

Agreement No. 2584210C00864

Resolution No. _____

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO AND ELLIT GROUPS LLC

This Agreement is entered into this _____ day of _____, 2025, by and between the County of San Mateo, a political subdivision of the state of California, hereinafter called "County," and Ellit Groups, LLC hereinafter called "Contractor."

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Whereas, pursuant to Section 31000 of the California Government Code, County may contract with independent contractors for the furnishing of such services to or for County or any Department thereof; and

Whereas, it is necessary and desirable that Contractor be retained for the purpose of providing Call Center and Tier 1 support services, including first-level assistance and issue escalation.

Now, therefore, it is agreed by the parties to this Agreement as follows:

1. Exhibits and Attachments

The following exhibits and attachments are attached to this Agreement and incorporated into this Agreement by this reference:

Exhibit A— Services - Scope of Work
Exhibit B— Payments and Rates
Exhibit S— Service Level Agreements (SLAs)

2. Services to be performed by Contractor

In consideration of the payments set forth in this Agreement and in Exhibit B, Contractor shall perform services for County in accordance with the terms, conditions, and specifications set forth in this Agreement and in Exhibit A.

3. Payments

In consideration of the services provided by Contractor in accordance with all terms, conditions, and specifications set forth in this Agreement and in Exhibit A, County shall make payment to Contractor based on the rates and in the manner specified in Exhibit B. County may withhold portions of payments due hereunder based on Contractor's failure to meet the SLAs as provided in Exhibit S. In no event shall County's total fiscal obligation under this Agreement exceed **FOUR MILLION FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY-NINE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$4,459,675)**. In the event that the County makes any advance payments, Contractor agrees to refund any amounts in excess of the amount owed by the County at the time of contract termination or expiration. Contractor is not entitled to payment for work not performed as required by this agreement. Contractor shall not be obligated to perform services hereunder once Contractor has billed services up to the "Not to Exceed Amount" set forth. When the not to exceed amount is reached, Contractor's obligation to perform services under this contract shall end.

All invoices must be approved by the Health CIO or their designee. Invoices must be sent to: HS_HIT_AccountsPayable@smcgov.org. Processing time may be delayed if invoices are not

submitted electronically. Invoices are processed and paid within 45 days after the invoice date. All amounts must be paid in U.S. Dollars.

4. Term

Subject to compliance with all terms and conditions, the term of this Agreement shall be from **Wednesday, October 1, 2025** through **Monday, September 30, 2030**.

5. Termination

This Agreement may be terminated by either Party at any time without a requirement of good cause upon ninety (90) days' advance written notice to the other party. Contractor shall be entitled to receive payment for work/services required by the Agreement that were provided prior to termination of the Agreement. County may terminate this Agreement, or a portion of the services referenced in the Attachments and Exhibits based upon the unavailability of Federal, State, or County funds by providing written notice to Contractor as soon as is reasonably possible after County learns of said unavailability of outside funding.

County or Contractor may terminate this Agreement for cause. In order to terminate for cause, the terminating Party must first give the other Party written notice of the alleged breach. The responding Party shall have ten (10) business days after receipt of such notice to respond and a total of thirty (30) calendar days after receipt of such notice to cure the alleged breach. If responding Party fails to cure the breach within this period, terminating Party may immediately terminate this Agreement without further action. The option available in this paragraph is separate from the ability to terminate without cause with appropriate notice described above. In the event that County provides notice of an alleged breach pursuant to this section, County may, in the event of a breach requiring media notice under HIPAA's breach notification rule, immediately suspend performance of services and payment under this Agreement pending the resolution of the process described in this paragraph.

6. Contract Materials

At the end of this Agreement, or in the event of termination, all finished or unfinished documents, data, studies, maps, photographs, reports, and other written materials (collectively referred to as "contract materials") prepared by Contractor under this Agreement shall become the property of County and shall be promptly delivered to County. Upon termination, Contractor may make and retain a copy of such contract materials if permitted by law.

7. Relationship to Parties

Contractor agrees and understands that the work/services performed under this Agreement are performed as an independent contractor and not as an employee of County and that neither Contractor nor its employees acquire any of the rights, privileges, powers, or advantages of County employees.

8. Hold Harmless

a. General Hold Harmless

Contractor shall indemnify and save harmless County and its officers, agents, employees, and servants from all claims, suits, or actions of every name, kind, and description resulting from this Agreement, the performance of any work or services required of Contractor under this

Agreement, or payments made pursuant to this Agreement brought for, or on account of, any of the following:

- (A) injuries to or death of any person, including Contractor or its employees/officers/agents;
- (B) damage to any property of any kind whatsoever and to whomsoever belonging;
- (C) any sanctions, penalties, or claims of damages resulting from Contractor's failure to comply, if applicable, with the requirements set forth in the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) and all Federal regulations promulgated thereunder, as amended; or
- (D) any other loss or cost, including but not limited to that caused by the concurrent active or passive negligence of County and/or its officers, agents, employees, or servants. However, Contractor's duty to indemnify and save harmless under this Section shall not apply to injuries or damage for which County has been found in a court of competent jurisdiction to be solely liable by reason of its own negligence or willful misconduct.

The duty of Contractor to indemnify and save harmless as set forth by this Section shall include the duty to defend as set forth in Section 2778 of the California Civil Code.

1. Intellectual Property Indemnification

Contractor hereby certifies that it owns, controls, and/or licenses and retains all right, title, and/or interest in and to any intellectual property it uses in relation to this Agreement, including the design, look, feel, features, source code, content, and/or other technology relating to any part of the services it provides under this Agreement and including all related patents, inventions, trademarks, and copyrights, all applications therefor, and all trade names, service marks, know how, and trade secrets (collectively referred to as "IP Rights") except as otherwise noted by this Agreement.

Contractor warrants that the services it provides under this Agreement do not infringe, violate, trespass, or constitute the unauthorized use or misappropriation of any IP Rights of any third party. Contractor shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless County from and against all liabilities, costs, damages, losses, and expenses (including reasonable attorney fees) arising out of or related to any claim by a third party that the services provided under this Agreement infringe or violate any third-party's IP Rights provided any such right is enforceable in the United States. Contractor's duty to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless under this Section applies only provided that: (a) County notifies Contractor promptly in writing of any notice of any such third-party claim; (b) County cooperates with Contractor, at Contractor's expense, in all reasonable respects in connection with the investigation and defense of any such third-party claim; (c) Contractor retains sole control of the defense of any action on any such claim and all negotiations for its settlement or compromise (provided Contractor shall not have the right to settle any criminal action, suit, or proceeding without County's prior written consent, not to be unreasonably withheld, and provided further that any settlement permitted under this Section shall not impose any financial or other obligation on County, impair any right of County, or contain any stipulation, admission, or acknowledgement of wrongdoing on the part of County without County's prior written consent, not to be unreasonably withheld); and (d) should services under this Agreement become, or in Contractor's opinion be likely to become, the subject of such a claim, or in the event such a third party claim or threatened claim causes County's reasonable use of the services under this Agreement to be seriously endangered or disrupted, Contractor shall, at Contractor's option and expense, either: (i) procure for County the right to

continue using the services without infringement or (ii) replace or modify the services so that they become non-infringing but remain functionally equivalent.

Notwithstanding anything in this Section to the contrary, Contractor will have no obligation or liability to County under this Section to the extent any otherwise covered claim is based upon: (a) any aspects of the services under this Agreement which have been modified by or for County (other than modification performed by, or at the direction of, Contractor) in such a way as to cause the alleged infringement at issue; and/or (b) any aspects of the services under this Agreement which have been used by County in a manner prohibited by this Agreement.

The duty of Contractor to indemnify and save harmless as set forth by this Section shall include the duty to defend as set forth in Section 2778 of the California Civil Code.

