

REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

DATE: MARCH 13, 2013

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: GREG RAMIREZ, CITY MANAGER

BY: RAMIRO ADEVA, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR/CITY ENGINEER

SUBJECT: REQUEST TO APPROVE AN AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZATION TO SOLICIT REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR FEASIBILITY AND DESIGN SERVICES RELATED TO THE MEDEA CREEK RESTORATION PROJECT

As part of the City Council's Budget Workshop held on June 13, 2012, staff was directed to explore funding opportunities in order to naturalize a portion of the concrete flood channel abutting Chumash Park (see attached).

These types of projects have shown to have positive impacts to the environment. The benefits of this restoration project would include:

- Creating an area of new riparian ecosystem.
- Reconnecting wildlife migration corridors.
- Improving water quality by increasing dissolved oxygen concentration, increasing vegetative uptake of nutrients (nitrogen and phosphorus), and reducing water temperature by adding vegetated canopy cover.
- Establishing a recreational trail.
- Providing educational information about our watershed.

Due to these benefits, as well as preserving existing flood control capabilities, staff is seeking authorization to solicit proposals for feasibility and design services related to the Medea Creek Restoration Project. The services being requested include feasibility studies, preliminary engineering, completion of the environmental documents, final design plans, specifications, and estimates (PS&E), and construction engineering services.

Because of his understanding of how important these types of projects can be to the community, Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, has pledged financial assistance in the amount of \$165,000 to fund the feasibility and design portions of the project. Since this pledge represents a grant of public funds, a Social Program Agreement is required between the City and County of Los Angeles. It should be noted this grant does not have a "dollar-for-dollar" payback clause, nor requires any match by the City.

In addition to securing funding for the feasibility and design phase, staff has been working closely the past several months with the other agencies of the North Santa Monica Bay (NSMB)

area, which is a sub-region within the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) area, to collectively prepare a list of projects to recommend for a second round of funding that has become available through Proposition 84. The funding would cover projects that have a clear benefit to protecting the quality of the region's water resources.

In an effort to strengthen the application for funding through Prop 84, Agoura Hills decided to partner with the City of Calabasas on the application, since they too were proposing a creek restoration project along a segment of Las Virgenes Creek. On October 24, 2012, the City Council unanimously approved the continuation of the grant application process by staff.

On November 14, 2012, a 16-member panel reviewed the recommendations from all the different sub-regions, and approved adding the combined projects known as the Upper Malibu Creek Restoration Project to the final list of projects to be considered by the State for final funding determinations. The regional grant application is due to the State for review by March 28, with a final approval expected by the State in October, 2013.

With City Council approval, staff will begin advertising and conducting the review process. Staff anticipates awarding the contract for the planning and design phase in May.

The proposed agreement has been reviewed and approved as to form by the City Attorney.

