



Monterey County Board of Supervisors

Board Order

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A motion was made by Supervisor Chris Lopez, seconded by Supervisor Luis A. Alejo to:

Agreement No.: A-15784

- a. Approve and authorize the Director of the Department of Social Services to sign an agreement with Aspiranet for \$184,988 to support the Resource Family Approval Program throughout Monterey County for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023; and
- b. Authorize the Director of the Department of Social Services to sign up to three (3) amendments to this agreement where the total amendments do not exceed 10% \$18,498 of the contract amount, and do not significantly change the scope of work.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 26th day of April 2022, by roll call vote:

AYES: Supervisors Alejo, Phillips, Lopez, Askew and Adams
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
(Government Code 54953)

I, Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original order of said Board of Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof of Minute Book 82 for the meeting April 26, 2022.

Dated: May 3, 2022
File ID: A 22-145
Agenda Item No.: 48

Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Monterey, State of California

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Julian Lorenzana".

Julian Lorenzana, Deputy

COUNTY OF MONTEREY STANDARD AGREEMENT

This Agreement is made by and between the County of Monterey, a political subdivision of the State of California (hereinafter "County") and:

Aspiranet

(hereinafter "CONTRACTOR").

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

1.0 GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

The County hereby engages CONTRACTOR to perform, and CONTRACTOR hereby agrees to perform, the services described in **Exhibit A** in conformity with the terms of this Agreement. The goods and/or services are generally described as follows:

Provide: assessment, training, and support to foster care Resource Families and services to ensure children remain in Monterey County

2.0 PAYMENT PROVISIONS:

County 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 County to CONTRACTOR under this Agreement shall not exceed the sum of: \$ 184,988.00

3.0 TERM OF AGREEMENT:

3.01 The term of this Agreement is from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023, unless sooner terminated pursuant to the terms of this Agreement. This Agreement is of no force or effect until signed by both CONTRACTOR and County and with County signing last, and **CONTRACTOR may not commence work before County signs this Agreement.**

3.02 The County 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.

4.0 SCOPE OF SERVICES AND ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS:

The following attached exhibits are incorporated herein by reference and constitute a part of this Agreement:

Exhibit A Scope of Services/Payment Provisions

Exhibit B Other: See page 11(a) for a list of Exhibits

5.0 PERFORMANCE STANDARDS:

- 5.01 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 the County, or immediate family of an employee of the County.
- 5.02 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.
- 5.03 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 County premises, property (including equipment, instruments, or supplies) or personnel for any purpose other than in the performance of its obligations under this Agreement.

6.0 PAYMENT CONDITIONS:

- 6.01 Prices shall remain firm for the initial term of the Agreement and, thereafter, may be adjusted annually as provided in this paragraph. The County does not guarantee any minimum or maximum amount of dollars to be spent under this Agreement.
- 6.02 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 and the CONTRACTOR.
- 6.03 Invoice amounts shall be billed directly to the ordering department.
- 6.04 CONTRACTOR shall 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 the amounts claimed, and such other information pertinent to the invoice. The County shall certify the invoice, either in the requested amount or in such other amount as the County 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.

7.0 TERMINATION:

- 7.01 During the term of this Agreement, the County 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.

- 7.02 The County 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 County terminates this Agreement for good cause, the County may be relieved of the payment of any consideration to CONTRACTOR, and the County may proceed with the work in any manner, which County deems proper. The cost to the County shall be deducted from any sum due the CONTRACTOR under this Agreement.
- 7.03 The County's payments to CONTRACTOR under this Agreement are funded by local, state and federal governments. If funds from local, state and federal sources are not obtained and continued at a level sufficient to allow for the County's purchase of the indicated quantity of services, then the County may give written notice of this fact to CONTRACTOR, and the obligations of the parties under this Agreement shall terminate immediately, or on such date thereafter, as the County may specify in its notice, unless in the meanwhile the parties enter into a written amendment modifying this Agreement.

8.0 INDEMNIFICATION:

CONTRACTOR shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the County, its officers, agents, and employees, from and against any and all claims, liabilities, and losses whatsoever (including damages to property and injuries to or death of persons, court costs, and reasonable attorneys' fees) occurring or resulting to any and all persons, firms or corporations furnishing or supplying work, services, materials, or supplies in connection with the performance of this Agreement, and from any and all claims, liabilities, and losses occurring or resulting to any person, firm, or corporation for damage, injury, or death arising out of or connected with the CONTRACTOR's performance of this Agreement, unless such claims, liabilities, or losses arise out of the sole negligence or willful misconduct of the County. "CONTRACTOR's performance" includes CONTRACTOR's action or inaction and the action or inaction of CONTRACTOR's officers, employees, agents and subcontractors.

9.0 INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS:

- 9.01 **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 the County'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 the County has approved such insurance. This approval of insurance shall neither relieve nor decrease the liability of the Contractor.

- 9.02 **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 the County's Purchasing Manager.

- 9.03 **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:

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.)

Requestor must check the appropriate Automobile Insurance Threshold:

Requestor must check the appropriate box.

Agreement Under \$100,000 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.

Agreement Over \$100,000 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 or Bodily Injury and Property Damage of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence.

(Note: any proposed modifications to these auto 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.)

Workers' Compensation Insurance: if CONTRACTOR employs others 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.

(Note: any proposed modifications to these workers' compensation 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.)

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

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coverage shall continue for at least three years following the expiration or earlier termination of this Agreement.

(Note: any proposed modifications to these 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.)

9.04 **Other Requirements:**

All insurance required by this Agreement shall be with a company acceptable to the County 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.

Each liability policy shall provide that the County 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 insureds 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.

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. The required endorsement form for Commercial General Liability Additional Insured is ISO Form CG 20 10 11-85 or CG 20 10 10 01 in tandem with CG 20 37 10 01 (2000). The required endorsement form for Automobile Additional Insured endorsement is ISO Form CA 20 48 02 99.

Prior to the execution of this Agreement by the County, CONTRACTOR shall file certificates of insurance with the County's contract administrator and County's Contracts/Purchasing Division, 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. CONTRACTOR shall always during the term of this Agreement maintain in force the insurance coverage required under this Agreement and shall send, without demand by County, annual certificates to County's Contract Administrator and County's Contracts/Purchasing Division. If the certificate is not received by the expiration date, County 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 County, at its sole discretion, to terminate this Agreement immediately.

10.0 RECORDS AND CONFIDENTIALITY:

- 10.1 **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 the County or prepared in connection with the performance of this Agreement, unless County specifically permits CONTRACTOR to disclose such records or information. CONTRACTOR shall promptly transmit to County 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.
- 10.2 **County Records:** When this Agreement expires or terminates, CONTRACTOR shall return to County any County records which CONTRACTOR used or received from County to perform services under this Agreement.
- 10.3 **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.
- 10.4 **Access to and Audit of Records:** The County 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 the County or as part of any audit of the County, 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.
- 10.5 **Royalties and Inventions:** County shall have a royalty-free, exclusive and irrevocable license to reproduce, publish, and use, and authorize others 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 County.

11.0 NON-DISCRIMINATION:

- 11.1 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), sexual orientation, or any other characteristic set forth in California Government code § 12940(a), 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, fully 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.

12.0 COMPLIANCE WITH TERMS OF STATE OR FEDERAL GRANTS:

If this Agreement has been or will be funded with monies received by the County pursuant to a contract with the state or federal government in which the County is the grantee, CONTRACTOR will comply with all the provisions of said contract, to the extent applicable to CONTRACTOR as a subgrantee under said contract, and said provisions shall be deemed a part of this Agreement, as though fully set forth herein. Upon request, County will deliver a copy of said contract to CONTRACTOR, at no cost to CONTRACTOR.

13.0 COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAWS:

13.1 CONTRACTOR shall keep itself informed of and in compliance with all federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, regulations, and orders, including but not limited to all state and federal tax laws that may affect in any manner the Project or the performance of the Services or those engaged to perform Services under this AGREEMENT as well as any privacy laws including, if applicable, HIPAA. CONTRACTOR shall procure all permits and licenses, pay all charges and fees, and give all notices require by law in the performance of the Services.

13.2 CONTRACTOR shall report immediately to County's Contracts/Purchasing Officer, in writing, any discrepancy or inconsistency it discovers in the laws, ordinances, regulations, orders, and/or guidelines in relation to the Project of the performance of the Services.

13.3 All documentation prepared by CONTRACTOR shall provide for a completed project that conforms to all applicable codes, rules, regulations, and guidelines that are in force at the time such documentation is prepared.

14.0 INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR:

In the performance of work, duties, and obligations under this Agreement, CONTRACTOR is always acting and performing as an independent contractor and not as an employee of the County. No offer or obligation of permanent employment with the County or County department or agency is intended in any manner, and CONTRACTOR shall not become entitled by virtue of this Agreement to receive from County 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 County harmless from any and all liability which County may incur because of CONTRACTOR's failure to pay such taxes.