9. Assignability and Subcontracting

Contractor shall not assign this Agreement or any portion of it to a third party or subcontract with a third party to provide services required by Contractor under this Agreement without the prior written consent of County. Any such assignment or subcontract without County's prior written consent shall give County the right to automatically and immediately terminate this Agreement without penalty or advance notice. Nothing in this Section 9 shall restrict or prevent Contractor from hiring its own independent contractors in performance of the work hereunder.

10. Insurance

10.1. General Requirements

Contractor shall not commence work or be required to commence work under this Agreement unless and until all insurance required under this Section has been obtained and such insurance has been approved by County's Risk Management, and Contractor shall use diligence to obtain such insurance and to obtain such approval. Contractor shall furnish County with certificates of insurance evidencing the required coverage, and there shall be a specific contractual liability endorsement extending Contractor's coverage to include the contractual liability assumed by Contractor pursuant to this Agreement. These certificates shall specify or be endorsed to provide that thirty (30) days' notice must be given, in writing, to County of any pending change in the limits of liability or of any cancellation or modification of the policy.

10.2. Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability Insurance

Contractor shall have in effect during the entire term of this Agreement workers' compensation and employer's liability insurance providing full statutory coverage. In signing this Agreement, Contractor certifies, as required by Section 1861 of the California Labor Code, that (a) it is aware of the provisions of Section 3700 of the California Labor Code, which require every employer to be insured against liability for workers' compensation or to undertake self-insurance in accordance with the provisions of the Labor Code, and (b) it will comply with such provisions before commencing the performance of work under this Agreement.

10.3. Liability Insurance

Contractor shall take out and maintain during the term of this Agreement such bodily injury liability and property damage liability insurance as shall protect Contractor and all of its employees/officers/agents while performing work covered by this Agreement from any and all claims for damages for bodily injury, including accidental death, as well as any and all claims for property damage which may arise from Contractor's operations under this Agreement, whether

such operations be by Contractor, any subcontractor, anyone directly or indirectly employed by either of them, or an agent of either of them. Such insurance shall be combined single limit bodily injury and property damage for each occurrence and shall not be less than the amounts specified below:

- (a) Comprehensive General Liability..... \$1,000,000,
- (b) Motor Vehicle Liability Insurance..... \$1,000,000,
- (c) Professional Liability..... \$1,000,000

County and its officers, agents, employees, and servants shall be named as additional insured on any such policies of insurance, which shall also contain a provision that (a) the insurance afforded thereby to County and its officers, agents, employees, and servants shall be primary insurance to the full limits of liability of the policy and (b) if the County or its officers, agents, employees, and servants have other insurance against the loss covered by such a policy, such other insurance shall be excess insurance only.

In the event of the breach of any provision of this Section, or in the event any notice is received which indicates any required insurance coverage will be diminished or canceled, County, at its option, may, notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement to the contrary, immediately declare a material breach of this Agreement and suspend all further work and payment pursuant to this Agreement.

10.4. Special Insurance Requirements - Cyber Liability

Cyber Liability	<p>\$5,000,000 per occurrence for Privacy and Network Security,</p> <p>\$1,000,000 per occurrence for Technology Errors and Omissions</p> <p>To be carried at all times during the term of the Contract and for three years thereafter.</p>
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If the work involves services or goods related to computers, networks, systems, storage, or access to County data or to any data that may, alone or in combination with other data, become Confidential Information or Personally Identifiable Information, the following insurance is required.

(1) Privacy and Network Security

During the term of the Contract and for three years thereafter, maintain coverage for liability and remediation arising out of unauthorized use of or access to County data or software within Contractor’s network or control. Provide coverage for liability claims, computer theft, extortion, network breach, service denial, introduction of malicious code, loss of Confidential Information, or any unintentional act, error, or omission made by users of Contractor’s electronic data or systems while providing services to the County. The insurance policy must include coverage for regulatory and PCI fines and penalties, crisis management expenses, and business interruption. No exclusion/restriction for unencrypted portable devices/media may be on the policy.

(2) Technology Errors and Omissions

During the term of the Contract and for three years thereafter, maintain coverage for liabilities arising from errors, omissions, or negligent acts in rendering or failing to render computer or information technology services and technology products, including at a minimum, coverage for systems analysis, design, development, integration, modification, maintenance, repair, management, or outsourcing any of the foregoing.

11. Compliance With Laws

All services to be performed by Contractor pursuant to this Agreement shall be performed in accordance with all applicable Federal, State, County, and municipal laws, ordinances, regulations, and executive orders, including but not limited to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) and the Federal Regulations promulgated thereunder, as amended (if applicable), the Business Associate requirements set forth in Attachment H (if attached), the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in programs and activities receiving any Federal or County financial assistance, as well as any required economic or other sanctions imposed by the United States government or under state law in effect during the term of the Agreement. Such services shall also be performed in accordance with all applicable ordinances and regulations, including but not limited to appropriate licensure, certification regulations, provisions pertaining to confidentiality of records, and applicable quality assurance regulations. In the event of a conflict between the terms of this Agreement and any applicable State, Federal, County, or municipal law, regulation, or executive order, the requirements of the applicable law, regulation, or executive order will take precedence over the requirements set forth in this Agreement.

Contractor will timely and accurately complete, sign, and submit all necessary documentation of compliance.

12. Non-Discrimination and Other Requirements

12.1. General Non-discrimination

No person shall be denied any services provided pursuant to this Agreement (except as limited by the scope of services) on the grounds of race, color, national origin, ancestry, age, disability (physical or mental), sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital or domestic partner status, religion, political beliefs or affiliation, familial or parental status (including pregnancy), medical condition (cancer-related), military service, or genetic information.

12.2. Equal Employment Opportunity

Contractor shall ensure equal employment opportunity based on objective standards of recruitment, classification, selection, promotion, compensation, performance evaluation, and management relations for all employees under this Agreement. Contractor's equal employment policies shall be made available to County upon request.

12.3. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973

Contractor shall comply with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, which provides that no otherwise qualified individual with a disability shall, solely by reason of a disability, be excluded from the participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination in the performance of any services this Agreement. This Section applies only to contractors who are providing services to members of the public under this Agreement.

12.4. Compliance with County's Equal Benefits Ordinance

Contractor shall comply with all laws relating to the provision of benefits to its employees and their spouses or domestic partners, including, but not limited to, such laws prohibiting discrimination in the provision of such benefits on the basis that the spouse or domestic partner of the Contractor's employee is of the same or opposite sex as the employee.

12.5. Discrimination Against Individuals with Disabilities

The nondiscrimination requirements of 41 C.F.R. 60-741.5(a) are incorporated into this Agreement as if fully set forth here, and Contractor and any subcontractor shall abide by the requirements of 41 C.F.R. 60-741.5(a). This regulation prohibits discrimination against qualified individuals on the basis of disability and requires affirmative action by covered prime contractors and subcontractors to employ and advance in employment qualified individuals with disabilities.

12.6. History of Discrimination

Contractor certifies that no finding of discrimination has been issued in the past 365 days against Contractor by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing, or any other investigative entity. If any finding(s) of discrimination have been issued against Contractor within the past 365 days by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing, or other investigative entity, Contractor shall provide County with a written explanation of the outcome(s) or remedy for the discrimination prior to execution of this Agreement. Failure to comply with this Section shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement and subjects the Agreement to immediate termination at the sole option of the County.

12.7. Reporting; Violation of Non-discrimination Provisions

Contractor shall report to the County Executive Officer the filing in any court or with any administrative agency of any complaint or allegation of discrimination on any of the bases prohibited by this Section of the Agreement or the Section titled "Compliance with Laws". Such duty shall include reporting of the filing of any and all charges with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing, or any other entity charged with the investigation or adjudication of allegations covered by this subsection within 30 days of such filing, provided that within such 30 days such entity has not notified Contractor that such charges are dismissed or otherwise unfounded. Such notification shall include a general description of the circumstances involved and a general description of the kind of discrimination alleged (for example, gender-, sexual orientation-, religion-, or race-based discrimination).

