive nature of the law enforcement work, combined with the high level of trust and authority that the public gives to these professionals, requires that candidates be of the highest moral character. These services ensure we select the best applicants, and applicants with criminal pasts or current involvements are filtered out. The value of the service is essential for the Department and provides the best pricing to match.

7. **Reasons why my department requires these unique features from the vendor and what benefit will accrue to the county:**

Background checks for law enforcement officers are a very time consuming and labor-intensive process that can take a lengthy amount of time and having those services performed by a vendor with extended experience in this area is key. The current vendor has performed extended work with the County and is therefore considered an expert as it relates to backgrounds with both sworn and non-sworn employees in the County of Riverside. The vendor utilizes various investigative tools in ensuring a very comprehensive overview of the applicant's background is completed thereby recommending for advancement only those individuals that meet the threshold. A thorough background investigation is important to ensure the applicants selected not only have the aptitude, but also the necessary moral fiber to serve the communities. With the increasing departmental liability, employing multiple pre-screening procedures will allow the Department to select the most qualified applicants to serve the public and communities

8. **Period of Performance:** From: 1/1/2022 to 12/31/2023  
(total number of years)

Is this an annually renewable contract? ☐ No ☒ Yes

Is this a fixed-term agreement: ☒ No ☐ Yes

*(A fixed-term agreement is set for a specific amount of time; it is not renewed annually. Ensure multi-year fixed-term agreements include a cancellation, non-appropriation of funds, or refund clause. If there is no clause(s) to that effect, then the agreement must be submitted to the Board for approval. No exemptions shall apply.)*

9. **Identify all costs for this requested purchase. In addition, please include any single or sole source amounts previously approved and related to this project and vendor in the section designated below for current and future fiscal years. You do not need to include previous fiscal year amounts. If approval is for multiple years, ongoing costs must be identified below. If annual increases apply to ongoing costs such as CPI or other contract increases, provide the estimated annual cost for each consecutive year. If the annual increase may exceed the Purchasing Agent's authority, Board approval must be obtained. (Note: ongoing costs may include but are not limited to subscriptions, licenses, maintenance, support, etc.)**

Description:	FY 22	FY 23	Total
Pre-Employment Background Investigation Services	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$100,000
Total Costs	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$100,000

**10. Price Reasonableness:** *(Explain why this price is reasonable or cost effective – were you provided government discounted pricing? Is this rate/fee comparable to industry standards?)*

Arroyo Background Investigations was able to provide the District Attorney's Office with competitive pricing scaled down to potential demand in the upcoming year based on historical activity. The quote is consistent with industry standards and is considered competitive pricing for the County. This vendor is currently being used by another County agency and has provided consistent pricing.

**11. Projected Board of Supervisor Date (if applicable):** 2/8/22

*(Draft Form 11s, service agreement and or quotes must accompany the sole source request for Purchasing Agent approval.)*

 **Jared Haringsma, Assistant District Attorney** 1/26/2022  
Department Head Signature Print Name Date  
(or designee)

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**The section below is to be completed by the Purchasing Agent or designee.**  
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Purchasing Department Comments:

**Approve**

**Approve with Condition/s**

**Disapprove**

Condition/s:

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**Not to exceed:**

☐ **One-time** \$ N/A

☐ **Annual Amount** \$ 50,000 / per fiscal year through 12/31/23  
*(If Annual Amount Varies each FY) N/A*

FY        : \$         
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**Purchasing Agent**

**Date**

**Approval Number**  
(Reference on Purchasing Documents)/



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**MEMORANDUM**

January 25, 2022

TO: Board of Supervisors/Purchasing Agent  
FROM: Jared Haringsma, ADA of Administration  
Via: Ginika Ezinwa, Deputy Director-DA Finance

SUBJECT: Single Source Procurement Background Investigator Services

The below information is provided in support of my Department requesting approval for a sole or single source. (*Outside of a duly declared emergency, the time to develop a statement of work or specifications is not in itself justification for sole or single source.*)

1. **Supplier being requested:** Halo Confidential Investigations

2. **Vendor ID:** 237023

3. **X Single Source Sole Source**

(*Single Source - is a purchase of a commodity or service without obtaining competitive bids although more than one source is available*)

(*Sole Source - is a purchase of a commodity or service that is proprietary, or no other vendor is qualified or willing to meet the county specified requirements*)

4. **Have you previously requested and received approval for a sole or single source request for this vendor for your department?** (*If yes, please provide the approved sole or single source number*).

