

MASTER SERVICE AGREEMENT

ADMINISTERING AGENCY: COUNTY OF PLACER PROCUREMENT SERVICES

DESCRIPTION: MASTER SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR TREE TRIMMING, ROADSIDE VEGETATION MANAGEMENT, FUEL LOAD REDUCTION SERVICES

THIS AGREEMENT MADE AND ENTERED INTO THIS __1st__ day of _April_, 2021_, BY AND BETWEEN the COUNTY OF PLACER, hereinafter referred to as "COUNTY", and _____, located in __ _____, hereinafter referred to as "CONTRACTOR".

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, the COUNTY requires tree trimming, roadside vegetation management and fuel load reduction services; and

WHEREAS, CONTRACTOR is duly qualified and has the required experience to provide such services and is willing to perform such services; and

WHEREAS, COUNTY desires to retain the services of CONTRACTOR to perform required services;

NOW, THEREFORE, COUNTY and CONTRACTOR in consideration of the mutual covenants herein set forth agree as follows:

1. **Services** Subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement, contractor shall provide the services described in task order and RFQ No. 20149, Tree Trimming, Roadside Vegetation Management, Fuel Load Reduction Services and Contractor's response to said document. Contractor shall provide said services at the time, place, and in the manner specified in task order.
2. **Amendments to Agreement.** All amendments to either this agreement or any subsequent task orders must be processed as change orders.
3. **Time of Performance.** Time is of the essence. Failure of contractor to perform any services within the time limits set forth in any subsequent task order shall constitute material breach of this contract.
4. **Payment.** County shall pay contractor for services rendered pursuant to this Agreement at the time and in the amount set forth in the applicable document based on this Master Services Agreement. The scope of work and specific costs will be expressly identified on the purchase order for each specific project. The payment specified on the document shall be the only payment made to contractor for services rendered pursuant for the specific engagement. contractor shall submit all billings for said services to County in the manner specified in RFQ No. 20149.
5. **Records.** CONTRACTOR shall maintain at all times complete detailed records with regard to services performed under this agreement in a form acceptable to COUNTY, and COUNTY shall have the right to inspect such records at any reasonable time. Notwithstanding any other terms of this agreement, no payments shall be made to CONTRACTOR until COUNTY is satisfied that services of such value have been rendered pursuant to this agreement. All records shall be retained by CONTRACTOR for a period of at least three (3) years after the date of final payment to CONTRACTOR.

6. **Employees of Contractor.** All persons performing services for CONTRACTOR shall be solely employees of CONTRACTOR and not employees of COUNTY. CONTRACTOR shall be solely responsible for the salaries and other benefits, including Workers' Compensation, of all such personnel.
7. **Conflict of Interest.** CONTRACTOR warrants and covenants that no official or employee of the COUNTY, nor any business entity which an official of the COUNTY has an interest, has been employed or retained to solicit or aid in the procuring of this Agreement, nor that any such person will be employed in the performance of this Agreement without immediate divulgence of such fact to the COUNTY.
8. **Nondiscrimination.** During the performance of this agreement, CONTRACTOR shall not unlawfully discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, physical handicap, medical condition, marital status, age (over 40), or sex. CONTRACTOR shall insure that the evaluation and treatment of its employees and applicants for employment are free of such discrimination. CONTRACTOR shall comply with the provisions of the Fair Employment and Housing Act (Government Code Section 12900 et seq.) and the applicable regulations promulgated thereunder (California Code of Regulations, Title 2, Section 7285.0 et seq.) The applicable regulations of the Fair Employment and Housing Commission implementing Government Code, Section 12990, set forth in Chapter 5 of Division 4 of Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations are incorporated into this agreement by reference and made a part hereof as if set forth in full.

CONTRACTOR shall give written notice of its obligation under this clause to labor organizations with which it has a collective bargaining or agreement.

CONTRACTOR shall include the non-discrimination and compliance provisions of this clause in all subcontracts to perform work under this agreement.