15.0 NOTICES:

Notices required under this Agreement shall be delivered personally or by first-class, postage pre-paid mail to the County and CONTRACTOR'S contract administrators at the addresses listed below:

FOR COUNTY:	FOR CONTRACTOR:
Lori A. Medina, Director	Diane Warne, Division Director
Name and Title	Name and Title
1000 S. Main St., Suite 301, Salinas CA 93901	619 Woodworth Ave., Ste. 201, Clovis, CA 93612
Address	Address
831-755-4430	559-908-9824
Phone:	Phone:

16.0 MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.

- 16.01 **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 services required to be rendered under this Agreement.
- 16.02 **Amendment:** This Agreement may be amended or modified only by an instrument in writing signed by the County and the CONTRACTOR.
- 16.03 **Waiver:** Any waiver of any terms and conditions of this Agreement must be in writing and signed by the County 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.
- 16.04 **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.
- 16.05 **Disputes:** CONTRACTOR shall continue to perform under this Agreement during any dispute.
- 16.06 **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 the County. None of the services covered by this Agreement shall be subcontracted without the prior written approval of the County. Notwithstanding any such subcontract, CONTRACTOR shall continue to be liable for the performance of all requirements of this Agreement.

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- 16.07 **Successors and Assigns:** This Agreement and the rights, privileges, duties, and obligations of the County 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.
- 16.08 **Headings:** The headings are for convenience only and shall not be used to interpret the terms of this Agreement.
- 16.09 **Time is of the Essence:** Time is of the essence in each and all of the provisions of this Agreement.
- 16.10 **Governing Law:** This Agreement shall be governed by and interpreted under the laws of the State of California; venue shall be Monterey County.
- 16.11 **Non-exclusive Agreement:** This Agreement is non-exclusive and both County and CONTRACTOR expressly reserve the right to contract with other entities for the same or similar services.
- 16.12 **Construction of Agreement:** The County 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.
- 16.13 **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.
- 16.14 **Authority:** Any individual executing this Agreement on behalf of the County or the CONTRACTOR represents and warrants hereby that he or she has the requisite authority to enter into this Agreement on behalf of such party and bind the party to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.
- 16.15 **Integration:** This Agreement, including the exhibits, represent the entire Agreement between the County 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 the County and the CONTRACTOR as of the effective date of this Agreement, which is the date that the County signs the Agreement.
- 16.16 **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.

17.0 **CONSENT TO USE OF ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES.**

- 17.1 The parties to this Agreement consent to the use of electronic signatures via DocuSign to execute this Agreement. The parties understand and agree that the legality of electronic signatures is governed by state and federal law, 15 U.S.C. Section 7001 *et seq.*; California Government Code Section 16.5; and, California Civil Code Section 1633.1 *et seq.* Pursuant to said state and federal law as may be amended from time to time, the parties to this Agreement hereby authenticate and execute this Agreement, and any and all Exhibits to this

Agreement, with their respective electronic signatures, including any and all scanned signatures in portable document format (PDF).

17.2 Counterparts.

The parties to this Agreement understand and agree that this Agreement can be executed in two (2) or more counterparts and transmitted electronically via facsimile transmission or by delivery of a scanned counterpart in portable document format (PDF) via email transmittal.

17.3 Form: Delivery by E-Mail or Facsimile.

Executed counterparts of this Agreement may be delivered by facsimile transmission or by delivery of a scanned counterpart in portable document format (PDF) by e-mail transmittal, in either case with delivery confirmed. On such confirmed delivery, the signatures in the facsimile or PDF data file shall be deemed to have the same force and effect as if the manually signed counterpart or counterparts had been delivered to the other party in person.

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18.0 SIGNATURE PAGE.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, County and CONTRACTOR have executed this Agreement as of the day and year written below.

COUNTY OF MONTEREY

By: _____
Contracts/Purchasing Officer
Date: _____
By: Lori A. Medina, DSS Director
Department Head (if applicable)
Date: 5/3/2022 | 6:39 PM PDT

Approved as to Form
Office of the County Counsel
Leslie J. Girard, County Counsel
By: Anne Breton, County Counsel
County Counsel
Date: 3/31/2022 | 12:03 PM PDT

Approved as to Fiscal Provisions
By: Joey Nolasco
Auditor/Controller
Date: 4/1/2022 | 1:21 PM PDT

Approved as to Liability Provisions
Office of the County Counsel-Risk Manager
Leslie J. Girard, County Counsel-Risk Manager
By: _____
Risk Management
Date: _____

CONTRACTOR

Aspiranet
Contractor/Business Name *
By: Vernon Brown, CEO
(Signature of Chair, President, or Vice-President)

Date: 3/31/2022 | 11:43 AM PDT

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

Date: 3/31/2022 | 11:46 AM PDT

County Board of Supervisors' Agreement No. _____ approved on _____

*INSTRUCTIONS: IF CONTRACTOR is a corporation, including non-profit corporations, the full legal name of the corporation shall be set forth above together with the signatures of two (2) specified officers per California Corporations Code Section 313. If CONTRACTOR is a Limited Liability Corporation (LLC), the full legal name of the LLC shall be set forth above together with the signatures of two (2) managers. If CONTRACTOR is a partnership, the full legal 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. 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 or Amendment to said Agreement.

¹ Approval by County Counsel is required

² Approval by Auditor-Controller is required

³ Approval by Risk Management is necessary only if changes are made in paragraphs 8 or 9

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**MONTEREY COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS

I. PAYMENT BY COUNTY:

1.01 Monthly claims/invoices by CONTRACTOR: Not later than the tenth (10th) day of each month, CONTRACTOR shall submit to COUNTY a signed invoice (including mileage log) setting forth the amount claimed. All invoices (monthly and final) shall be submitted in the form set forth in **Exhibit D** and shall include an invoice number.

1.02 Final Invoice; forfeiture for late invoice: CONTRACTOR's final month and end of fiscal year invoice is due, and must be received by COUNTY, no later than close of business on **July 10**. If the **Final Invoice** is not received by COUNTY by close of business on **July 10**, CONTRACTOR understands and agrees that the reimbursement of CONTRACTOR's final expenses represented by that invoice may be forfeited, and COUNTY shall have no legal obligation regarding it, nor shall COUNTY be required to make any payment towards that untimely/late invoiced claim.

1.03 Allowable Costs: Allowable costs shall be the CONTRACTOR's actual costs of developing, supervising and delivering the services under this Agreement, as set forth in **Exhibit C**. Only the costs listed in **Exhibit C** as contract expenses may be claimed as allowable costs. Any dispute over whether costs are allowable shall be resolved in accordance with the provisions of 45 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 74, Sub-Part F and 48 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Chapter 1, Part 31.

1.04 Cost Control: CONTRACTOR shall not exceed by more than twenty (20) percent any contract expense line item amount in the budget without the written approval of COUNTY, given by and through the Contract Administrator or Contract Administrator's designee. CONTRACTOR shall submit an amended budget with its request for such approval. Such approval shall not permit CONTRACTOR to receive more than the maximum total amount payable under this contract. Therefore, an increase in one line item will require corresponding decreases in other line items.

1.05 Payment in Full:

(a) If COUNTY certifies and pays the amount requested by CONTRACTOR, such payment shall be deemed payment in full for the month in question and may not thereafter be reviewed or modified, except to permit COUNTY's recovery of overpayments.

(b) If COUNTY certifies and pays a lesser amount than the amount requested, COUNTY shall, immediately upon certification of the lesser amount, notify CONTRACTOR in writing of such certification. If CONTRACTOR does not protest the lesser amount by delivering to COUNTY a written notice of protest within twenty (20) days after CONTRACTOR's receipt of the certification, then payment of the lesser amount shall be deemed payment in full for the month in question and may not thereafter be questioned by CONTRACTOR.

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1.06 Disputed payment amount: If COUNTY pays a lesser amount than the amount requested, and if CONTRACTOR submits a written notice of protest to COUNTY within twenty (20) days after CONTRACTOR's receipt of the certification, then the parties shall promptly meet to review the dispute and resolve it on a mutually acceptable basis. No court action may be taken on such dispute until the parties have met and attempted to resolve the dispute in person.

II. PERFORMANCE STANDARDS & COMPLIANCE

2.01 Outcome objectives and performance standards: CONTRACTOR shall for the entire term of this Agreement provide the service outcomes set forth in **Exhibit A**. CONTRACTOR shall meet the contracted level of service and the specified performance standards described in **Exhibit A**, unless prevented from doing so by circumstances beyond CONTRACTOR's control, including but not limited to, natural disasters, fire, theft, and shortages of necessary supplies or materials due to labor disputes.

2.02 County monitoring of services: COUNTY shall monitor services provided under this Agreement in order to evaluate the effectiveness and quality of services provided.