Yes X No  
SSJ# No

4a. **Was the request approved for a different project?**

☐ Yes ☐ No

No

5. **Supply/Service being requested:**

This proposal is to engage the selected vendor in the advanced level background investigation services for both sworn and non-sworn personnel within the District Attorney's Office. Due to the sensitive nature of the work being performed by the office, it is critical that an efficient job is done in reviewing the background history of potential employees.

6. **Unique features of the supply/service being requested from this supplier.** *(If this sole source request is due to proprietary software or machinery, or hardware, provide a supporting letter from the manufacturer. If this is a single source request provide an explanation of how this provides the best value for the County by selecting this vendor.)*

The sensitive nature of the law enforcement work, combined with the high level of trust and authority that the public gives to these professionals, requires that candidates be of the highest moral character. These services ensure we select the best applicants, and applicants with criminal pasts or current involvements are filtered out. The value of the service is essential for the Department and provides the best pricing to match.

7. **Reasons why my department requires these unique features from the vendor and what benefit will accrue to the county:**

Background checks for law enforcement officers are a very time consuming and labor-intensive process that can take a lengthy amount of time and having those services performed by a vendor with extended experience in this area is key. The current vendor has performed extended work with the County and is therefore considered an expert as it relates to backgrounds with both sworn and non-sworn employees in the County of Riverside. The vendor utilizes various investigative tools in ensuring a very comprehensive overview of the applicant's background is completed thereby recommending for advancement only those individuals that meet the threshold. A thorough background investigation is important to ensure the applicants selected not only have the aptitude, but also the necessary moral fiber to serve the communities. With the increasing departmental liability, employing multiple pre-screening procedures will allow the Department to select the most qualified applicants to serve the public and communities

8. **Period of Performance:** From: 1/1/2022 to 12/31/2026  
(total number of years)

Is this an annually renewable contract? ☐ No ☒ Yes

Is this a fixed-term agreement: ☒ No ☐ Yes

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9. **Identify all costs for this requested purchase. In addition, please include any single or sole source amounts previously approved and related to this project and vendor in the section designated below for current and future fiscal years. You do not need to include previous fiscal year amounts. If approval is for multiple years, ongoing costs must be identified below. If annual increases apply to ongoing costs such as CPI or other contract increases, provide the estimated annual cost for each consecutive year. If the annual increase may exceed the Purchasing Agent's authority, Board approval must be obtained. (Note: ongoing costs may include but are not limited to subscriptions, licenses, maintenance, support, etc.)**

Description:	FY 22	FY 23	FY 24	FY 25	FY 26	Total
Pre-Employment Background Investigation Services	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$500,000
Total Costs	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$500,000

**10. Price Reasonableness:** *(Explain why this price is reasonable or cost effective – were you provided government discounted pricing? Is this rate/fee comparable to industry standards?)*

Halo Confidential Investigations was able to provide the District Attorney's Office with competitive pricing scaled down to potential demand in the upcoming year based on historical activity. The quote is consistent with industry standards and is considered competitive pricing for the County. This vendor is currently being used by another County agency and has provided consistent pricing.