Violation of the non-discrimination provisions of this Agreement shall be considered a breach of this Agreement and subject the Contractor to penalties, to be determined by the County Executive Officer, including but not limited to the following:

- i. termination of this Agreement;
- ii. disqualification of the Contractor from being considered for or being awarded a County contract for a period of up to 3 years;
- iii. liquidated damages of \$2,500 per violation; and/or
- iv. imposition of other appropriate contractual and civil remedies and sanctions, as determined by the County Executive Officer.

To effectuate the provisions of this Section, the County Executive Officer shall have the authority to offset all or any portion of the amount described in this Section against amounts due to Contractor under this Agreement or any other agreement between Contractor and County.

12.8. Compliance with Living Wage Ordinance

As required by Chapter 2.88 of the San Mateo County Ordinance Code, Contractor certifies all contractor(s) and subcontractor(s) obligated under this contract to the extent they are full-time employees and live in San Mateo County shall fully comply with the provisions of the County of San Mateo Living Wage Ordinance, including, but not limited to, paying all Covered Employees the current Living Wage and providing notice to all Covered Employees and Subcontractors as required under the Ordinance. Contractor shall not be deemed in breach of this Section solely by virtue of not employing any Covered Employees or subcontractors subject to the Living Wage Ordinance.

13. Compliance with County Employee Jury Service Ordinance

Contractor shall comply with Chapter 2.85 of the County's Ordinance Code, which states that Contractor shall have and adhere to a written policy providing that its employees, to the extent they are full-time employees and live in San Mateo County, shall receive from the Contractor, on an annual basis, no fewer than five days of regular pay for jury service in San Mateo County, with jury pay being provided only for each day of actual jury service. The policy may provide that such employees deposit any fees received for such jury service with Contractor or that the Contractor may deduct from an employee's regular pay the fees received for jury service in San Mateo County. By signing this Agreement, Contractor certifies that it has and adheres to a policy consistent with Chapter 2.85. For purposes of this Section, if Contractor has no employees in San Mateo County, it is sufficient for Contractor to provide the following written statement to County: "For purposes of San Mateo County's jury service ordinance, Contractor certifies that it has no full-time employees who live in San Mateo County. To the extent that it hires any such employees during the term of its Agreement with San Mateo County, Contractor shall adopt a policy that complies with Chapter 2.85 of the County's Ordinance Code." The requirements of Chapter 2.85 do not apply unless this Agreement's total value listed in the Section titled "Payments", exceeds two-hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000); Contractor acknowledges that Chapter 2.85's requirements will apply if this Agreement is amended such that its total value exceeds that threshold amount.

14. Access and Retention of Books and Records

Upon written request of the Secretary of Health and Human Services, the Comptroller General, or any of their duly authorized representatives, Contractor shall make available its contracts, books, documents, and records necessary to verify the nature and extent of costs of providing Services under this Agreement. Such inspection shall be available for up to two (2) years after the rendering of such Services. If Contractor carries out any of the duties of this Agreement through a subcontract with a value of \$10,000 or more over a twelve (12) month period with a related individual or organization, Contractor agrees to include this requirement in any such subcontract. This section is included pursuant to and is governed by the Social Security Act's requirements pertaining to "reasonable costs" set forth in 42 U.S.C. Section 1395x(v)(1)(I) and related regulations. No attorney-client, accountant-client, or other legal privilege will be deemed to have been waived by County, Contractor, or any Contractor's representative by virtue of this Agreement. To the extent the contracts, books, documents, and records necessary to verify the nature and extent of costs of providing Services to County require the inspection of detail

records regarding faxes sent and/or received, County agrees that it will download and maintain such detail records during the required inspection period. Contractor will make those records available to County for download for 90 days from the date of the fax transmission.

15. Retention of Records; Right to Monitor and Audit

(a) Contractor shall maintain all required records relating to services provided under this Agreement for three (3) years after County makes final payment and all other pending matters are closed, and Contractor shall be subject to the examination and/or audit by County, a Federal grantor agency, and the State of California.

(b) Contractor shall comply with all program and fiscal reporting requirements set forth by applicable Federal, State, and local agencies and as required by County.

(c) Contractor agrees upon reasonable notice to provide to County, to any Federal or State department having monitoring or review authority, to County's authorized representative, and/or to any of their respective audit agencies access to and the right to examine all records and documents necessary to determine compliance with relevant Federal, State, and local statutes, rules, and regulations, to determine compliance with this Agreement, and to evaluate the quality, appropriateness, and timeliness of services performed.

16. Merger Clause; Amendments

This Agreement, including the Exhibits and Attachments attached to this Agreement and incorporated by reference, constitutes the sole Agreement of the parties to this Agreement and correctly states the rights, duties, and obligations of each party as of this document's date. In the event that any term, condition, provision, requirement, or specification set forth in the body of this Agreement conflicts with or is inconsistent with any term, condition, provision, requirement, or specification in any Exhibit and/or Attachment to this Agreement, the provisions of the body of the Agreement shall prevail. Any prior agreement, promises, negotiations, or representations between the parties not expressly stated in this document are not binding. All subsequent modifications or amendments shall be in writing and signed by the parties.

17. Controlling Law; Venue

The validity of this Agreement and of its terms, the rights and duties of the parties under this Agreement, the interpretation of this Agreement, the performance of this Agreement, and any other dispute of any nature arising out of this Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of California without regard to its choice of law or conflict of law rules. Any dispute arising out of this Agreement shall be venued either in the San Mateo County Superior Court or in the United States District Court for the Northern District of California.

18. Waiver of Consequential Damages.

To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, and except as otherwise provided within this Agreement, each party hereby waives any right to recover consequential, incidental, indirect, special, exemplary, or punitive damages in connection with any claim, demand, action, or proceeding (whether in contract, tort, equity, or otherwise) arising out of or related to this Agreement, including but not limited to loss of profits, loss of business opportunity, or loss of goodwill, even if the party against whom such damages are sought has been advised of the possibility of such damages. This mutual waiver shall apply regardless of the failure of any agreed or other remedy of its essential purpose. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this waiver shall

not apply to:(a) damages arising from a party's gross negligence or willful misconduct, (b) a party's indemnification obligations under this Agreement to the extent they include consequential damages owed to a third party, or (c) damages that may not be disclaimed or waived under applicable California law.

19. Notices

Any notice, request, demand, or other communication required or permitted under this Agreement shall be deemed to be properly given when both: (1) transmitted via email to the email address listed below; and (2) sent to the physical address listed below by either being deposited in the United States mail, postage prepaid, or deposited for overnight delivery, charges prepaid, with an established overnight courier that provides a tracking number showing confirmation of receipt.

In the case of County, to:

Name/Title: Thomas Collins/Director, Portfolio and Program Management
Address: 801 Gateway Blvd, South San Francisco, CA, 94080
Telephone: (628) 258-3275
Email: tcollins@smcgov.org

Name/Title: Natalie Del Sarto/Contract Administrator
Address: 801 Gateway Blvd., South San Francisco, CA, 94080
Telephone: (650) 502-2976
Email: ndelsarto@smcgov.org

Contract Questions: HS_HIT_Contract_Management@smcgov.org
Invoice Questions: HS_HIT_AccountsPayable@smcgov.org

With a Copy to:

Name/Title: County Attorney's Office
Address: 400 County Center, 6th Floor, Redwood City, CA 94063
Telephone: (650)363-4034

In the case of Contractor, to:

Name/Title: Sharon Heath, VP of Finance & Human Resources
Address: 12650 Crossroads Park Dr, Suite 100, Houston, TX 77065
Telephone: 508-857-9894
Email: rfp@ellitgroups.com; sharon@ellitgroups.com

20. Electronic Signature

Both County and Contractor wish to permit this Agreement and future documents relating to this Agreement to be digitally signed in accordance with California law and County's Electronic Signature Administrative Memo. Any party to this Agreement may revoke such agreement to permit electronic signatures at any time in relation to all future documents by providing notice pursuant to this Agreement.

