



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Title: 2023 On-Call Inspection, Maintenance and Construction Services Department of Public Works Utilities-Flood Control-Watershed Protection Section

The County of San Mateo Department of Public Works Utilities-Flood Control-Watershed Protection section is seeking proposals for On-Call Construction and Maintenance services for Public Works Project within the County of San Mateo. The categories to be awarded include:

- 1) Inspection and Maintenance Services for Green and Structural Devices for Stormwater Treatment
- 2) Inspection, Maintenance and Construction Services for Landscaping, Mitigation, Restoration, or Conservation Areas

Solicitation Number	DPW-20230814- Utilities - Inspection, Maintenance and Construction Services
Number of contracts expected to be awarded	TBD
Estimated Value or Range per contract	\$250,000-\$1,500,000
Funding Sources	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other
Expected Contract Duration	36 months
Options to Renew	Option of one-time extension of 24 months
Hard copy proposals required	3 hard copies (1 original, 2 copies); 1 electronic copy to be submitted via PublicPurchase.com (see pages 10)
County Mailing Address <i>(for hard-copy communication & proposal submissions)</i>	County of San Mateo Department of Public Works 555 County Center, 5th Floor Redwood City, CA 94063 Attention: Mark Chow
E-mail Address for Protests	sjohnson@smcgov.org & protests@smcgov.org
RFP Released	August 14, 2023 12:00 PM PST
Pre-proposal meeting date and time	NA
Pre-proposal meeting location	NA
Deadline for Questions, Comments and Exceptions	August 28, 2023 5:00 PST
Proposal Due Date and Time	September 8, 2023 5:00 PST
Interviews	TBD, if necessary
Submission to County Board for approval	November 14, 2023
Anticipated Contract Award Date	November 14, 2023

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SECTION I - DEFINITIONS

Business Day: Monday through Friday except for holidays as observed per the California Government Code.

Confidential Information: Information in any form that is not generally known and treated as confidential by a party, including business, financial, statistical, and non-public personal information, trade secrets, know-how, applications, documentation, schematics, procedures, Personally Identifiable Information, information covered by legal privilege, and other proprietary information that may be disclosed or incorporated in materials provided to one party by the other, whether or not designated as confidential, whether or not intentionally or unintentionally disclosed, and whether or not subject to legal protections or restrictions.

Contract Materials: finished or unfinished documents, data, studies, maps, photographs, reports, specifications, lists, manuals, software, and other written or recorded materials produced or acquired by the Contractor pursuant to the Contract for or on behalf of the County, whether or not copyrighted.

Contract: The agreement between San Mateo County and Contractor awarded pursuant to this solicitation.

Contractor: The person or other entity awarded a Contract in conformance with the terms of this solicitation and any subsequently-agreed upon terms.

County Data: All information, data, and other content, including Confidential Information and other information whether or not made available by San Mateo County or San Mateo County's agents, representatives or users, to a Contractor or potential Contractor or their employees, agents, representatives or Subcontractors, and any information, data and content directly derived from the foregoing, including data reflecting user access or use.

County Systems: The information technology infrastructure of San Mateo County or any of its designees, including computers, software, databases, networks, and related electronic systems.

County: San Mateo County

Deliverables: Goods or services required to be provided to San Mateo County under the Contract.

DUNS (Data Universal Numbering System): a proprietary nine-digit number issued by Dun and Bradstreet, Inc. to identify unique business entities.

Force Majeure: An event or circumstance not caused by or under the control of a party, and beyond the reasonable anticipation of the affected party, which prevents the party from complying with any of its obligations under the Contract, including acts of God, fires, floods, explosions, riots, wars, hurricane, sabotage, terrorism, vandalism, accident, governmental acts, and other events.

Hosting: Storage, maintenance, and management of hardware, software, and San Mateo County Data by a party other than San Mateo County, on machines and at locations other than those operated by San Mateo County, where a party other than San Mateo County has regular responsibility for back-up, disaster recovery, security, upgrades, replacement, and overall responsibility for ensuring that all hardware and software continues to function as intended.

Key Employee: Employees of the Contractor jointly identified by San Mateo County and the Contractor as possessing unique skill and experience that was a material consideration in San Mateo County's decision to award a contract.

Maintenance Updates: Any revision, update, improvement, modification, enhancement, correction, bug fix, patch, or new release for a system, platform, software or other product, including any change made as a result of applicable federal, State, or local law.

Major Change: A change to the specified performance, maintainability, operation, power requirements, compatibility, measurement, user interface, reliability, quantity, scale, quality, terms, delivery method, or

requirement of any product or service that affects the obligations of the parties or reflects a substantial alteration in circumstances surrounding the agreement, or is of such a nature that knowledge of the change would affect a person's decision-making process.

PII (Personally Identifiable Information): information in any format that can be used to identify a specific individual, either used alone or combined with other private or public information that can be linked in some way to a specific individual.

Project Manager: The individual identified by San Mateo County as San Mateo County's primary contact for the receipt and management of the goods and services required under the Contract.

PST: Pacific Standard Time, including Pacific Daylight Time when in effect

Subcontractor: Firms engaged by the Contractor to perform work or provide goods pursuant to the Contract, including vendors and suppliers

Task Order or Purchase Order: A written request from San Mateo County to a vendor to provide goods or services, indicating types, quantities, prices and delivery criteria.

SECTION II - INSTRUCTIONS FOR PROPOSERS

2.1 PRE-SUBMITTAL ACTIVITIES

A. Registration

- (1) Organizations or individuals interested in responding to this solicitation must register online with the County of San Mateo at:

<https://www.publicpurchase.com/gems/register/vendor/register>

- (2) The County does not maintain the Public Purchase system and is not liable for site failures or technical problems. To resolve technical issues, contact Public Purchase at:
http://www.publicpurchase.com/gems/help/mainhelp.html?frame1=public/info.html&frame2=public/info_register.html

B. Questions, Comments, Exceptions

Submit questions, comments, and exceptions, including notifications of apparent errors, by the Deadline for Questions, Comments and Exceptions to the designated questions field associated with this RFP at the Public Purchase site. Questions and comments received after the deadline may not be acknowledged.

- (1) Request for changes

If requesting changes to a part of this solicitation, identify the specific words or phrases and the sections and paragraphs in which they occur. State the reason for each request and provide alternative suggested language. Failure to submit requests by the deadline will be deemed a waiver of any exception. The County's consideration of a suggestion does not imply acceptance. If sufficient proposals are received with no requested changes, the County may reject those requesting changes.

- (2) Request for Substitution of Specified Equipment, Material, or Process

- (a) Unless otherwise stated in the solicitation, references to items or processes by trade names, models or catalog numbers are to be regarded as establishing a standard of quality and not construed as limiting competition.
- (b) If requesting a substitution for a required item, submit requests by the Deadline for Questions, Comments, and Exceptions. Furnish all necessary information required for the County, in its sole judgement, to make a determination as to the comparative quality and suitability of any suggested alternatives. The County's decision will be final. If alternatives are accepted, the County will issue an addendum to the solicitation.

C. Revisions to the Solicitation

The County may cancel, revise, or reissue this solicitation, in whole or in part, for any reason. Revisions will be posted as addenda on <http://www.publicpurchase.com/>. No other revision of this solicitation will be valid. Proposers are responsible for ensuring that they have received all addenda from Public Purchase.

D. Contact with County Employees

Violation of the following prohibitions may result in a proposer being found non-responsible, barred from participating in this or future procurements, and becoming subject to other legal penalties.

- (1) As of the issuance date of this RFP and continuing until it is canceled or an award is made, no proposer or person acting on behalf of a prospective proposer may discuss any matter relating to the RFP with any officer, agent, or employee of the County, other than through Public Purchase or as outlined in the evaluation process or protest procedures.
- (2) Proposers may not agree to pay any consideration to any company or person to influence the award of a contract by the County, nor engage in behavior that may be reasonably construed by the public as having the effect or intent of influencing the award of a contract.

E. Pre-proposal conference and site visits

If a pre-proposal conference or site visit is scheduled, answers to questions raised prior to and at the events will be posted on Public Purchase.

