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MONTEREY COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE

Monterey County, CA

RENEWAL AGREEMENT



DEFENDERbyKarpel® & HOSTEDbyKarpel®

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This Renewal Agreement between Karpel Computer Systems Inc., a Missouri corporation, doing business as Karpel Solutions (hereinafter referred to as “Karpel Solutions”) and **Monterey County, CA** (hereinafter referred to as “Client”) is hereby entered into between the parties with respect to one or more of Karpel Solutions’ copyrighted software program(s) known as DEFENDERbyKarpel®, and/or HOSTEDbyKarpel® (hereinafter referred to as “the Software Program(s)”).

1. INVESTMENT SUMMARY AND PRICING

Karpel Solutions will grant to Client a license to use the Software Program(s) as set forth herein in exchange for payment as follows:

Description	Quantity	Cost	Annual Total
Public Defender			
DEFENDERbyKarpel Annual Maintenance	56	\$300	\$16,800
DBK Annual Hosting	56	\$100	\$5,600
DBK Software License (One-Time Fee)	1	\$1,500	\$1,500
DBK Annual Interface Maintenance: Odyssey	1	\$2,000	\$2,000
Hosting Additional Storage estimated 44 TB (2 TB Free; 42 TB Billable)	42	\$500	\$21,000
Total			\$46,900

Alternate Defender			
DEFENDERbyKarpel Annual Maintenance	2	\$300	\$ 600
Hosting Additional Storage estimated 2 TB (2 TB Free; 0 TB Billable)	0	\$500	\$ 0
Total			\$ 600

This pricing is based upon the following terms and conditions:

1. The above costs do not include additional hardware, Microsoft licenses, or networking services which may be necessary to properly and legally operate the Software Program(s). Such expenses are solely Client’s responsibility.
2. The aggregate document / file storage space included with the stated hosted service fee is two terabytes (2TB) of storage per instance of the Software Program(s). If Client’s storage exceeds 2TB in any instance, any additional storage above 2TB will automatically be added to Client’s bill at the rate(s) set forth in the Cost Sheet. Client hereby consents to this additional charge in advance and waives any requirement for additional notice regarding the same.
3. Client agrees to pay Karpel Solutions for any materials purchased for Client’s use. Materials may include computer hardware, software, hosting, facility leases, other services, telecommunications charges, freight, shipping, mailing, document reproduction and any other such costs incurred in performance of services for Client. Client will reimburse Karpel Solutions for all out-of-town travel expenses, such as automobile/airline travel, hotel, meals, and ground transportation.
4. Upon termination of this Agreement, whether by Client, Karpel, or mutual agreement of the parties, Client agrees to pay to Karpel Solutions a data collection fee in the amount of \$1,000 to

compensate Karpel Solutions for its time and services required in connection with the return of Client Content and Confidential Information upon termination of this Agreement.

1.1 Payment Terms

Annual fees for the Agreement are due and payable within 30 days of the renewal date, unless Karpel Solutions or Client gives notice as set forth herein of intent not to renew or otherwise terminates this Agreement as set forth in "Termination" below.

TERM. This Agreement shall be for a term of one (1) year, beginning **6/1/2026**, and shall automatically renew for subsequent one (1) year terms, unless either Karpel Solutions or Client gives notice to the other party at least thirty (30) days prior to the expiration of the then-current term of Karpel Solutions or Client's intent not to renew. Prior to the expiration of the term, Karpel Solutions will send Client a renewal invoice, which must be paid in full within thirty (30) days from the date of the invoice. Pricing for subsequent annual terms is subject to change at the sole discretion of Karpel Solutions, though Karpel Solutions will provide Client with at least ninety (90) days' notice of any pricing change prior to the renewal date.

SUSPENSION OR TERMINATION OF SERVICES FOR NON-PAYMENT. In the event that Client fails to pay any amounts due and such non-payment continues for a period of ninety (90) days, Karpel Solutions may suspend Services hereunder until full payment is received and/or may terminate this Agreement for non-payment, in addition to, and without limitation to, exercising any other rights or remedies which may exist under the law.

INTEREST AND LATE FEES. Past due accounts will be charged interest on a monthly basis, calculated at one and one-half percent (1.5%) per month of the unpaid balance or the maximum rate allowable by law. Client agrees to pay any and all costs of collection incurred by Karpel Solutions, including, but not limited to, any attorneys' fees incurred by Karpel Solutions, with respect to any past due balance(s) on Client's account.

