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**SERVICE AGREEMENT**

This Service Agreement (“Agreement”) is dated January 28, 2025 and is between Pacific Publishing Group, Inc., dba The Business Journal, a California corporation (“Contractor”), and the County of Fresno, a political subdivision of the State of California (“County”).

**Recitals**

- A. The County and its various departments have a need to publish legal notices countywide.
- B. Under guidance from the Internal Services Department – Purchasing Division, the County obtained the cost of publishing based on the price per column inch from local publications of general circulation covering Fresno County, and the Contractor was the lowest responsive publication.
- C. The Contractor represents that it is a newspaper of general circulation that is able to publish legal notices for the County as requested.
- D. The County desires to engage the Contractor to publish legal notices, pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

The parties therefore agree as follows:

**Article 1**

**Contractor’s Services**

- 1.1 **Scope of Services.** The Contractor shall publish legal notices submitted by the County and its various departments, according to the Contractor's ordinary publishing schedule, at the prices specified in this Agreement. There is no minimum order quantity.
- 1.2 **Representation.** The Contractor represents that it is qualified, ready, willing, and able to perform all of the services provided in this Agreement.
- 1.3 **Compliance with Laws.** The Contractor shall, at its own cost, comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations in the performance of its obligations under this Agreement, including but not limited to workers compensation, labor, and confidentiality laws and regulations.

1 **Article 2**

2 **County's Responsibilities**

3 2.1 **County Contractor Administrator.** The County appoints the Director of Internal  
4 Services/Chief Information Officer ("CIO"), or his or her designee, as the County's Contract  
5 Administrator with full authority to deal with the Contractor in all matters concerning this  
6 Agreement.

7 **Article 3**

8 **Compensation, Invoices, and Payments**

9 3.1 The County agrees to pay, and the Contractor agrees to receive, compensation for  
10 the performance of its services under this Agreement as described in this section. The  
11 Contractor will be compensated for performance of its services under this Agreement as  
12 provided in this section. The Contractor is not entitled to any compensation except as expressly  
13 provided in this section.

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Term Year	Price Per Column Inch
Year 1	\$31.00
Year 2	\$32.00
Year 3	\$33.00
Year 4	\$34.00
Year 5	\$35.00

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21 3.2 **Maximum Compensation.** The maximum compensation payable to the Contractor  
22 under this Agreement is \$534,000 for the initial three-year term of this Agreement. In the event  
23 this Agreement is extended for its first optional one-year extension ("Year 4"), the total  
24 compensation payable to the Contractor under this Agreement is \$712,000. In the event this  
25 Agreement is extended for its final one-year extension ("Year 5"), the total compensation  
26 payable to the Contractor under this Agreement is \$890,000. In the event the total maximum  
27 compensation amount in the Initial Term, Year 4, and/or Year 5 is not fully expended, the  
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1 remaining unspent funding amounts shall roll over to each subsequent term's established  
2 maximum compensation.

3 The Contractor acknowledges that the County is a local government entity, and does so with  
4 notice that the County's powers are limited by the California Constitution and by State law, and  
5 with notice that the Contractor may receive compensation under this Agreement only for  
6 services performed according to the terms of this Agreement and while this Agreement is in  
7 effect, and subject to the maximum amount payable under this section. The Contractor further  
8 acknowledges that County employees have no authority to pay the Contractor except as  
9 expressly provided in this Agreement.

10 3.3 **Invoices.** The Contractor shall submit monthly invoices referencing the provided  
11 agreement number to the County department receiving the service, at the address provided by  
12 the department. The Contractor shall submit each invoice within 60 days after the month in  
13 which the Contractor performs services and in any case within 60 days after the end of the term  
14 or termination of this Agreement.

15 3.4 **Payment.** The County shall pay each correctly completed and timely submitted  
16 invoice within 45 days after receipt. The County shall remit any payment to the Contractor's  
17 address specified in the invoice.

18 3.5 **Incidental Expenses.** The Contractor is solely responsible for all of its costs and  
19 expenses that are not specified as payable by the County under this Agreement.