9. **Indemnity.** The CONTRACTOR shall save, keep, hold harmless, defend, and indemnify PLACER COUNTY from all damages, costs, or expenses in law or equity that may at any time arise or be set up because of damages to property or personal injury received by reason of or in the course of performing work which may be occasioned by any willful or negligent act or omissions of the CONTRACTOR, any of the CONTRACTOR'S employees, or any subcontractors.

The CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for any liability imposed by law and for death, injury, or damage to property of any person including, but not limited to, workmen, subcontractors, and the public, resulting from any cause whatsoever during the progress of the work or at any time before its completion and final acceptance.

If any judgment is rendered against PLACER COUNTY for any injury, death, or damage caused by CONTRACTOR as a result of work performed or completed, pursuant to this agreement, CONTRACTOR shall, at its own expense, satisfy and discharge any judgment.

As used above, the term PLACER COUNTY means PLACER COUNTY, its officers, agents, employees, and volunteers.

CONTRACTOR shall file with the COUNTY concurrently herewith a Certificate of Insurance, in companies acceptable to COUNTY, with a Best's Rating of no less than A-:VII showing.

10. **Insurance.** Contractor shall file with County a Certificate of Insurance, with companies acceptable to County, with a Best's Rating of no less than A-:VII showing the following coverage:

11. **Workers' Compensation and Employers Liability Insurance:**

Workers' Compensation Insurance shall be provided as required by any applicable law or regulation. Employer's liability insurance shall be provided in amounts not less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000) each accident for bodily injury by accident, one million dollars (\$1,000,000) policy limit for bodily injury by disease, and one million dollars (\$1,000,000) each employee for bodily injury by disease.

If there is an exposure of injury to PROVIDER'S employees under the U.S. Longshoremen's and Harbor Worker's Compensation Act, the Jones Act, or under laws, regulations, or statutes applicable to maritime employees, coverage shall be included for such injuries or claims.

Each Workers' Compensation policy shall be endorsed with the following specific language:

Cancellation Notice - "This policy shall not be changed without first giving thirty (30) days prior written notice and ten (10) days prior written notice of cancellation for non-payment of premium to the County of Placer."

Waiver of Subrogation - The workers' compensation policy shall be endorsed to state that the workers' compensation carrier waives its right of subrogation against the County, its officers, directors, officials, employees, agents or volunteers, which might arise by reason of payment under such policy in connection with performance under this agreement by the CONTRACTOR.

CONTRACTOR shall require all SUBCONTRACTORS to maintain adequate Workers' Compensation insurance. Certificates of Workers' Compensation shall be filed forthwith with the County upon demand.

Sole Proprietors

If CONTRACTOR is a Sole Proprietor and has no employees, they are not required to have Workers Compensation coverage. CONTRACTOR shall sign a statement attesting to this condition, and shall agree they have no rights, entitlements or claim against COUNTY for any type of employment benefits or workers' compensation or other programs afforded to COUNTY employees.

12. **General Liability Insurance:**

A. Comprehensive General Liability or Commercial General Liability insurance covering all operations by or on behalf of CONTRACTOR, providing insurance for bodily injury liability and property damage liability for the limits of liability indicated below and including coverage for:

- (1) Products and completed operations;
- (2) Contractual liability insuring the obligations assumed by CONTRACTOR in this Agreement; and
- (3) Broad form property damage (including completed operations)

Except with respect to bodily injury and property damage included within the products and completed operations hazards, the aggregate limits, where applicable, shall apply separately to CONTRACTOR'S work under the Contract.

B. One of the following forms is required:

- (1) Comprehensive General Liability;
- (2) Commercial General Liability (Occurrence); or
- (3) Commercial General Liability (Claims Made).

C. If CONTRACTOR carries a Comprehensive General Liability policy, the limits of liability shall not be less than a Combined Single Limit for bodily injury, property damage, and Personal Injury Liability of:

- One million dollars (\$1,000,000) each occurrence
- Two million dollars (\$2,000,000) aggregate

D. If CONTRACTOR carries a Commercial General Liability (Occurrence) policy:

(1) The limits of liability shall not be less than:

- One million dollars (\$1,000,000) each occurrence (combined single limit for bodily injury and property damage)
- One million dollars (\$1,000,000) for Products Completed Operations
- Two million dollars (\$2,000,000) General Aggregate

(2) If the policy does not have an endorsement providing that the General Aggregate Limit applies separately, or if defense costs are included in the aggregate limits, then the required aggregate limits shall be two million dollars (\$2,000,000).