2. ANNUAL SUPPORT

2.1 TECHNICAL SUPPORT FEES

Client understands that technical support fees will be required annually, in order to receive software updates and technical support. Client may elect to purchase subsequent annual support, on a yearly basis at a fixed cost, and billed annually, separate and apart from any license fees required by this Agreement. The option to purchase annual support is solely at Client's discretion. Client's license to use the Software Program(s) is not dependent upon Client purchasing annual support; however, if Client discontinues annual support, Client will not be provided with updated versions of the Software Program(s), unless the updates are purchased by Client. Provided Client's computers, network and systems meet recommended specifications set by Karpel Solutions and Client has purchased and is current with annual support payments, Karpel Solutions will provide updated versions of the Software Program(s) as they become available during the term of the Agreement. If Client elects to renew the annual support service, Karpel Solutions has the right to increase current pricing for annual support at the time of renewal, provided that notice of the increased pricing is provided to Client prior to the effective date of the renewal of the annual support service.

2.1.1 SUPPORT PROVIDED

Karpel Solutions will provide support (e.g. software updates, general program enhancements and technical support) for all Software Program(s) provided, including ongoing unlimited telephone technical support problem determination and resolution.

2.1.2 HOURS OF OPERATION

Karpel Solutions will provide technical support Monday through Friday, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. Central time, via a toll-free telephone number provided. After-hours support is available as well via the same toll-free number which will reach the on-call support group.

2.1.3 INCLUDED SUPPORT

Support services include the detection and correction of errors in the Software Program(s) and the implementation of all of the Software Program(s) changes, updates, and upgrades. Karpel Solutions shall respond to the inquiries regarding the use and functionality of the solution as issues are encountered by Authorized Users. Support to users will be provided through the remote support tool installed on the end user's computer. This tool was installed at the time of go-live, allowing Karpel Solutions to provide the needed support to meet the service level agreement.

2.1.4 RESPONSE TIMES

Karpel Solutions will be responsive and timely to technical support calls/inquires made by Client. Client will first make support inquires through their qualified system administrators to assure the policies and business practices of Client are enforced prior to contacting Karpel Solutions. The timeliness of the response is dependent upon the severity of the issue/support problem, as defined below:

The severity of the issue/support problem shall determine the average problem resolution response time as follows:*

**If the remote support tool is not installed or available with respect to a reported issue, Karpel Solutions will not provide technical support for any such reported issues.*

Severity Level 1 shall be defined as urgent situations, when Client's production system is down and Client is unable to use the Software Program(s), Karpel Solutions' technical support staff shall accept Client's call for assistance at the time Client places the initial call; however, if such staff is not immediately available, Karpel Solutions shall return Client's call within one (1) business hour. Karpel Solutions shall resolve Severity Level 1 problems as quickly as possible, which on average should not exceed two (2) business days, unless otherwise authorized in writing by Client.

Severity Level 2 shall be defined as critical Software Program(s) system component(s) that have significant outages and/or failure precluding successful operation, and possibly endangering the customer's environment. The Software Program(s) may operate but are severely restricted. Karpel Solutions' technical support staff shall accept Client's call for assistance at the time Client places the initial call; however, if such staff is not immediately available, Karpel Solutions shall return Client's call within four (4) business hours. Karpel Solutions shall resolve Severity Level 2 problems as quickly as possible, which on average should not exceed three (3) business days, unless otherwise authorized in writing by Client.

Severity Level 3 shall be defined as a minor problem that exists with the Software Program(s) but the majority of the functions are still usable and some circumvention may be required to provide service. Karpel Solutions' technical support staff shall accept Client's call for assistance at the time Client places the initial call; however, if such staff is not immediately available, Karpel Solutions shall return Client's call on average no later than the next business day. Karpel Solutions shall resolve Severity Level 3 problems as quickly as possible, which should not exceed the next available release of Software Program(s), unless otherwise authorized in writing by Client.

General Assistance: For general Software Program(s) support/helpdesk calls not covered by the above severity level descriptions, Karpel Solutions' technical support staff shall accept Client's call for assistance at the time Client places the initial call; however, if such staff is not immediately available, Karpel Solutions shall return Client's call on average no later than the next business day.

2.2 SERVICE LEVEL COMMITMENT

UPTIME: Karpel Solutions is committed to providing the Software Program(s) in a consistent and reliable manner. Karpel Solutions will provide the Software Program(s) to Client with a stated minimum uptime of 99.5% to Client.

