

 Natividad MEDICAL CENTER
COUNTY OF MONTEREY AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES
(MORE THAN \$200,000)

This Agreement for Services (hereinafter "Agreement") is made by and between the County of Monterey, a political subdivision of the State of California, for the provision of services for Natividad Medical Center ("COUNTY"), a general acute care teaching hospital wholly owned and operated by the County, and AE & Associates, LLC (hereinafter "CONTRACTOR", collectively COUNTY and CONTRACTOR are referred to as the "Parties").

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

1. **GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED.** COUNTY hereby engages CONTRACTOR to perform, and CONTRACTOR hereby agrees to perform, the services described in **Exhibit A** in conformity with the terms of the Agreement. The services are generally described as follows:
ICD-9 and ICD-10 Billing Code Training, Audits, & Remote Coding Support Services.
2. **PAYMENTS BY COUNTY.** 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 \$ 250,000.
3. **TERM OF AGREEMENT.**
 - 3.1. The term of this Agreement is from August 1, 2025 through July 31, 2028 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.
 - 3.2. COUNTY reserves the right to cancel this Agreement, or an extension of this Agreement, without cause, with a thirty (30) day written notice, or with cause immediately.
4. **ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS/EXHIBITS.** The following attached exhibits are incorporated herein by reference and constitute a part of this Agreement:

Exhibit A: Scope of Services/Payment Provision

5. PERFORMANCE STANDARDS.

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

- 6.1. Prices shall remain firm for the initial term of the Agreement and, thereafter, may be adjusted annually as provide in this paragraph. COUNTY does not guarantee any minimum or maximum amount of dollars to be spent under this Agreement.
- 6.2. Negotiations for rate changes shall be commenced, by CONTRACTOR, a minimum of ninety (90) days prior to the expiration of the Agreement. Rate changes are not binding unless mutually agreed upon in writing by the County (COUNTY) and the CONTRACTOR.
- 6.3. CONTRACTOR shall not receive reimbursement for travel expenses unless set forth in this Agreement, and then only in accordance with any applicable County policies.
- 6.4. Invoice amounts shall be billed directly to the ordering department.
- 6.5. 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. COUNTY shall certify the invoice, either in the requested amount or in such other amount as 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. TERMINATION.

- 7.1. During the term of this Agreement, 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.

7.2. 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, COUNTY may be relieved of the payment of any consideration to Contractor, and COUNTY may proceed with the work in any manner, which COUNTY deems proper. The cost to COUNTY shall be deducted from any sum due the CONTRACTOR under this Agreement.

7.3 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 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 the County may specify in its notice, unless in the meanwhile the parties enter into a written amendment modifying this Agreement.

8. INDEMNIFICATION.

8.1 CONTRACTOR shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the County of Monterey (hereinafter "COUNTY"), its officers, agents and employees from any and all claims, liability 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 COUNTY. "CONTRACTOR's performance" includes CONTRACTOR's action or inaction and the action or inaction of CONTRACTOR's officers, employees, agents and subcontractors.

9. INSURANCE.

9.1 Evidence of Coverage:

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

This verification of coverage shall be sent to Natividad's Contracts 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 COUNTY has approved such insurance. This approval of insurance shall neither relieve nor decrease the liability of the CONTRACTOR.

9.2 Qualifying Insurers: All coverage's, except surety, shall be issued by companies which hold a current policy holder's alphabetic and financial size category rating of not less than A-VII,

according to the current Best's Key Rating Guide or a company of equal financial stability that is approved by Natividad's Contracts Department Manager.

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

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.

- ☐ Exemption/Modification (Justification attached; subject to approval).

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 \$1,000,000 per occurrence.

- ☐ Exemption/Modification (Justification attached; subject to 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.

- ☐ Exemption/Modification (Justification attached; subject to 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 coverage shall continue for at least three years following the expiration or earlier termination of this Agreement.