E. Special Claims Made Policy Form Provisions:

CONTRACTOR shall not provide a Commercial General Liability (Claims Made) policy without the express prior written consent of COUNTY, which consent, if given, shall be subject to the following conditions:

(1) The limits of liability shall not be less than:

- One million dollars (\$1,000,000) each occurrence (combined single limit for bodily injury and property damage)
- One million dollars (\$1,000,000) aggregate for Products Completed Operations
- Two million dollars (\$2,000,000) General Aggregate

(2) The insurance coverage provided by CONTRACTOR shall contain language providing coverage up to one (1) year following the completion of the contract in order to provide insurance coverage for the hold harmless provisions herein if the policy is a claims-made policy.

Conformity of Coverages - If more than one policy is used to meet the required coverages, such as a separate umbrella policy, such policies shall be consistent with all other applicable policies used to meet these minimum requirements. For example, all policies shall be Occurrence Liability policies, or all shall be Claims Made Liability policies, if approved by the County as noted above. In no cases shall the types of policies be different.

13. **Endorsements:**

Each Comprehensive or Commercial General Liability policy shall be endorsed with the following specific language:

- A. "The County of Placer, its officers, agents, employees, and volunteers are to be covered as an additional insured for all liability arising out of the operations by or on behalf of the named insured in the performance of this Agreement."
- B. "The insurance provided by the Contractor, including any excess liability or umbrella form coverage, is primary coverage to the County of Placer with respect to any insurance or self-insurance programs maintained by the County of Placer and no insurance held or owned by the County of Placer shall be called upon to contribute to a loss."
- C. "This policy shall not be changed without first giving thirty (30) days prior written notice and ten (10) days prior written notice of cancellation for non-payment of premium to the County of Placer."

14. **Automobile Liability Insurance:**

Automobile Liability insurance covering bodily injury and property damage in an amount no less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000) combined single limit for each occurrence.

Covered vehicles shall include owned, non-owned, and hired automobiles/trucks.

15. **Additional Requirements:**

Premium Payments - The insurance companies shall have no recourse against the COUNTY and funding agencies, its officers and employees or any of them for payment of any premiums or assessments under any policy issued by a mutual insurance company.

Policy Deductibles - The CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for all deductibles in all of the CONTRACTOR's insurance policies. The maximum amount of allowable deductible for insurance coverage required herein shall be \$25,000.

CONTRACTOR's Obligations - CONTRACTOR's indemnity and other obligations shall not be limited by the foregoing insurance requirements and shall survive the expiration of this agreement.

Verification of Coverage - CONTRACTOR shall furnish the County with original certificates and amendatory endorsements or copies of the applicable policy language effecting coverage required by this clause. All certificates and endorsements are to be received and approved by the County before work commences. However, failure to obtain the required documents prior to the work beginning shall not waive the CONTRACTOR's obligation to provide them. The County reserves the right to require complete, certified copies of all required insurance policies, including endorsements required by these specifications, at any time.

Material Breach - Failure of the CONTRACTOR to maintain the insurance required by this agreement, or to comply with any of the requirements of this section, shall constitute a material breach of the entire agreement.

Certificate Holder – Placer County subscribes to a service that monitors insurance certificates for compliance with the above requirements. The Certificate Holder on insurance certificates and related documents should read as follows:

County of Placer
c/o EXIGIS LLC
PO Box 4668 ECM #35050
New York, NY 10168-4668

Fax: 888-355-3599
Email: certificates-placer@riskworks.com

Certificates which amend or alter the coverage during the term of the contract, including updated certificates due to policy renewal, should be sent directly to Ebix RCS via fax or email as indicated above.