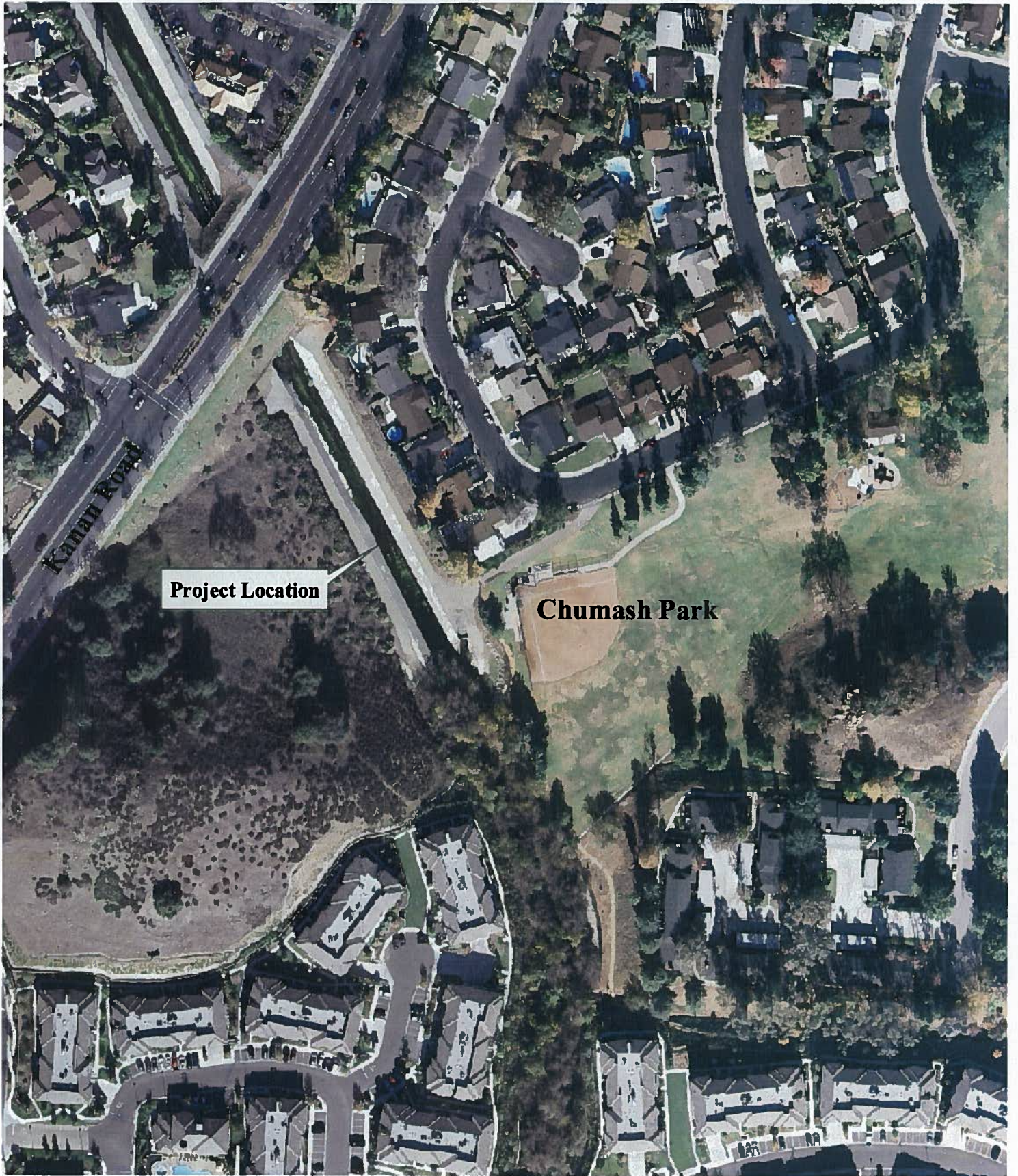
RECOMMENDATION

Staff respectfully recommends the City Council:

1. Authorize staff to solicit Request for Proposals for feasibility and design services related to the Medea Creek Restoration Project.
2. Authorize the Mayor to sign the Social Program Agreement No. EDF-03-12, with the County of Los Angeles, on behalf of the City Council.

Attachments: Exhibit
Social Program Agreement

EXHIBIT



Project Location

Chumash Park

SOCIAL PROGRAM AGREEMENT

Contract No. EDF-03-12

Fiscal Year 2012-13

Name of Organization/Contractor: City of Agoura Hills "Contractor"

Address: 30001 Ladyface Court
Agoura Hills, CA 91301

Contractor's Project Director: Susan Nissman, Sr. Field Deputy **Telephone No.:** (818) 597-7353

Status of Organization: Profit [] Non Profit [xx]

Description of Organization/Contractor: Agoura Hills is a unique suburban community exemplified by a commitment to the preservation of its history, a high quality of life, a vibrant business community, and environmental sensitivity. They are committed to preserving the unique character, historical and rural fabric, and environmental beauty that defines Agoura Hills to its residents. They accomplish this through the values of Service, Integrity, Positive Solutions, and Cooperation.

Name, Location, Description of Program/Project: The funds will be used by the City of Agoura Hills to support its MEDEA CREEK Restoration Project: Phase I, Feasibility Study & Design. They will complete a feasibility study and design phase I for the construction phase of the MEDEA CREEK Restoration.

Deliverables of the Project: The project will produce: Water Quality Enhancement - By removing the hardscape of the exiting floor control channel, and installing vegetative habitat, sunlight will be deflected and result in reducing dissolved oxygen and decrease bacteria algae blooms, thus reducing downstream bacterial runoff; Pedestrian Connectivity – The project will bridge the trail gap between naturalized portions of the creek and an existing six-acre city park; and Public Education and Outreach – Naturalizing the creek will provide an educational amenity and opportunity for the public to visit and increase awareness of the natural environment. The project will also serve as a model for other communities on how to restore a channelized portion of a creek and provide increased recreational value for residents and visitors alike.