2.2 PROPOSAL CONTENT REQUIREMENTS

A. Proposal Format

Number all pages of the proposal for each category being submitted on. Label and order each section as follows:

- (1) Cover letter – (up to 1 page) signed by an individual authorized to execute legal documents for the proposer, and identify the categories submitted on, the materials submitted, and an overview of the firm's experience with the various types of projects that may be performed and an understanding of the role and relationships of the firm's staff in the development of these potential projects.
- (2) Authorized contacts - identify the name, title, and contact information of the person to contact regarding the proposal, as well as all other individuals authorized to represent the organization in contract negotiations.
- (3) Table of Contents, listing the major topics and their respective page numbers.
- (4) Exceptions to the solicitation, or to the final revised solicitation, if any.
- (5) Technical Proposal.
- (6) Supplementary Documents, as requested.
- (7) Price Proposal (**in sealed envelope**)

B. Technical Proposal Contents

- (1) Project Understanding - (up to 3 pages per category) Include a brief statement to show your firm's experience in the categories of potential projects, including key issues of previous projects of a similar nature and experience in dealing with those issues that you feel sets your firm apart.
- (2) Explain responses so as to be understood by people unfamiliar with industry jargon. Use drawings, diagrams, schematics and illustrations as needed, but do not simply refer readers to an exhibit or other section of the proposal in lieu of a complete response.
- (3) Addressing each requirement outlined in this solicitation in the order presented, describe how the requested goods and services will be provided.
- (4) If applicable or requested, include a project schedule with milestones, deliverables, dates, and a project management plan.
- (5) Specify any needs for physical space or equipment that the County must provide during the engagement.
- (6) Explain how work, equipment, and knowledge will be transitioned to the County or a new vendor at the end of the contract period.

C. Supplementary Documents

If additional documents and materials are appropriate, or have been requested by the County, provide in the following order as applicable:

- (1) Minimum Qualifications – (5 pages per category) This section should describe the nature and outcome of projects previously conducted by the contractor related to the category of work described within the RFP. Descriptions should include client contact names, address, phone numbers, descriptions of the type of work performed, approximate dates for which the work was completed, and proposed team members who performed the work.

- (a) Work performed within last three (3) years involving any work performed for government agencies of similar nature.
 - (b) Support services available, such as testing and special inspection, which would be required for complex construction projects.
- (2) Organizational Capacity and Experience – (3 pages per category) This section should describe the qualifications and experience of each professional staff member who will participate in the project. An overall project manager must be designated, but the County understands that key staff will vary depending upon the services provided. Separate project managers for the various types of work are acceptable.
- (a) Provide an organizational chart(s) showing the project manager and project staff. If separate teams/staff are utilized for the different work categories, please include an organizational chart for each category. If a subcontractor will be used, the organizational chart should indicate their role.
 - (b) In this section, Contractors also may choose to include a list of the names of probable subcontractors they would use. However, the County recognizes that possible changes in circumstances may prevent a contractor from ultimately using a particular subcontractor or subcontractors indicated on this list. Accordingly, the County will allow substitutions to be made if and when a contractor is engaged for future work. Contractor will assure that any authorized subcontracts with a third party for services complies with all terms and conditions set forth in this contract and pursuant to the requirements of applicable state and local law.
- (3) Samples, drawings, illustrations and related items.
- (4) Attachments, certifications, and forms executed as applicable.
- (5) Team Resumes – (1 page resume for each key team member) Each proposal should contain the resumes of personnel critical to providing the desired services. Changes in Project Manager and/or subcontractors will be subject to review and approval by County.

D. Price Proposal

- (1) Price proposal shall not be submitted with the electronic submittal on the Public Purchase system but shall be included in a **separate sealed envelope** clear marked “PRICE PROPOSAL” with the hard copy submittal.
- (2) Provide a rate schedule for the key staff identified in your proposal for each category, if applicable, to be identified by classification.
- (3) If forms and templates are provided for the Price Proposal, use them without modification. Failure to use the forms or templates provided, or modification of them, may result in rejection of the entire proposal.
- (4) Alternative Price Proposals may be submitted, but only in addition to, not in lieu of, the requested Price Proposal. If submitting an alternative Price Proposal, clearly identify it as an alternative.
- (5) Include prices for the base period of service and if applicable, cost of living or adjustment percentages for each additional year including option years.
- (6) Requests for reimbursements for lodging, food and other miscellaneous per diem items shall be approved in writing by the County prior to beginning of work. Mileage reimbursements shall be recorded from the Contractor’s main office (as designated by the County) to the project site.
- (7) Cost of living or adjustment percentages increase per year shall not exceed 3%.
- (8) Unless otherwise indicated, when applicable, in the price of an item, include all licenses required for operation, as well as upgrades and revisions to software over the term.

2.3 PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

A. Submit proposals as directed below.

(1) Electronic Submissions

Include the proposer name, RFP title and number in each filename. Submit proposals via the Public Purchase website, allowing sufficient time for the upload to complete by the Due Date and Time. Partial uploads will automatically terminate and proposals will be rejected. The Public Purchase submission time will be the official submission time. Contact Public Purchase with technical questions regarding the site. The County will not be responsible for and may not accept proposals that are late due to slow internet connections or for any other failure of the Public Purchase system.

If the proposer is submitting on multiple categories, the electronic submissions shall name each proposal in the following manner: RFP#_ProposerName_Category#.pdf

(2) Conflicts between Certain Requirements

Prior to the submission deadlines and solely relating to a determination of the timeliness of questions, comments, and proposal submissions, information displayed on the Public Purchase site will take precedence in the event of a discrepancy between that information and the information within the solicitation documents. For all other discrepancies, the information in the solicitation documents will take precedence.

(3) Hard copy submissions

(a) Submit proposals with all required documents in a sealed package to the designated County Mailing Address. Within the package, submit the Technical Proposal and the Price Proposal in separate envelopes. Clearly mark the following information on the outside of the package:

- Proposer Name
- Return address
- Solicitation title
- Solicitation number

(b) Submit proposals and all required documentation so as to physically reach the designated address by the Due Date and Time.

(4) Hand-written responses, whether or not submitted electronically, will be rejected, with the exception that signatures may be hand-written.

B. Errors in Proposals

The County will not be liable for any errors in proposals. Proposals may be rejected as unresponsive if they are incomplete, are missing pages or information, or cannot be opened for any reason. The County may waive minor irregularities but such waiver will not modify any remaining RFP requirements.

2.4 PROPOSER CERTIFICATIONS

By submitting a proposal, each proposer certifies under penalty of perjury that:

- Its submission is not the result of collusion or any other activity that would tend to directly or indirectly influence the selection process; and
- Proposer is able or will be able to comply with all requirements of this solicitation at the time of contract award; and
- Neither proposer, its employees, nor any affiliated firm providing the requested goods and services has prepared plans, specifications, terms or requirements for this solicitation, or has any other actual or potential conflict of interest; and

- Proposer is aware of the provisions of Section 1090 et seq. and Section 87100 et seq. of the California Government Code relating to conflict of interest of public officers and employees, and is unaware of any financial or economic interest of any County officer or employee relating to this solicitation.

2.5 WITHDRAWAL OF PROPOSALS

Proposals may be withdrawn, modified, or replaced at any time prior to the Due Date and Time. After that time, whether or not a new solicitation is issued for the same subject matter, withdrawal of a proposal may preclude the proposer from participating in the procurement as a proposer or subcontractor, except that an original equipment manufacturer may participate indirectly through a reseller.

2.6 NO COMMITMENT

Neither submission of a proposal nor the County's receipt of proposal materials confers any right to the proposer nor any obligation on the County. This RFP does not commit the County to award a contract, nor will the County defray any costs incurred in preparing proposals or participating in any presentations or negotiations.

2.7 ESTIMATED QUANTITIES

If the solicitation results in an indefinite quantity or a requirements Agreement, the goods and services actually requested by the County may be less than the maximum value of the Agreement and there is no guarantee, either expressed or implied, as to the actual quantity of goods and services that will be authorized under the Agreement.

2.8 PROPOSER SELECTION

At any time in the evaluation process, the County may request clarifications from proposers.

A. Determination of Responsiveness

A responsive proposal conforms to the instructions set forth in this solicitation and any modifications to it. Non-responsive proposals will be rejected. The County, in its sole discretion, may waive non-consequential deviations if the deviations cannot have provided an advantage over other proposers.

B. Proposal Evaluation

The County will establish an evaluation committee which will evaluate responsive proposals based on the criteria specified in the solicitation. The committee may then recommend one or more top-ranked proposers for final negotiation of contract terms, or may invite one or more proposers for oral presentations and demonstrations, following which those proposers may be allowed to amend their proposals. After evaluating presentations and amended proposals, the committee may recommend one or more top-ranked proposers for final negotiation of contract terms.

C. Determination of Responsibility

The County will make a determination of the responsibility of any proposer under consideration for award, taking into consideration matters such as the proposer's integrity, compliance with public policy and laws, past performance, fiscal responsibility, trustworthiness, financial and technical resources, capacity, and experience to satisfactorily carry out its responsibilities. The County will notify any proposer found non-responsible and allow the finding to be contested.

2.9 CONTRACT AWARD

A. Notice of Intent to Award

Once a decision has been made to award a contract to one or more proposers, the County will post a Notice of Intent to Award, notifying the remaining proposers of their non-selection. The posting may be inclusion of the recommendation to award as an agenda item on the Board of Supervisors schedule.