2.03 Notice of defective performance: COUNTY shall notify CONTRACTOR in writing within thirty (30) days after discovering any defects in CONTRACTOR's performance. CONTRACTOR shall promptly take action to correct the problem and to prevent its recurrence. Such corrective action shall be completed and a written report made to the COUNTY concerning such action not later than thirty (30) days after the date of the COUNTY's written notice to CONTRACTOR.

2.04 Termination for cause: Notwithstanding Section 7.02 of the Agreement, if the corrective actions required above are not completed and the report to the COUNTY not made within thirty (30) days, the COUNTY may terminate this Agreement by giving five (5) days' written notice to CONTRACTOR.

2.05 Remedies for Inadequate Service Levels:

- a) For each month that service falls below 80% of the contracted level, CONTRACTOR shall submit to the COUNTY an analysis of the causes of the problem and any necessary actions to be taken to correct the problem. If the problem continues for another month, the COUNTY shall meet with CONTRACTOR to explore the problem and develop an appropriate written corrective action plan with appropriate time frames.
- b) If CONTRACTOR does not carry out the required corrective action within the time frame specified, sanctions shall be applied in accordance with funding source regulations.
- c) Notwithstanding Section 7.02 of the Agreement, if, after the COUNTY notifies CONTRACTOR of any sanctions to be imposed, CONTRACTOR continues in its

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failure to take corrective action, then COUNTY may terminate this contract by giving CONTRACTOR five (5) days' written notice.

- d) If all appropriate corrective actions are taken but service still falls 80% or more below contracted level, COUNTY and CONTRACTOR may renegotiate the contracted level of service.

2.06 Training for Staff: CONTRACTOR shall insure that sufficient training is provided to its volunteer and paid staff to enable them to perform effectively on the project, and to increase their existing level of skills. Additionally, CONTRACTOR shall ensure that all staff completes Division 21 Civil Rights training.

2.07 Bi-lingual Services: CONTRACTOR shall ensure that qualified staff is available to accommodate non-English speaking, and limited English proficient, individuals.

2.08 Assurance of drug free-workplace: CONTRACTOR shall submit to the COUNTY evidence of compliance with the California Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1990, Government Code sections 8350 et seq., by doing the following:

- Publishing a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the person's or organization's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violations of the prohibition;
 - Establishing a drug-free awareness program to inform employees about all of the following:
 - 1) the dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;
 - 2) the organization's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;
 - 3) any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs;
 - 4) the penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations;
 - 5) requiring that each employee engaged in the performance of the contract or grant be given a copy of the company's drug-free policy statement and that, as a condition of employment on the contract or grant, the employee agrees to abide by the terms of the statement.

III. CONFIDENTIALITY

CONTRACTOR and its officers, employees, agents, and subcontractors shall comply with Welfare and Institutions (W & I) Code Sec. 10850, 45 CFR Sec. 205.50, and all other applicable provisions of law which provide for the confidentiality of records and prohibit their being opened for examination for any purpose not directly connected with the administration of public social services. Whether or not covered by W&I Code Sec. 10850 or by 45 CFR Sec. 205.50, confidential medical or personnel records and the identities of clients and complainants shall not be disclosed unless there is proper consent to such disclosure or a court order requiring disclosure. Confidential information gained by CONTRACTOR from access to any such records, and from contact with its clients and complainants, shall be used by CONTRACTOR only in connection with its conduct of the

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program under this Agreement. The COUNTY, through the Director of the Department of Social Services, and his/her representatives, shall have access to such confidential information and records to the extent allowed by law, and such information and records in the hands of the COUNTY shall remain confidential and may be disclosed only as permitted by law.

IV. NON-DISCRIMINATION

CONTRACTOR certifies that to the best of its ability and knowledge it will comply with the nondiscrimination program requirements set forth in this Section.

4.01 Discrimination Defined: The term “discrimination” as used in this contract, is the same term that is used in Monterey County Code, Chapter 2.80 “Procedures for Investigation and Resolution of Discrimination Complaints”; it means the illegal denial of equal employment opportunity, harassment (including sexual harassment and violent harassment), disparate treatment, favoritism, subjection to unfair or unequal working conditions, and/or other discriminatory practice by any Monterey County official, employee or agent, due to an individual’s race, color, ethnic group, national origin, ancestry, religious creed, sex, sexual orientation, age, veteran’s status, cancer-related medical condition, physical handicap (including AIDS) or disability. The term also includes any act of retaliation.

4.02 Application of Monterey COUNTY Code Chapter 2.80: The provisions of Monterey COUNTY Code Chapter 2.80 apply to activities conducted pursuant to this Agreement. Complaints of discrimination made by CONTRACTOR against the COUNTY, or by recipients of services against CONTRACTOR, may be pursued using the procedures established by Chapter 2.80. CONTRACTOR shall establish and follow its own written procedures for the prompt and fair resolution of discrimination complaints made against CONTRACTOR by its own employees and agents, and shall provide a copy of such procedures to COUNTY on demand by COUNTY.

4.03 Compliance with laws: During the performance of this Agreement, CONTRACTOR shall comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations which prohibit discrimination, including but not limited to the following:

- **California Fair Employment and Housing Act**, California Government Code Sec. 12900 et seq., see especially Section 12940 (c), (h), (1), (i), and (j); and the administrative regulations issued thereunder, 2 Calif. Code of Regulations Secs. 7285.0 et seq. (Division 4 - Fair Employment and Housing Commission);
- **California Government Code Secs. 11135 - 11139.5**, as amended (Title 2, Div. 3, Part 1, Chap. 1, Art. 9.5) and any applicable administrative rules and regulations issued under these sections; including **Title 22 California Code of Regulations 98000-98413**.

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- **Federal Civil Rights Acts of 1964 and 1991** (see especially Title VI, 42 USC Secs. 2000d et seq.), as amended, and all administrative rules and regulations issued thereunder (see especially 45 CFR Part 80);
- **The Rehabilitation Act of 1973**, Secs. 503 and 504 (29 USC Sec. 793 and 794), as amended; all requirements imposed by the applicable HHS regulations (45 CFR Parts 80, 84 and 91); and all guidelines and interpretations issued pursuant thereto;
- **7 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR)**, Part 15 and **28 CFR** Part 42;
- **Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990** (P.L. 101-336), 42 U.S.C. Secs. 12101 et seq. and 47 U.S.C. Secs. 225 and 611, and any federal regulations issued pursuant thereto (see 24 CFR Chapter 1; 28 CFR Parts 35 and 36; 29 CFR Parts 1602, 1627, and 1630; and 36 CFR Part 1191);
- **Unruh Civil Rights Act**, Calif. Civil Code Sec. 51 et seq., as amended;
- **Monterey COUNTY Code**, Chap. 2.80.;
- **Age Discrimination in Employment Act 1975**, as amended (ADEA), 29 U.S.C. Secs 621 et seq.;
- **Equal Pay Act of 1963**, 29 U.S.C. Sec. 206(d);
- **California Equal Pay Act**, Labor Code Sec.1197.5.
- **California Government Code Section 4450**;
- **The Dymally-Alatorre Bilingual Services Act; Calif. Government Code Sec. 7290 et seq.**
- **The Food Stamp Act of 1977**, as amended and in particular **Section 272.6**.
- **California Code of Regulations, Title 24, Section 3105A(e)**
- **Removal of Barriers to Inter-Ethnic Adoption Act of 1996, Section 1808**

4.04 Written assurances: Upon request by COUNTY, CONTRACTOR will give any written assurances of compliance with the Civil Rights Acts of 1964 and 1991, the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and/or the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as may be required by the federal government in connection with this Agreement, pursuant to 45 CFR Sec. 80.4 or 45 CFR Sec. 84.5, and 91; 7 CFR Part 15; and 28 CFR Part 35, or other applicable State or federal regulation.

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4.05 Written non-discrimination policy: Contractor shall maintain a written statement of its non-discrimination policies which shall be consistent with the terms of this Agreement. Such statement shall be available to employees, recipients of services, and members of the public, upon request.

4.06 Grievance Information: CONTRACTOR shall advise applicants who are denied CONTRACTOR's services, and recipients who do receive services, of their right to present grievances, and of their right to a State hearing concerning services received under this Agreement.

4.07 Notice to Labor Unions: CONTRACTOR shall give written notice of its obligations under paragraphs 4.01 - 4.08 to labor organizations with which it has a collective bargaining or other agreement.

4.08 Access to records by government agencies: CONTRACTOR shall permit access by COUNTY and by representatives of the State Department of Fair Employment and Housing, and any state agency providing funds for this Agreement, upon reasonable notice at any time during normal business hours, but in no case less than 24 hours' notice, to such of its books, records, accounts, facilities, and other sources of information as the inspecting party may deem appropriate to ascertain compliance with these non-discrimination provisions.

