

LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT



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FIRE CHIEF

September 27, 2018

TO: Board of Fire Commissioners

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
FILE NO. 18-108

FROM:  Ralph M. Terrazas, Fire Chief

SUBJECT: AGREEMENT WITH ASERETH MEDICAL SERVICES, INC. FOR AS-NEEDED, TEMPORARY LICENSED PHARMACIST STAFFING SERVICES PURSUANT TO THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS NO. LAFD 2018-038-002

FINAL ACTION:	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved w/Corrections	<input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn
	<input type="checkbox"/> Denied	<input type="checkbox"/> Received & Filed	<input type="checkbox"/> Other

SUMMARY

On July 1, 2017, the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services stopped issuing controlled medications through County-operated hospital pharmacies to Emergency Medical Services (EMS) providers. To continue fulfilling its public safety responsibilities in the provision of emergency medical services, the Fire Department (LAFD) entered into Contract No. C-129470, a short-term agreement with an interim service provider, Asereth Medical Services, Inc., pending the LAFD's request for a position authority for a Pharmacist in the FY 2018-19 Budget, as well as the preparation of a competitive selection process for a contractor to provide as-needed, temporary licensed pharmacist staffing services that would continue the required services when the interim Pharmacist is unavailable.

A Pharmacist I was added as a resolution authority to the FY 2018-19 Budget, subject to a pay grade determination by the Office of the City Administrative Officer, Employee Relations Division. Until the pay grade determination is made, the position will remain unfilled.

The agreement with the interim service provider is on a month-to-month basis, and will expire on December 31, 2018. Because it is unknown as to when LAFD will be able to fill the Pharmacist I position, and because of the continuous need for pharmaceutical services, the LAFD issued Request for Proposals (RFP) LAFD No. 2018-038-002 on April 2, 2018, to seek proposals from qualified medical staffing services to provide as-needed, temporary pharmacists licensed by the California State Board of Pharmacy to procure, stock, store and dispense controlled medication for EMS personnel located throughout LAFD facilities. Six proposals were received by the submittal deadline date of May 3, 2018.

An Evaluation Committee, comprised of personnel from LAFD's Emergency Medical Services Bureau, reviewed and scored the eligible bid proposals based on the criteria below.

Selection / Evaluation Criteria	Maximum Points
Company Experience/Work Plan	60
Compliance with RFP Requirements	15
Proposed Rates and Fees	25
Total Possible Points	100

The evaluation scores of the six eligible proposers are listed below.

Proposer	Evaluation Score (Based on the average score of evaluators)
Asereth Medical Services, Inc.	93
Rx relief (PrideStaff, Inc. dba Rx relief)	91
BestNest Management, LLC	87
Staff Today, Inc.	85
Maxim Healthcare Services, Inc	83
Lotus USA, Inc.	38

Of the six eligible proposers, Asereth Medical Services, Inc. (Asereth) received the top score of 93 points. Asereth has over 29 years of experience in Pharmacy and Allied Health Registry Staffing. In addition, they have extensive experience working with large agencies such as the LAFD, Los Angeles County Department of Health Services, Los Angeles County/USC Medical Center, and Harbor-UCLA Medical Center.

It is recommended that the agreement be awarded to Asereth as it was evaluated as the most qualified amongst the eligible proposers. The proposed term is for one year, from January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019, with the option for two (2) one year renewals of the agreement. Maximum annual compensation is not to exceed \$132,000 per fiscal year. The attached Agreement has been reviewed and approved by the City Attorney as to legal form.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Board:

1. Approve and authorize the Fire Chief to execute an Agreement with Asereth Medical Services, Inc. for as-needed, temporary licensed pharmacist staffing services for a one-year term, commencing on January 1, 2019 and ending on December 31, 2019, not to exceed \$132,000 per fiscal year, with authority for the Fire Chief to execute amendments to extend the term of the Agreement for up to two (2) additional years, exercisable in one-year increments, contingent on the availability of funds and the contractor having provided satisfactory services in the Agreement, and subject to review and approval by the City Attorney.
2. Direct the Commission Executive Assistant II to transmit and Agreement to the Mayor for review and approval, in accordance with Executive Directive No. 3.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funding for this Agreement is available in the Department's Targeted Destination Ambulance Services (Kaiser) Fund, Account 3844RA, not to exceed \$132,000 per yearly term. Subsequent funding is subject to the availability of funds in the Department's budget.

Board Report prepared by Damian A. Pacheco, Senior Management Analyst I, Emergency Medical Services Bureau and Lauren Nakasuji, Senior Management Analyst I, Administrative Services Bureau.

Attachment

AGREEMENT NO. _____

AGREEMENT BETWEEN

THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES

AND

ASERETH MEDICAL SERVICES, INC.

FOR

AS-NEEDED, TEMPORARY LICENSED PHARMACIST STAFFING SERVICES

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**AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
AND
ASERETH MEDICAL SERVICES, INC.
FOR
AS-NEEDED, TEMPORARY LICENSED PHARMACIST STAFFING SERVICES**

THIS AGREEMENT (hereinafter referred to as "Agreement") is made and entered into by and between the City of Los Angeles, a municipal corporation (hereinafter referred to as "City"), acting by and through the Los Angeles Fire Department (hereinafter referred to as "Department" or "LAFD"), and Asereth Medical Services, Inc., a California corporation, (hereinafter referred to as "Contractor"), is entered into with reference to the following:

WHEREAS, the LAFD is a Los Angeles County, Department of Health Services (County) approved Emergency Medical Services (EMS) provider agency; and

WHEREAS, the LAFD responses to EMS calls for service may necessitate administering controlled medications to patients for proper and effective treatment; and

WHEREAS, controlled medications were dispensed to EMS provider agencies by County-operated hospital pharmacies; and

WHEREAS, the LAFD and other EMS provider agencies were notified by the County that its hospital pharmacies would cease issuing controlled medications to EMS provider agencies as of July 1, 2017; and