SCHEDULED MAINTENANCE: Karpel Solutions periodically performs scheduled maintenance Including, but not limited to, outline, preventative or emergency maintenance of the Software Program(s). Client understands that scheduled maintenance may affect availability of the Software Program(s). If scheduled maintenance is to be performed, Karpel Solutions will provide notice to Client three (3) days prior to the scheduled maintenance. Karpel Solutions will make every effort to schedule maintenance outside of normal business hours of Client between the hours of ten (10) p.m. and five (5) a.m. Central Standard Time.

DATA RETENTION AND BACKUPS: As a part of the Software Program(s), Karpel Solutions will use its best efforts to maintain consistent, regular and validated backup of Client Content and Confidential Information imported into the Software Program(s) in accordance with the Microsoft Azure government cloud network's policies and procedures. Upon written request, Karpel Solutions will make available to Client a copy of the current Microsoft Azure retention and backup policies and procedures.

AUDITS AND SECURITY: Karpel Solutions is committed to maintaining the security of Client Content and Confidential Information maintained in the Software Program(s). Karpel Solutions will maintain the Software Program(s) in a reasonably secure manner, subject to Client's own obligations to protect and safeguard usernames and passwords on Client's end. Karpel Solutions will perform security audits of the Software Program(s) in accordance with the Microsoft Azure

government cloud policies and procedures to protect the integrity and security of the Software Program(s).

DATA TRANSMISSION: Karpel Solutions ensures that all data transmitted to and from the Software Program(s) is transmitted at a minimum level of 128-bit SSL encryption using digital certificates issued by an internationally recognized domain registrar and certificate authority.

DATA LOCATION: Karpel Solutions will maintain the Software Program(s), Client Content and Confidential Information of Client in a SAS 70/SSAE 16 certified data facility.

3. OWNERSHIP OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

KARPEL SOLUTIONS OWNERSHIP: Karpel Solutions retains all rights, title and interests in and to the Software Program(s) and any related Intellectual Property. Any suggestions, solutions, improvements, corrections, or other contributions Client provides regarding the Software Program(s) will become the property of Karpel Solutions, and Client hereby assigns all such rights to Karpel Solutions without charge. Client is granted a non-exclusive, non-transferable license with respect to the Software Program(s) on the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement.

CLIENT OWNERSHIP: Client retains all rights, title, and interests in and to Client Content. Client hereby grants to Karpel Solutions and Karpel Solutions hereby accepts a non-exclusive, non-transferable, worldwide, fully paid license to use, copy, and modify Client Content solely to the extent necessary and for the sole purposes of providing access to the Software Program(s) or otherwise complying with its obligations under this Agreement.

COPYRIGHT. Karpel Solutions reserves the right to seek damages if Client is responsible for a violation of Karpel Solutions' copyright, and Client assumes full responsibility for the acts and omissions of its agents acting in the course and scope of their duties for Client with respect to the protection of Karpel Solutions' copyright.

4. CLIENT RESPONSIBILITIES & OBLIGATIONS

PASSWORD PROTECTION AND USER REQUIREMENTS. Access to the Software Program(s) is password-protected. Karpel Solutions provides multiple authentication alternatives for access to the Software Program(s). **KARPEL SOLUTIONS STRONGLY ENCOURAGES THE USE OF STRONG PASSWORD AUTHENTICATION**. Karpel Solutions is not responsible for Client's use of the Software Program(s). Only the number of users set forth in the Cost Sheet may access the Software Program(s). Client must inform their users that they are subject to, and must comply with, all of the terms of this Agreement. Client is fully responsible for the activities of Client's employees and agents who access the Software Program(s). Client agrees that Karpel Solutions is not liable for, and Client agrees to hold Karpel Solutions harmless for, any unauthorized access to the Software Program(s), including without limitation, access caused by data destruction and/or failure to protect the login and password information of users.

RESTRICTIONS ON USE. Client agrees to conduct all activities on the Software Program(s) in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations. Access to the Software Program(s) must be solely for Client's own internal use. Client may not (and may not allow any third party to) (i) alter, modify, decompile, mirror, translate, disassemble or otherwise reverse engineer any part of the Software Program(s), source code,

algorithms, or underlying ideas of the Software Program(s); (ii) add to, remove from, or otherwise modify the Software Program(s), interfaces, and/or data without the express written consent of Karpel Solutions; (iii) provide, lease, lend, subcontract, sublicense, or re-publish for service bureau or hosting purposes any or all of the Software Program(s); (iv) reproduce, modify, copy, distribute, publish, display or create derivative works of any or all of the Software Program(s) or (v) alter, remove, or obscure any copyright, trademark or other proprietary notices or confidentiality legends on or in the Software Program(s).