4.09 Binding on Subcontractors: The provisions of paragraphs 4.01 - 4.08 shall also apply to all of CONTRACTOR's subcontractors. CONTRACTOR shall include the non-discrimination and compliance provisions of these paragraphs in all subcontracts to perform work or provide services under this Agreement.

V. CONTRACT ADMINISTRATORS

5.01 Contract Administrator – CONTRACTOR: CONTRACTOR hereby designates **Diane Warne** as its Contract Administrator for this Agreement. All matters concerning this Agreement which are within the responsibility of CONTRACTOR shall be under the direction of, or shall be submitted to, the CONTRACTOR's Contract Administrator. CONTRACTOR may, in its sole discretion, change its designation of the Contract Administrator, and shall promptly give written notice to COUNTY of any such change.

5.02 Contract Administrator – COUNTY: COUNTY hereby designates the Director of the Monterey County Department of Social Services as its Contract Administrator for this Agreement. All matters concerning this Agreement which are within the responsibility of COUNTY shall be under the direction of, or shall be submitted to, the Director or such other COUNTY employee in the Department of Social Services as the Director may appoint. COUNTY may, in its sole discretion, change its designation of the Contract Administrator, and shall promptly give written notice to CONTRACTOR of any such change.

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VI. CONTRACT DEPENDENT ON GOVERNMENT FUNDING

COUNTY's payments to CONTRACTOR under this Agreement are funded by the State and Federal governments. If funds from State and Federal sources are not obtained and continued at a level sufficient to allow for COUNTY's purchase of the indicated quantity of services, then COUNTY may give written notice of this fact to CONTRACTOR, and the obligations of the parties under this Agreement shall terminate immediately, or on such date thereafter, as COUNTY may specify in its notice, unless in the meanwhile the parties enter into a written Amendment modifying this Agreement.

VII. APPEAL PROCESS

In the event of a dispute or grievance regarding the terms and conditions of this Agreement, both parties shall abide by the following procedures:

A. CONTRACTOR shall first discuss the problem informally with the designated DSS Contact/Program Analyst. If the problem is not resolved, CONTRACTOR must, within fifteen (15) working days of the failed attempt to resolve the dispute with DSS Contact/Program Analyst, submit a written complaint, together with any evidence, to the DSS Branch Deputy Director. The complaint must include a description of the disputed issues, the legal authority/basis for each issue which supports CONTRACTOR's position, and the remedy sought. The Branch Deputy Director shall, within fifteen (15) working days after receipt of CONTRACTOR's written complaint, make a determination on the dispute, and issue a written decision and reasons therefore. All written communication shall be pursuant to Section 14. NOTICES of this Agreement. Should CONTRACTOR disagree with the decision of the Division Deputy Director, CONTRACTOR may appeal the decision to the Director of the Department of Social Services.

B. CONTRACTOR's appeal of the Branch Deputy Director's decision must be submitted to the Department Director within ten (10) working days from the date of the decision; be in writing, state the reasons why the decision is unacceptable, and include the original complaint, the decision that is the subject of appeal, and all supporting documents. Within twenty (20) working days from the date of CONTRACTOR'S appeal, the Department Director, or his/her designee, shall meet with CONTRACTOR to review the issues raised on appeal. The Department Director shall issue a final written decision within fifteen (15) working days of such meeting.

C. CONTRACTOR may appeal the final decision of the Department Director in accordance with the procedures set forth in Division 25.1 (commencing with Section 38050) of the Health and Safety Code and the regulations adopted thereunder. (Title 1, Subchapter 2.5 commencing with Section 251, or Subchapter 3 commencing with Section 300, whichever is applicable, of the California Code of Regulations).

D. CONTRACTOR shall continue to carry out the obligations under this Agreement during any dispute.

E. Costs incurred by CONTRACTOR for administrative/court review are not reimbursable by COUNTY.

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**MONTEREY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
and
ASPIRANET**

July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

SCOPE OF SERVICES

A. CONTACTS

1. Contract Administrators:

<i>County</i>	<i>Contractor</i>
<p>Rene Kausin Management Analyst Department of Social Services Family and Children's Services 1000 South Main Street, Suite #205 Salinas, CA 93901 Phone: 831-755-4737 FAX: 831-784-2123 KausinR@co.monterey.ca.us</p>	<p>Patricia Daniels RFA Core Program Director Aspiranet 1121 Baldwin St. Salinas, Ca 93906 Ph: (831) 443-0249 Ext. 3922 Fax: (831) 444-9636 pdaniels@aspiranet.org www.aspiranet.org</p>
<p>Eva Ortiz Program Manager Department of Social Services Family and Children's Services 1000 South Main Street, Suite #111 Salinas, CA 93901 Phone: 831-755-8498 FAX: 831-755-4600 OrtizE1@co.monterey.ca.us</p>	<p>Diane Warne Division Director Aspiranet 619 Woodworth Ave, Ste. 201 Clovis, CA 93612 Ph: 559-908-9824 Fax: 559-326-5699 dwarne@aspiranet.org</p>

**B. CONTRACT AWARD INFORMATION
SUBAWARD:**

CONTRACTOR DUNS Number: 832605146

Federal Award Identification Number (FAIN): 93.658

Date County Awarded Funding: 7/1/2022

CFDA PASSTHROUGH INFORMATION AND DOLLAR AMOUNT: California Department of Social Services - \$52,000

Federal Award Description: Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services

Research and Development: NO

C. HISTORY

Monterey County Department of Social Services (COUNTY) has been recruiting, training and retaining foster care caregivers for decades. Historically, when there have been children and youth with high needs, Monterey County has often been forced to place children and youth in congregate care settings located hours away from our local community. This Agreement addresses this by modifying the practices of recruiting, engaging and retaining foster parents (now known as Resource Families). In October of 2015 AB 403, the Continuum of Care Reform (CCR), was passed in California. This law outlines plans and requirements of a Statewide effort to keep children in their communities, while simultaneously ensuring that families have what they need to keep children and youth home in their care. CCR is clear in its long-standing goal to move away from the use of long-term group home care for children and youth in foster care by increasing local child and youth placements in capable and supported family settings. CCR aims to transform existing congregate or group home care, located across the state, into short-term facilities providing intensive treatment to support children and youth to successfully transition into local family care settings. This requires that foster families be trained and supported as resources to children and youth, known as Resource Families, within our community. Instead of children and youth going to services, Resource Families (kin and non-kin) will be provided targeted training and support so they are better prepared to meet the needs of children and youth living with them. W & I Code Section 16519.5, the Resource Family Approval (RFA) process, is a major undertaking and the first step in the evolution of CCR.

RFA is a single standard approval process for training, supporting and retaining potential relatives, non-related extended family members, and other non-related care providers for children, youth and non-minor dependents being served by the Child Welfare system and the Probation Department. California Department of Social Services (CDSS) implemented RFA statewide on January 1, 2017. Monterey County was an early implementing county, initiating RFA on March 1, 2016. Monterey County will team with Aspiranet, and utilize other strategies of the Core Practice Model, to ensure families are assessed for RFA approval in a timely manner.

D. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Agreement is to clearly define the practice and roles of those involved in the design and implementation of the RFA process, and to identify the timelines and requirements as defined by CDSS.

This Agreement specifies the mechanism/procedures to be used for the screening, acceptance and services to be provided to potential Resource Families through the CONTRACTOR. It will cover the tracking, claiming and reporting on the number of caregiver applicants served, and the process for the CONTRACTOR to request service funds. It will also outline and specify the means of communication, roles and responsibilities of all parties and the fiscal reporting and supports needed to complete the tasks.

D. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

1. Target Population-Resource Families

The target population to be served through this Agreement is defined as Resource Families who currently are, or may be potentially, providing 24-hour care for dependent children of Monterey County. Resource Families include all caregivers (relatives, Non-Related Extended Family Members (NREFMs) and foster/adoptive parents) and are defined as follows:

1. Placement families - caregivers who have an identified child(ren) and an immediate placement has occurred;
2. Non-placement families - caregivers who have an identified child(ren) and an immediate placement has not yet occurred, or a recruited family with no identified placement; or
3. A family identified by the COUNTY based on compelling reason or specific immediate needs

Priorities may change based on mutual agreement of COUNTY and CONTRACTOR.

2. Services

Family Evaluations

Per State guidelines, the expectation is that all components in the approval process will be completed within **90 days** of receiving the RFA application. A comprehensive professional family evaluation is a required component for Resource Families participating in the RFA process. This evaluation process will be initiated after the Resource Family completes the application packet and criminal exemptions (if applicable), or within two (2) weeks of placement.