WHEREAS, to continue fulfilling its public safety responsibilities in the provision of emergency medical services, the LAFD must utilize the services of a pharmacist licensed by the California State Board of Pharmacy, in compliance with state and federal regulations, to procure, stock, store and dispense controlled medications from Department facilities; and

WHEREAS, on June 15, 2017, the LAFD executed a short-term agreement with an interim service provider pending completion of a competitive selection process for a contractor to provide the services on a longer-term basis; and

WHEREAS, the City performed its Charter Section 1022 evaluation and determined that it currently does not employ any personnel in the Pharmacist classification; and

WHEREAS, on April 2, 2018, the LAFD issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for as-needed, temporary licensed pharmacist staffing services; and

WHEREAS, the Contractor responded to the RFP, and the LAFD has determined that the Contractor possesses the qualifications and experience necessary to provide the services requested; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to enter into an Agreement with the Contractor for as-needed, temporary licensed pharmacist staffing services; and

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the promises, representations, covenants and agreements provided below, the parties agree as follows:

1.0 PARTIES TO THE AGREEMENT AND REPRESENTATIVES

1.1. Parties to the Agreement

1.1.1. City – The City of Los Angeles, a municipal corporation, acting by and through the Los Angeles Fire Department, having its principal office at 200 North Main Street, 18th Floor, Los Angeles, California, 90012

1.1.2. Contractor – Asereth Medical Services, Inc., a California corporation, having its principal office at 257 S. Fair Oaks Avenue, Suite 200, Pasadena, California 91105

1.2. Representatives of the Parties and Service of Notices

The representatives of the respective parties who are authorized to administer this Agreement and to whom formal notices, demands, and communications will be given are as follows:

1.2.1. The City's representative is, unless otherwise stated in the Agreement:

Ralph M. Terrazas, Fire Chief
Los Angeles Fire Department
200 North Main Street, Room 1800
Los Angeles, California, 90012

With copies to:

Marc Eckstein, M.D., Medical Director
Emergency Medical Services Bureau
Los Angeles Fire Department
200 North Main Street, Room 1860
Los Angeles, California, 90012

The Contractor's representative is, unless otherwise stated in the Agreement:

Theresa A. Taylor, Pharm. D.
Chief Executive Officer and Director of Operations
Asereth Medical Services, Inc.
257 S. Fair Oaks Avenue, Suite 200
Pasadena, California 91105

- 1.3. Formal notices, demands and communications to be given hereunder by either party must be made in writing and may be effected by personal delivery or by registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested and shall be deemed communicated as of the date of mailing.
- 1.4. If the name of the person designated to receive the notices, demands or communications or the address of such person is changed, written notice must be provided as described in this Agreement, within five (5) working days of said change.

2.0 TERM OF THE AGREEMENT

- 2.1 The term of this Agreement shall become effective as of January 1, 2019 and will terminate on December 31, 2019, unless otherwise terminated earlier as provided in this Agreement.
- 2.2 The Board of Fire Commissioners has authorized the Fire Chief to extend the Agreement for a total of two (2) additional years, exercisable in one (1) year increments, utilizing the amendment process described in Section PSC-5 of Exhibit B – Standard Provisions for City Contracts (Rev. 10/17)[v2]. Any amendments to extend the term of this Agreement are contingent on availability of funds and the Contractor having provided satisfactory services under this Agreement.
- 2.3 To the extent that the Contractor may have provided services prior to the execution of this Agreement at the City's request and due to immediate needs, the City hereby ratifies and accepts those services performed in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

3.0 SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED BY THE CONTRACTOR

- 3.1. The Contractor shall provide the Fire Department with a primary pharmacist and a back-up pharmacist(s) to provide the services described in Exhibit A - Asereth Medical Services, Inc., Temporary Pharmacist Scope of Services.

- 3.2. As soon as possible after execution of this Agreement, the Contractor shall meet with the LAFD to discuss the Scope of Services and the skills and minimum qualifications required of the designated pharmacist(s). The Contractor shall not charge the LAFD for this meeting.

Thereafter, on an as-needed basis and upon request by the LAFD, the Contractor shall meet in person or by telephone with the Department to discuss any concerns the Department may have regarding the performance by the pharmacist(s) and any refinement of the Scope of Services. The Contractor shall not charge the LAFD for said meetings.

- 3.3. The Contractor shall identify three to five licensed pharmacists, with at least two (2) years of experience as a pharmacist, for the LAFD to interview. The LAFD will select one primary pharmacist and one or two back-up pharmacists. The back-up pharmacists will provide the services described in Exhibit A of this Agreement whenever the primary pharmacist is not available.

- 3.4. The designated pharmacists are employees of the Contractor, and are not employees of the City or the LAFD.

- 3.5. The LAFD is a Covered Healthcare Entity with the City organization, and in accordance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), and as part of this Agreement, the LAFD entered into a separate Business Associate Agreement (BAA) with the Contractor to ensure the security of LAFD records containing Protected Health Information (PHI). Said BAA is attached hereto as Attachment No. 1. The designated pharmacist(s) will have access to PHI in order to reconcile the medication and comply with federal regulations and standards. The Contractor shall ensure that the designated pharmacist(s) assigned to provide services to the LAFD are in compliance with HIPAA regarding LAFD records containing PHI.

- 3.6. The LAFD shall have the right to have the designated pharmacist or back-up pharmacist replaced whenever the pharmacist's performance is not satisfactory.

4.0 COMPENSATION AND METHOD OF PAYMENT

4.1. Compensation

- 4.1.1. The City will pay the Contractor for satisfactory services rendered by the pharmacist(s) at an hourly rate of \$89.98, plus mileage at the Internal Revenue Service rate for travel while performing the services described in Exhibit A for the City. Mileage is not paid for travel from and to the pharmacist's home before and after on-duty hours. A GPS Tracking Service is included in the cost. Total compensation will not exceed

\$132,000 for each fiscal year of this Agreement, including all extensions to the term pursuant to Section 2.0 of this Agreement.

