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AS-NEEDED BUILDING AND SAFETY PLAN CHECK
AND RELATED SERVICES
AGREEMENT FOR CONSULTANT SERVICES

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into this 22nd day of July, 2015.

BY AND BETWEEN

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, State of California,
hereinafter referred to as County,

AND

BUREAU VERITAS NORTH AMERICA, INC.
hereinafter referred to as Consultant,

The parties hereto do mutually agree as follows:

1. Definition

County means either County; County, as agent for such joint powers authority or nonprofit corporation as may be involved in the issuance of bonds, certificates of participation, or other evidences of indebtedness to finance the work contemplated herein; or said joint powers authority or nonprofit corporation.

2. Consultant's Services

The scope of work shall be as outlined in the Attachment dated June 30, 2015. Consultant's proposal is incorporated herein as a part of this Contract. In the event that any conflict or inconsistency between this Contract and Consultant's proposal are found, such conflict or inconsistency shall be resolved by giving precedence first to the Contract and the attachments to the Contract.

No work shall commence on this project until a written Notice to Proceed is issued by County. County does not guarantee or promise that any work will be assigned to Consultant under this contract until a written Notice to Proceed is issued by the County. Consultant is also referred herein as Contractor.

3. Consideration

In consideration of the performance by Consultant in a manner satisfactory to County of the services described in Paragraph 2 above, including receipt and acceptance of such work by Director of the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works (hereinafter called Director), County agrees to pay Consultant an aggregate maximum not to exceed program amount of Seventeen Million Dollars (\$17,000,000) in the manner set forth

immediately below and according to the Schedule of Prices attached to this Agreement as Attachment 3. County does not guarantee any work or services of any specific monetary amount under this Contract.

Consultant shall invoice County upon the completion of tasks, subtasks, deliverables, and other additional services specified in this Agreement, Scope of Work, and any change orders, as applicable, and which have been approved in writing by the County.

- a. Payments for the work accomplished shall be made upon verification and acceptance of such work by Director, as stated in the Attachment dated June 30, 2015, up to an aggregate maximum program amount of \$17,000,000. Invoices shall be accompanied by an analysis of work completed for the invoice period. This analysis shall be prepared in a format satisfactory to Director.
- b. Subject to the aggregate maximum not-to-exceed program amount of \$17,000,000, supplemental services or additional work may be required at County's discretion, upon prior written authorization by Director, and will be based on Consultant's fee schedule attached to this Agreement as Attachment 3.
- c. Consultant shall not proceed with additional services not set forth in the scope of work or perform services outside the Contract Term without an amendment to this Agreement as set forth in Paragraph 49. Consultant will not be paid for any expenditure beyond the Contract amount stipulated without an amendment to this Agreement.
- d. No Payment for Services Provided Following Expiration/Termination of Agreement: Consultant shall have no claim against County for payment for any money or reimbursement, of any kind whatsoever, for any service provided by Consultant after the expiration or other termination of this Agreement. Should Consultant receive any such payment it shall immediately notify County and shall immediately repay all such funds to County. Payment by County for services rendered after expiration/termination of this Agreement shall not constitute a waiver of County's right to recover such payment from Consultant. This provision shall survive the expiration or other termination of this Agreement.
- e. If requested by the Contractor, the contract (hourly, daily, monthly, etc.) amount may, at the sole discretion of the County, be increased annually based on the most recently published percentage change in the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics' Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County Area for the 12-month period preceding the contract anniversary date, which shall be the effective date for any Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA). However, any increase shall not exceed the general salary movement granted to County employees as determined by the Chief Executive Officer as of each July 1 for the prior 12-month period. Furthermore, should fiscal circumstances ultimately prevent

the Board from approving any increase in County employee salaries, no COLA will be granted. Upon approval of a COLA, a notification will be sent to the Contractor.

- f. Consultant will notify County when Contract amount has been incurred up to 75% of the Contract total.
- g. County reserves the right to supplement the aggregate maximum not-to-exceed program amount by up to twenty-five percent (25%).

4. Equipment and Supplies

Consultant agrees to furnish all necessary equipment and supplies used in the performance of the aforementioned services at Consultant's sole cost and expense.

5. County's Responsibility

County will make available drawings, specifications, and other records as available in County Department of Public Works' file. Notwithstanding the foregoing, County does not represent the accuracy of the content of said materials.

6. County's Representative

Director or Director's authorized representative, shall represent County in all matters pertaining to the services to be rendered pursuant to this Agreement.

