

 **Natividad** MEDICAL CENTER  
County of Monterey Agreement for Services  
(Not to Exceed \$100,000)

This Agreement (hereinafter "Agreement") is made by and between the County of Monterey, a political subdivision of the State of California, on behalf of Natividad Medical Center, an acute care hospital (hereinafter, "NMC"), and The Buzz PR, LLC hereinafter "CONTRACTOR (collectively, the County and CONTRACTOR are referred to as the "Parties.").

In consideration of the mutual covenants and conditions set forth in this Agreement, the parties agree as follows:

**GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED;** NMC hereby engages CONTRACTOR to perform, and CONTRACTOR hereby agrees to perform, the services described in Exhibit A in conformity with the terms of the Agreement. The services are generally described as follows:  
To Provide Marketing and Public Relations Services.

**PAYMENTS BY NMC;** NMC shall pay the CONTRACTOR in accordance with the payment provisions set forth in Exhibit A, subject to the limitations set forth in this Agreement. The total amount payable by NMC to CONTRACTOR under this Agreement shall not exceed the sum of \$100,000.

**TERM OF AGREEMENT;** the term of this Agreement is from November 1, 2020 through October 31, 2021 unless sooner terminated pursuant to the terms of this Agreement. This Agreement is of no force or effect until signed by both CONTRACTOR and NMC and with NMC signing last and CONTRACTOR may not commence work before NMC signs this Agreement.

NMC reserves the right to cancel this Agreement, or any extension of this Agreement, without cause, with a thirty day (30) written notice, or with cause immediately.

**SCOPE OF SERVICES AND ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS/EXHIBITS;** the following attached exhibits are incorporated herein by reference and constitute a part of this Agreement:

**Exhibit A:** Scope of Services/Payment Provisions

**1. PERFORMANCE STANDARDS:**

- 1.1. CONTRACTOR warrants that CONTRACTOR and Contractor's agents, employees, and subcontractors performing services under this Agreement are specially trained, experienced, competent, and appropriately licensed to perform the work and deliver the services required under this Agreement and are not employees of NMC, or immediate family of an employee of NMC.
- 1.2. CONTRACTOR, its agents, employees, and subcontractors shall perform all work in a safe and skillful manner and in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations. All work performed under this Agreement that is required by law to be performed or supervised by licensed personnel shall be performed in accordance with such licensing requirements.
- 1.3. CONTRACTOR shall furnish, at its own expense, all materials, equipment, and personnel necessary to carry out the terms of this Agreement, except as otherwise specified in this Agreement.

CONTRACTOR shall not use NMC premises, property (including equipment, instruments, or supplies) or personnel for any purpose other than in the performance of its obligations under this Agreement.

## **2. PAYMENT CONDITIONS:**

- 2.1. Prices shall remain firm for the initial term of the Agreement and, thereafter, may be adjusted annually as provided herein. NMC (Monterey County) does not guarantee any minimum or maximum amount of dollars to be spent under this Agreement.
- 2.2. Negotiations for rate changes shall be commenced, by CONTRACTOR, a minimum of ninety days (90) prior to the expiration of the Agreement. Rate changes are not binding unless mutually agreed upon in writing by the County (NMC) and the CONTRACTOR.
- 2.3. CONTRACTOR shall submit to the Contract Administrator an invoice on a form acceptable to NMC. If not otherwise specified, the CONTRACTOR may submit such invoice periodically or at the completion of services, but in any event, not later than 30 days after completion of services. The invoice shall set forth the amounts claimed by CONTRACTOR for the previous period, together with an itemized basis for Administrator or his or her designee shall certify the invoice, either in the requested amount or in such other amount as NMC approves in conformity with this Agreement, and shall promptly submit such invoice to the County Auditor-Controller for payment. The County Auditor-Controller shall pay the amount certified within 30 days of receiving the certified invoice.
- 2.4. CONTRACTOR shall not receive reimbursement for travel expenses unless set forth in this Agreement.

## **3. TERMINATION:**

- 3.1. During the term of this Agreement, NMC may terminate the Agreement for any reason by giving written notice of termination to the CONTRACTOR at least thirty (30) days prior to the effective date of termination. Such notice shall set forth the effective date of termination. In the event of such termination, the amount payable under this Agreement shall be reduced in proportion to the services provided prior to the date of termination.
- 3.2. NMC may cancel and terminate this Agreement for good cause effective immediately upon written notice to Contractor. "Good cause" includes the failure of CONTRACTOR to perform the required services at the time and in the manner provided under this Agreement. If NMC terminates this Agreement for good cause, NMC may be relieved of the payment of any consideration to Contractor, and NMC may proceed with the work in any manner, which NMC deems proper. The cost to NMC shall be deducted from any sum due the CONTRACTOR under this Agreement.