4.2. Method of Payment

4.2.1. Invoices

The Contractor shall submit monthly invoices to:

Marc Eckstein, M.D., Medical Director
Emergency Medical Services Bureau
Los Angeles Fire Department
200 North Main Street, Room 1860
Los Angeles, California 90012

The invoice must contain the following:

- a. Name and address of company or firm;
- b. Name and address of the Fire Department;
- c. Date of the invoice and period covered;
- d. Reference to contract number;
- e. Description of the completed task, amount due for the task, and name of the pharmacist performing the task;
- f. Payment terms, total due, and due date;
- g. Certification by a duly authorized officer of the Contractor;
- h. Discounts and terms (if applicable), and
- i. Remittance address (if different from company address).

5.0 NON-EXCLUSIVE AGREEMENT

The City and Contractor understand and agree that this is a non-exclusive Agreement to provide services to the City and the LAFD and that the City or the LAFD reserve the right to enter into an agreement with other contractors to provide similar services during the term of this Agreement.

6.0 CITY CONTRACTING REQUIREMENTS

6.1 Standard Provisions

By entering into this Agreement with the City, the Contractor agrees to abide by the Standard Provisions for City Contracts (Rev. 10/17) [v.2], attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit B.

6.2 Disclosure of Border Wall Contracting Ordinance

Unless otherwise exempt in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance, this Agreement is subject to the Disclosure of Border Wall Contracting Ordinance, Section 10.50 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code, as may be amended from time to time. Contractor certifies that it has complied with the applicable provisions of this Ordinance. Failure to fully and accurately complete the affidavit may result in termination of this Agreement.

7.0 ORDER OF PRECEDENT

This Agreement, and any exhibits, attachments or documents incorporated herein by inclusion or by reference, constitutes the complete and entire Agreement between the City and the Contractor. In the event of any inconsistency between the body of this Agreement and the exhibits and attachment, the order of precedence will be as follows:

- 1) This Agreement between the City of Los Angeles and Asereth Medical Services, Inc.
- 2) Exhibit B – Standard Provisions for City Contracts (Rev. 10/17)[v.2]
- 3) Exhibit A – Asereth Medical Services, Inc. Scope of Services
- 4) Attachment No. 1 – Business Associate Agreement (HIPAA)

8.0 ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This Agreement contains the full and complete Agreement between the parties. No verbal agreement or conversation with any officer or employee of either party will affect or modify any of the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

9.0 NUMBER OF PAGES AND ATTACHMENTS

This Agreement is executed in three (3) triplicate originals, each of which is deemed to be an original. This Agreement includes seven (7) pages, two (2) Exhibits, and one (1) Attachment, which constitute the entire understanding and agreement of the parties

[SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this Agreement to be executed by their respective duly authorized representatives.

THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES

**ASERETH MEDICAL SERVICES, INC.,
A California Corporation**

By: _____
Ralph M. Terrazas
Fire Chief

By*: _____
Theresa Taylor, Pharm. D.
Chief Executive Officer

Date: _____

Date: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
MICHAEL N. FEUER, City Attorney

By**: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

By: _____
Kimberly D. Miera
Deputy City Attorney

Date: _____

Date: _____

ATTEST:
HOLLY L. WOLCOTT, City Clerk

By: _____
Deputy City Clerk

NOTE: If Contractor is a corporation, two signatures are required.

* The signature of President, Chairman of the Board, or Vice President is required here; and

** an additional signature of Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Chief Financial Officer, or Assistant Treasurer is also required for the Corporation.

Date: _____

City Agreement Number: _____

City Business Tax Registration Certificate Number: 0000005786-0001-9

Internal Revenue Service Taxpayers I.D. Number: 95-4301454

EXHIBIT A

ASERETH MEDICAL SERVICES, INC.

SCOPE OF SERVICES

ASERETH MEDICAL SERVICES, INC.
AS-NEEDED, TEMPORARY PHARMACIST SCOPE OF SERVICES

The Contractor shall provide an as-needed, temporary licensed pharmacist that will provide the following services to the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD). The services to be provided by the pharmacist will involve the use of automated drug delivery systems: The Pyxis CII safe (also referred to as the "Central Medication Safe") and the Pyxis MedStations ADS machines to be located at several LAFD satellite locations. The LAFD will provide training to the pharmacist on the use and operation of the Pyxis products. The LAFD will order the medication from an approved pharmaceutical vendor for delivery to the LAFD Supply & Maintenance Division.

1. Personally sign for all controlled medication deliveries for LAFD at LAFD Supply & Maintenance Division, located at 140 North Avenue 19, Los Angeles, California 90031 and secure the medications in a central safe in the Medical Supplies Office (Central Medication Safe) at this location.
2. Assist with the adherence to policies and procedures that meet the established professional and federal guidelines that ensure safe controlled medication storage, distribution, access, and use wherever they are deployed, including meeting required environmental conditions for the storage and handling of controlled medications.
3. Complete all required documentation to ensure compliance with federal/Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) policies regarding the procurement, distribution, and administration of controlled medications.
4. Follow established standards for safety, accuracy, and timeliness of any required forms or reports in order to be in full compliance with applicable local, state, and federal standards regarding the prescribing, procurement and distribution of controlled medications.
5. Assist with the identification of data to be captured and the reports to be generated for monitoring medication use, waste reconciliation, and discrepancies.
6. Prepare medications for external usage; break down bulk medical supplies into dispensable units and restock Central Medication Safe and all satellite automated medication dispensing machines; maintain medications under all required security, as prescribed by Federal and State laws. This will entail transporting controlled medication to and from the Central Medication Safe to all satellite locations via an approved locking transport container (to be provided by the LAFD) and in a manner approved by the board of Pharmacy and regulations established by the DEA.