7. Term

- a. The term of this Agreement shall be for a period of five years commencing on the date of full execution of the contract. No work will proceed until a Notice to Proceed is issued by the County.
- b. The Consultant shall notify Public Works when this Contract is within six (6) months from the expiration of the term as provided for hereinabove. Upon occurrence of this event, the Consultant shall send written notification to Public Works at the address herein provided in Notices Paragraph.
- c. If the County authorizes the Consultant in writing to perform services on a given project prior to the stated expiration date, but thereafter such services are not completed by the stated expiration date, then the expiration of the Agreement shall be automatically extended solely to allow for the completion of such services. County may authorize unforeseen additional services and extend the contract expiration date as necessary to complete those services when the unforeseen additional services are directly related to the initial scope of work and are necessary for the completion of a given project.

8. Assignment and Delegation

- a. Consultant shall not assign its rights or delegate its duties under the Agreement, or both, whether in whole or in part, without the prior written consent of County, in its discretion, and any attempted assignment or delegation without such consent shall be null and void. For purposes of this paragraph, County consent shall require a written amendment to the Agreement, which is formally approved and executed by the parties. Any payments by County to any approved delegate or assignee on any claim under the Agreement shall be deductible, at County's sole discretion, against the claims which Consultant may have against County.
- b. Shareholders, partners, members, or other equity holders of Consultant may transfer, sell, exchange, assign, or divest themselves of any interest they may have therein. However, in the event any such sale, transfer, exchange, assignment, or divestment is effected in such a way as to give majority control of Consultant to any person(s), corporation, partnership, or legal entity other than the majority controlling interest therein at the time of execution of the Agreement, such disposition is an assignment requiring the prior written consent of County in accordance with applicable provisions of this Agreement.
- c. Any assumption, assignment, delegation, or takeover of any of the Consultant's duties, responsibilities, obligations, or performance of same by any entity other than the Consultant, whether through assignment, subcontract, delegation, merger, buyout, or any other mechanism, with or without consideration for any reason whatsoever without County's express prior written approval, shall be a material breach of the Agreement which may result in the termination of the Agreement. In the event of such termination, County shall be entitled to pursue the same remedies against Consultant as it could pursue in the event of default by Consultant.

9. Authorization Warranty

The Consultant represents and warrants that the person executing this Contract for the Consultant is an authorized agent who has actual authority to bind the Consultant to each and every term, condition, and obligation of this Contract and that all requirements of the Consultant have been fulfilled to provide such actual authority.

10. Budget Reductions

In the event that the County's Board of Supervisors adopts, in any fiscal year, a County Budget which provides for reductions in the salaries and benefits paid to the majority of County employees and imposes similar reductions with respect to County Contracts, the County reserves the right to reduce its payment obligation under this Contract correspondingly for that fiscal year and any subsequent fiscal year during the term of this Contract (including any extensions), and the services to be provided by the Consultant under this Contract shall also be reduced correspondingly. The County's notice to the Consultant regarding said reduction in payment obligation shall be

provided within thirty (30) calendar days of the Board's approval of such actions. Except as set forth in the preceding sentence, the Consultant shall continue to provide all of the services set forth in this Contract.

11. Compliance with Applicable Law

- a. In the performance of this Contract, Consultant shall comply with all applicable Federal, State and local laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, directives, guidelines, policies and procedures, and all provisions required thereby to be included in this Contract are hereby incorporated herein by reference.
- b. Consultant shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless County, its officers, employees, and agents, from and against any and all claims, demands, damages, liabilities, losses, costs, and expenses, including, without limitation, defense costs and legal, accounting and other expert, consulting or professional fees, arising from, connected with, or related to any failure by Consultant, its officers, employees, agents, or subconsultants, to comply with any such laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, directives, guidelines, policies, or procedures, as determined by County in its sole judgment. Any legal defense pursuant to Consultant's indemnification obligations under this Paragraph shall be conducted by Consultant and performed by counsel selected by Consultant and approved by County. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, County shall have the right to participate in any such defense at its sole cost and expense, except that in the event Consultant fails to provide County with a full and adequate defense, as determined by County in its sole judgment, County shall be entitled to retain its own counsel, including, without limitation, County Counsel, and reimbursement from Consultant for all such costs and expenses incurred by County in doing so. Consultant shall not have the right to enter into any settlement, agree to any injunction or other equitable relief, or make any admission, in each case, on behalf of County without County's prior written approval.

12. Compliance with Civil Rights Laws

The Consultant hereby assures that it will comply with Subchapter VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 USC Sections 2000 (e) (1) through 2000 (e) (17), to the end that no person shall, on the grounds of race, creed, color, sex, religion, ancestry, age, condition of physical handicap, marital status, political affiliation, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under this Contract or under any project, program, or activity supported by this Contract. The Consultant shall comply with Consultant's EEO Certification.

13. Compliance with Jury Service Program

This Contract is subject to provisions of the County's ordinance entitled Contractor Employee Jury Service (Jury Service Program) as codified in Sections 2.203.010 through 2.203.090 of the Los Angeles County Code, incorporated by reference and made a part of this Agreement.