21. Reimbursable Travel Expenses

No Reimbursement Travel Expenses included in this Agreement.

To the extent that this Agreement authorizes reimbursements to Contractor for travel, lodging, and other related expenses as defined in this section, the Contractor must comply with all the terms of this section in order to be reimbursed for travel. Travel Expense must be invoiced separately from normal services and include the approved written Travel Authorized for expenses invoiced.

- A. Estimated travel expenses must be submitted to authorized County personnel for advanced written authorization before such expenses are incurred. Significant differences between estimated and actual travel expenses may be grounds for denial of full reimbursement of actual travel expenses.
- B. Itemized receipts (copies accepted) for all reimbursable travel expenses are required to be provided as supporting documentation with all invoices submitted to the County.
- C. Unless otherwise specified in this section, the County will reimburse Contractor for reimbursable travel expenses for days when services were provided to the County. Contractor must substantiate in writing to the County the actual services rendered and the specific dates. The County will reimburse for travel at 75% of the maximum reimbursement amount for the actual costs of meals and incidental expenses on the day preceding and/or the day following days when services were provided to the County, provided that such reimbursement is reasonable, in light of travel time and other relevant factors, and is approved in writing by authorized County personnel.
- D. Unless otherwise specified within the contract, reimbursable travel expenses shall not include Local Travel. "Local Travel" means travel entirely within a fifty-mile radius of the Contractor's office and travel entirely within a fifty-mile radius of San Mateo County. Any mileage reimbursements for a Contractor's use of a personal car for reimbursable travel shall be reimbursed based on the Federal mileage reimbursement rate.
- E. The maximum reimbursement amount for the actual lodging, meal and incidental expenses is limited to the then-current Continental United States ("CONUS") rate for the location of the work being done (i.e., Redwood City for work done in Redwood City, San Mateo for work done at San Mateo Medical Center) as set forth in the Code of Federal Regulations and as listed by the website of the U.S. General Services Administration (available online at <http://www.gsa.gov/portal/content/104877> or by searching www.gsa.gov for the term 'CONUS'). County policy limits the reimbursement of lodging in designated high cost of living metropolitan areas to a maximum of double the then-current CONUS rate; for work being done outside of a designated high cost of living metropolitan area, the maximum reimbursement amount for lodging is the then-current CONUS rate. Meal reimbursement amount is limited to separate amounts for each meal expense (Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner) plus an incidental amount. The County does not use the standard "per diem reimbursement" for meals by the day.
- F. The maximum reimbursement amount for the actual cost of airfare shall be limited to fares for Economy Class or below. Air travel fares will not be reimbursed for first class, business class, "economy-plus," or other such classes. Reimbursable car rental rates are restricted to the mid-level size range or below (i.e. standard size, intermediate, compact, or subcompact); costs for specialty, luxury, premium, SUV, or similar category

vehicles are not reimbursable. Reimbursable ride-shares are restricted to standard or basic size vehicles (i.e., non-premium vehicles unless it results in a cost-saving to the County). Exceptions may be allowed under certain circumstances, such as unavailability of the foregoing options, with written approval from authorized County personnel. Other related travel expenses such as taxi fares, ride-shares, parking costs, train or subway costs, etc. shall be reimbursable on an actual-cost basis. Reimbursement of tips for taxi fare, or ride-share are limited to no more than 15% of the fare amount.

- G. Travel-related expenses are limited to: airfare, lodging, car rental, taxi/ride-share plus tips, tolls, incidentals (e.g. porters, baggage carriers or hotel staff), breakfast, lunch, dinner, mileage reimbursement based on Federal reimbursement rate. The County will not reimburse for alcohol.
- H. Reimbursement of tips are limited to no more than 15 percent. Non-reimbursement items (i.e., alcohol) shall be excluded when calculating the amount of the tip that is reimbursable.

22. Change Management

Either party may request a modification to this Agreement by submitting a written Change Request for review and approval. All changes, including amendments to terms, scope of services, or financial obligations, must be documented in writing through an official Amendment. Verbal or informal modifications are not valid or enforceable.

A Change Request must clearly outline the proposed modification, the reason for the change, and any potential impact. The receiving party shall review the request in good faith and respond within a reasonable timeframe.

If specified in the Board Resolution for this Agreement, the Chief of San Mateo County Health, or their designee, is authorized to approve contract amendments that adjust the County's maximum fiscal obligation by up to \$25,000 in aggregate and/or modify the contract term or scope of services, provided such changes remain within the current or revised fiscal provisions. Change requests above the authorized limit will require a Board Amendment.

23. Prevailing Wage

When applicable, Contractor hereby agrees to pay not less than prevailing rates of wages and be responsible for compliance with all the provisions of the California Labor Code, Article 2- Wages, Chapter 1, Part 7, Division 2, Section 1770 et seq to the extent that contract staff are full-time employees and live in California. A copy of the prevailing wage scale established by the Department of Industrial Relations is on file in the office of the Director of Public Works, and available at www.dir.ca.gov/DLSR or by phone at 415-703-4774. California Labor Code Section 1776(a) requires each contractor and subcontractor keep accurate payroll records of trades workers on all public works projects and to submit copies of certified payroll records upon request.

Additionally,

- No contractor or subcontractor may be listed on a bid proposal for a public works project (submitted after March 1, 2015) unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5 [with limited exceptions from this requirement for bid purposes only under Labor Code section 1771.1(a)].

- No contractor or subcontractor may be awarded a contract for public work on a public works project (awarded on or after April 1, 2015) unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5.

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

24. Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)

24.1. DEFINITIONS

Terms used, but not otherwise defined, in this Schedule shall have the same meaning as those terms are defined in 45 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) sections 160.103, 164.304, and 164.501. All regulatory references in this Schedule are to Title 45 of the Code of Federal Regulations unless otherwise specified.

a. **Business Associate.** "Business Associate" shall generally have the same meaning as the term "business associate" at 45 CFR 160.103, and in reference to the parties to this agreement shall mean Contractor.

b. **Covered Entity.** "Covered entity" shall generally have the same meaning as the term "covered entity" at 45 CFR 160.103, and in reference to the party to this agreement shall mean County.

c. **HIPAA Rules.** "HIPAA rules" shall mean the Privacy, Security, Breach Notification and Enforcement Rules at 45 CFR part 160 and part 164, as amended and supplemented by Subtitle D of the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act provisions of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

d. **Designated Record Set.** "Designated Record Set" shall have the same meaning as the term "designated record set" in Section 164.501.

e. **Electronic Protected Health Information.** "Electronic Protected Health Information" (EPHI) means individually identifiable health information that is transmitted or maintained in electronic media; it is limited to the information created, received, maintained or transmitted by Business Associate from or on behalf of Covered Entity.

f. **Individual.** "Individual" shall have the same meaning as the term "individual" in Section 164.501 and shall include a person who qualifies as a personal representative in accordance with Section 164.502(g).

g. **Privacy Rule.** "Privacy Rule" shall mean the Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information at 45 CFR Part 160 and Part 164, Subparts A and E. h. **Protected Health Information.** "Protected Health Information" (PHI) shall have the same meaning as the term "protected health information" in Section 160.103 and is limited to the information created or received by Business Associate from or on behalf of County.

i. **Required By Law.** "Required by law" shall have the same meaning as the term "required by law" in Section 164.103.

j. **Secretary.** "Secretary" shall mean the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services or his or her designee.