## **4. INDEMNIFICATION:**

- 4.1. CONTRACTOR shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless NMC (hereinafter "County"), its officers, agents and employees from any claim, liability, loss injury or damage arising out of, or in connection with, performance of this Agreement by Contractor and/or its agents, employees or sub-contractors, excepting only loss, injury or damage caused by the negligence or willful misconduct of personnel employed by the County. It is the intent of the parties to this Agreement to provide the broadest possible coverage for the County. The CONTRACTOR shall reimburse the County for all costs, attorneys' fees, expenses and liabilities incurred with respect to any litigation in which the CONTRACTOR is obligated to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the County under this Agreement.

5. **INSURANCE:**

5.1. Evidence of Coverage:

Prior to commencement of this Agreement, the CONTRACTOR shall provide a "Certificate of Insurance" certifying that coverage as required herein has been obtained. Individual endorsements executed by the insurance carrier shall accompany the certificate. In addition, the CONTRACTOR upon request shall provide a certified copy of the policy or policies.

This verification of coverage shall be sent to NMC's Contracts/Purchasing Department, unless otherwise directed. The CONTRACTOR shall not receive a "Notice to Proceed" with the work under this Agreement until it has obtained all insurance required and NMC has approved such insurance. This approval of insurance shall neither relieve nor decrease the liability of the Contractor.

5.2. Qualifying Insurers: All coverage's except surety, shall be issued by companies which hold a current policy holder's alphabetic and financial size category rating of not less than A-VII, according to the current Best's Key Rating Guide or a company of equal financial stability that is approved by NMC's Contracts/Purchasing Director.

5.3. Insurance Coverage Requirements: Without limiting Contractor's duty to indemnify, CONTRACTOR shall maintain in effect throughout the term of this Agreement a policy or policies of insurance with the following minimum limits of liability:

5.4. Commercial General Liability Insurance, including but not limited to premises and operations, including coverage for Bodily Injury and Property Damage, Personal Injury, Contractual Liability, Broad form Property Damage, Independent Contractors, Products and Completed Operations, with a combined single limit for Bodily Injury and Property Damage of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence.

*(Note: any proposed modifications to these general liability insurance requirements shall be attached as an Exhibit hereto, and the section(s) above that are proposed as not applicable shall be lined out in blue ink. All proposed modifications are subject to County approval.)*

Exemption/Modification (Justification attached; subject to approval)

5.5. Business Automobile Liability Insurance, covering all motor vehicles, including ~~owned, leased, non-~~ owned, and hired vehicles, used in providing services under this Agreement, with a combined single limit for Bodily Injury and Property Damage of not less than \$500,000 per occurrence.

  
Contractor

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Exemption/Modification (Justification attached; subject to approval)

- 5.6. Workers' Compensation Insurance, If CONTRACTOR employs other in the performance of this Agreement, in accordance with California Labor Code section 3700 and with Employer's Liability limits not less than \$1,000,000 each person, \$1,000,000 each accident and \$1,000,000 each disease.

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- 5.7. Professional Liability Insurance, if required for the professional services being provided, (e.g., those persons authorized by a license to engage in a business or profession regulated by the California Business and Professions Code), in the amount of not less than \$1,000,000 per claim and \$2,000,000 in the aggregate, to cover liability for malpractice or errors or omissions made in the course of rendering professional services. If professional liability insurance is written on a "claims-made" basis rather than an occurrence basis, the CONTRACTOR shall, upon the expiration or earlier termination of this Agreement, obtain extended reporting coverage ("tail coverage") with the same liability limits. Any such tail coverage shall continue for at least three years following the expiration or earlier termination of this Agreement.