- a. Unless Consultant, also referred herein as Contractor, has demonstrated to the County's satisfaction either that Contractor is not a Contractor as defined under the Jury Service Program (Section 2.203.020 of the County Code) or that Contractor qualifies for an exception to the Jury Service Program (Section 2.203.070 of the County Code), Consultant shall have and adhere to a written policy that provides that its Employees shall receive from the Contractor, on an annual basis, no less than five days of regular pay for actual jury service. The policy may provide that Employees deposit any fees received for such jury service with the Contractor or that the Contractor deduct from the Employee's regular pay the fees received for jury service.
- b. For purposes of this Section, Contractor means a person, partnership, corporation or other entity which has a Contract with the County or a subcontract with a County Contractor and has received or will receive an aggregate sum of \$50,000 or more in any 12-month period under one or more County Contracts or subcontracts. Employee means any California resident who is a full-time employee of Contractor. Full-time means 40 hours or more worked per week, or a lesser number of hours if:
 - 1) the lesser number is a recognized industry standard as determined by the County, or
 - 2) Contractor has a long-standing practice that defines the lesser number of hours as full-time. Full-time employees providing short-term, temporary services of 90 days or less within a 12-month period are not considered full-time for purposes of the Jury Service Program. If Contractor uses any subcontractor to perform services for the County under the Contract, the subcontractor shall also be subject to the provisions of this Paragraph. The provisions of this Section shall be inserted into any such subcontract Agreement and a copy of the Jury Service Program shall be attached to the Agreement.
- c. If Consultant is not required to comply with the Jury Service Program when the Contract commences, Contractor shall have a continuing obligation to review the applicability of its exception status from the Jury Service Program, and Contractor shall immediately notify County if Contractor at any time either comes within the Jury Service Program's definition of Contractor or if Contractor no longer qualifies for an exception to the Program. In either event, Contractor shall immediately implement a written policy consistent with the Jury Service Program. The County may also require, at any time during the Agreement and at its sole discretion, that Contractor demonstrate to the County's satisfaction that Contractor either continues to remain outside the Jury Service Program's definition of Contractor and/or that Contractor continues to qualify for an exception to the Program.
- d. Contractor's violation of this Paragraph of the Agreement may constitute a material breach of the Agreement. In the event of such material breach, County may, in its sole discretion, terminate the Contractor and/or bar Contractor from the award of future County contracts for a period of time consistent with the seriousness of the

breach.

14. Confidentiality

Consultant shall maintain the confidentiality of all records and information, proprietary information, software codes, trade secrets, confidential information, etc., whether of County or third parties, in accordance with all applicable Federal, State, and local laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, directives, guidelines, policies and procedures relating to confidentiality, including, without limitation, County policies concerning information technology security and the protection of confidential records and information.

Consultant shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless County, its officers, employees, and agents, from and against any and all claims, demands, damages, liabilities, losses, costs and expenses, including, without limitation, defense costs and legal, accounting and other expert, consulting, or professional fees, arising from, connected with, or related to any failure by Consultant, its officers, employees, agents, or subconsultants, to comply with this Paragraph, as determined by County in its sole judgment. Any legal defense pursuant to Consultant's indemnification obligations under this Paragraph shall be conducted by Consultant and performed by counsel selected by Consultant and approved by County. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, County shall have the right to participate in any such defense at its sole cost and expense, except that in the event Consultant fails to provide County with a full and adequate defense, as determined by County in its sole judgment, County shall be entitled to retain its own counsel, including, without limitation, County Counsel, and reimbursement from Consultant for all such costs and expenses incurred by County in doing so. Consultant shall not have the right to enter into any settlement, agree to any injunction, or make any admission, in each case, on behalf of County without County's prior written approval.

15. Conflict of Interest

No County employee in a position to influence the award of this Agreement or any competing Agreement, and no spouse or economic dependent of such employee, shall be employed in any capacity by Consultant herein, or have any other direct or indirect financial interest in this Agreement. No officer or employee of the Consultant who may financially benefit from the performance of work hereunder shall in any way participate in the County's approval, or ongoing evaluation, of such work, or in any way attempt to unlawfully influence the County's approval or ongoing evaluation of such work.

The Consultant shall comply with all conflict of interest laws, ordinances, and regulations now in effect or hereafter to be enacted during the term of this Agreement. The Consultant warrants that it is not now aware of any facts that create a conflict of interest. If the Consultant hereafter becomes aware of any facts that might reasonably be expected to create a conflict of interest, it shall immediately make full written disclosure of such facts to the County. Full written disclosure shall include, but is not limited to, identification of all persons implicated and a complete description of all

relevant circumstances. Failure to comply with the provisions of this Paragraph shall be a material breach of this Agreement.