## 20 **Article 4**

### 21 **Term of Agreement**

22 4.1 **Term.** This Agreement is effective on February 4, 2025, and terminates on February  
23 3, 2028 ("Initial Term"), except as provided in section 4.2, "Extension," or Article 6, "Termination  
24 and Suspension," below.

25 4.2 **Extension.** The term of this Agreement may be extended for no more than two, one-  
26 year periods only upon written approval of both parties at least 30 days before the first day of  
27 the next one-year extension period. The Director of Internal Services/Chief Information Officer,  
28 or other authorized County staff member acting in the same capacity, or his or her designee is

1 authorized to sign the written approval on behalf of the County based on the Contractor's  
2 satisfactory performance. The extension of this Agreement by the County is not a waiver or  
3 compromise of any default or breach of this Agreement by the Contractor existing at the time of  
4 the extension whether or not known to the County.

5 **Article 5**

6 **Notices**

7 5.1 **Contact Information.** The persons and their addresses having authority to give and  
8 receive notices provided for or permitted under this Agreement include the following:

9 **For the County:**

10 Director of Internal Services/Chief Information Officer  
11 County of Fresno  
12 333 W. Pontiac Way  
13 Clovis, CA 93612  
14 [isdcontracts@fresnocountyca.gov](mailto:isdcontracts@fresnocountyca.gov)

15 **For the Contractor:**

16 Legal Coordinator  
17 Pacific Publishing Group, Inc., dba The Business Journal  
18 1315 Van Ness Ave. Suite 200  
19 Fresno, CA 93721  
20 callie@thebusinessjournal.com

21 5.2 **Change of Contact Information.** Either party may change the information in section  
22 5.1 by giving notice as provided in section 5.3.

23 5.3 **Method of Delivery.** Each notice between the County and the Contractor provided  
24 for or permitted under this Agreement must be in writing, state that it is a notice provided under  
25 this Agreement, and be delivered either by personal service, by first-class United States mail, by  
26 an overnight commercial courier service, or by Portable Document Format (PDF) document  
27 attached to an email.

28 (A) A notice delivered by personal service is effective upon service to the recipient.

(B) A notice delivered by first-class United States mail is effective three County  
business days after deposit in the United States mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the  
recipient.

(C) A notice delivered by an overnight commercial courier service is effective one  
County business day after deposit with the overnight commercial courier service,

1 delivery fees prepaid, with delivery instructions given for next day delivery, addressed to  
2 the recipient.

3 (D) A notice delivered by PDF document attached to an email is effective when  
4 transmission to the recipient is completed (but, if such transmission is completed outside  
5 of County business hours, then such delivery is deemed to be effective at the next  
6 beginning of a County business day), provided that the sender maintains a machine  
7 record of the completed transmission.

8 **5.4 Claims Presentation.** For all claims arising from or related to this Agreement,  
9 nothing in this Agreement establishes, waives, or modifies any claims presentation  
10 requirements or procedures provided by law, including the Government Claims Act (Division 3.6  
11 of Title 1 of the Government Code, beginning with section 810).

## 12 **Article 6**

### 13 **Termination and Suspension**

14 **6.1 Termination for Non-Allocation of Funds.** The terms of this Agreement are  
15 contingent on the approval of funds by the appropriating government agency. If sufficient funds  
16 are not allocated, then the County, upon at least 30 days' advance written notice to the  
17 Contractor, may:

18 (A) Modify the services provided by the Contractor under this Agreement; or

19 (B) Terminate this Agreement.

20 **6.2 Termination for Breach.**

21 (A) Upon determining that a breach (as defined in paragraph (C) below) has  
22 occurred, the County may give written notice of the breach to the Contractor. The written  
23 notice may suspend performance under this Agreement, and must provide at least 30  
24 days for the Contractor to cure the breach.

25 (B) If the Contractor fails to cure the breach to the County's satisfaction within the  
26 time stated in the written notice, the County may terminate this Agreement immediately.