7. Assess medication inventory levels of Central Medication Safe and satellite automated medication dispensing machines; restock Central Medication Safe and satellite automated medication dispensing machines based on pre-determined thresholds; maintain security and control of all medications during transport; and rotate medications to minimize expiration of unused controlled medications.
8. Reconcile each and every use of a controlled medication with a specific patient via specific booklet numbers from the electronic patient care reports.
9. Run periodic queries to identify any unusual controlled medication usage by paramedics in the field.
10. Maintain records of all controlled medication deliveries and all corresponding regulatory/compliance forms and documents.
11. Regularly survey controlled medication inventories to ensure that medications are rotated and are not kept or dispensed past their expiration dates.
12. Ensure that medications are maintained in satisfactory environmental conditions and that there is no evidence of any tampering of controlled medications.
13. Maintain an inventory of controlled medications received and dispensed; audit inventory of controlled medications and assure that adequate pharmaceutical supplies are maintained.
14. Maintain diligence in security and control of medications.
15. Notify the LAFD Medical Director immediately upon learning of any controlled medication discrepancy, potential diversion issue, or controlled medication tampering.
16. Maintain controlled medication formulary.
17. Enter and update approved users of automated dispensing machines; assign template, privilege and access level of automated dispensing machines; and assist in proper configuration and authorized access of Central Medication Safe.
18. Monitor automated dispensing machine status and manage medication error messages.
19. The pharmacist must provide their own personal vehicle for use in carrying out the services described in this Scope of Services. The vehicle must be maintained in good working order and properly insured, and must have security measures to ensure safe-keeping and safe transport of medication by the pharmacist.

EXHIBIT B

STANDARD PROVISIONS FOR CITY CONTRACTS (REV 10/17) [v2]

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STANDARD PROVISIONS FOR CITY CONTRACTS

PSC-1. Construction of Provisions and Titles Herein

All titles, subtitles, or headings in this Contract have been inserted for convenience, and shall not be deemed to affect the meaning or construction of any of the terms or provisions of this Contract. The language of this Contract shall be construed according to its fair meaning and not strictly for or against **CITY** or **CONTRACTOR**. The word "**CONTRACTOR**" includes the party or parties identified in this Contract. The singular shall include the plural and if there is more than one **CONTRACTOR**, unless expressly stated otherwise, their obligations and liabilities shall be joint and several. Use of the feminine, masculine, or neuter genders shall be deemed to include the genders not used.

PSC-2. Applicable Law, Interpretation and Enforcement

Each party's performance shall comply with all applicable laws of the United States of America, the State of California, and **CITY**, including but not limited to, laws regarding health and safety, labor and employment, wage and hours and licensing. This Contract shall be enforced and interpreted under the laws of the State of California without regard to conflict of law principles. **CONTRACTOR** shall comply with new, amended, or revised laws, regulations, or procedures that apply to the performance of this Contract with no additional compensation paid to **CONTRACTOR**.

In any action arising out of this Contract, **CONTRACTOR** consents to personal jurisdiction, and agrees to bring all such actions, exclusively in state or federal courts located in Los Angeles County, California.

If any part, term or provision of this Contract is held void, illegal, unenforceable, or in conflict with any federal, state or local law or regulation, the validity of the remaining parts, terms or provisions of this Contract shall not be affected.

PSC-3. Time of Effectiveness

Unless otherwise provided, this Contract shall take effect when all of the following events have occurred:

- A. This Contract has been signed on behalf of **CONTRACTOR** by the person or persons authorized to bind **CONTRACTOR**;
- B. This Contract has been approved by the City Council or by the board, officer or employee authorized to give such approval;
- C. The Office of the City Attorney has indicated in writing its approval of this Contract as to form; and
- D. This Contract has been signed on behalf of **CITY** by the person designated by the City Council, or by the board, officer or employee authorized to enter into this Contract.

PSC-4. Integrated Contract

This Contract sets forth all of the rights and duties of the parties with respect to the subject matter of this Contract, and replaces any and all previous Contracts or understandings, whether written or oral, relating thereto. This Contract may be amended only as provided for in the provisions of PSC-5 hereof.

PSC-5. Amendment

All amendments to this Contract shall be in writing and signed and approved pursuant to the provisions of PSC-3.

PSC-6. Excusable Delays

Neither party shall be liable for its delay or failure to perform any obligation under and in accordance with this Contract, if the delay or failure arises out of fires, floods, earthquakes, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, other natural occurrences, strikes, lockouts (other than a lockout by the party or any of the party's Subcontractors), freight embargoes, terrorist acts, insurrections or other civil disturbances, or other similar events to those described above, but in each case the delay or failure to perform must be beyond the control and without any fault or negligence of the party delayed or failing to perform (these events are referred to in this provision as "Force Majeure Events").

Notwithstanding the foregoing, a delay or failure to perform by a Subcontractor of **CONTRACTOR** shall not constitute a Force Majeure Event, unless the delay or failure arises out of causes beyond the control of both **CONTRACTOR** and Subcontractor, and without any fault or negligence of either of them. In such case, **CONTRACTOR** shall not be liable for the delay or failure to perform, unless the goods or services to be furnished by the Subcontractor were obtainable from other sources in sufficient time to permit **CONTRACTOR** to perform timely. As used in this Contract, the term "Subcontractor" means a subcontractor at any tier.

In the event **CONTRACTOR'S** delay or failure to perform arises out of a Force Majeure Event, **CONTRACTOR** agrees to use commercially reasonable best efforts to obtain the goods or services from other sources, and to otherwise mitigate the damages and reduce the delay caused by the Force Majeure Event.

PSC-7. Waiver

A waiver of a default of any part, term or provision of this Contract shall not be construed as a waiver of any succeeding default or as a waiver of the part, term or provision itself. A party's performance after the other party's default shall not be construed as a waiver of that default.

PSC-8. Suspension

At **CITY'S** sole discretion, **CITY** may suspend any or all services provided under this Contract by providing **CONTRACTOR** with written notice of suspension. Upon receipt of the notice of suspension, **CONTRACTOR** shall immediately cease the services suspended and shall not incur any additional obligations, costs or expenses to **CITY** until **CITY** gives written notice to recommence the services.