The family evaluation will include a summary of an applicant's motivation to become a Resource Family; personal history; relationships; parenting experiences/discipline methods; ability to parent a child from different backgrounds, including race, ethnicity, and sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression (SOGIE); employment/finances; understanding victims of child abuse and neglect; understanding the role of a Resource Family; and understanding of a child's personal rights. The family evaluation will also include a risk assessment covering an applicant's substance abuse history; abuse, neglect, and domestic violence history; and physical/mental health history. Additionally, all other residents of the home (children and adults) will be

interviewed as part of the family evaluation. Per RFA Written Directive 5.1 (or most current version), at least two (2) face-to-face contacts/interviews will occur and more if deemed necessary by the CONTRACTOR. Further assessment of any training needs or supportive services will be offered by CONTRACTOR as field training. The CONTRACTOR will utilize the current version of the RFA 05 issued by CDSS to complete the family evaluation process (**Exhibit A-1**). The family evaluation shall be completed and a written document submitted to the COUNTY within 60 days of receipt of referral.

E. RESPONSIBILITIES

COUNTY and CONTRACTOR will:

COUNTY will provide relevant written information about requirements for RFA and subsequent updates provided by CDSS. COUNTY will engage in dialogues with CONTRACTOR and invite the CONTRACTOR to trainings and other related meetings offered by CDSS, or other service providers, pertaining to RFA. As CCR and RFA develop over time the COUNTY and CONTRACTOR will continue to collaboratively make programmatic changes to respond to these developments.

In an effort to bridge the training to the family evaluations, CONTRACTOR may attend the fourth (or final) session of the pre-service training provided by Hartnell Community College and provide an overview of their agency and expectations of the family evaluation process. If COUNTY has made assignments, CONTRACTOR will speak directly with an assigned family to initiate the interview process. This classroom interaction with the Resource Family does not count as one of the required face-to-face interviews.

COUNTY will refer 'Placement Resource Families' to the CONTRACTOR within two weeks after the placement date and provide application documents received to date in the referral packet. COUNTY will provide subsequent RFA paperwork to the CONTRACTOR in a timely manner when it becomes available. This early involvement with CONTRACTOR will provide additional support and resources to the family and assist with completion of paperwork and in stabilizing the placement. COUNTY will compile a referral packet, inclusive of items listed on **Exhibit A-2**, and send via secure email, or make arrangements for in-person delivery, to CONTRACTOR.

COUNTY will refer 'Non-placement Resource Families' to CONTRACTOR upon completion of the application packet. COUNTY will compile a referral packet, inclusive of items listed on **Exhibit A-2**, and send via secure email, or make arrangements for in-person delivery, to CONTRACTOR.

Upon receipt of the referral packet, CONTRACTOR will contact the Resource Family within 3 business days. If the CONTRACTOR is unsuccessful in connecting with the Resource Family within 10 days, the CONTRACTOR will inform the COUNTY to assist in re-engaging the Resource Family.

CONTRACTOR will complete the following sections of the RFA 05: “Date of Contact/Interviews,” “Training” (specialized training received/feedback by trainer, recommended training), “Family Evaluation,” “Risk Assessment,” and “Additional Considerations” (if applicable). Upon completion, CONTRACTOR shall send the RFA 05 via a mutually agreed upon secure Word format email to designated COUNTY Family and Children Services (FCS) staff, and follow-up with the original copy including wet signatures within two (2) weeks.

E.1 Additional COUNTY responsibilities:

COUNTY lead RFA project point person will possess a minimum of a Bachelor’s degree and COUNTY will staff as appropriate.

COUNTY will offer bi-monthly Orientations for all parties interested in becoming a Resource Family. The two-hour informational meeting will fully explain the RFA requirements and COUNTY expectations. At the Orientations, the Resource Families may complete an interest form, accept an application packet to complete later and register for the pre-service training provided through Hartnell College. Resource Families may also submit an application on-line through Binti at <https://family.binti.com/users/signup/monterey-rfa>.

COUNTY may offer to meet with the Resource Family at the COUNTY office or in the family home to review and advise on thoroughness of their written documentation. COUNTY will be accessible via phone and email to answer any questions for the Resource Families as they arise.

COUNTY will obtain criminal background checks, complete home inspections and request other required documents (health screen, references, etc) prior to making the referral for the family evaluation to the CONTRACTOR. A pending document or verification of a requirement will not impede the start of the family evaluation process by the CONTRACTOR. COUNTY will authorize payment for the families for health or tuberculosis (TB) screens and X-rays if needed.

COUNTY will send a status letter to Resource Families on the 25th day, 55th day, and 85th day increments to inform Resource Families of their status and offer support and advisement on RFA requirements.

Once a placement has occurred, COUNTY will refer the Resource Family for assignment of a caregiver mentor. COUNTY will refer relatives and NREFMs to the Family Ties Program through Seneca Family of Agencies – Kinship Center. COUNTY will refer all Resource Families to the Foster Parent Association. COUNTY will enlist these additional community supports to provide resources and advocacy to Resource Families throughout the application process when necessary.

E.2 Additional CONTRACTOR responsibilities:

CONTRACTOR will hire staff with a minimum of a Bachelor's degree, 2 years of child welfare experience, enhanced writing and assessment skills, engagement and flexibility in process change, and forward thinking capacity.

CONTRACTOR will complete an average of 25-30 family evaluations annually per FTE equivalent. CONTRACTOR will maintain an average of not more than 15 open family evaluations at one time. Changes to number of referral assignments may be discussed in a joint meeting and mutually agreed upon by COUNTY and CONTRACTOR. The family evaluations will be completed and a written document submitted to the COUNTY between 45-60 days from receipt of the referral packet. CONTRACTOR will inform COUNTY in written format when they are unable to meet the 60 day timeline for a specific family and work collaboratively with the COUNTY to complete the family evaluation as soon as possible. If a pattern of not completing family evaluations in the 60-day period emerges, CONTRACTOR and COUNTY will meet to identify and discuss the barriers toward timeliness.

F. MEETINGS/COMMUNICATIONS

COUNTY and CONTRACTOR shall have joint responsibility to promote collaborative communication. The purpose of this Agreement will be to maintain open communication, to oversee adherence to RFA requirements and time frames, to discuss and make decisions regarding written referral and assessment issues, to evaluate contract usage and effectiveness, and to make recommendations for processing, or process modifications. COUNTY and CONTRACTOR value ongoing communication and frequent and consistent meetings as key components to making this cooperative effort work efficiently and successfully.

When concerns arise regarding a Resource Family applicant, COUNTY and CONTRACTOR leads will communicate with each other in a timely and detailed manner either in writing or verbally to track requirements, maintain compliance, and/or team together in supporting the Resource Family.

COUNTY will lead monthly meetings with CONTRACTOR and include lead staff from COUNTY and CONTRACTOR. COUNTY will monitor referral assignments, discuss assignments based on CONTRACTOR availability and COUNTY needs, and provide referral packets. COUNTY and CONTRACTOR will discuss enhancement of family supports within COUNTY and CONTRACTOR agencies, ways to eliminate barriers, and identify ways to increase supports and training for Resource Families within the community.

COUNTY and CONTRACTOR will meet not less than four (4) times per year to evaluate the family evaluation referral process and to provide education and training as needed to COUNTY and CONTRACTOR lead staff. Meeting times may be modified based on the needs of COUNTY and CONTRACTOR.

G. PARTICIPATION IN LEGAL CONSULTS AND ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

A State Hearing Specialist is available to the COUNTY for legal consults and representation in Administrative Hearings. When necessary, the CONTRACTOR (social worker) may be asked to participate in a legal consultation when it is specific to their family evaluation.

A Resource Family has the right to a state hearing per Article 12 and WIC 16519.5 when the COUNTY is recommending denial, exemption or exclusion. If the Resource Family appeals this decision, the case is heard before an administrative law judge at the State Hearing Division (SHD) or at the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH). When necessary, the CONTRACTOR (social worker) may receive a subpoena to testify in the SHD or OAH.

H. DATA SHARING AND EVALUATION

CONTRACTOR will comply with data sharing and evaluation. COUNTY is currently utilizing Binti software where Resource Families can submit applications on-line and for COUNTY to track progress of all Resource Families. COUNTY and CONTRACTOR will review the data consistently at the monthly meetings.

I. FISCAL PROVISIONS

CONTRACTOR shall participate in opportunities to leverage funding in order to offset direct costs. This may include Title IV-E, Medi-Cal, EPSDT and/or grant opportunities. CONTRACTOR shall utilize these funding sources when possible in an effort to maximize the contract funds for serving Resource Families.

COUNTY shall pay CONTRACTOR in accordance with the terms set forth in **Exhibit B**, Section I. PAYMENT BY COUNTY. CONTRACTOR shall submit invoices to COUNTY no later than the 10th day following the end of the month during which costs were incurred. The final invoices shall be submitted by July 10, 2022. The invoice shall be submitted in the format presented in **Exhibit D** and shall contain the original signature of the person authorized to submit claims for payment. Detailed back up for all sub-contracts and any required documentation, as noted on the invoice form, shall be submitted with the invoice. Copies of all invoices shall be provided to the COUNTY.