16. **Non-Assignability.** This agreement, and the rights and duties thereunder, shall not be assigned in whole or in part without the express written consent of COUNTY.
17. **General Compliance with Laws.** The CONTRACTOR shall exercise usual and customary care in its efforts to comply with applicable Federal, State and local laws, statutes, rules and regulations that are in effect as of the date of this agreement, or which may later be enacted. CONTRACTOR shall comply with all laws regarding payment of prevailing wages, including, without limitation, California Labor Code Section 1720, as such laws may be amended or modified. CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with any directives or regulations issued by the California State Department of Industrial Relations or any other regulatory body of competent jurisdiction.
18. **Prevailing Wage Requirements.** The services described herein are for publicly funded projects, considered "public works" as defined by California Labor Code Section 1720 et seq. Any firm awarded a contract as the result of this RFQ shall be responsible for compliance with all applicable prevailing wage laws, as well as any and all applicable state or federal wage laws, for services performed under any resulting contract.

This project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations.

- A. CONTRACTOR shall comply with the State of California's General Prevailing Wage Rate requirements in accordance with California Labor Code, Section 1770, and all Federal, State, and local laws and ordinances applicable to the work.
 - B. Any subcontract entered into as a result of this contract, if for more than \$25,000 for public works construction or more than \$15,000 for the alteration, demolition, repair, or maintenance of public works, shall contain all of the provisions of this Article, unless the awarding agency has an approved labor compliance program by the Director of Industrial Relations.
 - C. When prevailing wages apply to the services described in the scope of work, transportation and subsistence costs shall be reimbursed at the minimum rates set by the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) as outlined in the applicable Prevailing Wage Determination. See <http://www.dir.ca.gov>.
19. **Governing Law.** This Agreement is executed and intended to be performed in the State of California, and the laws of that State shall govern its interpretation and effect. Any legal proceedings regarding this agreement shall be brought under the jurisdiction of the Superior Court of the County of Placer, State of California.
 20. **Use of Sub-Consultants.** CONTRACTOR shall not use the services of any SUBCONTRACTOR without the written approval by COUNTY prior to SUBCONTRACTOR commencing any work on this project.

- A. Nothing contained in this contract, any task order, or otherwise, shall create any contractual relation between THE COUNTY and any sub-consultant(s), and no subcontract shall relieve CONTRACTOR of its responsibilities and obligations hereunder. CONTRACTOR agrees to be as fully responsible to THE COUNTY for the acts and omissions of its sub-consultant(s) and of persons either directly or indirectly employed by any of them as it is for the acts and omissions of persons directly employed by CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR'S obligation to pay its sub consultant(s) is an independent obligation from THE COUNTY obligation to make payments to the CONTRACTOR.
 - B. CONTRACTOR shall perform the work contemplated with resources available within its own organization and no portion of the work pertinent to this contract or task order shall be subcontracted without written authorization by THE COUNTY's Contract Administrator, except that, which is expressly identified in the approved Cost Proposal.
 - C. CONTRACTOR shall pay its sub-consultants within ten (10) calendar days from receipt of each payment made to CONTRACTOR by THE COUNTY.
 - D. All subcontracts entered into as a result of this contract shall contain all the provisions stipulated in this contract to be applicable to sub-consultants.
 - E. Any substitution of sub-consultant(s) must be approved in writing by THE COUNTY's Contract Administrator prior to the start of work by the sub-contractor(s).
21. **Suspension or Abandonment With or Without Cause.** COUNTY may suspend or abandon, by written notice, all or a portion of the work under this Agreement for any reason. CONTRACTOR may request that all or a portion of the work under this Agreement be suspended or abandoned for any reason by notifying COUNTY in writing. Suspension or abandonment shall only be valid upon receipt of written approval of the request by COUNTY.
22. **Cancellation.** THE COUNTY reserves the right to terminate this contract upon thirty (30) calendar days written notice to CONTRACTOR with the reasons for termination stated in the notice.
- A. THE COUNTY may terminate this agreement with CONTRACTOR should CONTRACTOR fail to perform the covenants herein contained at the time and in the manner herein provided. In the event of such termination, THE COUNTY may proceed with the work in any manner deemed proper by THE COUNTY. If THE COUNTY terminates this contract with CONTRACTOR, THE COUNTY shall pay CONTRACTOR the sum due to CONTRACTOR under this contract prior to termination, unless the cost of completion to THE COUNTY exceeds the funds remaining in the contract. In which case the overage shall be deducted from any sum due CONTRACTOR under this contract and the balance, if any, shall be paid to CONTRACTOR upon demand.
 - B. The maximum amount for which the COUNTY shall be liable if this agreement is terminated is the amount set forth in applicable documents(s) based on this Master Services Agreement.
23. **Covenant Against Contingent Fees.** The CONTRACTOR warrants that he has not employed or retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working for the CONTRACTOR, to solicit or secure this agreement, and that he has not paid or agreed to pay any company or person, other than a bona fide employee, any fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gift, or any other consideration, contingent upon or resulting from the award or formation of this agreement. For breach or violation of this warranty, the COUNTY shall have the right to annul this Agreement without liability, or at its discretion to deduct from the