27 (C) For purposes of this section, a breach occurs when, in the determination of the  
28 County, the Contractor has:

- (1) Obtained or used funds illegally or improperly;
- (2) Failed to comply with any part of this Agreement;
- (3) Submitted a substantially incorrect or incomplete report to the County; or
- (4) Improperly performed any of its obligations under this Agreement.

6.3 **Termination without Cause.** In circumstances other than those set forth above, the County may terminate this Agreement by giving at least 30 days advance written notice to the Contractor.

6.4 **No Penalty or Further Obligation.** Any termination of this Agreement by the County under this Article 6 is without penalty to or further obligation of the County.

6.5 **County's Rights upon Termination.** Upon termination for breach under this Article 6, the County may demand repayment by the Contractor of any monies disbursed to the Contractor under this Agreement that, in the County's sole judgment, were not expended in compliance with this Agreement. The Contractor shall promptly refund all such monies upon demand. This section survives the termination of this Agreement.

## **Article 7**

### **Independent Contractor**

7.1 **Status.** In performing under this Agreement, the Contractor, including its officers, agents, employees, and volunteers, is at all times acting and performing as an independent contractor, in an independent capacity, and not as an officer, agent, servant, employee, joint venturer, partner, or associate of the County.

7.2 **Verifying Performance.** The County has no right to control, supervise, or direct the manner or method of the Contractor's performance under this Agreement, but the County may verify that the Contractor is performing according to the terms of this Agreement.

7.3 **Benefits.** Because of its status as an independent contractor, the Contractor has no right to employment rights or benefits available to County employees. The Contractor is solely responsible for providing to its own employees all employee benefits required by law. The Contractor shall save the County harmless from all matters relating to the payment of the

1 Contractor's employees, including compliance with Social Security withholding and all related  
2 regulations.

3 7.4 **Services to Others.** The parties acknowledge that, during the term of this  
4 Agreement, the Contractor may provide services to others unrelated to the County.

## 5 **Article 8**

### 6 **Indemnity and Defense**

7 8.1 **Indemnity.** The Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless and defend the  
8 County (including its officers, agents, employees, and volunteers) against all claims, demands,  
9 injuries, damages, costs, expenses (including attorney fees and costs), fines, penalties, and  
10 liabilities of any kind to the County, the Contractor, or any third party that arise from or relate to  
11 the performance or failure to perform by the Contractor (or any of its officers, agents,  
12 subcontractors, or employees) under this Agreement. The County may conduct or participate in  
13 its own defense without affecting the Contractor's obligation to indemnify and hold harmless or  
14 defend the County.

15 8.2 **Survival.** This Article 8 survives the termination of this Agreement.

## 16 **Article 9**

### 17 **Insurance**

18 9.1 The Contractor shall comply with all the insurance requirements in Exhibit B to this  
19 Agreement.

## 20 **Article 10**

### 21 **Inspections, Audits, and Public Records**

22 10.1 **Inspection of Documents.** The Contractor shall make available to the County, and  
23 the County may examine at any time during business hours and as often as the County deems  
24 necessary, all of the Contractor's records and data with respect to the matters covered by this  
25 Agreement, excluding attorney-client privileged communications. The Contractor shall, upon  
26 request by the County, permit the County to audit and inspect all of such records and data to  
27 ensure the Contractor's compliance with the terms of this Agreement.

1        10.2 **State Audit Requirements.** If the compensation to be paid by the County under this  
2 Agreement exceeds \$10,000, the Contractor is subject to the examination and audit of the  
3 California State Auditor, as provided in Government Code section 8546.7, for a period of three  
4 years after final payment under this Agreement. This section survives the termination of this  
5 Agreement.

6        10.3 **Public Records.** The County is not limited in any manner with respect to its public  
7 disclosure of this Agreement or any record or data that the Contractor may provide to the  
8 County. The County's public disclosure of this Agreement or any record or data that the  
9 Contractor may provide to the County may include but is not limited to the following:

10            (A) The County may voluntarily, or upon request by any member of the public or  
11 governmental agency, disclose this Agreement to the public or such governmental  
12 agency.