B. Award Procedure

Contract negotiations are neither an offer nor an implicit guarantee that a contract will be executed. Award, if made, will be to the responsive, responsible proposer offering the overall best value to the County for the services and goods described in this solicitation, or as applicable, for a specific portion of the services and goods described. Any agreement reached will be memorialized in a formal agreement using the attached Standard Agreement template.

C. Commencement of Performance

After all parties have signed the Agreement, the County will notify the proposer and performance may proceed. Prior to County execution of the Agreement, no County employee may authorize work. Any work performed prior to that time may be uncompensated.

2.10 PROTESTS

Protests that do not comply with the protest procedures outlined below will be rejected.

A. Protest Eligibility, Format, and Address

- (1) Protests or objections may be filed regarding the procurement process, the content of the solicitation or any addenda, or contract award.
- (2) The County will only review protests submitted by an interested party, defined as an actual or prospective proposer whose direct economic interest could be affected by the County's conduct of the solicitation. Subcontractors do not qualify as interested parties.
- (3) Submit protests to the Utilities-Flood Control-Watershed Protection Section by e-mail to sjohnson@smcgov.org and protests@smcgov.org or via hard copy to: County of San Mateo, Department of Public Works, 555 County Center, 5th Fl, Redwood City, CA 94063

B. Protest Deadlines

Submit protests with any supplemental materials by 5 p.m. PST, as appropriate, on the deadlines set forth below. The date of filing is the date the County receives the protest, unless received after 5 p.m. PST, or on other than a Business Day, in which case the date of filing will be the next Business Day. Failure to file by the relevant deadline constitutes a waiver of any protest on those grounds. Supplemental materials filed after the relevant deadline may be rejected by the County.

- (1) If relating to the content of the solicitation or to an addendum, file within five Business Days after the date the County releases the solicitation or addendum.
- (2) If relating to any notice of non-responsiveness or non-responsibility, file within five Business Days after the County issues such notice.
- (3) If relating to intent to award, file within five Business Days after the County issues notice of Intent to Award. No protests will be accepted once actual award has been made.

C. Protest Contents

- (1) The letter of protest must include all of the following elements:
 - (a) Detailed grounds for the protest, fully supported with technical data, test results, documentary evidence, names of witnesses, and other pertinent information related to the subject being protested; and
 - (b) The law, rule, regulation, ordinance, provision or policy upon which the protest is based, with an explanation of the violation.
- (2) Protests that simply disagree with decisions of the Evaluation Committee will be rejected.

D. Reply to Protest

The County will send a written response to the protestor and to any other party named in the protest.

E. No Stay of Procurement Action during Protest

Nothing in these protest requirements will prevent the County from proceeding with negotiations or awarding a purchase order or contract while a protest is pending.

2.11 PUBLIC RECORDS

A. General

- (1) All proposals, protests, and information submitted in response to this solicitation will become the property of the County and will be considered public records. As such, they may be subject to public review.
- (2) Any contract arising from this RFP will be a public record.
- (3) Submission of any materials in response to this RFP constitutes:
 - (a) Consent to the County's release of such materials under the Public Records Act without notice to the person or entity submitting the materials; and
 - (b) Waiver of all claims against the County and/or its officers, agents, or employees that the County has violated a proposer's right to privacy, disclosed trade secrets, or caused any damage by allowing the proposal or materials to be inspected; and
 - (c) Agreement to indemnify and hold harmless the County for release of such information under the Public Records Act; and
 - (d) Acknowledgement that the County will not assert any privileges that may exist on behalf of the person or entity submitting the materials.

B. Confidential Information

- (1) The County is not seeking proprietary information and will not assert any privileges that may exist on behalf of the proposer. Proposers are responsible for asserting any applicable privileges or reasons why a document should not be produced in response to a public record request.
- (2) If submitting information protected from disclosure as a trade secret or any other basis, identify each page of such material subject to protection as "CONFIDENTIAL". If requested material has been designated as confidential, the County will attempt to inform the proposer of the public records request in a timely manner to permit assertion of any applicable privileges.
- (3) Failure to seek a court order protecting information from disclosure within ten days of the County's notice of a request to the proposer will be deemed agreement to disclosure of the information and the proposer agrees to indemnify and hold the County harmless for release of such information.
- (4) Requests to treat an entire proposal as confidential will be rejected and deemed agreement to County disclosure of the entire proposal and the proposer agrees to indemnify and hold the County harmless for release of any information requested.
- (5) Trade secrets will only be considered confidential if claimed to be a trade secret when submitted to the County, marked as confidential, and compliant with Government Code Section 6254.7.

SECTION III - QUALIFICATIONS, EXPERIENCE, AND EVALUATION CRITERIA

3.1 MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Proposals will be accepted only from organizations that meet the following required qualifications at the time of proposal submission:

- The proposer has been actively and normally engaged for the past three (3) years in providing inspection, maintenance and construction service described in this solicitation.
- The proposer is legally authorized to do business in the State of California.

3.2 ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY AND EXPERIENCE

Provide all of the following regarding the prime proposer and if applicable, all joint proposers.

A. Organizational Capacity:

- (1) Titles and names of staff members who will be on the team responsible for the project, as well as the expected availability of the various individuals. If requested, include the resume of a dedicated, full-time project manager.
- (2) All applicable licenses and license numbers relevant to the project, the names of the holders of those licenses, and the names of the agencies issuing the licenses.
- (3) If portions of work will be performed by subcontractors, names of proposed subcontractors other than suppliers and descriptions of their respective responsibilities.

B. Experience

- (1) The number of years providing services similar to those contemplated
- (2) The number of years providing services to government entities

3.3 REFERENCES

Provide at least three references from successfully completed projects of similar nature to that described in this solicitation, including the name of the organization for which work was performed, and the name, phone number, and e-mail address of an individual at the organization who was responsible for managing and accepting the work. Ensure that contact information is current. If the County cannot contact the reference because of incorrect or out-of-date information, the reference will be deemed not to have been provided.

3.4 EVALUATION CRITERIA

Proposals will be evaluated in accordance with the following evaluation criteria:

- 50% - Method and approach
 - Apparent understanding of the scope of services to be provided
 - Appropriateness of the proposed solution/services
- 50% - Experience and organizational capacity
 - Qualifications and experience of both the proposer and key personnel
 - Experience with other public agencies
 - Organizational resources and staff, apparent ability to meet any required timelines or other requirements

Proposals should be limited to specific discussion of the elements outline in the RFP. The intent of the RFP is to encourage responses, which allow the County to understand your firm's experience and qualifications for **each Category of Work**. Contractor submittals shall be brief and concise, containing no more than the minimum number of pages allowed.

SECTION IV - INSURANCE

Provide evidence of insurance for each of the checked categories

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	General Liability (Including operations, products and completed operations, as applicable.)	\$1,000,000 - per occurrence for bodily injury, personal injury and property damage. If Commercial General Liability Insurance or other form with a general aggregate limit is used, the general aggregate limit either must apply separately to this project or must be twice the required occurrence limit.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Automobile Liability	\$1,000,000 - per accident for bodily injury and property damage.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Workers' Compensation	As required by the State of California
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Employers' Liability	\$1,000,000 - each accident, \$1,000,000 policy limit bodily injury by disease, \$1,000,000 each employee bodily injury by disease.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Professional Liability (Errors and Omissions)	\$1,000,000 - per occurrence.

SECTION V - STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS

PLEASE NOTE: The sample standard contract attached to this RFP (Enclosure 1) is a template and does not constitute the final agreement to be prepared for the contractor that is selected. Do not attempt to insert missing information and complete the attached sample. Once a contractor is selected, the Department will work with the selected contractor to draft a contractor-specific contract using the template. However, each proposal should address the general terms of the standard contract as outlined in this section.

SECTION VI - SCOPE OF WORK AND SPECIAL PROVISIONS

6.1 SUMMARY

The Section is seeking inspection, maintenance and construction services in the following general categories:

- 1) Inspection and Maintenance Services for Green Infrastructure and Other Structural Devices for Stormwater Treatment
- 2) Inspection, Maintenance, and Construction Services for Landscaping, Mitigation, Restoration, or Conservation Areas

6.2 DESCRIPTION OF PROJECTS AND SERVICES

This section provides a sampling of the potential types of work and potential projects that have been identified. This RFP is not limited to only these projects and the types of projects have been separated into the appropriate Categories of Work.

Category 1 - Inspection and Maintenance Services for Green Infrastructure and Other Structural Devices for Stormwater Treatment

The Contractor shall provide inspection and maintenance support for an array of existing and proposed green infrastructure (GI) and other structural stormwater devices located throughout the County of San Mateo. GI manages stormwater using one or more of the source control processes of infiltration, evaporation, transpiration, storage, reuse, and others. Typical GI includes surface and subsurface features that include but are not limited to; tree trenches, porous pavement, rain gardens, bioretention areas, bio-swales, flume boxes, and others. Ideally, on-site maintenance staff will have ReScape (or similar) certification and experience maintaining bioretention areas.