*(Note: any proposed modifications to these general liability insurance requirements shall be attached as an Exhibit hereto, and the section(s) above that are proposed as not applicable shall be lined out in blue ink. All proposed modifications are subject to County approval.)*

Exemption/Modification (Justification attached; subject to approval)

**6. Other Insurance Requirements:**

- 6.1. All insurance required by this Agreement shall be with a company acceptable to NMC and issued and executed by an admitted insurer authorized to transact insurance business in the State of California. Unless otherwise specified by this Agreement, all such insurance shall be written on an occurrence basis, or, if the policy is not written on an occurrence basis, such policy with the coverage required herein shall continue in effect for a period of three years following the date CONTRACTOR completes its performance of services under this Agreement.
- 6.2. Each liability policy shall provide that NMC shall be given notice in writing at least thirty days in advance of any endorsed reduction in coverage or limit, cancellation, or intended non-renewal thereof. Each policy shall provide coverage for CONTRACTOR and additional insured with respect to claims arising from each subcontractor, if any, performing work under this Agreement, or be accompanied by a certificate of insurance from each subcontractor showing each subcontractor has identical insurance coverage to the above requirements.
- 6.3. **Commercial general liability and automobile liability policies shall provide an endorsement naming the County of Monterey, its officers, agents, and employees as Additional insureds with respect to liability arising out of the Contractor's work, including ongoing and completed operations, and shall further provide that such insurance is primary insurance to any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the County and that the insurance of the Additional Insureds shall not be called upon to contribute to a loss covered by the Contractor's insurance.**
- 6.4. Prior to the execution of this Agreement by NMC, CONTRACTOR shall file certificates of insurance with NMC's Contracts/Purchasing Department, showing that the CONTRACTOR has in effect the insurance required by this Agreement. The CONTRACTOR shall file a new or amended certificate of insurance within five calendar days after any change is made in any insurance policy, which would alter the information on the certificate then on file. Acceptance or approval of insurance shall in no

way modify or change the indemnification clause in this Agreement, which shall continue in full force and effect.

- 6.5. CONTRACTOR shall at all times during the term of this Agreement maintain in force the insurance coverage required under this Agreement and shall send, without demand by NMC, annual certificates to NMC's Contracts/Purchasing Department. If the certificate is not received by the expiration date, NMC shall notify CONTRACTOR and CONTRACTOR shall have five calendar days to send in the certificate, evidencing no lapse in coverage during the interim. Failure by CONTRACTOR to maintain such insurance is a default of this Agreement, which entitles NMC, at its sole discretion, to terminate the Agreement immediately.

## **7. RECORDS AND CONFIDENTIALITY:**

- 7.1. Confidentiality: CONTRACTOR and its officers, employees, agents and subcontractors shall comply with any and all federal, state, and local laws, which provide for the confidentiality of records and other information. CONTRACTOR shall not disclose any confidential records or other confidential information received from NMC or prepared in connection with the performance of this Agreement, unless NMC specifically permits CONTRACTOR to disclose such records or information. CONTRACTOR shall promptly transmit to NMC any and all requests for disclosure of any such confidential records or information. CONTRACTOR shall not use any confidential information gained by CONTRACTOR in the performance of this Agreement except for the sole purpose of carrying out Contractor's obligations under this Agreement.
- 7.2. NMC Records. When this Agreement expires or terminates, CONTRACTOR shall return to NMC any NMC records which CONTRACTOR used or received from NMC to perform services under this Agreement.
- 7.3. Maintenance of Records: CONTRACTOR shall prepare, maintain, and preserve all reports and records that may be required by federal state, and County rules and regulations related to services performed under this Agreement. CONTRACTOR shall maintain such records for a period of at least three years after receipt of final payment under this Agreement. If any litigation, claim, negotiation, audit exception, or other action relating to this Agreement is pending at the end of the three year period, then CONTRACTOR shall retain said records until such action is resolved.
- 7.4. Access to and Audit of Records: NMC shall have the right to examine, monitor and audit all records, documents, conditions, and activities of the CONTRACTOR and its subcontractors related to services provided under this Agreement. Pursuant to Government Code section 8546.7, if this Agreement involves the expenditure of public funds in excess of \$10,000, the parties to this Agreement may be subject, at the request of NMC or as part of any audit of NMC, to the examination and audit of the State Auditor pertaining to matters connected with the performance of this Agreement for a period of three years after final payment under the Agreement.
8. Royalties and Inventions: NMC shall have a royalty-free, exclusive and irrevocable license to reproduce, publish, and use, and authorize other to do so, all original computer programs, writings, sound recordings, pictorial reproductions, drawings, and other works of similar nature produced in the course of or under this Agreement. CONTRACTOR shall not publish any such material without the prior written approval of NMC.
9. Non-Discrimination: During the performance of this Agreement, Contractor, and its subcontractors, shall not unlawfully discriminate against any person because of race, religious creed, color, sex, national origin, ancestry, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, marital status, age (over 40), or sexual orientation, either in Contractor's employment practices or in the furnishing of services to recipients. CONTRACTOR shall ensure that the evaluation and treatment of its employees and applicants for employment and all persons receiving and requesting services are free of such discrimination. CONTRACTOR and any subcontractor shall, in the performance of this Agreement, full comply with all

federal, state, and local laws and regulations which prohibit discrimination. The provision of services primarily or exclusively to such target population as may be designated in this Agreement shall not be deemed to be prohibited discrimination.