k. **Breach.** The acquisition, access, use, or disclosure of PHI in violation of the Privacy Rule that compromises the security or privacy of the PHI and subject to the exclusions set forth in Section 164.402. Unless an exception applies, an impermissible use or disclosure of PHI is *presumed* to be a breach, unless it can be demonstrated there is a low probability that the PHI has been compromised based upon, at minimum, a four-part risk assessment:

1. Nature and extent of PHI included, identifiers and likelihood of re-identification; 2. Identity of the unauthorized person or to whom impermissible disclosure was made; 3. Whether PHI was actually viewed or only the opportunity to do so existed; 4. The extent to which the risk has been mitigated.

l. **Security Rule.** "Security Rule" shall mean the Security Standards for the Protection of Electronic Protected Health Information at 45 CFR Part 160 and Part 164, Subparts A and C.

m. **Unsecured PHI.** "Unsecured PHI" is protected health information that is not rendered unusable, unreadable, or indecipherable to unauthorized individuals through the use of a technology or methodology specified by the Secretary in relevant HHS guidance.

n. **Security Incident.** "Security Incident" shall mean the attempted or successful unauthorized access, use, disclosure, modification, or destruction of information or interference with systems operations in an information system. "Security Incident" includes all incidents that constitute breaches of unsecured protected health information.

24.2. OBLIGATIONS AND ACTIVITIES OF CONTRACTOR AS BUSINESS ASSOCIATE

a. Business Associate agrees to not use or further disclose Protected Health Information other than as permitted or required by the Agreement or as required by law.

b. Business Associate agrees to use appropriate safeguards to comply with Subpart C of 45 CFR part 164 with respect to EPHI and PHI, and to prevent the use or disclosure of the Protected Health Information other than as provided for by this Agreement.

c. Business Associate agrees to make uses and disclosures requests for Protected Health Information consistent with minimum necessary policy and procedures.

d. Business Associate may not use or disclose protected health information in a manner that would violate subpart E of 45 CFR part 164.504 if used or disclosed by Covered Entity.

e. Business Associate agrees to mitigate, to the extent practicable, any harmful effect that is known to Business Associate of a use or disclosure of Protected Health Information by Business Associate in violation of the requirements of this Agreement.

f. Business Associate agrees to report to County any use or disclosure of Protected Health Information not authorized by this Agreement.

g. Business Associate agrees to ensure that any agent, including a subcontractor, to whom it provides Protected Health Information received from, or created or received by Business Associate on behalf of County, agrees to adhere to the same restrictions and conditions that apply through this Agreement to Business Associate with respect to such information.

h. If Business Associate has Protected Health Information in a Designated Record Set, Business Associate agrees to provide access, at the request of County, and in the

time and manner consistent with the timeframes set forth in 45 C.F.R. § 164.524, § 164.526, and § 164.528, as applicable..

i. If Business Associate has Protected Health Information in a Designated Record Set, Business Associate agrees to make any amendment(s) to Protected Health Information in a Designated Record Set that the County directs or agrees to make pursuant to Section 164.526 at the request of County or an Individual, and in the time and manner designed by County.

j. Business Associate agrees to make internal practices, books, and records relating to the use and disclosure of Protected Health Information received from, or created or received by Business Associate on behalf of County, available to the County at the request of County or the Secretary, in a time and manner in a manner consistent with the timeframes set forth in 45 C.F.R. § 164.524, § 164.526, and § 164.528, as applicable. for purposes of the Secretary determining County's compliance with the Privacy Rule.

k. Business Associate agrees to document such disclosures of Protected Health Information and information related to such disclosures as would be required for County to respond to a request by an Individual for an accounting of disclosures of Protected Health Information in accordance with Section 164.528.

l. Business Associate agrees to provide to County or an Individual in the time and manner consistent with the timeframes set forth in 45 C.F.R. § 164.524, § 164.526, and § 164.528, as applicable., information collected in accordance with Section (k) of this Schedule, in order to permit County to respond to a request by an Individual for an accounting of disclosures of Protected Health Information in accordance with Section 164.528.

m. Business Associate shall implement administrative, physical, and technical safeguards that reasonably and appropriately protect the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of EPHI that Business Associate creates, receives, maintains, or transmits on behalf of County.

n. Business Associate shall conform to generally accepted system security principles and the requirements of the final HIPAA rule pertaining to the security of health information.

o. Business Associate shall ensure that any agent to whom it provides EPHI, including a subcontractor, agrees to implement reasonable and appropriate safeguards to protect such EPHI.

p. Business Associate shall report to County any Security Incident within five (5) business days of becoming aware of such incident. Business Associate shall also facilitate breach notification(s) to the appropriate governing body (i.e. HHS, OCR, etc.) as required by law. Routine unsuccessful security events that do not result in access, use, disclosure, or destruction of PHI (such as pings or port scans) are excluded from this requirement.

q. Business Associate understands that it is directly liable under the HIPAA rules and subject to civil and, in some cases, criminal penalties for making uses and disclosures of Protected Health Information that are not authorized by this Attachment, the underlying contract as or required by law.

24.3. PERMITTED USES AND DISCLOSURES BY CONTRACTOR AS BUSINESS ASSOCIATE

Except as otherwise limited in this Schedule, Business Associate may use or disclose Protected Health Information to perform functions, activities, or services for, or on behalf of, County as specified in the Agreement; provided that such use or disclosure would not violate the Privacy Rule if done by County.

24.4. OBLIGATIONS OF COUNTY

a. County shall provide Business Associate with the notice of privacy practices that County produces in accordance with Section 164.520, as well as any changes to such notice.

b. County shall provide Business Associate with any changes in, or revocation of, permission by Individual to use or disclose Protected Health Information, if such changes affect Business Associate's permitted or required uses and disclosures.

c. County shall notify Business Associate of any restriction to the use or disclosure of Protected Health Information that County has agreed to in accordance with Section 164.522.

24.5. PERMISSIBLE REQUESTS BY COUNTY

County shall not request Business Associate to use or disclose Protected Health Information in any manner that would not be permissible under the Privacy Rule if so requested by County, unless the Business Associate will use or disclose Protected Health Information for, and if the Agreement provides for, data aggregation or management and administrative activities of Business Associate.

24.6. DUTIES UPON TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT

a. Upon termination of the Agreement, for any reason, Business Associate shall return or destroy all Protected Health Information received from County, or created, maintained, or received by Business Associate on behalf of County, that Business Associate still maintains in any form provided that Business Associate may retain copies as required by law, regulation, or professional recordkeeping obligations, in which case such PHI shall remain subject to the protections of this Agreement. This provision shall apply to Protected Health Information that is in the possession of subcontractors or agents of Business Associate. Business Associate shall retain no copies of the Protected Health Information.

b. In the event that Business Associate determines that returning or destroying Protected Health Information is infeasible, Business Associate shall provide to County notification of the conditions that make return or destruction infeasible. Upon mutual agreement of the Parties that return or destruction of Protected Health Information is infeasible, Business Associate shall extend the protections of the Agreement to such Protected Health Information and limit further uses and disclosures of such Protected Health Information to those purposes that make the return or destruction infeasible, for so long as Business Associate maintains such Protected Health Information.

24.7. MISCELLANEOUS

a. **Regulatory References.** A reference in this Schedule to a section in the HIPAA Privacy Rule means the section as in effect or as amended, and for which compliance is required.

b. **Amendment.** The Parties agree to take such action as is necessary to amend this Schedule from time to time as is necessary for County to comply with the requirements of the Privacy Rule and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, Public Law 104-191.

c. **Survival.** The respective rights and obligations of Business Associate under this Schedule shall survive the termination of the Agreement.

d. **Interpretation.** This Agreement shall be interpreted to comply with HIPAA and the Privacy and Security Rules, and to reasonably balance the parties' respective responsibilities.

e. **Reservation of Right to Monitor Activities.** County reserves the right to monitor the security policies and procedures of Business Associate.