13            (B) The County may voluntarily, or upon request by any member of the public or  
14 governmental agency, disclose to the public or such governmental agency any record or  
15 data that the Contractor may provide to the County, unless such disclosure is prohibited  
16 by court order.

17            (C) This Agreement, and any record or data that the Contractor may provide to the  
18 County, is subject to public disclosure under the Ralph M. Brown Act (California  
19 Government Code, Title 5, Division 2, Part 1, Chapter 9, beginning with section 54950).

20            (D) This Agreement, and any record or data that the Contractor may provide to the  
21 County, is subject to public disclosure as a public record under the California Public  
22 Records Act (California Government Code, Title 1, Division 10, Chapter 3, beginning  
23 with section 7920.200) ("CPRA").

24            (E) This Agreement, and any record or data that the Contractor may provide to the  
25 County, is subject to public disclosure as information concerning the conduct of the  
26 people's business of the State of California under California Constitution, Article 1,  
27 section 3, subdivision (b).  
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1 (F) Any marking of confidentiality or restricted access upon or otherwise made with  
2 respect to any record or data that the Contractor may provide to the County shall be  
3 disregarded and have no effect on the County's right or duty to disclose to the public or  
4 governmental agency any such record or data.

5 **10.4 Public Records Act Requests.** If the County receives a written or oral request  
6 under the CPRA to publicly disclose any record that is in the Contractor's possession or control,  
7 and which the County has a right, under any provision of this Agreement or applicable law, to  
8 possess or control, then the County may demand, in writing, that the Contractor deliver to the  
9 County, for purposes of public disclosure, the requested records that may be in the possession  
10 or control of the Contractor. Within five business days after the County's demand, the  
11 Contractor shall (a) deliver to the County all of the requested records that are in the Contractor's  
12 possession or control, together with a written statement that the Contractor, after conducting a  
13 diligent search, has produced all requested records that are in the Contractor's possession or  
14 control, or (b) provide to the County a written statement that the Contractor, after conducting a  
15 diligent search, does not possess or control any of the requested records. The Contractor shall  
16 cooperate with the County with respect to any County demand for such records. If the  
17 Contractor wishes to assert that any specific record or data is exempt from disclosure under the  
18 CPRA or other applicable law, it must deliver the record or data to the County and assert the  
19 exemption by citation to specific legal authority within the written statement that it provides to  
20 the County under this section. The Contractor's assertion of any exemption from disclosure is  
21 not binding on the County, but the County will give at least 10 days' advance written notice to  
22 the Contractor before disclosing any record subject to the Contractor's assertion of exemption  
23 from disclosure. The Contractor shall indemnify the County for any court-ordered award of costs  
24 or attorney's fees under the CPRA that results from the Contractor's delay, claim of exemption,  
25 failure to produce any such records, or failure to cooperate with the County with respect to any  
26 County demand for any such records.

1 **Article 11**

2 **Disclosure of Self-Dealing Transactions**

3 11.1 **Applicability.** This Article 11 applies if the Contractor is operating as a corporation,  
4 or changes its status to operate as a corporation.

5 11.2 **Duty to Disclose.** If any member of the Contractor’s board of directors is party to a  
6 self-dealing transaction, he or she shall disclose the transaction by completing and signing a  
7 “Self-Dealing Transaction Disclosure Form” (Exhibit A to this Agreement) and submitting it to the  
8 County before commencing the transaction or immediately after.

9 11.3 **Definition.** “Self-dealing transaction” means a transaction to which the Contractor is  
10 a party and in which one or more of its directors, as an individual, has a material financial  
11 interest.

12 **Article 12**

13 **General Terms**

14 12.1 **Modification.** Except as provided in Article 6, “Termination and Suspension,” this  
15 Agreement may not be modified, and no waiver is effective, except by written agreement signed  
16 by both parties. The Contractor acknowledges that County employees have no authority to  
17 modify this Agreement except as expressly provided in this Agreement.

18 12.2 **Non-Assignment.** Neither party may assign its rights or delegate its obligations  
19 under this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other party.