SUSPENSION OF ACCESS. Karpel Solutions reserves the right to immediately suspend access to Software Program(s) without notice and at any time: (i) if Karpel Solutions suspects or has reason to suspect a security or data breach; (ii) if suspension is necessary to protect Karpel Solutions' rights, Client's rights or the rights of a third party; (iii) if Client misuses the Software Program(s); (iv) if Client fails to make any payments as required under this Agreement; and/or (v) if Client otherwise violates this Agreement. Karpel Solutions will provide notice to Client upon suspension of the Software Program(s).

5. LICENSE TERMS AND USE

The Software Programs are proprietary products of Karpel Solutions. They are licensed (not sold) and are licensed to Client for its use and only in accordance with the terms set forth below. During the term of this Agreement, Karpel Solutions hereby grants Client a non-exclusive, non-transferable right and license to use the Software Program(s) solely in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. Client's license will terminate immediately and automatically upon the expiration or termination of this Agreement. Client may not sub-license any rights under this Agreement to any party without Karpel Solution's prior written consent, which may be withheld by Karpel Solutions in its sole and absolute discretion. Client's license is subject at all times to Client's full compliance with this Agreement.

1. Karpel Solutions hereby grants Client a non-exclusive and non-transferable sublicense to use any associated Documentation furnished.
2. Client cannot distribute, rent, sublicense, or lease the Software Program(s). A separate license of the Software Program(s) is required for each authorized user or employee. Each license of the Software Program(s) may not be shared by more than one full time employee or user (defined as working 20 hours or more per week), nor by more than two (2) part-time employees or users (defined as working less than 20 hours per week each and working no more than 40 hours per week combined).

Client agrees to allow Karpel Solutions to audit Client's use of the Software Program(s) and licenses of the Software Program(s) at any time. Client will cooperate with respect to the audit, including providing access to any books, computers, records or other information that relate to the use of the Software Program(s). Such audit will not unreasonably interfere with Client's activities.

In the event that an audit reveals unauthorized use, reproduction, distribution, or other exploitation of the Software Program(s), Karpel Solutions shall be entitled to, and Client must pay to Karpel Solutions, the monetary equivalent of the costs that would have been incurred by Client had Client properly obtained the license, installation and training for the unauthorized user(s) associated with each violation, and Client will also reimburse Karpel Solutions for the reasonable

cost of the audit, in addition to any other remedies to which Karpel Solutions may be entitled under the law.

3. This license does not transfer any rights to Software Program(s) source codes, unless Karpel Solutions ceases to do business without transferring its obligations under this Agreement to another qualified software business. Karpel Solutions will, at Client's expense, enter into escrow agreement for the storage of the source codes.
4. Client may not use, copy, modify, or transfer the Software Program(s) or Documentation, in whole or in part, except as expressly provided herein. The Software Program(s) and the Documentation are protected by copyright and trade secret laws. Karpel Solutions retains all rights in any copy, derivative or modification to the Software Program(s) and Documentation no matter by whom made. The Software Program(s) are licensed for single installations of one full time employee or two part-time employees as set forth above. A separate license is required for each installation of the Software Program(s). Client shall not provide or disclose or otherwise make available the Software Program(s) or any portion thereof in any form to any third party. Client acknowledges that unauthorized copying and/or distribution will cause substantial damage to Karpel Solutions far greater than the value of the copies involved.
5. The Software Program(s) were developed exclusively at private expense and are Karpel Solutions' trade secrets. For all purposes of the Freedom of Information Act or any other similar statutory right of "open" or public records, the Software Program(s) and Documentation shall be considered exempt from disclosure. The Software Program(s) are "commercial computer software" subject to limited utilization "Restricted Rights." The Software Program(s), including all copies, are and shall remain proprietary to Karpel Solutions. In the event that a third party seeks to compel disclosure and/or production of the Software Program(s) or Documentation by court order or otherwise, Client shall promptly give notice to Karpel Solutions so as to allow Karpel Solutions to take whatever steps it deems necessary to prevent such disclosure and/or production, and Client agrees to cooperate with Karpel Solutions in connection therewith.