10. Compliance with Terms of State or Federal Grant: If this Agreement has been or will be funded with monies received by NMC pursuant to a contract with the state or federal government in which NMC is the grantee, CONTRACTOR will comply with all the provisions of said contract, and said provisions shall be deemed a part of this Agreement, as though fully set forth herein. Upon request, NMC will deliver a copy of said contract to Contractor, at no cost to Contractor.
11. Independent Contractor: In the performance of work, duties, and obligations under this Agreement, CONTRACTOR is at all times acting and performing as an independent CONTRACTOR and not as an employee of NMC. No offer or obligation of permanent employment with NMC or particular County department or agency is intended in any manner, and CONTRACTOR shall not become entitled by virtue of this Agreement to receive from NMC any form of employee benefits including but not limited to sick leave, vacation, retirement benefits, workers' compensation coverage, insurance or disability benefits. CONTRACTOR shall be solely liable for and obligated to pay directly all applicable taxes, including federal and state income taxes and social security, arising out of Contractor's performance of this Agreement. In connection therewith, CONTRACTOR shall defend, indemnify, and hold NMC and the County of Monterey harmless from any and all liability, which NMC may incur because of Contractor's failure to pay such taxes.
12. Notices: Notices required under this Agreement shall be delivered personally or by first-class, postage per-paid mail to NMC and Contractor's contract administrators at the addresses listed below.

**NATIVIDAD MEDICAL CENTER:**

Natividad Medical Center  
Attn: Contracts Division  
Natividad Medical Center  
1441 Constitution Blvd  
Salinas, CA. 93906  
FAX: 831-757-2592

**CONTRACTOR:**

Name: The Buzz PR, LLC  
Attn: Sean Costello or Marci Bracco Cain  
Address: 1320 B Main Street, #235  
City, State, Zip: Salinas, CA 93901  
FAX: None  
Email: info@thebuzzpr.net or marci@thebuzzpr.net

**MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS:**

- 13.1 Conflict of Interest. CONTRACTOR represents that it presently has no interest and agrees not to acquire any interest during the term of this Agreement, which would directly, or indirectly conflict in any manner or to any degree with the full and complete performance of the professional services required to be rendered under this Agreement.
- 13.2 Amendment. This Agreement may be amended or modified only by an instrument in writing signed by NMC and the Contractor.
- 13.3 Waiver. Any waiver of any terms and conditions of this Agreement must be in writing and signed by NMC and the Contractor. A waiver of any of the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall not be construed as a waiver of any other terms or conditions in this Agreement.

- 13.4 Contractor. The term "Contractor" as used in this Agreement includes Contractor's officers, agents, and employees acting on Contractor's behalf in the performance of this Agreement.
- 13.5 Disputes. CONTRACTOR shall continue to perform under this Agreement during any dispute.
- 13.6 Assignment and Subcontracting. The CONTRACTOR shall not assign, sell, or otherwise transfer its interest or obligations in this Agreement without the prior written consent of NMC. None of the services covered by this Agreement shall be subcontracted without the prior written approval of NMC. Notwithstanding any such subcontract, CONTRACTOR shall continue to be liable for the performance of all requirements of this Agreement.
- 13.7 Successors and Assigns. This Agreement and the rights, privileges, duties, and obligations of NMC and CONTRACTOR under this Agreement, to the extent assignable or delegable, shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties and their respective successors, permitted assigns, and heirs.
- 13.8 Compliance with Applicable Law. The parties shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations in performing this Agreement.
- 13.9 Headings. The headings are for convenience only and shall not be used to interpret the terms of this Agreement.
- 13.10 Time is of the Essence. Time is of the essence in each and all of the provisions of this Agreement.
- 13.11 Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed by and interpreted under the laws of the State of California.
- 13.12 Non-exclusive Agreement. This Agreement is non-exclusive and both NMC and CONTRACTOR expressly reserve the right to contract with other entities for the same or similar services.
- 13.13 Construction of Agreement. NMC and CONTRACTOR agree that each party has fully participated in the review and revision of this Agreement and that any rule of construction to the effect that ambiguities are to be resolved against the drafting party shall not apply in the interpretation of this Agreement or any amendment to this Agreement.
- 13.14 Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same Agreement.
- 13.15 Integration. This Agreement, including the exhibits, represents the entire Agreement between NMC and the CONTRACTOR with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement and shall supersede all prior negotiations, representations, or agreements, either written or oral, between NMC and CONTRACTOR as of the effective date of this Agreement, which is the date that NMC signs the Agreement.
- 13.16 Interpretation of Conflicting Provisions. In the event of any conflict or inconsistency between the provisions of this Agreement and the Provisions of any exhibit or other attachment to this Agreement, the provisions of this Agreement shall prevail and control.