Proposed Social Need to be Satisfied: Educational/Recreational projects / Environmental Awareness programs or projects / Health and social service initiatives and programs / County programs and projects benefitting community and enhance quality of life

Contract Period: 1/2013 - 6/2013 **Grant Amount:** \$165,000

Total Proposed Expenditures:

1) Personnel Costs: 0 **2) Non-Personnel Costs:** \$165,000

County Department: Board of Supervisors, Third District

County Contact Person: Alisa B. Katz **Telephone No:** (213) 974-3333

Contractor verifies that:

- I have the power to execute this contract.
- I have read the attached Terms and Conditions and agree thereto.
- Financial and program records will be maintained for 3 years.
- A report on the results of this project and the expenditures will be made within 60 days from the termination of this Agreement to the Executive Office.
- These funds will be used for the program specified above and any unused funds will be returned at the end of the contract period.

Contractor Signature **Title** **Date**

Contractor Printed Name **Contractor E-mail Address**

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Pursuant to Government Code Sections 23005, and 26227, and an adopted Resolution by the Board of Supervisors:

By _____

WILLIAM T FUJIOKA
Chief Executive Officer

By _____

WENDY L. WATANABE
Auditor-Controller

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

JOHN F. KRATTLI
County Counsel

By  _____

DEPUTY

By _____

SACHI A. HAMAI
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

**SOCIAL PROGRAM AGREEMENT
TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

1. COMPENSATION

The COUNTY shall compensate the CONTRACTOR payable upon presentation of an invoice.

2. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

The CONTRACTOR shall perform all services included in this Agreement in an independent capacity and neither CONTRACTOR nor CONTRACTOR'S employees shall be considered as employees of the COUNTY. This Agreement is by and between the CONTRACTOR and the COUNTY and is not intended, and shall not be construed to create the relationship of agent, servant, employee, partnership, joint venture, or association, between the COUNTY and the CONTRACTOR.

3. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This document constitutes the entire Agreement between the COUNTY and the CONTRACTOR for services to be performed.

4. ASSIGNMENTS AND SUBCONTRACTS

The CONTRACTOR may enter into subcontracts for performance of portions of this Agreement only upon receipt of prior written consent of the County Department Director or his/her designee. All appropriate provisions and requirements of this Agreement shall apply to the sub-agreement. The CONTRACTOR shall be held responsible by the COUNTY for performance of any sub-contractor.

5. INDEMNIFICATION

CONTRACTOR agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the COUNTY, their agents, officers and employees from and against any and all liability, expense, including defense costs and legal fees, and claims for damages of any nature whatsoever, including, but not limited to bodily injury, death, personal injury, or property damage arising from or connected with CONTRACTOR'S operations or services hereunder, including any workers' compensation suits, Federal Fair Labor Standards Act wage and hour law violations, liability, or expense, arising from or connected with services performed by or on behalf of CONTRACTOR by any person pursuant to this Agreement.

6. INSURANCE

Without limiting CONTRACTORS indemnification of COUNTY, the CONTRACTOR shall provide and maintain at its own expense during the term of this agreement the following program(s) of insurance covering its operations hereunder. Such insurance shall be provided by insurer(s) satisfactory to the COUNTY'S Risk Manager and evidence of such programs satisfactory to the COUNTY shall be delivered to County Contact Person on or before the effective date of this Agreement. Such evidence shall specifically identify this Agreement and shall contain express conditions that COUNTY is to be given written notice at least thirty (30) days in advance of any modification or termination of any program of insurance. All such insurance, except for Workers' Compensation, shall be primary to and not contributing with any other insurance or self-insurance coverage maintained by County and shall name the County of Los Angeles as an additional insured.

A. Commercial General and Auto Liability:

with limits of not less than \$1 million per occurrence.

B. Workers' Compensation:

A program of Workers' Compensation Insurance in an amount and form to meet all applicable requirements of the Labor Code of the State of California, and which specifically covers all persons providing services by or on behalf of CONTRACTOR and all risks to such persons under this Agreement, and including Employers' Liability coverage with a \$1 million per limit.

C. Crime Insurance:

A comprehensive blanket crime insurance policy with each insuring agreement in an amount not less than \$25,000, insuring against loss of money, securities, or other property referred to hereunder which may result from:

- (1) Dishonesty or fraudulent acts of officers, directors, or employees of CONTRACTOR, or
- (2) Disappearance, destruction or wrongful abstraction inside or outside the premises of CONTRACTOR, while in the care, custody or control of the CONTRACTOR, or
- (3) Sustained through forgery or direction to pay a certain sum in money.

D. Property Coverage:

If, under the terms of this agreement, CONTRACTOR shall have possession of rented or leased or be loaned any COUNTY-owned real or personal property, CONTRACTOR shall provide:

- (1) Real Property: Insurance providing Special form ("all risk") coverage for the full replacement value.
- (2) Personal Property: Insurance providing Special form ("all risk") coverage for the actual cash value.