25. Intellectual Property

25.1. Intellectual Property Rights

1. Contractor shall provide The County of San Mateo ("County"), a non-exclusive right to use all Work Products created by Contractor and its subcontractors (collectively "Vendors") for the County under this Agreement in perpetuity.

2. "Work Products" are defined as all materials, tangible or not, created in whatever medium pursuant to this Agreement, including without limitation publications, promotional or educational materials, reports, manuals, specifications, drawings and sketches, computer programs, software and databases, schematics, marks, logos, graphic designs, notes, matters and combinations thereof, and all forms of intellectual property.

26. Personally Identifiable Information

Requirements for County Contractors, Subcontractors, Vendors and Agents

26.1. Definitions

Personally Identifiable Information (PII), or Sensitive Personal Information (SPI), as used in Federal information security and privacy laws, is information that can be used on its own or with other information to identify, contact, or locate a single person, or to identify an individual in context. PII may only be used to assist in the administration of programs in accordance with 45 C.F.R. § 205.40, *et seq.* and California Welfare & Institutions Code section 10850.

a. **"Assist in the Administration of the Program"** means performing administrative functions on behalf of County programs, such as determining eligibility for, or enrollment in, and collecting context PII for such purposes, to the extent such activities are authorized by law.

b. **"Breach"** refers to actual loss, loss of control, compromise, unauthorized disclosure, unauthorized acquisition, unauthorized access, or any similar term referring to situations where persons other than authorized users and for other than authorized purposes have access or potential access to context PII, whether electronic, paper, verbal, or recorded.

c. **"Contractor"** means those contractors, subcontractors, vendors and agents of the County performing any functions for the County that require access to and/or use of PII and that are authorized by the County to access and use PII.

d. **"Personally Identifiable Information" or "PII"** is personally identifiable information that can be used alone, or in conjunction with any other reasonably available information, to identify a specific individual. PII includes, but is not limited to, an individual's name, social security

number, driver's license number, identification number, biometric records, date of birth, place of birth, or mother's maiden name. PII may be electronic, paper, verbal, or recorded.

e. **"Security Incident"** means the attempted or successful unauthorized access, use, disclosure, modification, or destruction of PII, or interference with system operations in an information system which processes PII that is under the control of the County or County's Statewide Automated Welfare System (SAWS) Consortium, or under the control of a contractor, subcontractor or vendor of the County, on behalf of the County.

f. **"Secure Areas"** means any area where:

i. Contractors administer or assist in the administration of County programs; ii. PII is used or disclosed; or

iii. PII is stored in paper or electronic format.

26.2. Restrictions on Contractor re Use and Disclosure of PII

a. Contractor agrees to use or disclose PII only as permitted in this Agreement and only to assist in the administration of programs in accordance with 45 CFR § 205.50, *et seq.* and California Welfare & Institutions Code section 10850 or as otherwise authorized or required by law. Disclosures, when authorized or required by law, such as in response to a court order, or when made upon the explicit written authorization of the individual, who is the subject of the PII, are allowable. Any other use or disclosure of PII requires the express approval in writing by the County. No Contractor shall duplicate, disseminate or disclose PII except as allowed in this Agreement.

b. Contractor agrees to only use PII to perform administrative functions related to the administration of County programs to the extent applicable.

c. Contractor agrees that access to PII shall be restricted to Contractor's staff who need to perform specific services in the administration of County programs as described in this Agreement.

d. Contractor understands and agrees that any of its staff who accesses, discloses or uses PII in a manner or for a purpose not authorized by this Agreement may be subject to civil and criminal sanctions available under applicable Federal and State laws and regulations

26.3. Use of Safeguards by Contractor to Protect PII

a. Contractor agrees to ensure that any agent, including a subcontractor, to whom it provides PII received from, or created or received by Contractor on behalf of County, agrees to adhere to the same restrictions and conditions contained in this Attachment PII.

b. Contractor agrees to advise its staff who have access to PII, of the confidentiality of the information, the safeguards required to protect the information, and the civil and criminal sanctions for non-compliance contained in applicable Federal and State laws and regulations.

c. Contractor agrees to train and use reasonable measures to ensure compliance by Contractor's staff, including, but not limited to (1) providing initial privacy and security awareness training to each new staff within thirty (30) days of employment; (2) thereafter, providing annual refresher training or reminders of the PII privacy and security safeguards to all Contractor's staff; (3) maintaining records indicating each Contractor's staff name and the date

on which the privacy and security awareness training was completed; and (4) retaining training records for a period of three (3) years after completion of the training.

d. Contractor agrees to provide documented sanction policies and procedures for Contractor's staff who fail to comply with privacy policies and procedures or any provisions of these requirements, including termination of employment when appropriate.

e. Contractor agrees that all Contractor's staff performing services under this Agreement sign a confidentiality statement prior to accessing PII. The signed statement shall be retained for a period of three (3) years, and the statement include at a minimum: (1) general use; (2) security and privacy safeguards; (3) unacceptable use; and (4) enforcement policies.

f. Contractor agrees to conduct a background check of Contractor's staff before they may access PII with more thorough screening done for those employees who are authorized to bypass significant technical and operational security controls. Contractor further agrees that screening documentation shall be retained for a period of three (3) years following conclusion of the employment relationship.

g. Contractor agrees to conduct periodic privacy and security reviews of work activity, including random sampling of work product by Contractor's staff by management and team-lead level personnel who are knowledgeable and experienced in the areas of privacy and information security in the administration of County's programs and the use and disclosure of PII. Examples include, but are not limited to, access to data, case files or other activities related to the handling of PII.

h. Contractor shall ensure that it uses reasonable and industry recognized best practices to safeguard appropriate access to cloud hosted PII, including, but not limited to adherence to data and account security terms and conditions imposed upon Contractor by any cloud service provider utilized by Contractor to provide the services herein.

i. Contractor shall have policies that include, based on applicable risk factors, a description of the circumstances under which Contractor staff can transport PII, as well as the physical security requirements during transport.

m. Contractor shall ensure that any PII stored in a vehicle shall be in a non-visible area such as a trunk, that the vehicle is locked, and under no circumstances permit PII be left unattended in a vehicle overnight or for other extended periods of time.

n. Contractor shall ensure that PII shall not be left unattended at any time in airplanes, buses, trains, etc., including baggage areas. This should be included in training due to the nature of the risk.

o. Contractor shall ensure that all workstations and laptops, which use, store and/or process PII, must be encrypted using encryption tools that are reasonable and appropriate given the volume and sensitivity of PII processed, and the Contractor's size and operational complexity

p. Contractor shall ensure that servers containing unencrypted PII must have sufficient administrative, physical, and technical controls in place to protect that data, based upon a risk assessment/system security review. It is recommended to follow the guidelines documented in the latest revision of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Special Publication (SP) 800-53, Security and Privacy Controls for Federal Information Systems and Organizations.

q. Contractor agrees that only the minimum necessary amount of PII required to perform required business functions will be accessed, copied, downloaded, or exported.

r. Contractor shall ensure that all electronic files, which contain PII data is encrypted when stored on any mobile device or removable media (i.e. USB drives, CD/DVD, smartphones, tablets, backup tapes etc.) using encryption tools that are reasonable and appropriate given the volume and sensitivity of PII processed, and the Contractor's size and operational complexity.

s. Contractor shall ensure that all workstations, laptops and other systems, which process and/or store PII, must install and actively use an antivirus software solution. Antivirus software should have automatic updates for definitions scheduled at least daily. In addition, Contractor shall ensure that:

i. All workstations, laptops and other systems, which process and/or store PII, must have critical security patches applied, with system reboot if necessary.

ii. At a maximum, all applicable patches deemed as critical must be installed within thirty (30) days of vendor release. It is recommended that critical patches which are high risk be installed within seven (7) days.