PSC-9. Termination

A. Termination for Convenience

CITY may terminate this Contract for **CITY'S** convenience at any time by providing **CONTRACTOR** thirty days written notice. Upon receipt of the notice of termination, **CONTRACTOR** shall immediately take action not to incur any additional obligations, costs or expenses, except as may be necessary to terminate its activities. **CITY** shall pay **CONTRACTOR** its reasonable and allowable costs through the effective date of termination and those reasonable and necessary costs incurred by **CONTRACTOR** to effect the termination. Thereafter, **CONTRACTOR** shall have no further claims against **CITY** under this Contract. All finished and unfinished documents and materials procured for or produced under this Contract, including all intellectual property rights **CITY** is entitled to, shall become **CITY** property upon the date of the termination. **CONTRACTOR** agrees to execute any documents necessary for **CITY** to perfect, memorialize, or record **CITY'S** ownership of rights provided herein.

B. Termination for Breach of Contract

1. Except as provided in PSC-6, if **CONTRACTOR** fails to perform any of the provisions of this Contract or so fails to make progress as to endanger timely performance of this Contract, **CITY** may give **CONTRACTOR** written notice of the default. **CITY'S** default notice will indicate whether the default may be cured and the time period to cure the default to the sole satisfaction of **CITY**. Additionally, **CITY'S** default notice may offer **CONTRACTOR** an opportunity to provide **CITY** with a plan to cure the default, which shall be submitted to **CITY** within the time period allowed by **CITY**. At **CITY'S** sole discretion, **CITY** may accept or reject **CONTRACTOR'S** plan. If the default cannot be cured or if **CONTRACTOR** fails to cure within the period allowed by **CITY**, then **CITY** may terminate this Contract due to **CONTRACTOR'S** breach of this Contract.
2. If the default under this Contract is due to **CONTRACTOR'S** failure to maintain the insurance required under this Contract, **CONTRACTOR** shall immediately: (1) suspend performance of any services under this Contract for which insurance was required; and (2) notify its employees and Subcontractors of the loss of insurance coverage and Contractor's obligation to suspend performance of

services. **CONTRACTOR** shall not recommence performance until **CONTRACTOR** is fully insured and in compliance with **CITY'S** requirements.

3. If a federal or state proceeding for relief of debtors is undertaken by or against **CONTRACTOR**, or if **CONTRACTOR** makes an assignment for the benefit of creditors, then **CITY** may immediately terminate this Contract.
4. If **CONTRACTOR** engages in any dishonest conduct related to the performance or administration of this Contract or violates **CITY'S** laws, regulations or policies relating to lobbying, then **CITY** may immediately terminate this Contract.
5. Acts of Moral Turpitude
 - a. **CONTRACTOR** shall immediately notify **CITY** if **CONTRACTOR** or any Key Person, as defined below, is charged with, indicted for, convicted of, pleads nolo contendere to, or forfeits bail or fails to appear in court for a hearing related to, any act which constitutes an offense involving moral turpitude under federal, state, or local laws ("Act of Moral Turpitude").
 - b. If **CONTRACTOR** or a Key Person is convicted of, pleads nolo contendere to, or forfeits bail or fails to appear in court for a hearing related to, an Act of Moral Turpitude, **CITY** may immediately terminate this Contract.
 - c. If **CONTRACTOR** or a Key Person is charged with or indicted for an Act of Moral Turpitude, **CITY** may terminate this Contract after providing **CONTRACTOR** an opportunity to present evidence of **CONTRACTOR'S** ability to perform under the terms of this Contract.
 - d. Acts of Moral Turpitude include, but are not limited to: violent felonies as defined by Penal Code Section 667.5, crimes involving weapons, crimes resulting in serious bodily injury or death, serious felonies as defined by Penal Code Section 1192.7, and those crimes referenced in the Penal Code and articulated in California Public Resources Code Section 5164(a)(2); in addition to and including acts of murder, rape, sexual assault, robbery, kidnapping, human trafficking, pimping, voluntary manslaughter, aggravated assault, assault on a peace officer, mayhem, fraud, domestic abuse, elderly abuse, and child abuse, regardless of whether such acts are punishable by felony or misdemeanor conviction.

- e. For the purposes of this provision, a Key Person is a principal, officer, or employee assigned to this Contract, or owner (directly or indirectly, through one or more intermediaries) of ten percent or more of the voting power or equity interests of **CONTRACTOR**.
- 6. In the event **CITY** terminates this Contract as provided in this section, **CITY** may procure, upon such terms and in the manner as **CITY** may deem appropriate, services similar in scope and level of effort to those so terminated, and **CONTRACTOR** shall be liable to **CITY** for all of its costs and damages, including, but not limited to, any excess costs for such services.
- 7. If, after notice of termination of this Contract under the provisions of this section, it is determined for any reason that **CONTRACTOR** was not in default under the provisions of this section, or that the default was excusable under the terms of this Contract, the rights and obligations of the parties shall be the same as if the notice of termination had been issued pursuant to PSC-9(A) Termination for Convenience.
- 8. The rights and remedies of **CITY** provided in this section shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this Contract.
- C. In the event that this Contract is terminated, **CONTRACTOR** shall immediately notify all employees and Subcontractors, and shall notify in writing all other parties contracted with under the terms of this Contract within five working days of the termination.

PSC-10. Independent Contractor

CONTRACTOR is an independent contractor and not an agent or employee of **CITY**. **CONTRACTOR** shall not represent or otherwise hold out itself or any of its directors, officers, partners, employees, or agents to be an agent or employee of **CITY**.

PSC-11. Contractor's Personnel

Unless otherwise approved by **CITY**, **CONTRACTOR** shall use its own employees to perform the services described in this Contract. **CITY** has the right to review and approve any personnel who are assigned to work under this Contract. **CONTRACTOR** shall remove personnel from performing work under this Contract if requested to do so by **CITY**.

CONTRACTOR shall not use Subcontractors to assist in performance of this Contract without the prior written approval of **CITY**. If **CITY** permits the use of Subcontractors, **CONTRACTOR** shall remain responsible for performing all aspects of this Contract and paying all Subcontractors. **CITY** has the right to approve **CONTRACTOR'S** Subcontractors, and **CITY** reserves the right to request replacement of any

Subcontractor. **CITY** does not have any obligation to pay **CONTRACTOR'S** Subcontractors, and nothing herein creates any privity of contract between **CITY** and any Subcontractor.