6. WARRANTY

1. LIMITED WARRANTY: Karpel Solutions warrants it will provide the Software Program(s) and Services in a professional manner by qualified personnel. Karpel Solutions warrants it has the requisite power and authority to enter into and perform its obligations under this Agreement. Karpel Solutions warrants that the performance by Karpel Solutions of any services described in this Agreement shall be in compliance with all applicable laws, rules and regulations. Karpel Solutions warrants it will provide access to and use of the Software Program(s) in material accordance with the Service Level Commitment outlined in this Agreement. No representations or warranties as to the use, functionality or operation of the Software Program(s) or Services are made by Karpel Solutions other than as expressly stated in this Agreement. Karpel Solutions disclaims all other warranties as set forth below.

Karpel Solutions makes no warranties, express or implied, as to any third-party software or as to Karpel Solutions' ability to support such software on an on-going basis. Karpel Solutions also makes no warranties, express or implied, as to the quality of or the ability of software developed

by Karpel Solutions to operate with, any hardware, network, software, systems and/or external data flows already in place at Client's facilities or as may be added by Client.

2. **INTERNET:** Karpel Solutions makes the Software Program(s) available to Client through the Internet to the extent commercially reasonable, and subject to outages, communication and data flow failures, interruptions and delays inherent in Internet communications. Client recognizes that problems with the Internet, including equipment, software and network failures, impairments or congestion, or the configuration of Client's computer systems, may prevent, interrupt or delay Client's access to the Software Program(s). Client agrees that Karpel Solutions is not liable for and agrees to hold Karpel Solutions harmless from any delays, interruptions, suspensions or unavailability of the Software Program(s) attributable to problems with the Internet or the configuration of Client's computer systems or network.
3. **SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS:** Karpel Solutions provides the Software Program(s) based upon the system requirements as specified by Karpel Solutions for Client. Client agrees that Karpel Solutions is not liable for and agrees to hold Karpel Solutions harmless from any failure of the Software Program(s) based upon Client's failure to comply with the system requirements of Karpel Solutions.
4. **WARRANTY LIMITATION:** The warranties set forth in this Agreement do not apply if non-compliance is caused by, or has resulted from: (i) Client's failure to use any new or corrected versions of the Software Program(s) made available, (ii) use of the Software Program(s) by Client for any purpose and/or in any manner other than that authorized in this Agreement, (iii) use of the Software Program(s) in combination with other software, data or products that are defective, incompatible with, or not authorized in writing by Karpel Solutions for use with the Software Program(s), (iv) misuse of the Software Program(s) by Client, (v) any malfunction of Client's software, hardware, computers, computer-related equipment or network connection, (vi) any modification or alteration of the Software Program(s) not performed by or otherwise authorized by Karpel Solutions in writing, or (vii) an event of Force Majeure.
5. **DISCLAIMER: THE FOREGOING WARRANTIES ARE EXCLUSIVE AND ARE MADE IN LIEU OF ALL OTHER WARRANTIES, EITHER EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, WHICH ARE HEREBY DISCLAIMED, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION, ANY IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF NON-INFRINGEMENT, TITLE, MERCHANTABILITY, FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE AND ANY WARRANTIES ARISING OUT OF A USE IN TRADE OR COURSE OF DEALING OR PERFORMANCE. KARPel SOLUTIONS DOES NOT WARRANT: (i) THAT ACCESS TO OR USE OF ALL OR ANY PART OF THE SOFTWARE PROGRAM(S) WILL BE CONTINUOUS, ERROR-FREE, OR UNINTERRUPTED, (ii) THAT THE RESULTS ARISING OUT OF CLIENT'S USE OF THE SOFTWARE PROGRAM(S) WILL BE ACCURATE, COMPLETE, OR ERROR-FREE, OR (iii) THAT THE SOFTWARE PROGRAM(S) WILL MEET CLIENT'S NEEDS.**
6. **EXCLUSIVE REMEDIES:** If the Software Program(s) provided under this Agreement do not materially comply with the requirements stated in the Limited Warranty above, Karpel Solutions' sole obligation shall be to correct or modify the Software Program(s) at no additional charge to Client. If Karpel Solutions is unable to correct or modify the Software Program(s) to the satisfaction of Client, Client's sole remedy will be to terminate this Agreement by written notice to Karpel Solutions and receive a refund of any fees pre-paid, if any, for the pro rata remainder of the then-effective term of this Agreement.

7. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

CLIENT AGREES THAT KARPEL SOLUTIONS IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY LOSS OF DATA, COST OF PROCUREMENT OF SUBSTITUTE GOODS, SPECIAL, INDIRECT, INCIDENTAL, EXEMPLARY, PUNITIVE, OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES ARISING OUT OF ANY BREACH OF THIS AGREEMENT, EVEN IF KARPEL SOLUTIONS HAS BEEN ADVISED OF THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH DAMAGES, AND CLIENT WAIVES ANY RIGHTS AND AGREES TO HOLD KARPEL SOLUTIONS HARMLESS FROM AND AGAINST ANY SUCH DAMAGES OR LOSSES. THIS LIMITATION APPLIES TO ALL CAUSES OF ACTION, WHETHER BASED IN CONTRACT, TORT (INCLUDING NEGLIGENCE OR STRICT LIABILITY), STATUTE OR OTHERWISE. REGARDLESS OF THE FORM OF THE CLAIM, **KARPEL SOLUTIONS' TOTAL LIABILITY TO CLIENT SHALL BE LIMITED TO THE LESSER OF: (i) THE EXTENT AND AMOUNT OF ANY INSURANCE COVERAGE WHICH IS AVAILABLE FOR SUCH CLAIM(S), OR (ii) THE AMOUNT OF FEES CLIENT HAS PAID TO KARPEL SOLUTIONS PURSUANT TO THIS AGREEMENT IN THE THIRTY (30) DAY PERIOD PRIOR TO SUCH CLAIM(S) ARISING. TO THE EXTENT THAT INSURANCE COVERAGE IS AVAILABLE FOR SUCH CLAIM(S), CLIENT AGREES THAT CLIENT'S SOLE RECOURSE SHALL BE PAYMENT OF ANY AVAILABLE INSURANCE PROCEEDS, AND CLIENT AGREES TO LOOK EXCLUSIVELY TO SUCH INSURANCE PROCEEDS IN FULL SATISFACTION OF SUCH CLAIM(S).**

8. TERMINATION

TERMINATION BY CLIENT: In the event that Client believes that Karpel Solutions has failed to perform or materially breached this Agreement, Client shall provide thirty (30) days' written notice to Karpel Solutions of Client's intent to terminate this Agreement. Thereafter, Karpel Solutions will have thirty (30) days from the receipt of such notice to cure the alleged failure or breach. If the alleged failure or breach cannot be cured within thirty (30) days, but Karpel Solutions has initiated good-faith efforts to cure the breach within the thirty (30) day period, the cure period shall be extended for a reasonable period of time so as to allow Karpel Solutions to complete the cure of the alleged failure or breach. If at the end of the cure period Karpel Solutions has not cured the alleged failure or breach, then Client may terminate this Agreement by providing written notice of termination.

TERMINATION BY KARPEL SOLUTIONS: Karpel Solutions may terminate this Agreement on thirty (30) days' written notice to Client for any reason, including, but not limited to, in the event that Client has failed to perform under or materially breaches this Agreement. Failure to timely pay all amounts due and owing and failure to reasonably cooperate with Karpel Solutions in connection with the Services, among other things, shall constitute material breaches of this Agreement.

TERMINATION FOR INSOLVENCY. Either party may immediately terminate this Agreement by providing written notice of termination in the event the other party: (i) files for, or has filed against it, a bankruptcy petition, and such petition is not dismissed within sixty (60) days of the filing date, (ii) ceases to conduct business in the normal course, (iii) makes an assignment for the benefit of its creditors, (iv) is liquidated or otherwise dissolved, (v) becomes insolvent or unable to pay its debts in the normal course, or (vi) has a receiver, trustee or custodian appointed for it.

RIGHTS AFTER TERMINATION OR EXPIRATION: Upon termination or expiration of this Agreement, Karpel Solutions will immediately terminate Client's access to and use of the Software Program(s), and each party shall immediately cease use of any Confidential Information received from the other party. Within thirty (30) days of written request following termination or expiration of this Agreement, Karpel Solutions shall coordinate with Client with respect to the return of Client Content and Confidential Information obtained

or shared during the course of the Agreement. Client understands that upon termination or expiration of this Agreement, Client must return to Karpel Solutions (or at Karpel Solutions' election, destroy and certify such destruction in writing) any Documentation or other materials provided by Karpel Solutions, whether in written or electronic form, regarding the Software Program(s) provided under this Agreement.