TRAINING / TRAVEL Reimbursement: County and CONTRACTOR agree that CONTRACTOR shall be reimbursed for travel expenses during this Agreement. CONTRACTOR shall receive compensation for travel expenses as per the "County Travel Policy".

A copy of the policy is available online at www.co.monterey.ca.us/auditor/policies.htm. To receive reimbursement, CONTRACTOR must provide a detailed breakdown of authorized expenses, identifying what was expended and when. CONTRACTOR shall receive compensation for mileage reimbursement up to the rates listed online at www.irs.gov.

The maximum amount payable by COUNTY to CONTRACTOR under this Agreement shall not exceed **one hundred eighty-four thousand nine hundred and eighty-eight dollars (\$184,988)** for FY 2022-23, per **Exhibit C, Budget**.

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State of California — Health and Human Services

California Department of Social Services

Name of Family:	RFA #:	Written Report was completed by:	Name of Caseworker Name of Agency Number and Street City, State, ZIP Code
Family Address:		Written Report approved/denied on:	
Mailing Address:	<input type="checkbox"/> Same as above		

Resource Family Approval – Written Report

APPLICATION INFORMATION		
	Applicant	Applicant
Name:		
Birthdate:		
Gender:		
Ethnicity:		
Primary Phone:	<input type="checkbox"/> Cell <input type="checkbox"/> Home	<input type="checkbox"/> Cell <input type="checkbox"/> Home
Email:		
Tribal Affiliation (if any):		
Primary Language:		
Secondary Language:		
Occupation:		
Employer:		
Work Schedule:		

APPLICATION	
Application received on: <input type="checkbox"/> ICPC Request; received from requesting state on:	Character References Provided: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No No. of References provided: <i>If no, please indicate reason:</i>
Family Primarily Interested in (check all that apply):	
<input type="checkbox"/> Foster Care	<input type="checkbox"/> Adoption
<input type="checkbox"/> Legal Guardianship	

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California Department of Social Services

Child Specific Approval (Child Specific Approvals are only available for relatives/NREFMs under circumstances described in Written Directives): Yes No

If Child Specific, briefly describe the reasons:

The following supporting documents have been received: Proof of Identity, Health Questionnaire, Verification of Current Employment (if applicable), Proof of Income and Expenses, Proof of Home Ownership/Rental Agreement/Written permission to Reside at the Residence by the Owner of the Home.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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If "No", list the missing documents and describe what efforts were made to obtain them or any additional comments.

OTHER ADULTS IN THE HOME OR REGULARLY PRESENT

Name:	Resides or Regularly Present	Relationship to Applicant	Gender	Birthdate

CHILDREN IN THE HOME

Name:	Relationship to Applicant	Gender	Birthdate

State of California — Health and Human Services

California Department of Social Services

BACKGROUND CHECKS

<p>All Required Background Checks Were Evaluated for Applicants Criminal Record, LIS, AARS, Megan's Law, CACI, DMV report Indicate if the following background check was applicable and for whom: <input type="checkbox"/> Out of State Child Abuse/Neglect:</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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<p>All Required Background Checks Were Evaluated for Adults Residing or Regularly Present in the Home Criminal Record, LIS, AARS, Megan's Law, CACI Indicate if the following background checks were applicable and for whom: <input type="checkbox"/> DMV report: <input type="checkbox"/> Out of State Child Abuse/Neglect:</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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Criminal Background Information for Applicant(s) and All Adults Residing or Regularly Present in the Home

Adult Name	<input type="checkbox"/> Clearance	<input type="checkbox"/> Standard	<input type="checkbox"/> Simplified	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Granted
Adult Name	<input type="checkbox"/> Clearance	<input type="checkbox"/> Standard	<input type="checkbox"/> Simplified	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Granted
Adult Name	<input type="checkbox"/> Clearance	<input type="checkbox"/> Standard	<input type="checkbox"/> Simplified	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Granted
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Adult Name	<input type="checkbox"/> Clearance	<input type="checkbox"/> Standard	<input type="checkbox"/> Simplified	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Granted

Summarize Background Check Results, exemptions granted, and any conditional exemptions.

DATES OF CONTACT/INTERVIEWS

Date	Person(s) Interviewed (include children interviewed)	Location

State of California — Health and Human Services

California Department of Social Services

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HOME HEALTH AND SAFETY ASSESSMENT

Home and Grounds are determined to be safe and in compliance with requirements outlined in the Written Directives and on the RFA 03.

 Yes No

Type of Residence:

of Bedrooms:

of Bathrooms:

Check all that apply and provide relevant information:

 Weapons/Guns Pool/Bodies of Water Animals Other

Documented Alternative Plan?

Please describe what the DAP was approved for and how the intent of the Written Directives will be met.

 Yes N/A**CAPACITY DETERMINATION**

Based on the comprehensive assessment, it is determined that the Resource Family has the capacity to care for:

Number of Children and/or NMD:

Gender:

Age:

Briefly summarize the reasons to support the determination: *Who occupies each room? Other information used for determination?***TRAINING**

Preapproval Training Requirements Completed for each applicant (min 12 hours):

 Yes No

Applicant has completed _____ hours of training.

Applicant has completed _____ hours of training.

Note any specialized training received or any feedback provided by the trainer (if applicable). Note any future recommended training:

CPR/First Aid Training Completed for each applicant (Pre-Approval)

 Yes Post Approval Needed

State of California — Health and Human Services

California Department of Social Services

FAMILY EVALUATION**Summarize motivation to become a Resource Family:****Briefly summarize childhood upbringing and experiences, adult experiences, and personal characteristics, were evaluated.**

Applicant:

Applicant:

Summarize the nature of the applicant's current relationships. Discuss any co-parenting roles. If the applicant's spouse, domestic partner, or significant other did not apply, note why. Also, note if the impact on the other's ability to adopt was discussed:**Summarize parenting experiences, practices, and discipline methods and note any considerations:****Summarize the applicant's capacity and ability to parent a child from different backgrounds or experiences, including race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, or a child who is gender non-conforming.****Applicant(s) understands the legal and financial responsibilities for providing care to a child or nonminor dependent.**

Briefly summarize current financial situation and any financial considerations discussed:

Applicant(s) understands the safety, permanency, protection and well-being needs of children and nonminor dependents who have been victims of child abuse and neglect.

Comments:

Applicant(s) understands the role as a Resource Family and has the capacity to work cooperatively with the agency, service providers, birth parents and extended family in implementing the child's case plan.

Comments:

Applicant(s) has demonstrated an understanding of the Personal Rights of children and nonminor dependents in care and understand the responsibility to safeguard those rights.

Comments:

State of California — Health and Human Services

California Department of Social Services

RISK ASSESSMENT		
Substance Abuse – Applicant’s past or current alcohol or other substance abuse history was discussed and evaluated.		
Applicant	<input type="checkbox"/> History	<input type="checkbox"/> No History
Applicant	<input type="checkbox"/> History	<input type="checkbox"/> No History
Please explain history and note any considerations:		
Physical, emotional, sexual abuse, neglect and family domestic violence history – Applicant’s past or current history of physical, emotional, sexual abuse, neglect or family domestic violence was discussed and evaluated.		
Applicant	<input type="checkbox"/> History	<input type="checkbox"/> No History
Applicant	<input type="checkbox"/> History	<input type="checkbox"/> No History
Please explain history and note any considerations:		
Physical and Mental Health – Briefly summarize applicant’s past and current physical and mental health and the impact on the applicant’s ability to parent, if any.		
Applicant		
Applicant		

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION		
Applicant(s) have been provided with information regarding their right to Due Process.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Applicant(s) has signed the Quality Parenting Initiative Plan (for QPI counties)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Applicant(s) have been provided with information regarding Adoption Assistance Program (AAP), Kin-GAP, Approved Relative Caregiver (ARC) Funding, and any other assistance that may apply.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Applicant(s) have been provided with information on how to access health, mental health, and dental care through Medi-Cal, in-home supportive services, and developmental or other services based on the needs of a child or nonminor dependent in the care of a Resource Family.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If "no" was checked for any of the above questions, please provide details:		

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California Department of Social Services

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS		
Any additional resources, services or supports identified by the applicant and/or RFA worker to support their role as a Resource Family and the child(ren)/youth in care or to strengthen their skill set or qualifications?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Describe, if applicable:		
Characteristics of a child or nonminor dependent the applicant(s) may best serve:		

OVERALL EVALUATION
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please summarize why this family is approved/denied. • Provide evidence to support determination. • Describe strengths of the applicant(s). • Describe any concerns and how those concerns have/have not been mitigated. • Describe any support the applicant(s) may need. • List any conditions placed on the approval. • Discuss child specific approval (if applicable).