PSC-12. Assignment and Delegation

CONTRACTOR may not, unless it has first obtained the written permission of **CITY**:

- A. Assign or otherwise alienate any of its rights under this Contract, including the right to payment; or
- B. Delegate, subcontract, or otherwise transfer any of its duties under this Contract.

PSC-13. Permits

CONTRACTOR and its directors, officers, partners, agents, employees, and Subcontractors, shall obtain and maintain all licenses, permits, certifications and other documents necessary for **CONTRACTOR'S** performance of this Contract. **CONTRACTOR** shall immediately notify **CITY** of any suspension, termination, lapses, non-renewals, or restrictions of licenses, permits, certificates, or other documents that relate to **CONTRACTOR'S** performance of this Contract.

PSC-14. Claims for Labor and Materials

CONTRACTOR shall promptly pay when due all amounts owed for labor and materials furnished in the performance of this Contract so as to prevent any lien or other claim under any provision of law from arising against any **CITY** property (including reports, documents, and other tangible or intangible matter produced by **CONTRACTOR** hereunder), and shall pay all amounts due under the Unemployment Insurance Act or any other applicable law with respect to labor used to perform under this Contract.

PSC-15. Current Los Angeles City Business Tax Registration Certificate Required

For the duration of this Contract, **CONTRACTOR** shall maintain valid Business Tax Registration Certificate(s) as required by **CITY'S** Business Tax Ordinance, Section 21.00 *et seq.* of the Los Angeles Municipal Code ("LAMC"), and shall not allow the Certificate to lapse or be revoked or suspended.

PSC-16. Retention of Records, Audit and Reports

CONTRACTOR shall maintain all records, including records of financial transactions, pertaining to the performance of this Contract, in their original form or as otherwise approved by **CITY**. These records shall be retained for a period of no less than three years from the later of the following: (1) final payment made by **CITY**, (2) the expiration of this Contract or (3) termination of this Contract. The records will be subject to examination and audit by authorized **CITY** personnel or **CITY'S** representatives at any time. **CONTRACTOR** shall provide any reports requested by **CITY** regarding

performance of this Contract. Any subcontract entered into by **CONTRACTOR** for work to be performed under this Contract must include an identical provision.

In lieu of retaining the records for the term as prescribed in this provision, **CONTRACTOR** may, upon **CITY'S** written approval, submit the required information to **CITY** in an electronic format, e.g. USB flash drive, at the expiration or termination of this Contract.

PSC-17. Bonds

All bonds required by **CITY** shall be filed with the Office of the City Administrative Officer, Risk Management for its review and acceptance in accordance with Los Angeles Administrative Code ("LAAC") Sections 11.47 *et seq.*, as amended from time to time.

PSC-18. Indemnification

Except for the active negligence or willful misconduct of **CITY**, or any of its boards, officers, agents, employees, assigns and successors in interest, **CONTRACTOR** shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless **CITY** and any of its boards, officers, agents, employees, assigns, and successors in interest from and against all lawsuits and causes of action, claims, losses, demands and expenses, including, but not limited to, attorney's fees (both in house and outside counsel) and cost of litigation (including all actual litigation costs incurred by **CITY**, including but not limited to, costs of experts and consultants), damages or liability of any nature whatsoever, for death or injury to any person, including **CONTRACTOR'S** employees and agents, or damage or destruction of any property of either party hereto or of third parties, arising in any manner by reason of an act, error, or omission by **CONTRACTOR**, Subcontractors, or their boards, officers, agents, employees, assigns, and successors in interest. The rights and remedies of **CITY** provided in this section shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this Contract. This provision will survive expiration or termination of this Contract.

PSC-19. Intellectual Property Indemnification

CONTRACTOR, at its own expense, shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the **CITY**, and any of its boards, officers, agents, employees, assigns, and successors in interest from and against all lawsuits and causes of action, claims, losses, demands and expenses, including, but not limited to, attorney's fees (both in house and outside counsel) and cost of litigation (including all actual litigation costs incurred by **CITY**, including but not limited to, costs of experts and consultants), damages or liability of any nature arising out of the infringement, actual or alleged, direct or contributory, of any intellectual property rights, including, without limitation, patent, copyright, trademark, trade secret, right of publicity, and proprietary information: (1) on or in any design, medium, matter, article, process, method, application, equipment, device, instrumentation, software, hardware, or firmware used by **CONTRACTOR**, or its Subcontractors, in performing the work under this Contract; or (2) as a result of **CITY'S** actual or intended use of any Work Product (as defined in PSC-21) furnished by **CONTRACTOR**, or its Subcontractors, under this Contract. The rights and remedies of **CITY** provided in this section shall not be exclusive

and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this Contract. This provision will survive expiration or termination of this Contract.

PSC-20. Intellectual Property Warranty

CONTRACTOR represents and warrants that its performance of all obligations under this Contract does not infringe in any way, directly or contributorily, upon any third party's intellectual property rights, including, without limitation, patent, copyright, trademark, trade secret, right of publicity and proprietary information.

PSC-21. Ownership and License

Unless otherwise provided for herein, all finished and unfinished works, tangible or not, created under this Contract including, without limitation, documents, materials, data, reports, manuals, specifications, artwork, drawings, sketches, blueprints, studies, memoranda, computation sheets, computer programs and databases, schematics, photographs, video and audiovisual recordings, sound recordings, marks, logos, graphic designs, notes, websites, domain names, inventions, processes, formulas, matters and combinations thereof, and all forms of intellectual property originated and prepared by **CONTRACTOR** or its Subcontractors under this Contract (each a "Work Product"; collectively "Work Products") shall be and remain the exclusive property of **CITY** for its use in any manner **CITY** deems appropriate. **CONTRACTOR** hereby assigns to **CITY** all goodwill, copyright, trademark, patent, trade secret and all other intellectual property rights worldwide in any Work Products originated and prepared under this Contract. **CONTRACTOR** further agrees to execute any documents necessary for **CITY** to perfect, memorialize, or record **CITY'S** ownership of rights provided herein.