16. Consideration of Hiring County Employees Targeted for Layoff/or Re-Employment List

Should the Consultant require additional or replacement personnel after the effective date of this Contract to perform the services set forth herein, the Consultant shall give first consideration for such employment openings to qualified, permanent County employees who are targeted for layoff or qualified, former County employees who are on a re-employment list during the life of this Contract.

17. Consideration of Hiring GAIN/GROW Program Participants

Should the Consultant require additional or replacement personnel after the effective date of this Contract, the Consultant shall give consideration for any such employment openings to participants in the County's Department of Public Social Services Greater Avenues for Independence (GAIN) Program or General Relief Opportunity for Work (GROW) Program who meet the Consultant's minimum qualifications for the open position. For this purpose, consideration shall mean that the Consultant will interview qualified candidates. The County will refer GAIN/GROW participants by job category to the Consultant. Consultant shall report all job openings with job requirements to: GAINGROW@dpss.lacounty.gov to obtain a list of qualified GAIN/GROW job candidates.

In the event that both laid-off County employees and GAIN/GROW participants are available for hiring, County employees shall be given first priority.

18. Contractor Employee Criminal Background Investigation

Each of the Contractor's and subcontractor's staff performing services under the Contract who is in a designated sensitive position, as determined by the County in County's sole discretion, may undergo and pass a background investigation to the satisfaction of County as a condition of beginning and continuing to perform services under this Contract. Such background investigation must be obtained through fingerprints submitted to the California Department of Justice to include State and local level review, which may include, but shall not be limited to, criminal conviction information. The fees associated with the background investigation shall be at the expense of the Contractor, regarding less if the member of Contractor's staff passes or fails the background investigation.

19. Consultant Responsibility and Debarment

- a. A responsible Consultant is a Contractor who has demonstrated the attribute of trustworthiness, as well as quality, fitness, capacity, and experience to satisfactorily perform the Contract. It is the County's policy to conduct business only with responsible Contractors. Contractor is a Contractor who has demonstrated the attribute of trustworthiness, as well as quality, fitness, capacity, and experience to satisfactorily perform the Contract. It is the County's policy to conduct business only with responsible Contractors.
- b. The Contractor is hereby notified that, in accordance with Chapter 2.202 of the County Code, if the County acquires information concerning the performance of the Contractor on this or other Contracts which indicates that the Contractor is not responsible, the County may, in addition to other remedies provided in the Contract, debar the Contractor from bidding or proposing on, or being awarded, and/or performing work on County Contracts for a specified period of time, which generally will not exceed five years but may exceed five years or be permanent if warranted by the circumstances, and terminate any or all existing Contracts the Contractor may have with the County.
- c. The County may debar a Contractor if the Board of Supervisors finds, in its discretion, that the Contractor has done any of the following: (1) violated a term of a Contract with the County or a nonprofit corporation created by the County; (2) committed an act or omission which negatively reflects on the Contractor's quality, fitness or capacity to perform a Contract with the County, any other public entity, or a nonprofit corporation created by the County, or engaged in a pattern or practice which negatively reflects on same; (3) committed an act or offense which indicates a lack of business integrity or business honesty, or (4) made or submitted a false claim against the County or any other public entity.
- d. If there is evidence that the Contractor may be subject to debarment, the Department will notify the Contractor in writing of the evidence which is the basis for the proposed debarment and will advise the Contractor of the scheduled date for a debarment hearing before the Contractor Hearing Board.
- e. The Contractor Hearing Board will conduct a hearing where evidence on the proposed debarment is presented. The Contractor and/or the Contractor's representative shall be given an opportunity to submit evidence at that hearing. After the hearing, the Contractor Hearing Board shall prepare a tentative proposed decision, which shall contain a recommendation regarding whether the Contractor should be debarred, and, if so, the appropriate length of time of the debarment. The Contractor and the Department shall be provided an opportunity to object to the tentative proposed decision prior to its presentation to the Board of Supervisors.

- f. After consideration of any objections, or if no objections are submitted, a record of the hearing, the proposed decision and any other recommendation of the Contractor Hearing Board shall be presented to the Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisors shall have the right to modify, deny or adopt the proposed decision and recommendation of the Hearing Board.
- g. If the Contractor has been debarred for a period longer than five years, that Contractor may, after the debarment has been in effect for at least five years, submit a written request for review of the debarment determination to reduce the period of debarment or terminate the debarment. The County may, in its discretion, reduce the period of debarment or terminate the debarment if it finds that the Contractor has adequately demonstrated one or more of the following: (1) elimination of the grounds for which the debarment was imposed; (2) a bona fide change in ownership or management; (3) material evidence discovered after debarment was imposed; or (4) any other reason that is in the best interests of the County.
- h. The Contractor Hearing Board will consider a request for review of a debarment determination only where (1) the Contractor has been debarred for a period longer than five years; (2) the debarment has been in effect for at least five years; and (3) the request is in writing, states one or more of the grounds for reduction of the debarment period or termination of the debarment, and includes supporting documentation. Upon receiving an appropriate request, the Contractor Hearing Board will provide notice of the hearing on the request. At the hearing, the Contractor Hearing Board shall conduct a hearing where evidence on the proposed reduction of debarment period or termination of debarment is presented. This hearing shall be conducted and the request for review decided by the Contractor Hearing Board pursuant to the same procedures as for a debarment hearing.