20 12.3 **Governing Law.** The laws of the State of California govern all matters arising from  
21 or related to this Agreement.

22 12.4 **Jurisdiction and Venue.** This Agreement is signed and performed in Fresno  
23 County, California. The Contractor consents to California jurisdiction for actions arising from or  
24 related to this Agreement, and, subject to the Government Claims Act, all such actions must be  
25 brought and maintained in Fresno County.

26 12.5 **Construction.** The final form of this Agreement is the result of the parties’ combined  
27 efforts. If anything in this Agreement is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be  
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1 ambiguous, that ambiguity shall not be resolved by construing the terms of this Agreement  
2 against either party.

3 12.6 **Days.** Unless otherwise specified, “days” means calendar days.

4 12.7 **Headings.** The headings and section titles in this Agreement are for convenience  
5 only and are not part of this Agreement.

6 12.8 **Severability.** If anything in this Agreement is found by a court of competent  
7 jurisdiction to be unlawful or otherwise unenforceable, the balance of this Agreement remains in  
8 effect, and the parties shall make best efforts to replace the unlawful or unenforceable part of  
9 this Agreement with lawful and enforceable terms intended to accomplish the parties’ original  
10 intent.

11 12.9 **Nondiscrimination.** During the performance of this Agreement, the Contractor shall  
12 not unlawfully discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment, or recipient of  
13 services, because of race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical disability,  
14 mental disability, medical condition, genetic information, marital status, sex, gender, gender  
15 identity, gender expression, age, sexual orientation, military status or veteran status pursuant to  
16 all applicable State of California and federal statutes and regulation.

17 12.10 **No Waiver.** Payment, waiver, or discharge by the County of any liability or obligation  
18 of the Contractor under this Agreement on any one or more occasions is not a waiver of  
19 performance of any continuing or other obligation of the Contractor and does not prohibit  
20 enforcement by the County of any obligation on any other occasion.

21 12.11 **Entire Agreement.** This Agreement, including its exhibits, is the entire agreement  
22 between the Contractor and the County with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement,  
23 and it supersedes all previous negotiations, proposals, commitments, writings, advertisements,  
24 publications, and understandings of any nature unless those things are expressly included in  
25 this Agreement. If there is any inconsistency between the terms of this Agreement without its  
26 exhibits and the terms of the exhibits, then the inconsistency will be resolved by giving  
27 precedence first to the terms of this Agreement without its exhibits, and then to the terms of the  
28 exhibits.

1       12.12 **No Third-Party Beneficiaries.** This Agreement does not and is not intended to  
2 create any rights or obligations for any person or entity except for the parties.

3       12.13 **Authorized Signature.** The Contractor represents and warrants to the County that:

4           (A) The Contractor is duly authorized and empowered to sign and perform its  
5 obligations under this Agreement.

6           (B) The individual signing this Agreement on behalf of the Contractor is duly  
7 authorized to do so and his or her signature on this Agreement legally binds the  
8 Contractor to the terms of this Agreement.

9       12.14 **Electronic Signatures.** The parties agree that this Agreement may be executed by  
10 electronic signature as provided in this section.

11           (A) An “electronic signature” means any symbol or process intended by an individual  
12 signing this Agreement to represent their signature, including but not limited to (1) a  
13 digital signature; (2) a faxed version of an original handwritten signature; or (3) an  
14 electronically scanned and transmitted (for example by PDF document) version of an  
15 original handwritten signature.

16           (B) Each electronic signature affixed or attached to this Agreement (1) is deemed  
17 equivalent to a valid original handwritten signature of the person signing this Agreement  
18 for all purposes, including but not limited to evidentiary proof in any administrative or  
19 judicial proceeding, and (2) has the same force and effect as the valid original  
20 handwritten signature of that person.

21           (C) The provisions of this section satisfy the requirements of Civil Code section  
22 1633.5, subdivision (b), in the Uniform Electronic Transaction Act (Civil Code, Division 3,  
23 Part 2, Title 2.5, beginning with section 1633.1).