*Signature Page to follow*

**NATIVIDAD MEDICAL CENTER**

By: Dr. Gary R. Gray  
Gary R. Gray, MD, CEO

Date: 11/9/20

**APPROVED AS TO LEGAL PROVISIONS**

By: Stacy L. Sella  
Monterey County Deputy County Counsel

Date: 11/9/2020

**APPROVED AS TO FISCAL PROVISIONS**

By: gary k giboney  
Monterey County Deputy Auditor-Controller

Date: 11-9-2020

**CONTRACTOR**

The Buzz PR, LLC  
Contractor's Business Name\*\*\* (see instructions)

Marci Bracco Cain  
Signature of Chair, President, or Vice-President

Marci Bracco Cain, Vice President  
Name and Title

Date: 10.26.2020

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Secretary, Asst. Secretary, CFO, Treasurer or Asst. Treasurer)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name and Title

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

**\*\*\*Instructions:**

IF CONTRACTOR is a corporation, including limited liability and non-profit corporations, the full legal name of the corporation shall be set forth above together with the signatures of two specified officers (two signatures required).

IF CONTRACTOR is a partnership, the name of the partnership shall be set forth above together with the signature of a partner who has authority to execute this Agreement on behalf of the partnership (two signatures required).

IF CONTRACTOR is contracting in an individual capacity, the individual shall set forth the name of the business, if any and shall personally sign the Agreement (one signature required).



## **EXHIBIT A: Scope of Services/ Payment Provisions**

Public relations is a strategic communications process that builds mutually beneficial relationships between organizations and their publics (key stakeholders). An “organization” can be anything from a brand, company, or an individual. At The Buzz PR, LLC we believe in using two forms of public relations: traditional PR and digital PR. Each form will benefit Natividad with different tactics, including the way relationships are built and the channels in which they reach the hospitals target audience.

### **I. Traditional PR**

The media tactics that fall under the umbrella of traditional public relations are diverse, such as:

- Event coordination
- Crisis communications
- Reputation management
- Press release distribution
- Copy Writing

The most prominent initiative for Natividad of traditional PR is press outreach with special focus in traditional media outlets such as newspapers, television and radio.

The Buzz PR, LLC feels traditional PR can be very successful in terms of increasing brand awareness. At The Buzz PR, LLC we believe traditional public relations is still relevant in today’s highly digitized world but only when complimented by an ongoing digital campaign.

### **II. Digital PR**

The tactics involved in digital public relations are relatively similar to those of traditional. Building relationships and securing placements are at the forefront of this digital arm, however, digital PR has the added benefit of impacting SEO and link building across the web. These measurable, digital tactics provide tangible results and insight.

Another key differentiator of digital PR is the able to build connections with bloggers and influencers as well as all key stakeholders including the public, who are key players in the digital space. The digital media tactics that fall under the umbrella of traditional public relations are diverse, such as:

Building a public relations and brand presence using:

- Facebook
- Twitter
- Instagram
- LinkedIn
- Online reputation management
- Copy writing all online messaging for each stakeholder
- Building media relationships through the use of social

With digital public relations, the results are measurable, immediate and produces easily sharable content. The realm of digital PR may be more specified than that of traditional, but it will help grow your brand online to all target audiences and make waves in a constantly evolving digital world. Our scope of work will include a digital month end report to view how we are reaching each stakeholder through digital public relations.

**III. Budget:**

- Billing is at \$75 per hour
- Invoices submitted the 1st of every month
- Detailed monthly recap is submitted with each invoice
- Public Relations analytic reports are submitted with each invoice

**IV. Timeline:**

- Work is ongoing
- All email communications are responded to within 24 hours
- Projects are handled in a timely manner and Natividad will be given a timeline for each public relations project