The services to be provided for inspection shall include, but not be limited to:

- Inspection services to enable the County to fulfill regulatory compliance by supporting data collection, organization, and analysis to track maintenance activities.
- Development of technical reports based on inspection and maintenance activities.
- Collection of data as per the required fields associated with inspection forms.

The services to be provided for maintenance of surface features shall include, but not be limited to:

- Maintenance services as required and per the approved Operation and Maintenance (O&M) manuals.
 - Tasks include sediment removal, debris and litter removal, installation and maintenance of inlet devices, pruning, weeding, mulching, mowing, replanting of vegetated features, replacement and installation of traffic delineators posts, fencing, edging, and cleaning the surfaces of interpretive signage.

The services to be provided for maintenance of subsurface features shall include, but not be limited to:

- Maintenance services as required and per the approved O&M manuals.
 - Tasks include sediment removal, debris and litter removal, installation and maintenance of inlet devices, high-pressure cleaning of inlets, subsurface detention systems, catch basins and control structures, jet-rodding and flushing of laterals and pipes of various dimension and materials.

- Activities will also include visual and video inspections of subsurface components such as inlets, subsurface detention systems, catch basins, control structures, overflow pipes, and other pipes of various sizes and materials.
- Contractor shall have access to a high-pressure vacuum cleaning (i.e., vactor truck) to clean inlets, detention systems, catch basins and control structures or manholes.

The services to be provided for maintenance of porous pavement features shall include, but not be limited to:

- Maintenance services as required and per the approved O&M manuals.
 - Task to include: pressure washing and vacuuming of pervious and porous pavement.

Additional Services may be required beyond the routine scheduled maintenance activities as described above and in the O&M manuals. On-call additional services include but are not limited to one time tasks outside the scope of routine activities and may require additional specialized sub-contractors. These tasks include but are not limited to: system retrofits, repair or replacement of surface or subsurface GI features, regrading, asphalt, concrete and carpentry work.

The above items are intended to give a general overview of the types of projects anticipated by this RFP. The County will request proposals based on a defined scope of work from the selected Contractor once the contract is awarded. Contractor will be required to provide cost proposals based on the schedule of fees as submitted in this RFP. After review, the County will issue project specific Task Orders to perform the work.

Category 2 – Inspection, Maintenance and Construction Services for Landscaping, Mitigation, Restoration, or Conservation Areas

The Contractor shall provide inspection, maintenance and construction support for an array of existing and proposed habitat mitigation, restoration or conservation sites located throughout the County of San Mateo. The County is responsible to maintain and report on several different mitigation areas constructed as compensatory mitigation in relation to impacts of past projects. Typical projects will include wetland and riparian restoration, planting various types and sizes of plants, weeding, analyzing data and preparing and submitting maintenance summary reports, as required.

Contractor shall be familiar with the County Integrated Pest Management Policy (Enclosure 1)

The services to be provided for inspection shall include, but not be limited to:

- Monitoring services to enable the County to fulfill regulatory compliance by supporting data collection, organization and analysis to track maintenance activities.
- Development of technical reports based on summary of completed maintenance activities and recommendations.
- Collection of data as per the required fields associated with maintenance forms.

The services to be provided for maintenance of habitat mitigations areas include, but not be limited to:

- Maintenance services as required to ensure plant survival and removal of invasive species. Tasks to include: non-native plant removal including focused control of high rated Cal IPC weeds, planting of native species, mulching, and watering.
- Supervision of volunteer planting events. Contractor to provide all necessary planting tools, water, and native plants.
- Repair and maintenance various water control structures and mitigation features (i.e., weirs, inlets, outlets, fencing).

- Performing habitat mitigation monitoring, analyzing data and preparing/submittal of monitoring reports.

The services to be provided for construction of habitat mitigation areas include, but are not limited to:

- Wetland restoration
- Riparian restoration
- Erosion control
- Construction of bioswales, ponds, and other wetland and stormwater treatment features

The above items are intended to give a general overview of the types of projects anticipated by this RFP. The County will request proposals based on a defined scope of work from the selected Contractor once the contract is awarded. Contractor will be required to provide cost proposals based on the schedule of fees as submitted in this RFP. After review, the County will issue project specific Task Orders to perform the work.

6.3 PREVAILING RATES

The services contemplated under this procurement include “public works”. For all such work funded by this Agreement, the Contractor is required to comply with state prevailing wage law, Chapter 1 of Part 7 of Division 2 of the Labor Code, commencing with Section 1720 and Title 8, California Code of Regulations, Chapter 8, Subchapter 3, commencing with Section 16000, for any “public works” as that term is defined in the statutes, including all applicable flowdown provisions. For purposes of complying with prevailing wage laws, the Contractor must comply with the provisions applicable to an awarding body.

SECTION VII - ENCLOSURES

- 7.1 ENCLOSURE 1 INTEGRATED PEST MANGEMENT POLICY**
- 7.2 ENCLOSURE 2 CONTRACTOR’S DECLARATION FORM**
- 7.3 ENCLOSURE 3 STANDARD COUNTY AGREEMENT WITH INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR**
- 7.4 ENCLOSURE 4 CHAPTERS 2.84 OF THE ORDINANCE CODE OF SAN MATEO COUNTY**
- 7.5 ENCLOSURE 5 CHAPTERS 2.85 OF THE ORDINANCE CODE OF SAN MATEO COUNTY**

Enclosure 1. Integrated Pest Management Policy

County of San Mateo Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Policy

GOAL

The County of San Mateo (County) seeks to protect the health and safety of its employees and the general public, the environment and water quality, as well as to provide sustainable solutions for pest control, through the reduced use of pesticides on property owned or managed by the County to the maximum extent practicable.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. Employees implementing pest management operations will use Integrated Pest Management (IPM) techniques that emphasize non-pesticide alternatives where feasible and, when necessary, employ the least toxic chemicals. Preference will be given to IPM certified contractors or contractors who implement IPM. County departments and their contractors that apply pesticides will develop and maintain an active IPM Plan to ensure the long-term prevention and suppression of pest problems with minimum negative impacts on the health and safety of the community and environment. The County will track employee and contractor pesticide use and prepare an annual report summarizing pesticide use and evaluating pest control activities performed.
2. The County shall encourage pilot projects to demonstrate landscape and structural pest control alternatives, seeking to use the most recent technology, best management practices and least toxic methods for all pest control measures. Pilot projects should include an objective analysis of the effectiveness of the alternative techniques applied.
3. The County will review its purchasing procedures, contracts or service agreements with pesticide applicators and employee training practices to determine what changes can be made to support the goal of pesticide reduction and promote the purchase and use of the least harmful chemicals.
4. The County will perform educational outreach and/or support Countywide or regional efforts to educate residential and commercial pesticide users on a) goals and techniques of IPM, and b) pesticide related water quality issues.

DEFINITIONS

Pesticides are defined as: any substance or mixture of substances intended for preventing, destroying, repelling, or mitigating any pest. Pests can be insects, rodents and other animals, unwanted plants (weeds), bacteria or fungi. The term pesticide applies to herbicides, fungicides, insecticides, rodenticides, molluscicides and other substances used to control pests. Antimicrobial agents are not included in this definition of pesticides. In general, the intent of antimicrobial agents is to reduce or mitigate the growth or development of microbial organisms.

Integrated Pest Management (IPM) is an ecosystem-based strategy that focuses on long-term prevention of pests or their damage through a combination of techniques such as biological control, habitat manipulation, modification of cultural practices, and use of resistant varieties. Pesticides shall be used only if the above techniques are found to be either ineffective or economically infeasible. Pesticide use shall be in accordance with established guidelines, and treatments shall be made with the goal of removing only target organisms. Pest control materials shall be selected and applied in a manner that minimizes risks to human health, beneficial and nontarget organisms, and the environment.

IPM techniques could include biological controls (e.g., ladybugs and other natural enemies or predators); physical or mechanical controls (e.g., hand labor or mowing); cultural controls (e.g., mulching, discing, or alternative plant type selection); and reduced risk chemical controls (e.g., soaps or oils).

County owned or managed property includes but is not limited to: parks and open space; golf courses; roadsides; landscaped medians; flood control channels; buildings, structures, and other outdoor property owned or managed by the County.

Enclosure 2. Contractor's Declaration Form

County of San Mateo Contractor's Declaration Form

I. CONTRACTOR INFORMATION

Contractor Name:		Phone:	
Contact Person:		Fax:	
Address:			

II. EQUAL BENEFITS (check one or more boxes)

Contractors with contracts in excess of \$5,000 must treat spouses and domestic partners equally as to employee benefits.