FINAL PAYMENT. In addition to the Data Collection Fee set forth in the Cost Sheet due and payable to Karpel Solutions upon termination or expiration of this Agreement, Client shall also be responsible for and shall pay any and all fees earned by Karpel Solutions prior to termination or expiration for all work and services performed and/or expenses incurred by Karpel Solutions under this Agreement prior to termination or expiration. Karpel Solutions will send an invoice to Client with respect to these amounts, and final payment of all amounts due by Client to Karpel Solutions must be paid within thirty (30) days of that invoice. Past due accounts will be charged interest at the rate of one and one-half percent (1.5%) per month, or at the maximum rate allowable by law. Client also agrees to pay any costs of collection, including reasonable attorneys' fees, incurred by Karpel Solutions in connection with this Agreement.

9. NON-SOLICITATION AND CONFIDENTIALITY OBLIGATIONS

NON-SOLICITATION OF KARPEL SOLUTIONS EMPLOYEES. Karpel Solutions has invested substantial sums of money and large amounts of time in recruiting, supervising and training its employees. Client acknowledges that it has a unique opportunity to evaluate Karpel Solutions employees' performance and has the potential to hire Karpel Solutions' employees away from Karpel Solutions. Client further acknowledges that such hiring away would substantially disrupt Karpel Solutions' business and ability to provide its services to others. Client understands that Karpel Solutions' employees are subject to non-competition agreements; therefore, Client agrees during the term of this Agreement and for a period of two (2) years after expiration or termination of this Agreement by either party for any reason, Client will not in any manner, directly or indirectly, solicit, recruit or hire, or attempt to solicit, recruit or hire, or otherwise interfere with the employment or engagement of any other employees of Karpel Solutions who are employed or engaged by Karpel Solutions at the time of the solicitation, attempted solicitation, and/or hire or who were employed or engaged by Karpel Solutions within the two (2) year period prior to expiration or termination of this Agreement.

CONFIDENTIALITY. Neither party shall disclose or use any Confidential Information of the other party, except as otherwise set forth in or permitted by this Agreement.

PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION. The parties recognize that certain data Client or Karpel Solutions may use in conjunction with the Software Program(s) may be confidential Personally Identifiable Information of third parties. The parties shall use their best efforts to protect the confidentiality of Personally Identifiable Information of third parties. Client agrees that Karpel Solutions is not liable, and Client agrees to hold Karpel Solutions harmless from any claims arising out of disclosure of Personally Identifiable Information to the extent caused by Client's own negligence, misconduct, or fault.

DISCLOSURE REQUIRED BY LAW. In the event that any Confidential Information is required to be disclosed pursuant to any law, code, regulation or court order from a court of competent jurisdiction, the receiving party shall give the disclosing party immediate written notice of such requirement and shall use its best efforts to seek or to cooperate with the disclosing party in seeking a protective order with respect to the Confidential Information requested should the disclosing party wish to seek such a protective order.

INJUNCTIVE RELIEF. The parties acknowledge that any breach of the non-solicitation and/or confidentiality obligations of this Agreement will cause irreparable harm to the other party. Accordingly, the parties agree that the non-breaching party may enforce the provisions of this Agreement by seeking an injunction, specific performance, criminal prosecution or other equitable relief which may be available to the non-breaching party without prejudice to any other rights and remedies.

10. MISCELLANEOUS

NOTICES. Any notices provided under this Agreement will be in writing and will be deemed to have been properly given if delivered personally or if sent by: (i) a recognized overnight courier, (ii) certified or registered mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, or (iii) electronic means, followed by mailing a copy by regular U.S. mail, postage prepaid. Karpel Solutions' address for such notices is set forth below. Client's address for such notices will be the address on file with Karpel Solutions as provided by Client. Such address or contact information may be revised from time to time by Karpel Solutions and/or Client by written notice as described in this Section. All notices sent by certified or registered mail will be deemed received on the tenth (10th) business day after deposit in the mail. All notices sent by overnight courier will be deemed given on the next business day after deposit with the overnight courier. All notices sent by electronic means will be deemed given on the next business day after successful transmission.

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GOVERNING LAW AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION. This Agreement is to be construed and governed by the laws of the United States and the State of Missouri, without regard to any conflict of laws provisions. Any dispute arising out of or in connection with this Agreement must be brought exclusively in the appropriate court(s) located in St. Louis County, Missouri, and Client expressly waives any and all objections regarding jurisdiction, venue, and/or forum *non conveniens* in such court(s).

MODIFICATION AND WAIVER. Any modifications to this Agreement must be in writing and signed by both parties. Neither party will be deemed to have waived any of its rights under the Agreement by any statement or representation other than one made in an explicit written waiver by an Authorized Representative. No waiver of any breach of this Agreement will constitute a waiver of any prior or subsequent breach of this Agreement, whether similar in nature or not.