CONTRACTOR agrees that a monetary remedy for breach of this Contract may be inadequate, impracticable, or difficult to prove and that a breach may cause **CITY** irreparable harm. **CITY** may therefore enforce this requirement by seeking injunctive relief and specific performance, without any necessity of showing actual damage or irreparable harm. Seeking injunctive relief or specific performance does not preclude **CITY** from seeking or obtaining any other relief to which **CITY** may be entitled.

For all Work Products delivered to **CITY** that are not originated or prepared by **CONTRACTOR** or its Subcontractors under this Contract, **CONTRACTOR** shall secure a grant, at no cost to **CITY**, for a non-exclusive perpetual license to use such Work Products for any **CITY** purposes.

CONTRACTOR shall not provide or disclose any Work Product to any third party without prior written consent of **CITY**.

Any subcontract entered into by **CONTRACTOR** relating to this Contract shall include this provision to contractually bind its Subcontractors performing work under this Contract such that **CITY'S** ownership and license rights of all Work Products are preserved and protected as intended herein.

PSC-22. Data Protection

- A. **CONTRACTOR** shall protect, using the most secure means and technology that is commercially available, **CITY**-provided data or consumer-provided data acquired in the course and scope of this Contract, including but not limited to customer lists and customer credit card or consumer data, (collectively, the “City Data”). **CONTRACTOR** shall notify **CITY** in writing as soon as reasonably feasible, and in any event within twenty-four hours, of **CONTRACTOR’S** discovery or reasonable belief of any unauthorized access of City Data (a “Data Breach”), or of any incident affecting, or potentially affecting City Data related to cyber security (a “Security Incident”), including, but not limited to, denial of service attack, and system outage, instability or degradation due to computer malware or virus. **CONTRACTOR** shall begin remediation immediately. **CONTRACTOR** shall provide daily updates, or more frequently if required by **CITY**, regarding findings and actions performed by **CONTRACTOR** until the Data Breach or Security Incident has been effectively resolved to **CITY’S** satisfaction. **CONTRACTOR** shall conduct an investigation of the Data Breach or Security Incident and shall share the report of the investigation with **CITY**. At **CITY’S** sole discretion, **CITY** and its authorized agents shall have the right to lead or participate in the investigation. **CONTRACTOR** shall cooperate fully with **CITY**, its agents and law enforcement.
- B. If **CITY** is subject to liability for any Data Breach or Security Incident, then **CONTRACTOR** shall fully indemnify and hold harmless **CITY** and defend against any resulting actions.

PSC-23. Insurance

During the term of this Contract and without limiting **CONTRACTOR’S** obligation to indemnify, hold harmless and defend **CITY**, **CONTRACTOR** shall provide and maintain at its own expense a program of insurance having the coverages and limits not less than the required amounts and types as determined by the Office of the City Administrative Officer of Los Angeles, Risk Management (template Form General 146 in Exhibit 1 hereto). The insurance must: (1) conform to **CITY’S** requirements; (2) comply with the Insurance Contractual Requirements (Form General 133 in Exhibit 1 hereto); and (3) otherwise be in a form acceptable to the Office of the City Administrative Officer, Risk Management. **CONTRACTOR** shall comply with all Insurance Contractual Requirements shown on Exhibit 1 hereto. Exhibit 1 is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of this Contract.

PSC-24. Best Terms

Throughout the term of this Contract, **CONTRACTOR**, shall offer **CITY** the best terms, prices, and discounts that are offered to any of **CONTRACTOR’S** customers for similar goods and services provided under this Contract.

PSC-25. Warranty and Responsibility of Contractor

CONTRACTOR warrants that the work performed hereunder shall be completed in a manner consistent with professional standards practiced among those firms within **CONTRACTOR'S** profession, doing the same or similar work under the same or similar circumstances.

PSC-26. Mandatory Provisions Pertaining to Non-Discrimination in Employment

Unless otherwise exempt, this Contract is subject to the applicable non-discrimination, equal benefits, equal employment practices, and affirmative action program provisions in LAAC Section 10.8 et seq., as amended from time to time.

- A. **CONTRACTOR** shall comply with the applicable non-discrimination and affirmative action provisions of the laws of the United States of America, the State of California, and **CITY**. In performing this Contract, **CONTRACTOR** shall not discriminate in any of its hiring or employment practices against any employee or applicant for employment because of such person's race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, age, disability, domestic partner status, marital status or medical condition.
- B. The requirements of Section 10.8.2.1 of the LAAC, the Equal Benefits Ordinance, and the provisions of Section 10.8.2.1(f) are incorporated and made a part of this Contract by reference.
- C. The provisions of Section 10.8.3 of the LAAC are incorporated and made a part of this Contract by reference and will be known as the "Equal Employment Practices" provisions of this Contract.
- D. The provisions of Section 10.8.4 of the LAAC are incorporated and made a part of this Contract by reference and will be known as the "Affirmative Action Program" provisions of this Contract.

Any subcontract entered into by **CONTRACTOR** for work to be performed under this Contract must include an identical provision.

PSC-27. Child Support Assignment Orders

CONTRACTOR shall comply with the Child Support Assignment Orders Ordinance, Section 10.10 of the LAAC, as amended from time to time. Pursuant to Section 10.10(b) of the LAAC, **CONTRACTOR** shall fully comply with all applicable State and Federal employment reporting requirements. Failure of **CONTRACTOR** to comply with all applicable reporting requirements or to implement lawfully served Wage and Earnings Assignment or Notices of Assignment, or the failure of any principal owner(s) of **CONTRACTOR** to comply with any Wage and Earnings Assignment or Notices of Assignment applicable to them personally, shall constitute a default by the **CONTRACTOR** under this Contract. Failure of **CONTRACTOR** or principal owner to cure

the default within 90 days of the notice of default will subject this Contract to termination for breach. Any subcontract entered into by **CONTRACTOR** for work to be performed under this Contract must include an identical provision.

PSC-28. Living Wage Ordinance

CONTRACTOR shall comply with the Living Wage Ordinance, LAAC Section 10.37 *et seq.*, as amended from time to time. **CONTRACTOR** further agrees that it shall comply with federal law proscribing retaliation for union organizing. Any subcontract entered into by **CONTRACTOR** for work to be performed under this Contract must include an identical provision.