- Contractor complies with the County's Equal Benefits Ordinance by:
 - offering equal benefits to employees with spouses and employees with domestic partners.
 - offering a cash equivalent payment to eligible employees in lieu of equal benefits.
- Contractor does not comply with the County's Equal Benefits Ordinance.
- Contractor is exempt from this requirement because:
 - Contractor has no employees, does not provide benefits to employees' spouses, or the contract is for \$5,000 or less.
 - Contractor is a party to a collective bargaining agreement that began on _____ (date) and expires on _____ (date), and intends to offer equal benefits when said agreement expires.

III. NON-DISCRIMINATION (check appropriate box)

- Finding(s) of discrimination have been issued against Contractor within the past year by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Fair Employment and Housing Commission, or other investigative entity. Please see attached sheet of paper explaining the outcome(s) or remedy for the discrimination.
- No finding of discrimination has been issued in the past year against the Contractor by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Fair Employment and Housing Commission, or any other entity.

IV. EMPLOYEE JURY SERVICE (check one or more boxes)

Contractors with original or amended contracts in excess of \$100,000 must have and adhere to a written policy that provides its employees living in San Mateo County up to five days regular pay for actual jury service in the County.

- Contractor complies with the County's Employee Jury Service Ordinance.
- Contractor does not comply with the County's Employee Jury Service Ordinance.
- Contractor is exempt from this requirement because:
 - the contract is for \$100,000 or less.
 - Contractor is a party to a collective bargaining agreement that began on _____ (date) and expires on _____ (date), and intends to comply when the collective bargaining agreement expires.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct, and that I am authorized to bind this entity contractually.

Signature

Name

Date

Title

Enclosure 3. Standard County Agreement with Independent Contractor

Agreement No. _____

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO AND [Contractor name]

This Agreement is entered into this _____ day of _____, 20____, by and between the County of San Mateo, a political subdivision of the state of California, hereinafter called "County," and [Insert contractor legal name here], hereinafter called "Contractor."

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Whereas, pursuant to Section 31000 of the California Government Code, County may contract with independent contractors for the furnishing of such services to or for County or any Department thereof; and

Whereas, it is necessary and desirable that Contractor be retained for the purpose of [Enter information here].

Now, therefore, it is agreed by the parties to this Agreement as follows:

1. Exhibits and Attachments

The following exhibits and attachments are attached to this Agreement and incorporated into this Agreement by this reference:

- Exhibit A—Services
- Exhibit B—Payments and Rates
- Attachment I—§ 504 Compliance *(Delete this if not needed)*
- Attachment IP – Intellectual Property

2. Services to be performed by Contractor

In consideration of the payments set forth in this Agreement and in Exhibit B, Contractor shall perform services for County in accordance with the terms, conditions, and specifications set forth in this Agreement and in Exhibit A.

3. Payments

In consideration of the services provided by Contractor in accordance with all terms, conditions, and specifications set forth in this Agreement and in Exhibit A, County shall make payment to Contractor based on the rates and in the manner specified in Exhibit B. County reserves the right to withhold payment if County determines that the quantity or quality of the work performed is unacceptable. In no event shall County's total fiscal obligation under this Agreement exceed [write out amount] (\$Amount). In the event that the County makes any advance payments, Contractor agrees to refund any amounts in excess of the amount owed by the County at the time of contract termination or expiration. Contractor is not entitled to payment for work not performed as required by this agreement.

4. Term

Subject to compliance with all terms and conditions, the term of this Agreement shall be from [Month and day], 20[last 2 digits of start year], through [Month and day], 20[last 2 digits of end year].

5. Termination

This Agreement may be terminated by Contractor or by the [Title of County Department Head] or his/her designee at any time without a requirement of good cause upon thirty (30) days' advance written notice to the other party. Subject to availability of funding, Contractor shall be entitled to receive payment for work/services provided prior to termination of the Agreement. Such payment shall be that prorated portion of the full payment determined by comparing the work/services actually completed to the work/services required by the Agreement.

County may terminate this Agreement or a portion of the services referenced in the Attachments and Exhibits based upon the unavailability of Federal, State, or County funds by providing written notice to Contractor as soon as is reasonably possible after County learns of said unavailability of outside funding.

County may terminate this Agreement for cause. In order to terminate for cause, County must first give Contractor notice of the alleged breach. Contractor shall have five business days after receipt of such notice to respond and a total of ten calendar days after receipt of such notice to cure the alleged breach. If Contractor fails to cure the breach within this period, County may immediately terminate this Agreement without further action. The option available in this paragraph is separate from the ability to terminate without cause with appropriate notice described above. In the event that County provides notice of an alleged breach pursuant to this section, County may, in extreme circumstances, immediately suspend performance of services and payment under this Agreement pending the resolution of the process described in this paragraph. County has sole discretion to determine what constitutes an extreme circumstance for purposes of this paragraph, and County shall use reasonable judgment in making that determination.

6. Contract Materials

At the end of this Agreement, or in the event of termination, all finished or unfinished documents, data, studies, maps, photographs, reports, and other written materials (collectively referred to as "contract materials") prepared by Contractor under this Agreement shall become the property of County and shall be promptly delivered to County. Upon termination, Contractor may make and retain a copy of such contract materials if permitted by law.

7. Relationship of Parties

Contractor agrees and understands that the work/services performed under this Agreement are performed as an independent contractor and not as an employee of County and that neither Contractor nor its employees acquire any of the rights, privileges, powers, or advantages of County employees.

8. Hold Harmless

a. General Hold Harmless

Contractor shall indemnify and save harmless County and its officers, agents, employees, and servants from all claims, suits, or actions of every name, kind, and description resulting from this Agreement, the performance of any work or services required of Contractor under this Agreement, or payments made pursuant to this Agreement brought for, or on account of, any of the following:

(A) injuries to or death of any person, including Contractor or its employees/officers/agents;

(B) damage to any property of any kind whatsoever and to whomsoever belonging;

(C) any sanctions, penalties, or claims of damages resulting from Contractor's failure to comply, if applicable, with the requirements set forth in the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) and all Federal regulations promulgated thereunder, as amended; or

(D) any other loss or cost, including but not limited to that caused by the concurrent active or passive negligence of County and/or its officers, agents, employees, or servants. However, Contractor's duty to indemnify and save harmless under this Section shall not apply to injuries or damage for which County has been found in a court of competent jurisdiction to be solely liable by reason of its own negligence or willful misconduct.

The duty of Contractor to indemnify and save harmless as set forth by this Section shall include the duty to defend as set forth in Section 2778 of the California Civil Code.

b. Intellectual Property Indemnification

Contractor hereby certifies that it owns, controls, and/or licenses and retains all right, title, and/or interest in and to any intellectual property it uses in relation to this Agreement, including the design, look, feel, features, source code, content, and/or other technology relating to any part of the services it provides under this Agreement and including all related patents, inventions, trademarks, and copyrights, all applications therefor, and all trade names, service marks, know how, and trade secrets (collectively referred to as "IP Rights") except as otherwise noted by this Agreement.

Contractor warrants that the services it provides under this Agreement do not infringe, violate, trespass, or constitute the unauthorized use or misappropriation of any IP Rights of any third party. Contractor shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless County from and against all liabilities, costs, damages, losses, and expenses (including reasonable attorney fees) arising out of or related to any claim by a third party that the services provided under this Agreement infringe or violate any third-party's IP Rights provided any such right is enforceable in the United States. Contractor's duty to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless under this Section applies only provided that: (a) County notifies Contractor promptly in writing of any notice of any such third-party claim; (b) County cooperates with Contractor, at Contractor's expense, in all reasonable respects in connection with the investigation and defense of any such third-party claim; (c) Contractor retains sole control of the defense of any action on any such claim and all negotiations for its settlement or compromise (provided Contractor shall not have the right to settle any criminal action, suit, or proceeding without County's prior written consent, not to be unreasonably withheld, and provided further that any settlement permitted under this Section shall not impose any financial or other obligation on County, impair any right of County, or contain any stipulation, admission, or acknowledgement of wrongdoing on the part of County without County's prior written consent, not to be unreasonably withheld); and (d) should services under this Agreement become, or in Contractor's opinion be likely to become, the subject of such a claim, or in the event such a third party claim or threatened claim causes County's reasonable use of the services under this Agreement to be seriously endangered or disrupted, Contractor shall, at Contractor's option and expense, either: (i) procure for County the right to continue using the services without infringement or (ii) replace or modify the services so that they become non-infringing but remain functionally equivalent.

Notwithstanding anything in this Section to the contrary, Contractor will have no obligation or liability to County under this Section to the extent any otherwise covered claim is based upon: (a) any aspects of the services under this Agreement which have been modified by or for County (other than modification performed by, or at the direction of, Contractor) in such a way as to cause the alleged infringement at

issue; and/or (b) any aspects of the services under this Agreement which have been used by County in a manner prohibited by this Agreement.