- 9.4 Other Requirements:

All insurance required by this Agreement shall be with a company acceptable to 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 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 insured with respect to claims arising from each subcontractor, if any, performing work under this Agreement, or be accompanied by a certificate of insurance from each subcontractor showing each subcontractor has identical insurance coverage to the above requirements.

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 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 COUNTY and that the insurance of the Additional Insureds shall not be called upon to contribute to a loss covered by CONTRACTOR's insurance. The required endorsement from 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 from for Automobile Additional Insured Endorsement is ISO Form CA 20 48 02 99.

Prior to the execution of this Agreement by COUNTY, CONTRACTOR shall file certificates of insurance with Natividad's Contracts Department, showing that the CONTRACTOR has in effect the insurance required by this Agreement. The CONTRACTOR shall file a new or amended certificate of insurance within five (5) 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 at all times during the term of this Agreement maintain in force the insurance coverage required under this Agreement and shall send, without demand by COUNTY, annual certificates to Natividad's Contracts Department. 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 the Agreement immediately.

10. 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 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. 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 COUNTY or as part of any audit of 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 other to do so, all 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. **NON-DISCRIMINATION**. During the performance of this Agreement, CONTRACTOR, and its subcontractors, shall not unlawfully discriminate against any person because of race, religious creed, color, sex, national origin, ancestry, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, marital status, age (over 40), or sexual orientation, either in CONTRACTOR's employment practices or in the furnishing of services to recipients. CONTRACTOR shall ensure that the evaluation and treatment of its employees and applicants for employment and all persons receiving and requesting services are free of such discrimination. CONTRACTOR and any subcontractor shall, in the performance of this Agreement, full comply with all federal, state, and local laws and regulations which prohibit discrimination. The provision of services primarily or exclusively to such target population as may be designated in this Agreement shall not be deemed to be prohibited discrimination.
12. **COMPLIANCE WITH TERMS OF STATE OR FEDERAL GRANT**. If this Agreement has been or will be funded with monies received by COUNTY pursuant to a contract with the state or federal government in which COUNTY is the grantee, CONTRACTOR will comply with all the provisions of said contract and said provisions shall be deemed a part of this Agreement, as though fully set forth herein. Upon request, COUNTY will deliver a copy of said contract to CONTRACTOR, at no cost to CONTRACTOR.
13. **INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR**. In the performance of work, duties, and obligations under this Agreement, CONTRACTOR is at all times acting and performing as an independent CONTRACTOR and not as an employee of COUNTY. No offer or obligation of permanent

employment with COUNTY or particular County department or agency is intended in any manner, and CONTRACTOR shall not become entitled by virtue of this Agreement to receive from 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 and the County of Monterey harmless from any and all liability, which COUNTY may incur because of CONTRACTOR's failure to pay such taxes.

14. **NOTICES.** Notices required under this Agreement shall be delivered personally or by first-class, postage per-paid mail to COUNTY and CONTRACTOR's contract administrators at the addresses listed below

NATIVIDAD MEDICAL CENTER:

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

CONTRACTOR:

Name: AE & Associates, LLC
Attn: Arnold Erdevela
Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
FAX: 951-278-3670
Email: Arnold.a@aemedcode.com

15. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.

- 15.1 **Conflict of Interest:** CONTRACTOR represents that it presently has no interest and agrees not to acquire any interest during the term of this Agreement, which would directly, or indirectly conflict in any manner or to any degree with the full and complete performance of the professional services required to be rendered under this Agreement.
- 15.2 **Amendment:** This Agreement may be amended or modified only by an instrument in writing signed by COUNTY and the CONTRACTOR.
- 15.3 **Waiver:** Any waiver of any terms and conditions of this Agreement must be in writing and signed by 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.
- 15.4 **Contractor:** The term "Contractor" as used in this Agreement includes CONTRACTOR's officers, agents, and employees acting on Contractor's behalf in the performance of this Agreement.