iii. Applications and systems that cannot be patched within this time frame, due to significant operational reasons, must have compensatory controls implemented to minimize risk.

t. Contractor shall ensure that all of its staff accessing Personally Identifiable Information on applications and systems will be issued a unique individual password that is that are reasonable and appropriate given the volume and sensitivity of PII processed, and the Contractor's size and operational complexity

u. Contractor shall ensure that usernames for its staff authorized to access PII will be promptly disabled, deleted, or the password changed upon the termination of an employee

v. Contractor shall ensure when no longer needed, all PII must be cleared, purged, or destroyed consistent with guidelines that are reasonable and appropriate given the volume and sensitivity of PII processed, and the Contractor's size and operational complexity

w. Contractor shall ensure that all of its systems providing access to PII must provide an automatic timeout, requiring re-authentication of the user session after no more than thirty (30) minutes of inactivity.

aa. Contractor shall ensure that all data transmissions of PII outside of its secure internal networks must be encrypted using encryption tools that are reasonable and appropriate given the volume and sensitivity of PII processed, and the Contractor's size and operational complexity. This requirement pertains to any type of PII in motion such as website access, file transfer, and email.

ii. Contractor shall ensure that PII in paper form shall not be left unattended at any time, unless it is locked space such as a file cabinet, file room, desk or office. Unattended means that information may be observed by an individual not authorized to access the information. Locked spaces are defined as locked file cabinets, locked file rooms, locked desks, or locked offices in facilities which are multi-use, meaning that there are Contractor's staff and non-Contractor functions in one building in work areas that are not securely segregated from each other. It is

recommended that all PII be locked up when unattended at any time, not just within multi-use facilities.

jj. Contractor shall ensure that any PII that must be disposed of will be through confidential means, such as cross cut shredding or pulverizing.

kk. Contractor agrees that PII must not be removed from its facilities except for identified routine business purposes or with express written permission of the County.

ll. Contractor shall ensure that faxes containing PII shall not be left unattended and fax machines shall be in secure areas. Faxes containing PII shall contain a confidentiality statement notifying persons receiving faxes in error to destroy them and notify the sender. All fax numbers shall be verified with the intended recipient before send the fax.

mm. Contractor shall ensure that mailings containing PII shall be sealed and secured from damage or inappropriate viewing of PII to the extent possible. Mailings that include five hundred (500) or more individually identifiable records containing PII in a single package shall be sent using a tracked mailing method that includes verification of delivery.

26.4. Reporting of Breaches Required by Contractor to County; Mitigation

a. Contractor shall report to County within five (5) business day of discovery, to the County contact listed in this agreement by email or telephone as listed in the of unsecured PII, if that PII was, or is, reasonably believed to have been accessed or acquired by an unauthorized person, any suspected security incident, intrusion or unauthorized access, use or disclosure of PII in violation of this Agreement, or potential loss of confidential data affecting this Agreement.

b. Contractor understands that State and Federal Law requires a breaching entity to notify individuals of a breach or unauthorized disclosure of their PII. Contractor shall ensure that said notifications shall comply with the requirements set forth in California Civil Code section 1798.29, and 42 U.S.C. section 17932, and its implementing regulations, including but not limited to, the requirement that the notifications be made without unreasonable delay and in no event later than sixty (60) calendar days.

c. Contractor agrees to promptly mitigate, to the extent practicable, any harmful effect that is known to Contractor stemming from a use or disclosure of PII in violation of the requirements of this Agreement, including taking any action pertaining to such use or disclosure required by applicable Federal and State laws and regulations.

26.5. Permitted Uses and Disclosures of PII by Contractor

Except as otherwise limited in this schedule, Contractor may use or disclose PII to perform functions, activities, or services for, or on behalf of, County as specified in the Agreement; provided that such use or disclosure would not violate the Privacy Rule if done by County.

26.6. Obligations of County

a. County shall provide Contractor with the notice of privacy practices that County produces in accordance with California Welfare and Institutions Code section 10850, as well as any changes to such notice.

b. County shall notify Contractor of any changes in, or revocation of, permission by Individual to use or disclose PII, if such changes affect Contractor's permitted or required uses and disclosures.

c. County shall notify Contractor of any restriction to the use or disclosure of PII that County has agreed to in accordance with California Welfare and Institutions Code section 10850.

26.7. Permissible Requests by County

County shall not request Contractor to use or disclose PII in any manner that would not be permissible under the Privacy Rule if so requested by County, unless Contractor will use or disclose PII for, and if the Agreement provides for, data aggregation or management and administrative activities of Contractor.

26.8. Duties Upon Termination of Agreement

a. Upon termination of the Agreement, for any reason, Contractor shall return or destroy all PII received from County, or created, maintained, or received by Contractor on behalf of County that Contractor still maintains in any form. This provision shall apply to PII that is in the possession of subcontractors or agents of Contractor. Contractor shall retain no copies of the PII.

b. In the event that Contractor determines that returning or destroying PII is infeasible, Contractor shall provide to County notification of the conditions that make return or destruction infeasible. Upon mutual Agreement of the Parties that return or destruction of PII is infeasible, Contractor shall extend the protections of the Agreement to such PII and limit further uses and disclosures of such PII to those purposes that make the return or destruction infeasible, for so long as Contractor maintains such PII.

26.9. Miscellaneous

a. **Regulatory References.** A reference in this Attachment to a section in the Personally Identifiable Information Privacy Rule means the section as in effect or as amended, and for which compliance is required.

b. **Amendment.** The Parties agree to take such action as is necessary to amend this Schedule from time to time as is necessary for County to comply with the requirements of the Privacy Rule and in accordance 45 CFR § 205.40, *et seq.* and California Welfare and Institutions Code section 10850.

c. **Survival.** The respective rights and obligations of Contractor under this Attachment shall survive the termination of the Agreement unless and until the PII is destroyed or returned to the County.

d. **Interpretation.** Any ambiguity in this Section shall be resolved in a manner that complies with applicable privacy laws while reasonably balancing the operational context of the Contractor's services.

e. **Reservation of Right to Monitor Activities.** County reserves the right to monitor the security policies and procedures of Contractor.

27. Rehabilitation Act of 1973

The undersigned (hereinafter called "Contractor(s)") hereby agrees that it will comply with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, all requirements imposed by the applicable DHHS regulation, and all guidelines and interpretations issued pursuant thereto.

The Contractor(s) gives/give this assurance in consideration of for the purpose of obtaining contracts after the date of this assurance. The Contractor(s) recognizes/recognize and agrees/agree that contracts will be extended in reliance on the representations and agreements

made in this assurance. This assurance is binding on the Contractor(s), its successors, transferees, and assignees, and the person or persons whose signatures appear below are authorized to sign this assurance on behalf of the Contractor(s).

The Contractor(s): (Check a or b)

☐ a. Employs fewer than 15 persons.

☒ b. Employs 15 or more persons and, pursuant to section 84.7 (a) of the regulation (45 C.F.R. 84.7 (a), has designated the following person(s) to coordinate its efforts to comply with the DHHS regulation.


Name of 504 Person: Sharon Heath

Name of Contractor(s): Ellit Groups LLC

Street Address or P.O. Box: 12650 Crossroads Park Dr. Suite 100

City, State, Zip Code: Houston, TX 77065

I certify that the above information is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge

Signature: 18BD0C0D2204440...

Title of Authorized Official: VP of Finance and Human Resources

Date: August 7, 2025

*Exception: DHHS regulations state that: "If a recipient with fewer than 15 employees finds that, after consultation with a disabled person seeking its services, there is no method of complying with (the facility accessibility regulations) other than making a significant alteration in its existing facilities, the recipient may, as an alternative, refer the handicapped person to other providers of those services that are accessible."