The Contractor Hearing Board's proposed decision shall contain a recommendation on the request to reduce the period of debarment or terminate the debarment. The Contractor Hearing Board shall present its proposed decision and recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisors shall have the right to modify, deny, or adopt the proposed decision and recommendation of the Contractor Hearing Board.

- i. These terms shall also apply to subcontractors of County Contractors.

20. Consultant's Acknowledgement of County's Commitment to the Safety Surrendered Baby Law

The Consultant acknowledges that the County places a high priority on the implementation of the Safely Surrendered Baby Law. The Consultant understands that it is the County's policy to encourage all County Consultants to voluntarily post the County's "Safely Surrendered Baby Law" poster in a prominent position at the Consultant's place of business. The Consultant will also encourage its Subconsultants, if any, to post this poster in a prominent position in the Subconsultant's place of business. The County's

Department of Children and Family Services will supply the Consultant with the poster to be used. Information on how to receive the poster can be found on the Internet at www.babysafela.org.

21. Contractor's Warranty of Adherence to County's Child Support Compliance Program

Contractor acknowledges that County has established a goal of ensuring that all individuals who benefit financially from County through Contract are in compliance with their court-ordered child, family, and spousal support obligations in order to mitigate the economic burden otherwise imposed upon County and its taxpayers.

As required by County's Child Support Compliance Program (County Code Chapter 2.200) and without limiting Contractor's duty under this Contract to comply with all applicable provisions of law, Contractor warrants that it is now in compliance and shall during the term of this Contract maintain compliance with employment and wage reporting requirements as required by the Federal Social Security Act (42 USC Section 653a) and California Unemployment Insurance Code Section 1088.5, and shall implement all lawfully served Wage and Earnings Withholding Orders or District Attorney Notices of Wage and Earnings Assignment for Child or Spousal Support, pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure Section 706.031 and Family Code Section 5246(b).

Failure of Contractor to maintain compliance with these requirements shall constitute a default by Contractor under this Contract.

22. County's Quality Assurance Plan

County, or its agent, will evaluate Consultant's performance under this Agreement on not less than an annual basis. Such evaluation will include assessing Consultant's compliance with all Contract terms and performance standards. Consultant deficiencies which County determines are severe or continuing, and that may place performance of the Agreement in jeopardy if not corrected, will be reported to the Board of Supervisors. The report will include improvement/corrective action measures taken by County and Consultant. If improvement does not occur consistent with the corrective action measures, County may terminate this Agreement or impose other penalties as specified in this Agreement.

23. County Rights

The County may employ, either during or after performance of this Contract, any right of recovery the County may have against the Consultant by any means it deems appropriate including, but not limited to, set-off, action at law or in equity, withholding, recoupment, or counterclaim. The rights and remedies of the County under this Contract are in addition to any right or remedy provided by California law.

24. Damage to County Facilities, Buildings Grounds

- a. When applicable, the Consultant shall repair, or cause to be repaired, at its own cost, any and all damage to County facilities, buildings, or grounds caused by the Consultant or employees or agents of the Consultant. Such repairs shall be made immediately after the Consultant has become aware of such damage, but in no event later than thirty (30) days after the occurrence.
- b. If the Consultant fails to make timely repairs, County may make any necessary repairs. All costs incurred by County, as determined by County, for such repairs shall be repaid by the Consultant by cash payment upon demand.

25. Employment Eligibility Verification

Consultant warrants that it fully complies with all Federal statutes and regulations regarding employment of aliens and others, and that all its employees performing services hereunder meet the citizenship or alien status requirements contained in Federal statutes and regulations. Consultant shall obtain, from all covered employees performing services hereunder, all verifications and other documentation of employment eligibility status required by Federal statutes and regulations as they currently exist and as they may be hereafter amended. Consultant shall retain such documentation for all covered employees for the period prescribed by law. Consultant shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless County, its officers, and employees from employer sanctions and any other liability which may be assessed against Consultant or County in connection with any alleged violation of Federal statutes or regulations pertaining to the eligibility for employment of persons performing services under this Agreement.