7. RECORDS RETENTION AND INSPECTION

Within ten (10) days of County Department Director's or his/her designee's written request, CONTRACTOR shall allow COUNTY access to financial and program records during regular business hours at any place CONTRACTOR keeps those records.

8. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

CONTRACTOR covenants that neither the CONTRACTOR nor any of its agents, officers, its employees, or sub-contractors who presently exercise any function of responsibility in connection with the program has personal interest, direct or indirect, in the Agreement, except to the extent he may receive compensation for his or her performance pursuant to this Agreement.

CONTRACTOR, its agents, officers, employees, and sub-contractors shall comply with all applicable Federal, State and County laws and regulations governing conflict of interest.

9. ASSURANCES

The CONTRACTOR gives and certifies with respect to the program that it will comply with Federal OMB Circulars A-102, A-110, A-112, A-128, and A-133 as they apply to the CONTRACTOR.

The CONTRACTOR further assures that:

A. Authority:

It possesses legal authority to execute the proposed program, that a resolution, motion, or similar action has been fully adopted or passed, as an official act of the CONTRACTOR'S governing body, authorizing receipt of the funds, and directing and designating the authorized representative(s) of the CONTRACTOR to act in connection with the program specified and to provide such additional information as may be required by the COUNTY.

B. Civil Rights:

CONTRACTOR shall abide by the provisions of the Title VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, 42 U.S.C. Sections 2000e (17), (P.L. 88-353), and applicable Federal and State laws, rules and regulations prohibiting discrimination under any program activity or employment for which CONTRACTOR received funding under this Agreement. Any subcontracts awarded by CONTRACTOR shall contain this provision.

C. Prohibited Actions:

CONTRACTOR agrees not to engage in or permit any religious proselytizing or political propagandizing in connection with the performance of this Agreement. The CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with the provision of the Federal Hatch Act and with Section 675e of Subtitle B of Title VI of Public Law 97-35, as amended, which limits political activity of employees, and with Public Law 101-121 (31 U.S.C. Section 1352) which prohibits use of Federal funds to influence the award of Federal contracts or grants.

D. OSHA/CAL-OSHA Compliance:

CONTRACTOR shall comply with the provisions of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (29 U.S.C. 661 et seq.) and the California Occupational Safety and Health Act (Chapter 993 of the 1973 Statutes of California).

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10. SUSPENSION AND TERMINATIONS

The CONTRACTOR agrees to suspend program operations for a period not to exceed sixty (60) working days effective immediately upon written notice of suspension from the County Project Director. This provision will be applied if, in the judgement of the County Project Director, circumstances exist which could result in illegal or inappropriate expenditures of program funds. Either party may terminate this agreement, or any part hereof by giving fifteen (15) days notice to the other.

The County Department Director or his/her designee may terminate this Agreement immediately by written notice to the CONTRACTOR upon CONTRACTOR'S failure to comply with the provisions of this Agreement. It is also understood and agreed, however, that should the COUNTY determine that CONTRACTOR'S failure to perform relates to only part of the services CONTRACTOR is performing, the COUNTY, in its sole discretion, may elect to terminate only that part of the Agreement which shall in no way void or invalidate the rest of this Agreement. In the event of termination of all or part of this Agreement, COUNTY shall pay to CONTRACTOR for all allowable budgeted costs actually incurred by CONTRACTOR prior to the effective date of such termination less payments paid by COUNTY for such services.

If this Agreement is terminated, CONTRACTOR shall within five (5) days of receipt of notice of termination from COUNTY, notify all other parties who are subcontractors of the CONTRACTOR of such termination.

Payment shall be made upon the filing with the COUNTY, by CONTRACTOR, of a voucher(s) evidencing the time expended and the cost incurred. Said vouchers must be filed with the COUNTY thirty (30) days of date of said termination.

11. FAIR LABOR

CONTRACTOR agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the COUNTY, its agents, officers and employees from any and all liability including, but not limited to, wages, overtime pay liquidated damages, penalties, court costs, and attorneys' fees arising under any wage and hour law violation including, but not limited to, Federal Fair Labor Standards Act for services performed by the CONTRACTOR'S employees for which the COUNTY may be found jointly or solely liable.

12. CITIZENSHIP

CONTRACTOR warrants that it fully complies with all laws regarding employment of aliens and others, and that all its employees performing services hereunder meet citizenship or alien status requirements contained in Federal statutes and regulations. CONTRACTOR shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless, the COUNTY, its officers and employees from employer sanctions and any other liability which may be assessed against the CONTRACTOR or COUNTY, or both, in connection with any alleged violation of Federal statutes or regulations pertaining to the eligibility for employment of persons performing services under this agreement.