- 15.5 Disputes: CONTRACTOR shall continue to perform under this Agreement during any dispute.
- 15.6 Assignment and Subcontracting: CONTRACTOR shall not assign, sell, or otherwise transfer its interest or obligations in this Agreement without the prior written consent of COUNTY. None of the services covered by this Agreement shall be subcontracted without the prior written approval of COUNTY. Notwithstanding any such subcontract, CONTRACTOR shall continue to be liable for the performance of all requirements of this Agreement.
- 15.7 Successors and Assigns: This Agreement and the rights, privileges, duties, and obligations of 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.
- 15.8 Compliance with Applicable Law: The parties shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations in performing this Agreement.
- 15.9 Headings: The headings are for convenience only and shall not be used to interpret the terms of this Agreement.
- 15.10 Time is of the Essence: Time is of the essence in each and all of the provisions of this Agreement.
- 15.11 Governing Law: This Agreement shall be governed by and interpreted under the laws of the State of California.
- 15.12 Non-exclusive Agreement: This Agreement is non-exclusive and each of COUNTY and CONTRACTOR expressly reserves the right to contract with other entities for the same or similar services.
- 15.13 Construction of Agreement: 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.
- 15.14 Counterparts: This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same Agreement.
- 15.15 Integration: This Agreement, including the exhibits, represents the entire Agreement between 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 COUNTY and CONTRACTOR as of the effective date of this Agreement, which is the date that COUNTY signs the Agreement.
- 15.16 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.

**COUNTY OF MONTEREY, on behalf of
NATIVIDAD MEDICAL CENTER**

By: _____
Charles R. Harris, CEO Natividad

Date: _____

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL PROVISIONS

By: _____
Monterey County Deputy County Counsel

Date: _____

APPROVED AS TO FISCAL PROVISIONS

By: _____
Monterey County Deputy Auditor/Controller

Date: _____

CONTRACTOR

AE & Associates, LLC

Contractor's Business Name*** (see instructions)

ARNOLD ARDEVELA

Signature of Chair, President, or Vice-President

PRESIDENT

Name and Title

Date: 5/1/2025 | 11:03 AM MST

Signed by:

By: **ESTER ARDEVELA**

(Signature of Secretary, Asst. Secretary, CFO, Treasurer
or Asst. Treasurer)

CFO

Name and Title

Date: 5/8/2025 | 1:22 PM CDT

*****Instructions:**

If CONTRACTOR is a corporation, including limited liability and non-profit corporations, the full legal name of the corporation shall be set forth above together with the signatures of two specified officers (two signatures required). If CONTRACTOR is a partnership, the name of the partnership shall be set forth above together with the signature of a partner who has authority to execute this Agreement on behalf of the partnership (two signatures required). If CONTRACTOR is contracting in and individual capacity, the individual shall set forth the name of the business, if any and shall personally sign the Agreement (one signature required).

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

I. Description of All Services to be Rendered by CONTRACTOR:

CONTRACTOR shall provide COUNTY with ICD-9 and ICD-10 Billing Code Training, Audits, & Remote Coding Support Services.

II. CONTRACTOR Obligations:

1. CODING SERVICES: CONTRACTOR shall provide support coding for the Health Information Management department in the form of:

- 1.1 Emergency Room coding
- 1.2 Evaluation & Management Coding
- 1.3 Outpatient Surgery
- 1.4 Observation
- 1.5 Inpatient Coding
- 1.6 Interventional Radiology/Cardiovascular Coding
- 1.7 Prunedale Medical Group E&M Coding

Coding Type	Productivity Standard
Emergency Department Coding (<i>without E&M</i>)	7 charts / hour
Ancillary Coding	15 charts / hour
Outpatient Surgery Coding	5 charts / hour
Observation Coding	5 charts / hour
Inpatient Coding	2.25 charts / hour
Prunedale Medical Group E&M Coding	4 charts / hour

2. AUDITING SERVICES: CONTRACTOR shall provide the following auditing services for the facility:

- 2.1 Concurrent ICD Coding Audit
- 2.2 Concurrent Medical Surgical Coding Audit
- 2.3 MS-DRG Audit
- 2.4 APC Audit