26. Facsimile/Electronic Representations

The County and the Consultant hereby agree to regard facsimile/electronic representations of original signatures of authorized officers of each party, when appearing in appropriate places on the amendments prepared, and received via communications facilities, as legally sufficient evidence that such original signatures have been affixed to amendments to this Contract, such that the parties need not follow up facsimile/electronic transmissions of such documents with subsequent (non-facsimile/electronic) transmission of "original" versions of such documents.

27. Fair Labor Standards

Consultant shall comply with all applicable provisions of the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act, and shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless County, its agents, officers, and employees from any and all liability including, but not limited to, wages, overtime pay, liquidated damages, penalties, court costs, and attorneys' fees arising under any wage and hour law including, but not limited to, the Federal Fair Labor

Standards Act for services performed by Consultant's employees for which County may be found jointly or solely liable.

28. Force Majeure

- a. Neither party shall be liable for such party's failure to perform its obligations under and in accordance with this Contract, if such failure arises out of fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, other natural occurrences, strikes, lockouts (other than a lockout by such party or any of such party's subconsultants), freight embargoes, or other similar events to those described above, but in every such case the failure to perform must be totally beyond the control and without any fault or negligence of such party (such events are referred to in this Paragraph as "force majeure events").
- b. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a default by a subconsultant of Consultant shall not constitute a force majeure event, unless such default arises out of causes beyond the control of both Consultant and such subconsultant, and without any fault or negligence of either of them. In such case, Consultant shall not be liable for failure to perform, unless the goods or services to be furnished by the subconsultant were obtainable from other sources in sufficient time to permit Consultant to meet the required performance schedule. As used in this subparagraph, the term "subconsultant" and "subconsultants" mean subconsultants at any tier.
- c. In the event Consultant's failure to perform arises out of a force majeure event, Consultant agrees to use commercially reasonable best efforts to obtain goods or services from other sources, if applicable, and to otherwise mitigate the damages and reduce the delay caused by such force majeure event.

29. Governing Law, Jurisdiction, and Venue

This Contract shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of California. The Consultant agrees and consents to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of the State of California for all purposes regarding this Contract and further agrees and consents that venue of any action brought hereunder shall be exclusively in the County of Los Angeles.

30. Independent Consultant Status

This Agreement is by and between County of Los Angeles and Consultant and is not intended, and shall not be construed, to create the relationship of agent, servant, employee, partnership, joint venture, or association, as between County and Consultant. The employees and agents of one party shall not be, or be construed to be, the employees or agents of the other party for any purpose whatsoever.

The Consultant shall be solely liable and responsible for providing to, or on behalf of, all persons performing work pursuant to this Contract all compensation and benefits. The County shall have no liability or responsibility for the payment of any salaries, wages, unemployment benefits, disability benefits, Federal, State, or local taxes, or other compensation, benefits, or taxes for any personnel provided by or on behalf of the Consultant. Consultant understands and agrees that all persons furnishing services to County pursuant to this Agreement are, for purposes of Workers' Compensation liability, employees solely of Consultant and not of County.

Consultant shall bear the sole responsibility and liability for furnishing workers' compensation benefits to any person for injuries arising from, or connected with, services performed on behalf of Consultant pursuant to this Agreement.

31. Indemnification and Insurance

The Indemnification and Insurance Provisions are set forth in Attachments 2 of this Agreement.

32. Liquidated Damages

- a. If, in the judgment of the Director, or his/her designee, the Consultant is deemed to be non-compliant with the terms and obligations assumed hereby, the Director, or his/her designee, at his/her option, in addition to, or in lieu of, other remedies provided herein, may withhold the entire monthly payment or deduct pro rata from the Consultant's invoice for work not performed. A description of the work not performed and the amount to be withheld or deducted from payments to the Consultant from the County, will be forwarded to the Consultant by the Director, or his/her designee, in a written notice describing the reasons for said action.
- b. If the Director or his/her designee, determines that there are deficiencies in the performance of this Contract that the Director, or his/her designee, deems are correctable by the Consultant over a certain time span, the Director, or his/her designee, will provide a written notice to the Consultant to correct the deficiency within specified time frames. Should the Consultant fail to correct deficiencies within said time frame, the Director, or his/her designee, may: (a) Deduct from the Consultant's payment, pro rata, those applicable portions of the Monthly Contract Sum; and/or (b) Deduct liquidated damages. The parties agree that it will be impracticable or extremely difficult to fix the extent of actual damages resulting from the failure of the Consultant to correct a deficiency within the specified time frame. The parties hereby agree that under the current circumstances a reasonable estimate of such damages is One Hundred Dollars (\$100) per day per infraction, and that the Consultant shall be liable to the County for liquidated damages in said amount. Said amount shall be deducted from the County's payment to the Consultant; and/or (c) Upon giving five (5) days notice to the Consultant for failure to

correct the deficiencies, the County may correct any and all deficiencies and the total costs incurred by the County for completion of the work by an alternate source, whether it be County forces or separate private Consultant, will be deducted and forfeited from the payment to the Consultant from the County, as determined by the County.