ASSIGNMENT. This Agreement will inure to the benefit of and be binding upon Client, Karpel Solutions, and Karpel Solutions' successors and assigns. Client may not assign or otherwise transfer Client's rights and/or obligations under this Agreement without the prior written consent of Karpel Solutions, and any purported assignment or transfer without such consent will be void and of no force or effect. Karpel Solutions may assign and/or transfer this Agreement and/or Karpel Solutions' rights and obligations under this Agreement at any time, and Client's consent to such assignment or transfer is not needed.

FORCE MAJEURE. Neither party shall be deemed in default of this Agreement to the extent that performance of its obligations or attempts to cure any breach thereof are delayed or prevented by reason

of any act of God, government, fire, natural disaster, accident, terrorism, network or telecommunication system failure, sabotage, pandemic, epidemic, or any other cause beyond the control of such party ("Force Majeure"), provided that such party promptly gives the other party written notice of such Force Majeure.

INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS. The parties will be deemed to have the status of independent contractors, and nothing in this Agreement will be deemed to place the parties in the relationship of employer-employee, principal-agent, or partners or joint ventures. Neither party has the authority to bind, commit or make any representations, claims or warranties on behalf of the other party without the party's prior written authorization, approval, and consent. Each party shall be responsible for its own conduct and for that of its employees and designated agents with respect to performance and/or non-performance under this Agreement. The parties agree to reasonably cooperate with each other with respect to any third-party claims which may arise from any party's performance and/or non-performance under this Agreement.

SOFTWARE ANOMALIES. New commercial software releases or upgrades, and any hardware and/or software owned by or licensed to Client, used in connection with the Software Program(s) may have anomalies, performance or integration issues unknown to Karpel Solutions which can impact the timely, successful implementation of information systems. Karpel Solutions will inform Client promptly if this occurs and will attempt to analyze, correct and/or work around the anomalies or performance issues on a "best efforts" basis. Karpel Solutions is not responsible for any delay or inability to complete its Services hereunder if such anomalies or performance issues occur. Client is responsible for payment for all of Karpel Solutions' fees for the Services at the rates stated in the Agreement whether or not a successful solution to such anomalies or issues is achieved.

CLIENT ENVIRONMENT. Client is responsible for the application, operation and management of its information technology environment, including but not limited to: (a) purchasing, licensing and maintaining hardware and software; (b) following appropriate operating procedures; (c) following appropriate protective measures to safeguard software and data from unauthorized duplication, modification, destruction or disclosure; (d) following adequate backup contingency plans with respect to Client's own information technology environment; and (e) employing qualified personnel to obtain the desired results. Karpel Solutions is not responsible for loss of data in the Software Program(s) or security breaches that result in unauthorized dissemination of data contained in the Software Program(s) that are the result of Client's own actions, including, but not limited to, Client not following appropriate operating procedures, security and protective measures, and/or adequate backup contingency plans.

ELECTRONIC DOCUMENTS. Client and Karpel Solutions may communicate by electronic means, including, but not limited to, facsimile documents and email. Both parties agree that a signature or an identification code ("USERID") contained in an electronic document is legally sufficient to verify the sender's identity and the document's authenticity, an electronic document that contains a signature or USERID is a signed writing, and an electronic document, or any computer printout of it, is an original when maintained in the normal course of business.

SEVERABILITY. If any portion of this Agreement is held to be void, invalid or otherwise unenforceable, in whole or in part, the remaining portions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

MARKETING. Client agrees that Karpel Solutions may identify Client as a customer of Karpel Solutions in Karpel Solutions' written promotional and marketing materials, as well as in any oral or visual presentations regarding the business of Karpel Solutions. Provided Karpel Solutions is not in violation of

the provisions of this Agreement regarding confidentiality, Karpel Solutions shall have the right to demonstrate for other prospective clients any application developed by Karpel Solutions under this Agreement and shall have the right to include information about any such application in marketing materials and presentations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this License Agreement to be executed on the date set forth below. This License Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties, superseding all prior written and oral agreements. Prior to acceptance of this License Agreement, Karpel Solutions reserves the right to make modifications to this Agreement. The signatories warrant they have the authority to bind their respective party.

Monterey County, CA



Signature

Thomas O'Keefe

Printed Name

Chief Assistant Public

Title

03 / 03 / 2026

Date

Karpel Solutions



Signature

LeeAnn Karpel

Printed Name

President

Title

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Date

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