13. COUNTY LOBBYISTS

CONTRACTOR and each COUNTY lobbyist or COUNTY lobbying firm as defined in Los Angeles County Code Section 2.160.010, retained by CONTRACTOR, shall fully comply with the County Lobbyist Ordinance, Los Angeles County Code chapter 2.160. Failure on the part of CONTRACTOR or any COUNTY lobbyist or COUNTY lobbying firm retained by CONTRACTOR to fully comply with the County Lobbyist Ordinance shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement upon which COUNTY may immediately terminate or suspend this Agreement.

14. USE OF RECYCLED PAPER

Consistent with the Board of Supervisors' policy to reduce the amount of solid waste deposited at County landfills, CONTRACTOR agrees to use recycled-content paper to the maximum extent possible on the Project.

15. NOTICE TO EMPLOYEES REGARDING THE FEDERAL EARNED INCOME CREDIT

CONTRACTOR shall notify its employees, and shall require each subcontractor to notify its employees, that they may be eligible for the Federal Earned Income Credit under the Federal Income tax laws. Such notice shall be provided in accordance with the requirements set forth in Internal Revenue Service Notice 1015.

16. CONSIDERATION OF GAIN PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS FOR EMPLOYMENT

Should CONTRACTOR require additional or replacement personnel after the effective date of this Agreement, CONTRACTOR shall give consideration for any such employment

openings to participants in the COUNTY'S Department of Public Social Services' Greater Avenues for Independence (GAIN) Program who meet the CONTRACTOR'S minimum qualifications for the open position. The COUNTY will refer GAIN participants by job category to the CONTRACTOR.

17. CONTRACTOR'S ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COUNTY'S COMMITMENT TO CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT

CONTRACTOR acknowledges that COUNTY places a high priority on the enforcement of child support laws and the apprehension of child support evaders. CONTRACTOR understands that it is COUNTY'S policy to encourage all COUNTY contractors to voluntarily post COUNTY'S "L.A.'s Most Wanted: Delinquent Parents" poster in a prominent position at CONTRACTOR'S place of business. COUNTY'S District Attorney will supply CONTRACTOR with the poster to be used.

18. TERMINATION FOR DEFAULT

Services performed under this Agreement may be terminated immediately in whole or in part by COUNTY by providing to CONTRACTOR a written Notice of Default if 1) CONTRACTOR fails to perform the services within the time specified in this Agreement or any extensions approved by COUNTY, 2) CONTRACTOR fails to perform any other covenant or conditions of this Agreement, or 3) CONTRACTOR fails to make progress so as to endanger its performance under this Agreement.

In its sole discretion, COUNTY may include in the Notice of Default a period of time for CONTRACTOR to cure the Default(s).

Without limitation of any additional rights or remedies to which it may be entitled, if COUNTY terminates all or part of the services because of CONTRACTOR'S Default, COUNTY, in its sole discretion, may procure replacement services, as determined by COUNTY at its sole discretion.

19. TERMINATION FOR IMPROPER CONSIDERATION

County may, by written notice to CONTRACTOR, immediately terminate the right of CONTRACTOR to proceed under this Agreement if it is found that consideration, in any form, was offered or given by CONTRACTOR, either directly or through an intermediary, to any County officer, employee or agent with the intent of securing the Agreement or securing favorable treatment with respect to the award, amendment or extension of the Agreement or the making of any determinations with respect to the CONTRACTOR'S performance pursuant to the Agreement. In the event of such termination, COUNTY shall be entitled to pursue the same remedies against CONTRACTOR as it could pursue in the event of default by the CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR shall immediately report any attempt by a County officer or employee to solicit such improper consideration. The report shall be made either to the County manager charged with the supervision of the employee or to the County Auditor-Controller's Employee Fraud Hotline at (213) 974-0914 or (800) 544-6861. Among other items, such improper consideration may take the form of cash, discounts, service, the provision of travel or entertainment, or tangible gifts.

20. NOTICES

Notices will be sent to the CONTRACTOR addressed as follows:

City of Agoura Hills
30001 Ladyface Court
Agoura Hills, CA 91301

Susan Nissman, Sr. Field Deputy

(818) 597-7353

(Contact Person)

(Telephone Number)

City of Agoura Hills

(Contractor's Name)

Notices, performance and fiscal reports shall be sent to the COUNTY as follows:

Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
500 W. Temple Street, Room 383
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Attention: MARTIN GARCIA, FISCAL SERVICES

December 31, 2012