- c. The action noted in this Paragraph shall not be construed as a penalty, but as adjustment of payment to the Consultant to recover the County cost due to the failure of the Consultant to complete or comply with the provisions of this Contract.
- d. This Paragraph shall not, in any manner, restrict or limit the County's right to damages for any breach of this Contract provided by law or as specified in Paragraph b above, and shall not, in any manner, restrict or limit the County's right to terminate this Contract as agreed to herein.

33. Most Favored Public Entity

If the Consultant's prices decline, or should the Consultant at any time during the term of this Contract provide the same goods or services under similar quantity and delivery conditions to the State of California or any county, municipality, or district of the State at prices below those set forth in this Contract, then such lower prices shall be immediately extended to the County.

34. Nondiscrimination and Affirmative Action

- a. The Consultant certifies and agrees that all persons employed by it, its affiliates, subsidiaries, or holding companies are and shall be treated equally without regard to or because of race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, sex, age, physical or mental disability, marital status, or political affiliation, in compliance with all applicable Federal and State anti-discrimination laws and regulations.
- b. The Consultant shall certify to, and comply with, the provisions of Consultant's EEO Certification.
- c. The Consultant shall take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, sex, age, physical or mental disability, marital status, or political affiliation, in compliance with all applicable Federal and State anti-discrimination laws and regulations. Such action shall include, but is not limited to: employment, upgrading, demotion, transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff or termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation, and selection for training, including apprenticeship.
- d. The Consultant certifies and agrees that it will deal with its subconsultants, bidders, or vendors without regard to or because of race, color, religion, ancestry,

national origin, sex, age, physical or mental disability, marital status, or political affiliation.

- e. The Consultant certifies and agrees that it, its affiliates, subsidiaries, or holding companies shall comply with all applicable Federal and State laws and regulations to the end that no person shall, on the grounds of race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, sex, age, physical or mental disability, marital status, or political affiliation, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under this Contract or under any project, program, or activity supported by this Contract.
- f. The Consultant shall allow County representatives access to the Consultant's employment records during regular business hours to verify compliance with the provisions of this Paragraph when so requested by the County.
- g. If the County finds that any provisions of this Paragraph have been violated, such violation shall constitute a material breach of this Contract upon which the County may terminate or suspend this Contract. While the County reserves the right to determine independently that the anti-discrimination provisions of this Contract have been violated, in addition, a determination by the California Fair Employment and Housing Commission or the Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission that the Consultant has violated Federal or State anti-discrimination laws or regulations shall constitute a finding by the County that the Consultant has violated the anti-discrimination provisions of this Contract.
- h. The parties agree that in the event the Consultant violates any of the anti-discrimination provisions of this Contract, the County shall, at its sole option, be entitled to the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) for each such violation pursuant to California Civil Code Section 1671 as liquidated damages in lieu of terminating or suspending this Contract.

35. Non Exclusivity

Nothing herein is intended nor shall be construed as creating any exclusive arrangement with the Consultant. This Contract shall not restrict Department from acquiring similar, equal or like goods and/or services from other entities or sources.

36. Notice of Delays

Except as otherwise provided under this Contract, when either party has knowledge that any actual or potential situation is delaying or threatens to delay the timely performance of this Contract, that party shall, within one (1) business day, give notice thereof, including all relevant information with respect thereto, to the other party.

37. Notice of Disputes

The Consultant shall bring to the attention of the County's Project Manager and/or County's Project Director any dispute between the County and the Consultant regarding the performance of services as stated in this Contract. If the County's Project Manager or County's Project Director is not able to resolve the dispute, the Director of Public Works, or his/her designee shall resolve it.

38. Notice to Employees Regarding the Federal Earned Income Credit

Consultant shall notify its employees, and shall require each subconsultant to notify its employees, that they may be eligible for the Federal Earned Income Credit under the Federal income tax laws. Such notice shall be provided in accordance with the requirement set forth in Internal Revenue Service Notice 1015.

39. Notice to Employees Regarding the Safely Surrendered Baby Law

The Consultant shall notify and provide to its employees, and shall require each subconsultant to notify and provide to its employees, a fact sheet regarding the Safely Surrendered Baby Law, its implementation in Los Angeles County, and how to safely surrender a baby. The fact sheet is available on the Internet at www.babysafela.org for printing purposes.