The duty of Contractor to indemnify and save harmless as set forth by this Section shall include the duty to defend as set forth in Section 2778 of the California Civil Code.

9. Assignability and Subcontracting

Contractor shall not assign this Agreement or any portion of it to a third party or subcontract with a third party to provide services required by Contractor under this Agreement without the prior written consent of County. Any such assignment or subcontract without County's prior written consent shall give County the right to automatically and immediately terminate this Agreement without penalty or advance notice.

10. Insurance

a. General Requirements

Contractor shall not commence work or be required to commence work under this Agreement unless and until all insurance required under this Section has been obtained and such insurance has been approved by County's Risk Management, and Contractor shall use diligence to obtain such insurance and to obtain such approval. Contractor shall furnish County with certificates of insurance evidencing the required coverage, and there shall be a specific contractual liability endorsement extending Contractor's coverage to include the contractual liability assumed by Contractor pursuant to this Agreement. These certificates shall specify or be endorsed to provide that thirty (30) days' notice must be given, in writing, to County of any pending change in the limits of liability or of any cancellation or modification of the policy.

b. Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability Insurance

Contractor shall have in effect during the entire term of this Agreement workers' compensation and employer's liability insurance providing full statutory coverage. In signing this Agreement, Contractor certifies, as required by Section 1861 of the California Labor Code, that (a) it is aware of the provisions of Section 3700 of the California Labor Code, which require every employer to be insured against liability for workers' compensation or to undertake self-insurance in accordance with the provisions of the Labor Code, and (b) it will comply with such provisions before commencing the performance of work under this Agreement.

c. Liability Insurance

Contractor shall take out and maintain during the term of this Agreement such bodily injury liability and property damage liability insurance as shall protect Contractor and all of its employees/officers/agents while performing work covered by this Agreement from any and all claims for damages for bodily injury, including accidental death, as well as any and all claims for property damage which may arise from Contractor's operations under this Agreement, whether such operations be by Contractor, any subcontractor, anyone directly or indirectly employed by either of them, or an agent of either of them. Such insurance shall be combined single limit bodily injury and property damage for each occurrence and shall not be less than the amounts specified below:

(a) Comprehensive General Liability... \$1,000,000

- (b) Motor Vehicle Liability Insurance... \$1,000,000
- (c) Professional Liability..... \$1,000,000

County and its officers, agents, employees, and servants shall be named as additional insured on any such policies of insurance, which shall also contain a provision that (a) the insurance afforded thereby to County and its officers, agents, employees, and servants shall be primary insurance to the full limits of liability of the policy and (b) if the County or its officers, agents, employees, and servants have other insurance against the loss covered by such a policy, such other insurance shall be excess insurance only.

In the event of the breach of any provision of this Section, or in the event any notice is received which indicates any required insurance coverage will be diminished or canceled, County, at its option, may, notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement to the contrary, immediately declare a material breach of this Agreement and suspend all further work and payment pursuant to this Agreement.

11. Compliance With Laws

All services to be performed by Contractor pursuant to this Agreement shall be performed in accordance with all applicable Federal, State, County, and municipal laws, ordinances, and regulations, including but not limited to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) and the Federal Regulations promulgated thereunder, as amended (if applicable), the Business Associate requirements set forth in Attachment H (if attached), the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in programs and activities receiving any Federal or County financial assistance. Such services shall also be performed in accordance with all applicable ordinances and regulations, including but not limited to appropriate licensure, certification regulations, provisions pertaining to confidentiality of records, and applicable quality assurance regulations. In the event of a conflict between the terms of this Agreement and any applicable State, Federal, County, or municipal law or regulation, the requirements of the applicable law or regulation will take precedence over the requirements set forth in this Agreement.

Contractor will timely and accurately complete, sign, and submit all necessary documentation of compliance.

12. Non-Discrimination and Other Requirements

a. General Non-discrimination

No person shall be denied any services provided pursuant to this Agreement (except as limited by the scope of services) on the grounds of race, color, national origin, ancestry, age, disability (physical or mental), sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital or domestic partner status, religion, political beliefs or affiliation, familial or parental status (including pregnancy), medical condition (cancer-related), military service, or genetic information.

b. Equal Employment Opportunity

Contractor shall ensure equal employment opportunity based on objective standards of recruitment, classification, selection, promotion, compensation, performance evaluation, and management relations for all employees under this Agreement. Contractor’s equal employment policies shall be made available to County upon request.

c. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973

Contractor shall comply with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, which provides that no otherwise qualified individual with a disability shall, solely by reason of a disability, be excluded from the participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination in the performance of any services this Agreement. This Section applies only to contractors who are providing services to members of the public under this Agreement.

d. Compliance with County's Equal Benefits Ordinance

Contractor shall comply with all laws relating to the provision of benefits to its employees and their spouses or domestic partners, including, but not limited to, such laws prohibiting discrimination in the provision of such benefits on the basis that the spouse or domestic partner of the Contractor's employee is of the same or opposite sex as the employee.

e. Discrimination Against Individuals with Disabilities

The nondiscrimination requirements of 41 C.F.R. 60-741.5(a) are incorporated into this Agreement as if fully set forth here, and Contractor and any subcontractor shall abide by the requirements of 41 C.F.R. 60-741.5(a). This regulation prohibits discrimination against qualified individuals on the basis of disability and requires affirmative action by covered prime contractors and subcontractors to employ and advance in employment qualified individuals with disabilities.

f. History of Discrimination

Contractor certifies that no finding of discrimination has been issued in the past 365 days against Contractor by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing, or any other investigative entity. If any finding(s) of discrimination have been issued against Contractor within the past 365 days by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing, or other investigative entity, Contractor shall provide County with a written explanation of the outcome(s) or remedy for the discrimination prior to execution of this Agreement. Failure to comply with this Section shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement and subjects the Agreement to immediate termination at the sole option of the County.

g. Reporting; Violation of Non-discrimination Provisions

Contractor shall report to the County Manager the filing in any court or with any administrative agency of any complaint or allegation of discrimination on any of the bases prohibited by this Section of the Agreement or the Section titled "Compliance with Laws". Such duty shall include reporting of the filing of any and all charges with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing, or any other entity charged with the investigation or adjudication of allegations covered by this subsection within 30 days of such filing, provided that within such 30 days such entity has not notified Contractor that such charges are dismissed or otherwise unfounded. Such notification shall include a general description of the circumstances involved and a general description of the kind of discrimination alleged (for example, gender-, sexual orientation-, religion-, or race-based discrimination).

Violation of the non-discrimination provisions of this Agreement shall be considered a breach of this Agreement and subject the Contractor to penalties, to be determined by the County Manager, including but not limited to the following:

- i. termination of this Agreement;

- ii. disqualification of the Contractor from being considered for or being awarded a County contract for a period of up to 3 years;
- iii. liquidated damages of \$2,500 per violation; and/or
- iv. imposition of other appropriate contractual and civil remedies and sanctions, as determined by the County Manager.

To effectuate the provisions of this Section, the County Manager shall have the authority to offset all or any portion of the amount described in this Section against amounts due to Contractor under this Agreement or any other agreement between Contractor and County.

13. Compliance with County Employee Jury Service Ordinance

Contractor shall comply with Chapter 2.85 of the County's Ordinance Code, which states that Contractor shall have and adhere to a written policy providing that its employees, to the extent they are full-time employees and live in San Mateo County, shall receive from the Contractor, on an annual basis, no fewer than five days of regular pay for jury service in San Mateo County, with jury pay being provided only for each day of actual jury service. The policy may provide that such employees deposit any fees received for such jury service with Contractor or that the Contractor may deduct from an employee's regular pay the fees received for jury service in San Mateo County. By signing this Agreement, Contractor certifies that it has and adheres to a policy consistent with Chapter 2.85. For purposes of this Section, if Contractor has no employees in San Mateo County, it is sufficient for Contractor to provide the following written statement to County: "For purposes of San Mateo County's jury service ordinance, Contractor certifies that it has no full-time employees who live in San Mateo County. To the extent that it hires any such employees during the term of its Agreement with San Mateo County, Contractor shall adopt a policy that complies with Chapter 2.85 of the County's Ordinance Code." The requirements of Chapter 2.85 do not apply if this Agreement's total value listed in the Section titled "Payments", is less than one-hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000), but Contractor acknowledges that Chapter 2.85's requirements will apply if this Agreement is amended such that its total value meets or exceeds that threshold amount.

14. Retention of Records; Right to Monitor and Audit

(a) Contractor shall maintain all required records relating to services provided under this Agreement for three (3) years after County makes final payment and all other pending matters are closed, and Contractor shall be subject to the examination and/or audit by County, a Federal grantor agency, and the State of California.