agreement price or consideration, or otherwise recover, the full amount of such fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gift, or contingent fee.

24. **Disputes.** All claims, counter-claims, disputes, and other matters in question between COUNTY and CONTRACTOR that cannot be settled by agreement between the parties will be presented to the Board of Supervisors of COUNTY for consideration. In the event the Board of Supervisors cannot resolve the matter or matters to the satisfaction of the parties, either party may undertake whatever legal actions against the other, as it deems necessary.
25. **Remedies.** In the event of breach of any condition or provision hereof, the COUNTY shall have the right, by prior written notice to the CONTRACTOR, to terminate the employment of the CONTRACTOR hereunder and cancel this Agreement and have the work thus canceled otherwise performed, without prejudice to any other rights or remedies of the COUNTY. The COUNTY shall have the benefit of such work as may have been completed up to the time of such termination or cancellation, and with respect to any part which shall have been delivered to and accepted by the COUNTY there shall be an equitable adjustment of compensation, applicable to specific task order.
26. **Notices.** All notices, and approvals or demands of any kind required or desired to be given by the COUNTY and CONTRACTOR shall be in writing and shall be deemed served or given upon delivery if personally delivered or faxed, or, if mailed, forty-eight (48) hours after depositing the notice or demand in the United States mail, certified or registered, postage prepaid to the addresses shown below. COUNTY and CONTRACTOR may from time to time by written notice to the other designate another place for receipt of future notices.

COUNTY OF PLACER:

CONTRACTOR:

Placer County Procurement Services
Attn: Purchasing Manager
2964 Richardson Drive
Auburn, CA 95603

Name of firm:
Attn:

Phone: 530-886-2122
Email: Procurement@placer.ca.gov

Phone:
Email:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have hereunto set their hands the year and date first above written.

“CONTRACTOR” *
Consultant Name
State and Type of Company

“COUNTY”
STATE OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF PLACER

By: _____
Officer Signature # 1

By: _____
Purchasing Manager
Procurement Services Division

By: _____
Print Name and Title

Date: _____

Date: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM

By: _____
Signature # 2

By: _____
County Counsel, Placer County

Date: _____

By: _____
Print Name and Title

Date: _____

TASK ORDERS WILL BE NEGOTIATED ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS, BASED ON THIS MSA AND CONTRACTOR’S PROPOSAL

ATTACHMENTS:

Exhibit A - Task Order (*Task Specific Scope of Services, Related Payment and other applicable forms*)

*If Contractor is a corporation, contract must be signed by the following two corporate officers, one from each category: (1) Chairman of the Board, President or any Vice President, and (2), Corporate Secretary, any Assistant Corporate Secretary, Chief Financial Officer or any Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer, unless an authenticated copy of a resolution of the corporation which delegates to a single officer the authority to bind the corporation is attached to this contract.

If Contractor is another type of business entity, such as a partnership or limited liability company, contract must be signed by officer(s) possessing legal authority to bind the entity. An authenticated copy of a resolution, partnership agreement, operating agreement or other legal evidence of signature authority must be attached to this contract."

EXHIBIT A
TASK ORDER

Task Specific Scope of Services, Related Payment and other applicable forms

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