24           (D) Each party using a digital signature represents that it has undertaken and  
25 satisfied the requirements of Government Code section 16.5, subdivision (a),  
26 paragraphs (1) through (5), and agrees that each other party may rely upon that  
27 representation.  
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(E) This Agreement is not conditioned upon the parties conducting the transactions under it by electronic means and either party may sign this Agreement with an original handwritten signature.

12.15 **Counterparts.** This Agreement may be signed in counterparts, each of which is an original, and all of which together constitute this Agreement.

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The parties are signing this Agreement on the date stated in the introductory clause.

Pacific Publishing Group, Inc., dba The Business Journal

COUNTY OF FRESNO

Callie Martin  
Callie Martin (Jan 6, 2025 10:39 PST)  
Callie Martin, Legal Ad Coordinator  
1315 Van Ness Avenue, Suite 200  
Fresno, CA 93721

Ernest Buddy Mendes  
Ernest Buddy Mendes, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Fresno

**Attest:**  
Bernice E. Seidel  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
County of Fresno, State of California

By: Hannah  
Deputy

For accounting use only:

Org No.: Various  
Account No.: 7325  
Fund No.: Various  
Subclass No.: Various

# Exhibit A

## Self-Dealing Transaction Disclosure Form

In order to conduct business with the County of Fresno ("County"), members of a contractor's board of directors ("County Contractor"), must disclose any self-dealing transactions that they are a party to while providing goods, performing services, or both for the County. A self-dealing transaction is defined below:

"A self-dealing transaction means a transaction to which the corporation is a party and in which one or more of its directors has a material financial interest."

The definition above will be used for purposes of completing this disclosure form.

### Instructions

- (1) Enter board member's name, job title (if applicable), and date this disclosure is being made.
- (2) Enter the board member's company/agency name and address.
- (3) Describe in detail the nature of the self-dealing transaction that is being disclosed to the County. At a minimum, include a description of the following:
  - a. The name of the agency/company with which the corporation has the transaction; and
  - b. The nature of the material financial interest in the Corporation's transaction that the board member has.
- (4) Describe in detail why the self-dealing transaction is appropriate based on applicable provisions of the Corporations Code.

The form must be signed by the board member that is involved in the self-dealing transaction described in Sections (3) and (4).

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<b>(1) Company Board Member Information:</b>			
<b>Name:</b>		<b>Date:</b>	
<b>Job Title:</b>			
<b>(2) Company/Agency Name and Address:</b>			
<b>(3) Disclosure (Please describe the nature of the self-dealing transaction you are a party to)</b>			
<b>(4) Explain why this self-dealing transaction is consistent with the requirements of Corporations Code § 5233 (a)</b>			
<b>(5) Authorized Signature</b>			
<b>Signature:</b>		<b>Date:</b>	

## Exhibit B

### Insurance Requirements

#### 1. Required Policies

Without limiting the County's right to obtain indemnification from the Contractor or any third parties, the Contractor, at its sole expense, shall maintain in full force and effect the following insurance policies throughout the term of this Agreement.

- (A) **Commercial General Liability.** Commercial general liability insurance with limits of not less than Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) per occurrence and an annual aggregate of Four Million Dollars (\$4,000,000). This policy must be issued on a per occurrence basis. Coverage must include products, completed operations, property damage, bodily injury, personal injury, and advertising injury. The Contractor shall obtain an endorsement to this policy naming the County of Fresno, its officers, agents, employees, and volunteers, individually and collectively, as additional insureds, but only insofar as the operations under this Agreement are concerned. Such coverage for additional insureds will apply as primary insurance and any other insurance, or self-insurance, maintained by the County is excess only and not contributing with insurance provided under the Contractor's policy.
- (B) **Automobile Liability.** Automobile liability insurance with limits of not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence for bodily injury and for property damages. Coverage must include any auto used in connection with this Agreement.
- (C) **Workers Compensation.** Workers compensation insurance as required by the laws of the State of California with statutory limits.
- (D) **Employer's Liability.** Employer's liability insurance with limits of not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence for bodily injury and for disease.