(b) Contractor shall comply with all program and fiscal reporting requirements set forth by applicable Federal, State, and local agencies and as required by County.

(c) Contractor agrees upon reasonable notice to provide to County, to any Federal or State department having monitoring or review authority, to County's authorized representative, and/or to any of their respective audit agencies access to and the right to examine all records and documents necessary to determine compliance with relevant Federal, State, and local statutes, rules, and regulations, to determine compliance with this Agreement, and to evaluate the quality, appropriateness, and timeliness of services performed.

15. Merger Clause; Amendments

This Agreement, including the Exhibits and Attachments attached to this Agreement and incorporated by reference, constitutes the sole Agreement of the parties to this Agreement and correctly states the rights, duties, and obligations of each party as of this document's date. In the event that any term, condition, provision, requirement, or specification set forth in the body of this Agreement conflicts with or is inconsistent with any term, condition, provision, requirement, or specification in any Exhibit and/or Attachment to this Agreement, the provisions of the body of the Agreement shall prevail. Any prior agreement, promises, negotiations, or representations between the parties not expressly stated in this document are not binding. All subsequent modifications or amendments shall be in writing and signed by the parties.

16. Controlling Law; Venue

The validity of this Agreement and of its terms, the rights and duties of the parties under this Agreement, the interpretation of this Agreement, the performance of this Agreement, and any other dispute of any nature arising out of this Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of California without regard to its choice of law or conflict of law rules. Any dispute arising out of this Agreement shall be venued either in the San Mateo County Superior Court or in the United States District Court for the Northern District of California.

17. Notices

Any notice, request, demand, or other communication required or permitted under this Agreement shall be deemed to be properly given when both: (1) transmitted via facsimile to the telephone number listed below or transmitted via email to the email address listed below; and (2) sent to the physical address listed below by either being deposited in the United States mail, postage prepaid, or deposited for overnight delivery, charges prepaid, with an established overnight courier that provides a tracking number showing confirmation of receipt.

In the case of County, to:

Name/Title: [insert]
Address: [insert]
Telephone: [insert]
Facsimile: [insert]
Email: [insert]

In the case of Contractor, to:

Name/Title: [insert]
Address: [insert]
Telephone: [insert]
Facsimile: [insert]
Email: [insert]

18. Electronic Signature

Both County and Contractor wish to permit this Agreement and future documents relating to this Agreement to be digitally signed in accordance with California law and County's Electronic Signature Administrative Memo. Any party to this Agreement may revoke such agreement to permit electronic signatures at any time in relation to all future documents by providing notice pursuant to this Agreement.

19. Payment of Permits/Licenses

Contractor bears responsibility to obtain any license, permit, or approval required from any agency for work/services to be performed under this Agreement at Contractor's own expense prior to commencement of said work/services. Failure to do so will result in forfeit of any right to compensation under this Agreement.

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In witness of and in agreement with this Agreement's terms, the parties, by their duly authorized representatives, affix their respective signatures:

For Contractor: **[SERVICE PROVIDER COMPANY NAME]**

Contractor Signature

Date

Contractor Name (please print)

COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

By:

President, Board of Supervisors, San Mateo County

Date:

ATTEST:

By:

Clerk of Said Board

Exhibit A

1. Description of Services to be Performed by the Contractor:
(To be completed based on category prior to execution of agreement)

2. Task Order Negotiation, Authorization, and Amount and Method of Payment:
 - A. Negotiation: Contractor shall be entitled to payments in consideration for work performed per above, and based on those professional fees set forth in Exhibit B. Separate and individual “not-to-exceed” (NTE) cost proposals may be requested from Contractor during the term of the Agreement. The Department shall review the proposal as to scope, cost and delivery schedule.
 - B. Task Order Authorization: Each task order shall include specific work requirements, time frames for completion and NTE cost amount, which shall be mutually agreed upon by Contractor and County in writing prior to commencement of each task order. Once a proposal is found to be acceptable, a task order authorization shall be issued, as needed and at the Department’s sole discretion for each individual project or scope of work as defined in the task order. Contractor shall commence work upon receipt of task order authorization. Contractor agrees to complete the approved project or task order work for an amount equal to or less than the approved project or task order NTE amount and within the time limits set forth in the approved project or task order timetable.
 - C. Amount and Method of Payment: The Contractor may have several task orders assigned by the County as part of this on-call agreement. Payment shall not be made for any work unless approved and authorized in advance by the County. Total compensation paid to the Contractor for all task orders assigned will not be greater than the NTE amount of the agreement and may be less than the NTE amount of the agreement. Since this is an on-call agreement, the number of task orders issued is indeterminate, the resulting total compensation paid to the Contractor may be significantly less than the NTE amount of the agreement. The Contractor’s fee schedule rates shall not be adjusted unless approved through a contract amendment by the Contractor and the County. Invoice(s) may be submitted by Contractor according to progress achieved and recognized by the Department, for payment by the County thirty (30) working days from date of receipt, provided that the invoices are complete and absent errors and/or corrections as may be found upon review of invoice(s).

3. Reimbursable Expenses:

Reasonable and necessary expenses related to the services performed and actually incurred shall be reimbursed at cost, or as stipulated in Exhibit “B”, Payments, upon submission of an expense report with backup documentation and County approval. Reimbursable expenses shall be included in the “not-to-exceed” cost proposals. Reimbursable expenses are defined as job-related expenses directly incurred by the Contractor in the performance of services provided under the Agreement. These include mail and overnight delivery services, reproduction of reports, drawings, specifications, photographs, and similar, and travel expenses within a 50 mile

radius from Contractor's office to the job site. Reimbursement for all other travel in connection with the project or task order shall be at the same rate granted to employees of the County and must be approved in advance and in writing by the County.

4. Changes in Work:

Upon agreement by both County and Contractor, any substantive changes to the timeline, "not-to-exceed" amount, or scope of work of a task order must be approved in writing and will result in an amendment to the task order. All other terms and conditions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

5. Task Order Form:

A copy of the Task Order Authorization letter is attached to the Agreement.



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Month Day, Year

Contact Name
Vendor
Address
City, State Zip

RE: Task Order #[X] between the County of San Mateo and (Vendor Name)

Agreement Number: XXXXXX

Agreement Term: XXX

Project Number: XXX

Resolution Number: XXX

Task Order Name: [Task Order Title]

Federal Aid Number: XXX

Contact Name:

Effective today, this letter shall serve as written authorization for Task Order #[X] to provide (Type of Services) services for (Project Name) to the County of San Mateo. Work shall be completed under the On-Call Engineering and Professional Services Agreement between (Vendor) and the County of San Mateo, executed on (Date). To execute this Task Order, please complete the contractor signature block at the end of this letter and return the signed task order to your County Project Manager listed below.

The Not-to-Exceed amount for Task Order #[X] shall be \$X,XXX, based on the attached email proposal from (Vendor), dated (Month Day, Year). Work is to be completed as stated in this proposal. A summary of task orders authorized to date under this Agreement is as follows:

Task Order for On-Call Construction and Maintenance Services Agreement Number: XXXXXX	Date Authorized	Amount Authorized
Task Order #[X] – [Task Order Title]	(Date)	\$ X,XXX
Previously Authorized, to Date (preceding task orders)		\$ X,XXX
Subtotal of all Task Orders Authorized		\$ X,XXX
Total Not to Exceed Amount of Agreement		\$ XXX,XXX
Amount Available to be Authorized for Future Agreement Expenditures		\$ XXX,XXX

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Work under this task order is to be completed by Month Day, Year. Upon agreement by both County and (Vendor), any substantive changes to the timeline, not-to-exceed amount, or scope of work will need to be approved in writing and will result in a Task Order Amendment. All other terms and conditions of the Agreement which this task order is issued from shall remain in full force and effect.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact (Contact Name) at (XXX) XXX-XXXX or via email at: (email).

Very Truly Yours,

Project Manager
Title
Section Name

Attachments: XXX

cc: Name, Title, Section
Name, Title, Section

Contact Name
Task Order # [X] between the County of San Mateo and (Vendor)
[Task Order Title]
Month Day, Year

**Contractor Signature Block
(Vendor)**

Authorized Representative (Print)

Title

_____ Date _____
Authorized Representative (Signature)

County of San Mateo Signature Block

Authorized Representative (Print)

Title

_____ Date _____
Authorized Representative (Signature)

Enclosure 4. Chapter 2.84 of the Ordinance Code of San Mateo County: Contractors- Equal Benefits

The following lists the text of Chapters 2.84 and 2.85 of the Ordinance Code of San Mateo County (as of March 2012), available on-line at <http://library.municode.com/index.aspx?clientId=16029> . Anyone responding to the Request for Proposals is provided is advised to check on-line for updates to the Ordinance Code. It is a contractor or responding party's obligation to obtain the current version of these ordinances.