- 2.5 RAC Defense Audit
- 2.6 Nurse Defense Audit
- 2.7 Admit to Observation Audit
- 2.8 E&M Professional Audit

3. OTHER SERVICES: CONTRACTOR may provide additional services as requested by COUNTY. Such services include, without limitation, the following:

- 3.1 First (1st) Level Appeals
- 3.2 Second (2nd) Level Appeals
- 3.3 Third (3rd) Level Appeals
- 3.4 Physician Led Education of Providers / Coders
- 3.5 Non-Physician Led Education of Providers / Coders
- 3.6 Trauma Registry
- 3.7 Tumor Registry

III. COUNTY Obligations:

- COUNTY shall pay CONTRACTOR a total amount not to exceed \$250,000 under this Agreement.

IV. Pricing/Fees:

- 1) In consideration for the services to be performed by CONTRACTOR, COUNTY agrees to pay CONTRACTOR as follows:

TYPE OF SERVICE	COST
Emergency Department Coding	\$58.80 / Hour
Ancillary Coding	\$58.80 / Hour
Evaluation & Management Facility Coding	\$60.94 / Hour
Outpatient Surgery Coding	\$58.80 / Hour
Observation Coding	\$58.80 / Hour
Inpatient Coding	\$65.00 / Hour
Trauma Department Coding / Abstracting	\$77.00 / Hour
Tumor Registry	\$77.00 / Hour

Interventional Radiology and Cardiovascular Coding	Cost
IR Coding (1-5 codes submitted)	\$24.00 / Encounter
IR Coding (6-10 codes submitted)	\$29.00 / Encounter
IR Coding (11-15 codes submitted)	\$37.00 / Encounter
IR Coding {1 6+ codes submitted)	\$52.00 / Encounter

Auditing Services	Cost
MS-DRG Audit (Inpatient)	\$60.00 / Chart
APC Audit (Outpatient)	\$40.00 / Chart
RAC Defense Audit	\$220.00 / Chart
Nurse Defense Audit	\$30.00 / \$1,000.00 Billed
Admit to Observation Audit	\$60.00 / Chart

Other Services	Cost
First (1st) Level Appeal -Clinical Validation/Medical Necessity	\$225.00 / Hour
First (1st) Level Appeal-Inpatient Coding/ MS-DRG Downgrade	\$250.00 / Per Case
Second (2nd) Level Appeal	\$250.00 / Per Case
Physician Led Provider/Coder Education	\$350.00 / Hour
Non-Physician Led Provider/Coder Education	\$170.00 / Hour

The pricing structure included here should be stated in a manner similar to how we will be invoiced. The County prefers hourly rates as opposed to one flat fee when possible.

Sales tax should be itemized and listed separately where applicable.

Is travel required in order to provide all the services? If so it needs to be stated here with an estimated total cost for travel itemized out. Please note that travel reimbursement must include the following clause:

- 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 ***Monterey County Travel and Business Expense Reimbursement Policy***. A copy of the policy is available online at <https://www.co.monterey.ca.us/government/departments-a-h/auditor->

controller/policies-and-procedures To receive reimbursement, CONTRACTOR must provide a detailed breakdown of authorized expenses, identifying what was expended and when. **This entire section/clause should be removed if there is no travel reimbursement agreed upon by both parties or when travel costs are already built into the rates instead of based on a reimbursement process.**

- CONTRACTOR warrants that the cost charged for services under the terms of this contract are not in excess of those charged any other client for the same services performed by the same individuals.
- Payment may be based upon satisfactory acceptance of each deliverable, payment after completion of each major part of the Agreement, payment at conclusion of the Agreement, etc.
- County may, in its sole discretion, terminate the contract or withhold payments claimed by CONTRACTOR for services rendered if CONTRACTOR fails to satisfactorily comply with any term or condition of this Agreement.
- No payments in advance or in anticipation of services or supplies to be provided under this Agreement shall be made by County.

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