DETERMINATION			
Based on my comprehensive assessment of this family, the applicant(s) is/are as a Resource Family.		Supervisor/Agency Designee: I concur with the determination.	
Signature	Date	Signature	Approval Date

APPLICANTS' RECEIPT OF WRITTEN REPORT		
By signing below, I acknowledge that I have a received a copy of this report.		
Applicant Printed Name	Applicant Signature	Date
Applicant Printed Name	Applicant Signature	Date

NOTICE TO RESOURCE PARENTS: Approval does not guarantee initial, continued, or adoptive placement of a child or Nonminor Dependent with the Resource Family.



RFA Written Report Referral

RFA Social Worker:	Date:
RFA Family Name:	RFA #
Family address:	Family phone#

Language of applicants: English ___ Spanish ___ other _____

Language of other adults in the home: English ___ Spanish ___ other _____

This is a matched family: Yes ___ No ___ (Information in application – under child section)

Matched Identified child(ren):	DOB	Placement date (if applicable)	Case Social Worker

Special circumstances/Sensitive case (contact the RFA worker directly for specific info)

Agency Referred To:

___ Aspiranet
___ Kinship Center/ Seneca

Training:

Orientation completed: _____
 RFA training registration completed: ___ start date: _____
 RFA training completed: ____, ____, ___ & _____
 Missed session(s): _____ Make-up date: _____

Completed Forms (attached):

___ RFA Application
 ___ RFA Copy of Drivers License
 ___ RFA Release of Information
 ___ RFA Questionnaire
 ___ Trainer Feedback Form
 ___ Other: _____

Additional Forms Included (if received):

___ Health Screen
 ___ Budget Form
 ___ References
 ___ Other: _____

Background Check Information:

	Completed	Received	Criminal History	Adam Walsh Completed	Adam Walsh Received
Applicant(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Other Adults	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A

Written Report completion goal date: _____

Monterey County Resource Family Approval			
Proposed Twelve Month Budget		2022-2023	
		Proposed Contract Amount	\$184,988.00
Expenses			
Personnel Expenses	FTE	Monthly Salary	12 Month
Program Director	0.2	\$ 1,333	\$ 15,996
Social Worker	1.60	\$ 8,320	\$ 99,840
Administrative Assistant	0.05	\$ 163	\$ 1,950
			\$ -
			\$ -
			\$ -
Total Salary Costs:			\$ 117,786
Employee Benefits 25.0%			\$ 29,447
Total Salary & Benefits	1.85		\$ 147,233
Operational Expenses		Monthly Expense	12 Month
Operational Expenses			
Clinical Supervision		\$ 30.00	\$ 360
Ed/Conf/Trainings		\$ 5.00	\$ 60
Postage		\$ 274.79	\$ 3,298
Mileage			\$ -
			\$ -
Subtotal Operational Expenses			\$ 3,718
Building & Equipment		Monthly Expense	12 Month
Building & Equipment			
Building Lease		\$ 340.00	\$ 4,080
Equip Lease		\$ 35.00	\$ 420
Office Supplies		\$ 55.00	\$ 660
Total Building & Equipment Expenses			\$ 5,160
IT & Insurance		Monthly Expense	12 Month
IT & Insurance			
Communications		\$45.00	\$ 540
IT Connectivity		\$735.00	\$ 8,820
Liability Insurance		\$225.00	\$ 2,700
Subtotal IT & Insurance			\$ 12,060
Subtotal Expenses			\$ 168,171
Headquarters Expense 10.0%			\$ 16,817
Total All Expenses			\$ 184,988

Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act (HIPAA) Certification

WHEREAS, Sections 261 through 264 of the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, Public Law 104-191, known as “the Administrative Simplification provisions,” direct the Department of Health and Human Services to develop standards to protect the security, confidentiality and integrity of health information; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Administrative Simplification provisions, the Secretary of Health and Human Services has issued regulations modifying 45 CFR Parts 160 and 164 (the “HIPAA Privacy Rule”); and

WHEREAS, CONTRACTOR and COUNTY have entered into an Agreement (“the Agreement”) to which this Certification is an attachment whereby CONTRACTOR will provide certain services to COUNTY; and

WHEREAS, CONTRACTOR may have access to Protected Health Information (as defined below) in fulfilling its responsibilities under the underlying Agreement.

THEREFORE, in consideration of the Parties’ continuing obligations under the Agreement, compliance with the HIPAA Privacy Rule, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, CONTRACTOR agrees to the provisions of this Certification and of the HIPAA Privacy Rule and to protect the interests of COUNTY.

I. DEFINITIONS

Except as otherwise defined herein, any and all capitalized terms in this Section shall have the definitions set forth in the HIPAA Privacy Rule. In the event of an inconsistency between the provisions of this Certification and mandatory provisions of the HIPAA Privacy Rule, as amended, the HIPAA Privacy Rule shall control. Where provisions of this Certification are different than those mandated in the HIPAA Privacy Rule, but are nonetheless permitted by the HIPAA Privacy Rule, the provisions of this Certification shall control.

The term “Protected Health Information” means individually identifiable health information including, without limitation, all information, data, documentation, and materials, including without limitation, demographic, medical and financial information, that relates to the past, present, or future physical or mental health or condition of an individual; the provision of health care to an individual; or the past, present, or future payment for the provision of health care to an individual; and that identifies the individual or with respect to which there is a reasonable basis to believe the information can be used to identify the individual.

CONTRACTOR acknowledges and agrees that all Protected Health Information that is created or received by COUNTY and disclosed or made available in any form, including paper record, oral communication, audio recording, and electronic display by COUNTY, or its operating units, to CONTRACTOR or is created or received by CONTRACTOR on COUNTY’s behalf shall be subject to this Certification.

II. CONFIDENTIALITY REQUIREMENTS

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- (a) **CONTRACTOR agrees:**
- (i) to use or disclose any Protected Health Information solely: (1) for meeting its obligations as set forth in any agreements between the Parties evidencing their business relationship or (2) as required by applicable law, rule or regulation, or by accrediting or credentialing organization to whom COUNTY is required to disclose such information, or as otherwise permitted under this Certification, or the underlying Agreement, (if consistent with this Certification and the HIPAA Privacy Rule), or the HIPAA Privacy Rule, and (3) as would be permitted by the HIPAA Privacy Rule if such use or disclosure were made by COUNTY; and
 - (ii) at termination of the Agreement, (or any similar documentation of the business relationship of the Parties), or upon request of COUNTY, whichever occurs first, if feasible CONTRACTOR will return or destroy all Protected Health Information received from or created or received by CONTRACTOR on behalf of COUNTY that CONTRACTOR still maintains in any form, and retain no copies of such information, or if such return or destruction is not feasible, CONTRACTOR will extend the protections of this Agreement to the information and limit further uses and disclosures to those purposes that make the return or destruction of the information not feasible; and
 - (iii) to ensure that its agents, including a subcontractor(s), to whom it provides Protected Health Information received from or created by CONTRACTOR on behalf of COUNTY, agrees to the same restrictions and conditions that apply to CONTRACTOR with respect to such information. In addition, CONTRACTOR agrees to take reasonable steps to ensure that its employees' actions or omissions do not cause CONTRACTOR to breach the terms of the Agreement.
- (b) Notwithstanding the prohibitions set forth in this Certification or the Agreement, CONTRACTOR may use and disclose Protected Health Information as follows:
- (i) if necessary, for the proper management and administration of CONTRACTOR or to carry out the legal responsibilities of CONTRACTOR, provided that as to any such disclosure, the following requirements are met:
 - (A) the disclosure is required by law; or
 - (B) CONTRACTOR obtains reasonable assurances from the person to whom the information is disclosed that it will be held confidentially and used or further disclosed only as required by law, or for the purpose for which it was disclosed to the person, and the person notifies CONTRACTOR of any instances of which it is aware in which the confidentiality of the information has been breached;
 - (ii) for data aggregation services, if to be provided by CONTRACTOR for the health care operations of COUNTY pursuant to any agreements between the Parties evidencing their business relationship. For purposes of this Certification and the Agreement, data aggregation services means the combining of Protected Health Information by CONTRACTOR with the protected health information received by CONTRACTOR in its capacity as CONTRACTOR of another COUNTY, to permit data analyses that relate to the health care operations of the respective covered entities.
- (c) CONTRACTOR will implement appropriate safeguards to prevent use or disclosure of Protected Health Information other than as permitted in this Certification. The Secretary of Health and Human Services shall have the right to audit CONTRACTOR's records and practices related to use and disclosure of Protected Health Information to ensure

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COUNTY's compliance with the terms of the HIPAA Privacy Rule. CONTRACTOR shall report to COUNTY any use or disclosure of Protected Health Information which is not in compliance with the terms of this Certification of which it becomes aware. In addition, CONTRACTOR agrees to mitigate, to the extent practicable, any harmful effect that is known to CONTRACTOR of a use or disclosure of Protected Health Information by CONTRACTOR in violation of the requirements of this Certification or the Agreement.