Chapter 2.84 - CONTRACTS-EQUAL BENEFITS

Supervisors to enter into contracts on behalf of the County.

Sections:

2.84.010 - Definitions.

2.84.020 - Discrimination in the provision of benefits prohibited.

2.84.030 - Application of chapter.

2.84.040 - Powers and duties of the County Manager.

2.84.050 - Date of application.

2.84.010 - Definitions.

For the purposes of this chapter:

(a) "Contract" means a legal agreement between the County and a contractor for public works, consulting, or other services, or for purchase of supplies, material or equipment for which the consideration is in excess of \$5,000.

(b) "Contractor" means a party who enters into a contract with the County.

(c) "Contract Awarding Authority" means the Board of Supervisors or the individual authorized by the Board of

(d) "Domestic partner" means any person who is registered as a domestic partner with the Secretary of State, State of California registry or the registry of the state in which the employee is a resident.

(e) "Employee benefits" means the provision of any benefit other than pension and retirement benefits provided to spouses of employees or provided to an employee on account of the employee's having a spouse, including but not limited to bereavement leave; disability, life, and other types of insurance; family medical leave; health benefits; membership or membership discounts; moving expenses; vacation; travel benefits; and any other benefits given to employees, provided that it does not include benefits to the extent that the application of the requirements of this chapter to such benefits may be preempted by federal or state law.

(Ord. 4324, 08/15/06)

2.84.020 - Discrimination in the provision of benefits prohibited.

(a) No contractor on a County contract shall discriminate in the provision of employee benefits between an employee with a domestic partner and

an employee with a spouse, subject to the following conditions:

1. In the event that the contractor's actual cost of providing a particular benefit for the domestic partner of an employee exceeds that of providing it for the spouse of an employee, or the contractor's actual cost of providing a particular benefit to the spouse of an employee exceeds that of providing it for the domestic partner of an employee, the contractor shall not be deemed to discriminate in the provision of employee benefits if the contractor conditions providing such benefit upon the employee's agreement to pay the excess costs.
 2. The contractor shall not be deemed to discriminate in the provision of employee benefits if, despite taking reasonable measures to do so, the contractor is unable to extend a particular employee benefit to domestic partners, so long as the contractor provides the employee with a cash payment equal to the contractor's cost of providing the benefit to an employee's spouse.
- (b) The Board of Supervisors may waive the requirements of this chapter when it determines that it is in the best interests of the County. The County Manager may waive the requirements of this chapter for contracts not needing the approval of the Board of Supervisors where waiver would be in the best interests of the County for such reasons as follows:
1. Award of a contract or amendment is necessary to respond to an emergency;
 2. The contractor is a sole source;
 3. No compliant contractors are capable of providing goods or services that respond to the County's requirements;
 4. The requirements are inconsistent with a grant, subvention or agreement with a public agency;
 5. The County is purchasing through a cooperative or joint purchasing agreement.
- (c) Contractors should submit requests for waivers of the terms of this chapter to the Contract Awarding Authority for that contract, or in the case of contracts approved by the Board, the County Manager.
- (d) The Contract Awarding Authority, or in the case of contracts approved by the Board, the County Manager, may reject an entity's bid or proposals, or terminate a contract, if the Contract Awarding Authority determines that the entity was set up, or is being used, for the purpose of evading the intent of this chapter.
- (e) No Contract Awarding Authority shall execute a contract with a contractor unless such contractor has agreed that the contractor will not discriminate in the provision of employee benefits as provided for in this chapter.

(Ord. 4324, 08/15/06)

2.84.030 - Application of chapter.

The requirements of this chapter shall only apply to those portions of a contractor's operations that occur: (a) within the County; (b) on real property outside of the County if the property is owned by the County or if the County has a right to occupy the property, and if the contractor's presence at that location is connected to a

contract with the County; and (c) elsewhere in the United States where work related to a County contract is being performed. The requirements of this chapter shall not apply to subcontracts or subcontractors of any contract or contractor.

(Ord. 4324, 08/15/06)

2.84.040 - Powers and duties of the County Manager.

The County Manager's office shall have the authority to:

- (a) Adopt rules and regulations, in accordance with this chapter and the Ordinance Code of the County of San Mateo, establishing standards and procedures for effectively carrying out this chapter;
- (b) Receive notification from employees of contractors regarding violations of this chapter;
- (c) Determine and recommend to the Board of Supervisors for final decision the imposition of appropriate sanctions for violation of this chapter by contractors including, but not limited to:
 - 1. Disqualification of the contractor from bidding on or being awarded a County contract for a period of up to 5 years,
 - 2. Contractual remedies, including, but not limited to termination of contract, and
 - 3. Liquidated damages in the amount of \$2,500;
- (d) Examine contractors' benefit programs covered by this chapter;

- (e) Impose other appropriate contractual and civil remedies and sanctions for violations of this chapter;
- (f) Allow for remedial action after a finding of noncompliance, as specified by rule;
- (g) Perform such other duties as may be required or which are necessary to implement the purposes of this chapter.

(Ord. 4324, 08/15/06)

2.84.050 - Date of application.

The provisions of this chapter shall apply to any contract awarded or amended on or after July 1, 2001, provided that if the contractor is then signatory to a collective bargaining agreement, this chapter shall only apply to any contract with that contractor which is awarded or amended after the effective date of the next collective bargaining agreement.

(Ord. 4324, 08/15/06)

Enclosure 5. Chapter 2.85 of the Ordinance Code of San Mateo County: Contractor Employee Jury Service

Chapter 2.85 - CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEE JURY SERVICE

Sections:

2.85.010 - Definitions.

2.85.020 - Contractor jury service policy.

2.85.030 - Powers and duties of the County Manager.

2.85.040 - Date of application.

2.85.010 - Definitions.

For the purposes of this chapter:

- (a) "Contract" means a legal agreement between the County and a contractor for public works, consulting, or other services, or for purchase of supplies, material or equipment.
- (b) "Contractor" means a party who enters into a contract with the County for which the contractor receives consideration of \$100,000 or more.
- (c) "Contract Authority" means the Board of Supervisors or the head of the department or agency presenting the proposed contract to the Board of Supervisors.
- (d) "Employee" means any California resident who is a full-time employee of a contractor under the laws of California.
- (e) "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 Manager, or (2) the contractor has a long standing practice that defines the lesser number of hours as full time.

(Ord. 4324, 08/15/06)

2.85.020 - Contractor jury service policy.

- (a) A contractor 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 in San Mateo County. The policy may provide that employees deposit any fees received for such jury service with the contractor or that the contractor deduct from the employees' regular pay the fees received for jury service.
- (b) At the time of seeking a contract, a contractor shall certify to the County that it has and adheres to a policy consistent with this chapter or will have and adhere to such a policy prior to award of the contract.
- (c) The Board of Supervisors may waive the requirements of this chapter when it determines that it is in the best interests of the County for such reasons as follows:
 - 1. Award of a contract or amendment is necessary to respond to an emergency;
 - 2. The contractor is a sole source;

3. No compliant contractors are capable of providing goods or services that respond to the County's requirements;
4. The requirements are inconsistent with a grant, subvention or agreement with a public agency;
5. The County is purchasing through a cooperative or joint purchasing agreement.

(d) Contractors should submit requests for waivers of the terms of this chapter to the Contract Authority or the County Manager.

(e) The County Manager may reject a contractor's bid or proposal, or terminate a contract, if he determines that the contractor is in violation of the requirements of this chapter or was established, or is being used, for the purpose of evading the intent of this chapter.

(f) No contract shall be executed with a contractor unless such contractor is in compliance with this chapter.

(Ord. 4324, 08/15/06)

2.85.030 - Powers and duties of the County Manager.

The County Manager's office shall have the authority to:

- (a) Adopt rules and regulations, in accordance with this chapter and the Ordinance Code of the County of San Mateo, establishing standards and procedures for effectively carrying out this chapter;

(b) Receive notification from employees of contractors regarding violations of this chapter;

(c) Determine and recommend to the Board of Supervisors for final decision the imposition of appropriate sanctions for violation of this chapter by contractors including, but not limited to:

1. Disqualification of the contractor from bidding on or being awarded a County contract for a period of up to 5 years, and
2. Contractual remedies, including, but not limited to termination of contract.

(d) Impose other appropriate contractual sanctions for violations of this chapter;

(e) Allow for remedial action after a finding of noncompliance;

(f) Perform such other duties as may be required or which are necessary to implement the purposes of this chapter.

(Ord. 4324, 08/15/06)

2.85.040 - Date of application.

The provisions of this chapter shall apply to any contract awarded or amended on or after September 1, 2005, provided that if the contractor is then signatory to a collective bargaining agreement, this chapter shall only apply to any contract with that contractor which is awarded or amended after the effective date of the next collective bargaining agreement.

(Ord. 4324, 08/15/06)