28. Location of Service

All work and services performed under this agreement shall be conducted within the United States. The contractor shall not subcontract, transfer, or otherwise perform any portion of the work outside of the United States without the prior written consent of the County.

29. Background Check Requirements

Contractor shall ensure that all personnel assigned to perform services under this agreement undergo and pass a criminal background check prior to beginning work. For personnel located in California, background checks must be conducted through the California Department of Justice (DOJ) Live Scan process, including an FBI check. For personnel located outside of California, equivalent fingerprint-based background checks must be conducted through the appropriate state agency and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). All background check results shall be reviewed and approved by the County prior to the individual performing any work under this agreement.


30. Definition of a Call

For the purposes of this agreement, a "Call" is defined as an individual instance of communication between a user and the Service Desk that results in the delivery of support, information, or service-related action. This could be any method of interaction including but not limited to: telephone calls, emails, chat messages, and tickets submitted via a portal. Calls that are misdials, wrong numbers, immediate hang-ups, or otherwise do not result in a meaningful interaction or service action are not considered billable or reportable calls under this definition.

SIGNATURE PAGE TO FOLLOW

In witness of and in agreement with this Agreement's terms, the parties, by their duly authorized representatives, affix their respective signatures:

For Contractor: Ellit Groups

Signed by:  AP42DE7E6BF34E3...	August 6, 2025	Chris Barbee
Contractor Signature	Date	CFO Contractor Name (please print)

COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

By:

President, Board of Supervisors, San Mateo County

Date:

ATTEST:

By:

Clerk of Said Board

Exhibit A

Services - Scope of Work

In consideration of the payments set forth in Exhibit B, Contractor shall provide the following services:

The Contractor shall provide Call Center and Tier 1 support services, including answering inbound calls, logging and tracking service requests, providing first-level technical and non-technical assistance, escalating unresolved issues per defined protocols, and ensuring timely and professional customer service in alignment with County-defined service level standards set forth herein.

- 1. Inbound Call Handling**
 - Answer and triage incoming calls promptly and professionally.
 - Provide first-level support for technical and non-technical issues.
 - Resolve or escalate issues based on predefined protocols.
- 2. Outbound Call Handling**
 - Conduct outbound calls professionally and in accordance with approved scripts or communication guidelines.
 - Perform follow-up calls related to open tickets, case management, appointment reminders, surveys, or other approved outreach activities.
 - Document call outcomes accurately and update systems as required.
- 3. Service Request Management**
 - Log and track all interactions in the County's designated ticketing or CRM system.
 - Assign priority levels and ensure timely updates and resolution.
- 4. Issue Escalation and Follow-Up**
 - Escalate unresolved or complex issues to Tier 2/3 support per escalation procedures.
- 5. Hours of Operation**
 - Provide services 24/7/365, including holidays.
 - Ensure adequate staffing levels to meet peak and off-peak demand.
- 6. Language and Accessibility Support**
 - Offer multilingual support as required, including translation or interpretation services.
 - Ensure services are accessible to individuals with disabilities.
- 7. Quality Assurance and Training**
 - Ensure staff are trained and knowledgeable about County procedures and systems.
 - Conduct regular quality monitoring and performance reviews.
- 8. Reporting and Analytics**
 - Provide regular reports on call volume, resolution times, customer satisfaction, and other key performance indicators.
 - Participate in review meetings as scheduled by the County.
- 9. Confidentiality and Data Security**
 - Maintain strict confidentiality of all data and comply with County privacy and security standards.
 - Follow HIPAA or other applicable data protection regulations, where relevant.
- 10. Service Level Agreements (SLAs)**
 - Adhere to response time and resolution targets as defined in the SLA.

- Include penalties or remediation steps for not meeting performance thresholds, if applicable.

Exhibit B

Payments and Rates

In consideration of the services provided by Contractor described in Exhibit A and subject to the terms of the Agreement, County shall pay Contractor based on the following fee schedule and terms:

1. Compensation Structure

The County shall compensate the Contractor based on the following rate structure:

Service Description	Rate	Monthly Call Volume	Notes
Call Center / Tier 1 Support	\$16.00	4,000	(minimum call volume)
Call Center / Tier 1 Support	\$14.00	5,000	
Call Center / Tier 1 Support	\$13.00	6,500	
Call Center / Tier 1 Support	\$11.75	8,000	
Call Center / Tier 1 Support	\$10.50	9,500+	

Note: All rates are fully burdened and inclusive of labor, overhead, equipment, administrative costs, and any applicable taxes or fees unless otherwise stated.

2. Pricing adjusts per Volume

Call volumes may fluctuate over the term of the contract. The County and the Contractor agree that payment adjustments shall be made based on a rolling three-month average call volume, as outlined in the volume table in this agreement. If the average call volume increases or decreases compared to the baseline, the corresponding cost increase or decrease will be applied proportionally and shared equally between the County and the Contractor, unless otherwise mutually agreed upon in writing.

3. Special Request

Any services, deliverables, or work efforts outside the scope of this agreement ("Special Requests") must be submitted in writing by the Contractor or the County. All Special Requests are subject to review and prior written approval by the County's designated Contract Administrator before any work may begin. Either Party reserves the right to deny or modify such requests at its sole discretion. Any request will result in an amendment addressing the change request.

4. Invoicing Requirements

Contractor shall submit itemized monthly invoices to the County detailing:

- Breakout of Number of calls handled.
 - Call Center "My Chart" in/out call numbers
 - Tier 1 Support in/out call numbers
 - Special Request list with name and in/out call numbers

5. Payment Adjustments

- The County reserves the right to withhold payment for services not rendered in accordance with contract terms or for failure to meet service level standards per the terms of this Agreement.
- Any rate changes must be pre-approved in writing by the County.

Exhibit S Service Level Agreements (SLAs)

This SLA outlines the performance standards the Contractor must meet in delivering Call Center / Tier 1 Support Services.

1. Service Availability

- **Operating Hours:** Services must be available 24/7/365, including holidays
- **Uptime Requirement:** Systems used to support the Call Center shall maintain **99.5% uptime**, excluding scheduled maintenance with at least 48 hours' notice.

2. Call Response Times

Metric	Target
Average Speed to Answer (ASA)	≥ 75% of call to be answered within 30 seconds
Abandonment Rate	≤ 5% excluding San Mateo system outages
First Call Resolution (FCR)	≥ 65% for systems that have Knowledge Based Articles (KBAs) developed.
Average Handle Time (AHT)	≤ 8 Minutes

3. ServiceNow Ticket Review & Reassign

Health Service Desk (HSD) Assigned	Re-Assignment out of HSD
New Tickets	60 minutes
Re-Assigned Tickets	60 minutes

4. Customer Satisfaction (CSAT)

Contractor will maintain a **Customer Satisfaction Score of ≥ 82.5** based on post-call surveys or periodic performance evaluations.

5. Reporting Requirements

- Contractor will submit monthly performance reports detailing:

- Call volumes
- Response and resolution times
- SLA compliance metrics
- CSAT scores
- Escalation trends

6. Performance Reviews

- Quarterly performance reviews will be conducted with the County to assess compliance, discuss improvements, and address any concerns.

7. Remedies for Non-Performance

For purposes of this Section, “SLA non-performance” shall be defined as the Contractor failing to meet more than 75% of the individual SLA metrics listed in Sections 1–4 during a given calendar month, based on the monthly performance reports submitted pursuant to Section 5.

- If Contractor fails to meet SLA targets for two (2) consecutive months or three (3) months in a rolling six-month period, the County may:
 - Request a corrective action plan.
- If Contractor fails to meet SLA targets for three (3) consecutive months or four (4) months in a rolling six-month period, the County may:
 - Withhold up to **5%** of the monthly invoice.
- If Contractor fails to meet SLA targets for five (5) consecutive months, the County may terminate the contract for cause if performance does not improve within 30 days of notice.