#### 2. Additional Requirements

- (A) **Verification of Coverage.** Within 30 days after the Contractor signs this Agreement, and at any time during the term of this Agreement as requested by the County's Risk Manager or the County Administrative Office, the Contractor shall deliver, or cause its broker or producer to deliver, to the County Risk Manager, at 2220 Tulare Street, 16th Floor, Fresno, California 93721, or [HRRiskManagement@fresnocountyca.gov](mailto:HRRiskManagement@fresnocountyca.gov), and by mail or email to the person identified to receive notices under this Agreement, certificates of insurance and endorsements for all of the coverages required under this Agreement.
  - (i) Each insurance certificate must state that: (1) the insurance coverage has been obtained and is in full force; (2) the County, its officers, agents, employees, and volunteers are not responsible for any premiums on the policy; and (3) the Contractor has waived its right to recover from the County, its officers, agents, employees, and volunteers any amounts paid under any insurance policy required by this Agreement and that waiver does not invalidate the insurance policy.
  - (ii) The commercial general liability insurance certificate must also state, and include an endorsement, that the County of Fresno, its officers, agents, employees, and

## Exhibit B

volunteers, individually and collectively, are additional insureds insofar as the operations under this Agreement are concerned. The commercial general liability insurance certificate must also state that the coverage shall apply as primary insurance and any other insurance, or self-insurance, maintained by the County shall be excess only and not contributing with insurance provided under the Contractor's policy.

- (iii) The automobile liability insurance certificate must state that the policy covers any auto used in connection with this Agreement.
- (B) **Acceptability of Insurers.** All insurance policies required under this Agreement must be issued by admitted insurers licensed to do business in the State of California and possessing at all times during the term of this Agreement an A.M. Best, Inc. rating of no less than A: VII.
- (C) **Notice of Cancellation or Change.** For each insurance policy required under this Agreement, the Contractor shall provide to the County, or ensure that the policy requires the insurer to provide to the County, written notice of any cancellation or change in the policy as required in this paragraph. For cancellation of the policy for nonpayment of premium, the Contractor shall, or shall cause the insurer to, provide written notice to the County not less than 10 days in advance of cancellation. For cancellation of the policy for any other reason, and for any other change to the policy, the Contractor shall, or shall cause the insurer to, provide written notice to the County not less than 30 days in advance of cancellation or change. The County in its sole discretion may determine that the failure of the Contractor or its insurer to timely provide a written notice required by this paragraph is a breach of this Agreement.
- (D) **County's Entitlement to Greater Coverage.** If the Contractor has or obtains insurance with broader coverage, higher limits, or both, than what is required under this Agreement, then the County requires and is entitled to the broader coverage, higher limits, or both. To that end, the Contractor shall deliver, or cause its broker or producer to deliver, to the County's Risk Manager certificates of insurance and endorsements for all of the coverages that have such broader coverage, higher limits, or both, as required under this Agreement.
- (E) **Waiver of Subrogation.** The Contractor waives any right to recover from the County, its officers, agents, employees, and volunteers any amounts paid under the policy of worker's compensation insurance required by this Agreement. The Contractor is solely responsible to obtain any policy endorsement that may be necessary to accomplish that waiver, but the Contractor's waiver of subrogation under this paragraph is effective whether or not the Contractor obtains such an endorsement.
- (F) **County's Remedy for Contractor's Failure to Maintain.** If the Contractor fails to keep in effect at all times any insurance coverage required under this Agreement, the County may, in addition to any other remedies it may have, suspend or terminate this Agreement upon the occurrence of that failure, or purchase such insurance coverage, and charge the cost of that coverage to the Contractor. The County may offset such charges against any amounts owed by the County to the Contractor under this Agreement.

## Exhibit B

(G) **Subcontractors.** The Contractor shall require and verify that all subcontractors used by the Contractor to provide services under this Agreement maintain insurance meeting all insurance requirements provided in this Agreement. This paragraph does not authorize the Contractor to provide services under this Agreement using subcontractors.