**11. Projected Board of Supervisor Date (if applicable):** 2/8/22

*(Draft Form 11s, service agreement and or quotes must accompany the sole source request for Purchasing Agent approval.)*

 **Jared Haringsma, Assistant District Attorney** 1/26/2022  
Department Head Signature Print Name Date  
(or designee)

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Purchasing Department Comments:

**Approve**

**Approve with Condition/s**

**Disapprove**

Condition/s:

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**Not to exceed:**

☐ **One-time** \$ N/A

☐ **Annual Amount** \$ 100,000 / per fiscal year through 12/31/26  
*(If Annual Amount Varies each FY) N/A*

FY        : \$         
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**Purchasing Agent**

**Date**

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COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

MEMORANDUM

January 25, 2022

TO: Board of Supervisors/Purchasing Agent

FROM: Jared Haringsma, ADA of Administration

Via: Ginika Ezinwa, Deputy Director-DA Finance

SUBJECT: Single Source Procurement Background Investigator Services

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1. Supplier being requested: Nevins Professional Investigations

2. Vendor ID: 217207

3. ☒ Single Source ☐ Sole Source

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4. Have you previously requested and received approval for a sole or single source request for this vendor for your department? (If yes, please provide the approved sole or single source number).

Yes ☒ No ☐

SSJ# No

4a. Was the request approved for a different project?

☐ Yes ☐ No

No

5. Supply/Service being requested:

This proposal is to engage the selected vendor in the advanced level background investigation services for both sworn and non-sworn personnel within the District Attorney's Office. Due to the sensitive nature of the work being performed by the office, it is critical that an efficient job is done in reviewing the background history of potential employees.



6. **Unique features of the supply/service being requested from this supplier.** *(If this sole source request is due to proprietary software or machinery, or hardware, provide a supporting letter from the manufacturer. If this is a single source request provide an explanation of how this provides the best value for the County by selecting this vendor.)*

The sensitive nature of the law enforcement work, combined with the high level of trust and authority that the public gives to these professionals, requires that candidates be of the highest moral character. The Sheriff's Department employs multi-screening procedures including medical, psychological, physical fitness, interview panels and the background investigation in their process to ensure we select the best applicants, and applicants with criminal pasts or current involvements are filtered out.

7. **Reasons why my department requires these unique features from the vendor and what benefit will accrue to the county:**

Background checks for law enforcement officers are a very time consuming and labor-intensive process that can take a lengthy amount of time and having those services performed by a vendor with extended experience in this area is key. The current vendor has performed extended work with the County and is therefore considered an expert as it relates to backgrounds with both sworn and non-sworn employees in the County of Riverside. The vendor utilizes various investigative tools in ensuring a very comprehensive overview of the applicant's background is completed thereby recommending for advancement only those individuals that meet the threshold. A thorough background investigation is important to ensure the applicants selected not only have the aptitude, but also the necessary moral fiber to serve the communities. With the increasing departmental liability, employing multiple pre-screening procedures will allow the Department to select the most qualified applicants to serve the public and communities

8. **Period of Performance:** From: 1/1/2022 to 12/31/2026  
(total number of years)

Is this an annually renewable contract? ☐ No ☒ Yes

Is this a fixed-term agreement: ☒ No ☐ Yes

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Description:	FY 22	FY 23	FY 24	FY 25	FY 26	Total
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Pre-Employment Background Investigation Services Internal Affairs Administrative Investigations	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$1,000,000
Total Costs	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$1,000,000

*Note: Insert additional rows as needed*

**10. Price Reasonableness:** *(Explain why this price is reasonable or cost effective – were you provided government discounted pricing? Is this rate/fee comparable to industry standards?)*

Nevins Professional Investigations was able to provide the District Attorney's Office with competitive pricing scaled down to potential demand in the upcoming year based on historical activity. The quote is consistent with industry standards and is considered competitive pricing for the County. This vendor is currently being used by another County agency and has provided consistent pricing.

**11. Projected Board of Supervisor Date (if applicable):** 2/8/22

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 **Jared Haringsma, Assistant District Attorney** 1/26/2022  
 Department Head Signature Print Name Date  
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Purchasing Department Comments:

**Approve**

**Approve with Condition/s**

**Disapprove**

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Not to exceed:

☐ **One-time**    \$\_\_N/A\_\_\_\_\_

☐ **Annual Amount** \$\_\_200,000 / per fiscal year through \_12/31/26\_\_\_\_\_

*(If Annual Amount Varies each FY) N/A*

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