III. AVAILABILITY OF PHI

CONTRACTOR agrees to make available Protected Health Information to the extent and in the manner required by Section 164.524 of the HIPAA Privacy Rule. CONTRACTOR agrees to make Protected Health Information available for amendment and incorporate any amendments to Protected Health Information in accordance with the requirements of Section 164.526 of the HIPAA Privacy Rule. In addition, CONTRACTOR agrees to make Protected Health Information available for purposes of accounting of disclosures, as required by Section 164.528 of the HIPAA Privacy Rule.

IV. TERMINATION

Notwithstanding anything in this Certification or the Agreement to the contrary, COUNTY shall have the right to terminate the Agreement immediately if COUNTY determines that CONTRACTOR has violated any material term of this Certification and/or the Agreement. If COUNTY reasonably believes that CONTRACTOR will violate a material term of this Certification and/or the Agreement and, where practicable, COUNTY gives written notice to CONTRACTOR of such belief within a reasonable time after forming such belief, and CONTRACTOR fails to provide adequate written assurances to COUNTY that it will not breach the cited term of this Certification and/or the Agreement within a reasonable period of time given the specific circumstances, but in any event, before the threatened breach is to occur, then COUNTY shall have the right to terminate the Agreement immediately.

V. MISCELLANEOUS

Except as expressly stated herein or the HIPAA Privacy Rule, the parties to the Agreement do not intend to create any rights in any third parties. The obligations of CONTRACTOR under this Section shall survive the expiration, termination, or cancellation of this Certification and/or the Agreement, and/or the business relationship of the parties, and shall continue to bind CONTRACTOR, its agents, employees, contractors, successors, and assigns as set forth herein.

The parties agree that, in the event that any documentation of the arrangement pursuant to which CONTRACTOR provides services to COUNTY contains provisions relating to the use or disclosure of Protected Health Information which are more restrictive than the provisions of this Certification or the Agreement, the provisions of the more restrictive documentation will control. The provisions of this Certification and the Agreement are intended to establish the minimum requirements regarding CONTRACTOR's use and disclosure of Protected Health Information.

In the event that either party believes in good faith that any provision of this Certification and/or the Agreement fails to comply with the then current requirements of the HIPAA Privacy Rule, such party shall notify the other party in writing. For a period of up to thirty (30) days, the parties shall address in good faith such concern and amend the terms of this Certification and/or the Agreement, if necessary to bring it into compliance. If, after such thirty-day period, the Certification and/or the Agreement fails to

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comply with the HIPAA Privacy Rule, then either party has the right to terminate upon written notice to the other party.

CONTRACTOR:

By: DocuSigned by:
Vernon Brown, CEO
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Title: _____

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CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

1. No federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any federal contract, the making of any federal grant, the making of any federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
2. If any funds other than federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.
3. The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award document for sub-awards at all tiers (including sub-contracts, sub-grants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements, and that all sub-recipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by Section 1352, Title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

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Vernon Brown, CEO

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Agency/Organization

Date

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AUDIT & RECOVERY OF OVERPAYMENTS REQUIREMENTS

I. CPA Audit on Termination:

1.01 Audit Requirement

At the request of COUNTY, CONTRACTOR shall give to COUNTY an audit report(s) covering the contract period, prepared by an independent Certified Public Accountant. The purpose of the audit requirement is determining whether the reported costs are fair and reasonable and have been computed in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, with the provisions of this Agreement, and with all applicable COUNTY requirements. The audit must identify all federal, state, and matching funds issued under this Agreement as a note, or as a supplemental schedule of expenses within Contractor's audits.

If CONTRACTOR expends a total of \$750,000 or more of federal funding per fiscal year, CONTRACTOR is required to submit an annual audit report(s) that was performed in compliance with the Uniform Guidance.

If CONTRACTOR expends less than \$750,000 in federal funding per fiscal year, then the COUNTY shall require an annual audit report(s) be performed in accordance with the Generally Accepted Auditing Standards (GAAS).

1.02 Audit Submission /Fiscal Year-end

CONTRACTOR shall provide COUNTY with the audit report(s), required herein no later than six (6) months after the close of CONTRACTOR's Fiscal Year, except when CONTRACTOR has expended \$750,000 in federal funding and the Uniform Guidance allows a nine (9) month deadline. In the case where providing the required audit within the specified time period represents an unreasonable hardship, CONTRACTOR shall alert COUNTY and request an extension. Additional documentation may be requested by COUNTY to grant the extension.

1.03 Audit Format

CONTRACTOR may submit to COUNTY one of the following in satisfaction of this Audit requirement:

1) If CONTRACTOR expends a total of \$750,000 or more of federal funding per fiscal year, CONTRACTOR is required to submit an annual audit report(s) that was performed in compliance with the Uniform Guidance.

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2) If CONTRACTOR expends less than \$750,000 in federal funding per fiscal year, then the COUNTY shall require an annual audit report(s) be performed in accordance with the Generally Accepted Auditing Standards (GAAS).

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3) Additionally, at the discretion of the CONTRACTOR, a program specific audit report(s) may be submitted in accordance with the Uniform Guidance.

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All Audits must include the following information within their audit:

- a) A separate schedule listing programs and funding.
- b) All Management Letters received by the CONTRACTOR relating to the performed audit, shall be submitted in conjunction with the annual audit report(s) to the COUNTY.

1.04 Payment for Audit

CONTRACTOR shall bear all costs in connection with, or resulting from, any audit and/or inspections including, but not limited to, actual cost incurred and the payment/repayment of any expenditures disallowed by COUNTY, State or Federal government entities, including any assessed interest and penalties.

If CONTRACTOR is exempt from federal audit procedures under UNIFORM ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS, COST PRINCIPLES, AND AUDIT REQUIREMENTS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS (Uniform Guidance), then payment for this audit shall be made by CONTRACTOR with resources other than grant funds, or those used for matching purposes. If CONTRACTOR is not exempt from federal audit procedures under the UNIFORM ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS, COST PRINCIPLES, AND AUDIT REQUIREMENTS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS (Uniform Guidance), the cost of audits made in accordance with the provisions of this part are allowable charges to Federal awards. The charges may be considered a direct cost or an allocated indirect cost, as determined in accordance with the provisions of applicable Uniform Guidance cost principles, other applicable cost principles or regulations.

II. Contractor Records

Funds provided by COUNTY shall be accounted for separately in CONTRACTOR's books and records. CONTRACTOR shall keep a systematic accounting record of the receipt and disbursement of COUNTY funds. CONTRACTOR shall permit COUNTY to audit, examine and to copy excerpts and transcripts from such records and to conduct audits or reviews of all records including, but not limited to, invoices, materials, personnel records, bank account records, business records, billing statements, payroll records, business expense records, and all other data related to matters covered by this Agreement. CONTRACTOR shall maintain such data and records in an accessible location and condition for a period of at least four (4) years from the close of this Agreement term, or until after the conclusion of any audit, whichever occurs last. The State of California and/or any Federal agency providing funds for this Agreement shall have the same rights conferred upon COUNTY herein. CONTRACTOR shall keep records that are sufficient to permit the tracing of funds to a level of expenditure adequate to ensure that the funds have not been unlawfully spent. CONTRACTOR's records shall describe and support the use of funds for the agreed upon project or services outlined in this Agreement.

III. Recovery of Overpayments: If any audit shows that COUNTY has paid to CONTRACTOR any amount in excess of properly allowable costs, then CONTRACTOR shall reimburse COUNTY for that amount, either by a cash payment made within thirty (30) days after COUNTY notifies CONTRACTOR of the overpayment, or by an offset made by COUNTY against any payments owed by COUNTY to CONTRACTOR under this or any other contract.

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CHILD ABUSE & NEGLECT REPORTING CERTIFICATION

CONTRACTOR hereby acknowledges that this contract for services will bring CONTRACTOR in contact with children, and that CONTRACTOR has received from COUNTY a copy of Penal Code Sections 11165.7 and 11166 as required by the Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act (Penal Code Sections 11164, et seq). CONTRACTOR further certifies that it has knowledge of the provisions of the Act, and will comply with its provisions, which define a mandated reporter and requires that reports of child abuse or neglect be made by a mandated reporter whenever, in his or her professional capacity or within the scope of his or her employment, he/she has knowledge or observes a child whom he/she knows or reasonably suspects has been a victim of neglect or abuse.

CONTRACTOR further gives assurance that all of its employees, consultants, and agents performing services under this Agreement, who are mandated reporters under the Act, sign statements indicating that they know of, and will comply with, the Act's reporting requirements.

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Vernon Brown, CEO

Authorized Signature

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Date

- ◆ 24-hour Bilingual Child Abuse Hotline 1-800-606-6618
- ◆ Mandated Child Abuse Reporter Training is available, at no cost, through the Child Abuse Prevention Council of Monterey County (CAPC), 755-4737.