The Consultant acknowledges that the County places a high priority on the implementation of the Safely Surrendered Baby Law. The Consultant understands that it is the County's policy to encourage all County Consultants to voluntarily post the County's, A Safely Surrendered Baby Law poster, in a prominent position at the Consultant's place of business. The County's Department of Children and Family Services will supply the Consultant with the poster to be used.

40. Notices

Any notice required or desired to be given pursuant to this Agreement shall be given in writing and addressed as follows:

COUNTY

Department of Public Works
Architectural Engineering Division
Contracts & Operations, 8th Floor
900 South Fremont Avenue
Alhambra, CA 91803
(626) 300-2325

CONSULTANT

Bureau Veritas North America, Inc.
1665 Scenic Avenue, Suite 200
Costa Mesa, CA 92626
(714) 431-4123

The address for notice may be changed by giving notice pursuant to this paragraph.

41. Ownership of County Materials

- a. Consultant and County agree that all materials, including but not limited to, designs, specifications, techniques, plans, reports, deliverables, data, photographs, diagrams, maps, images, graphics, text, videos, advertising, software, source codes, website plans and designs, interactive media, drafts, working papers, outlines, sketches, summaries, edited and/or unedited versions of deliverables, and any other materials or information developed under this Agreement and any and all Intellectual Property rights to these materials, including any copyrights, trademarks, service marks, trade secrets, trade names, unpatented inventions, patent applications, patents, design rights, domain name rights, know-how, and any other proprietary rights and derivatives thereof, are and/or shall be the sole property of County (hereafter collectively, "County Materials"). Consultant hereby assigns and transfers to County all Consultant's right, title and interest in and to all such County Materials developed under this Agreement.

Notwithstanding such County ownership in the County Materials, Consultant may retain possession of working papers and materials prepared by Consultant under this Contract. During and for a minimum of five years subsequent to the term of this Contract, County shall have the right to inspect any and all such working papers and materials, make copies thereof and use the working papers and materials and the information contained therein.

- b. Consultant shall execute all documents requested by County and shall perform all other acts requested by County to assign and transfer to, and vest in County, all Consultant's right, title and interest in and to the County Materials, including, but not limited to, any and all copyrights, trademarks, service marks, trade names, unpatented inventions, patent applications, patents, design rights, domain name rights, know-how, and any other proprietary rights and derivatives thereof resulting from this Contract. County shall have the right to register all applicable copyrights, trademarks and patents in the name of the County of Los Angeles. Further, County shall have the right to assign, license, or otherwise transfer any and all County's rights, title and interest, including, but not limited to copyrights, trademarks, and patents, in and to the County Materials.
- c. Consultant represents and warrants that the County Materials prepared herein under this Agreement, are the original work of Consultant and do not infringe upon any Intellectual Property or proprietary rights of third parties. For those portions of the County Materials that are not the original work of Consultant, Consultant represents and warrants that it has secured all appropriate licenses, rights, and/or permission from appropriate third parties to include such materials in the County Materials.

Consultant shall defend, indemnify and hold County harmless against any claims by third parties based on infringement of copyright, patent, trade secret, trademark, or any other claimed Intellectual Property or proprietary right, arising from County's use of County Materials created and/or prepared by Consultant. Consultant will also indemnify and defend at its sole expense, any action brought against County based on a claim that County Materials furnished hereunder by Consultant and used within the scope of this Agreement infringe any copyright, patent, trade secret, trademark, or any other claimed intellectual property or proprietary right of third parties, and Consultant will pay any costs, damages and attorney's fees incurred by County. County will notify Consultant promptly and in writing of any such action or claim and will permit Consultant to fully participate in the defense thereof.

- d. Consultant shall affix the following notice to all County Materials: "© Copyright 2015 (or such other appropriate date of first publication), County of Los Angeles. All Rights Reserved." Consultant shall affix such notice on the title page of all images, photographs, documents and writings, and otherwise as County may direct.
- e. County shall also have the sole right to control the preparation, modification, and revisions to, all acknowledgment and/or attribution language for all County Materials resulting from this Agreement. County will however, honor requests by Consultant seeking removal of all acknowledgment and/or attribution language relating to the Consultant, should Consultant no longer wish to receive attribution for its work on the County Materials.
- f. If directed to do so by County, Consultant will place the County name and County logo on County Materials developed under this Agreement. Consultant may not, however, use the County name and County logo on any other materials prepared or developed by Consultant that falls outside the scope of this Agreement.

42. Prohibition Against Inducement or Persuasion

Notwithstanding the above, the Consultant and the County agree that, during the term of this Contract and for a period of one year thereafter, neither party shall in any way intentionally induce or persuade any employee of one party to become an employee or agent of the other party. No bar exists against any hiring action initiated through a public announcement.

43. Prohibition from Involvement in Bidding Process

Consultant understands and agrees that neither it nor its subsidiaries shall be involved