PSC-29. Service Contractor Worker Retention Ordinance

CONTRACTOR shall comply with the Service Contractor Worker Retention Ordinance, LAAC Section 10.36 *et seq.*, as amended from time to time. Any subcontract entered into by **CONTRACTOR** for work to be performed under this Contract must include an identical provision.

PSC-30. Access and Accommodations

CONTRACTOR represents and certifies that:

- A. **CONTRACTOR** shall comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. Section 12101 *et seq.*, the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, 29 U.S.C. Section 701 *et seq.*, the Fair Housing Act, and its implementing regulations and any subsequent amendments, and California Government Code Section 11135;
- B. **CONTRACTOR** shall not discriminate on the basis of disability or on the basis of a person's relationship to, or association with, a person who has a disability;
- C. **CONTRACTOR** shall provide reasonable accommodation upon request to ensure equal access to **CITY**-funded programs, services and activities;
- D. Construction will be performed in accordance with the Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards (UFAS), 24 C.F.R. Part 40; and
- E. The buildings and facilities used to provide services under this Contract are in compliance with the federal and state standards for accessibility as set forth in the 2010 ADA Standards, California Title 24, Chapter 11, or other applicable federal and state law.

CONTRACTOR understands that **CITY** is relying upon these certifications and representations as a condition to funding this Contract. Any subcontract entered into by **CONTRACTOR** for work to be performed under this Contract must include an identical provision.

PSC-31. Contractor Responsibility Ordinance

CONTRACTOR shall comply with the Contractor Responsibility Ordinance, LAAC Section 10.40 *et seq.*, as amended from time to time.

PSC-32. Business Inclusion Program

Unless otherwise exempted prior to bid submission, **CONTRACTOR** shall comply with all aspects of the Business Inclusion Program as described in the Request for Proposal/Qualification process, throughout the duration of this Contract. **CONTRACTOR** shall utilize the Business Assistance Virtual Network ("BAVN") at <https://www.labavn.org/>, to perform and document outreach to Minority, Women, and Other Business Enterprises. **CONTRACTOR** shall perform subcontractor outreach activities through BAVN. **CONTRACTOR** shall not change any of its designated Subcontractors or pledged specific items of work to be performed by these Subcontractors, nor shall **CONTRACTOR** reduce their level of effort, without prior written approval of **CITY**.

PSC-33. Slavery Disclosure Ordinance

CONTRACTOR shall comply with the Slavery Disclosure Ordinance, LAAC Section 10.41 *et seq.*, as amended from time to time. Any subcontract entered into by **CONTRACTOR** for work to be performed under this Contract must include an identical provision.

PSC-34. First Source Hiring Ordinance

CONTRACTOR shall comply with the First Source Hiring Ordinance, LAAC Section 10.44 *et seq.*, as amended from time to time. Any subcontract entered into by **CONTRACTOR** for work to be performed under this Contract must include an identical provision.

PSC-35. Local Business Preference Ordinance

CONTRACTOR shall comply with the Local Business Preference Ordinance, LAAC Section 10.47 *et seq.*, as amended from time to time. Any subcontract entered into by **CONTRACTOR** for work to be performed under this Contract must include an identical provision.

PSC-36. Iran Contracting Act

In accordance with California Public Contract Code Sections 2200-2208, all contractors entering into, or renewing contracts with **CITY** for goods and services estimated at \$1,000,000 or more are required to complete, sign, and submit the "Iran Contracting Act of 2010 Compliance Affidavit."

PSC-37. Restrictions on Campaign Contributions and Fundraising in City Elections

Unless otherwise exempt, if this Contract is valued at \$100,000 or more and requires approval by an elected **CITY** office, **CONTRACTOR**, **CONTRACTOR'S** principals, and **CONTRACTOR'S** Subcontractors expected to receive at least \$100,000 for performance under the Contract, and the principals of those Subcontractors (the "Restricted Persons")

shall comply with Charter Section 470(c)(12) and LAMC Section 49.7.35. Failure to comply entitles **CITY** to terminate this Contract and to pursue all available legal remedies. Charter Section 470(c)(12) and LAMC Section 49.7.35 limit the ability of the Restricted Persons to make campaign contributions to and engage in fundraising for certain elected **CITY** officials or candidates for elected **CITY** office for twelve months after this Contract is signed. Additionally, a **CONTRACTOR** subject to Charter Section 470(c)(12) is required to comply with disclosure requirements by submitting a completed and signed Ethics Commission Form 55 and to amend the information in that form as specified by law. Any **CONTRACTOR** subject to Charter Section 470(c)(12) shall include the following notice in any contract with any Subcontractor expected to receive at least \$100,000 for performance under this Contract:

“Notice Regarding Restrictions on Campaign Contributions and Fundraising
in City Elections

You are a subcontractor on City of Los Angeles Contract #_____. Pursuant to the City of Los Angeles Charter Section 470(c)(12) and related ordinances, you and your principals are prohibited from making campaign contributions to and fundraising for certain elected City of Los Angeles (“**CITY**”) officials and candidates for elected **CITY** office for twelve months after the **CITY** contract is signed. You are required to provide the names and contact information of your principals to the **CONTRACTOR** and to amend that information within ten business days if it changes during the twelve month time period. Failure to comply may result in termination of this Contract and any other available legal remedies. Information about the restrictions may be found online at ethics.lacity.org or by calling the Los Angeles City Ethics Commission at (213) 978-1960.”

PSC-38. Contractors’ Use of Criminal History for Consideration of Employment Applications

CONTRACTOR shall comply with the City Contractors’ Use of Criminal History for Consideration of Employment Applications Ordinance, LAAC Section 10.48 *et seq.*, as amended from time to time. Any subcontract entered into by **CONTRACTOR** for work to be performed under this Contract must include an identical provision.

PSC-39. Limitation of City’s Obligation to Make Payment to Contractor

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Contract, including any exhibits or attachments incorporated therein, and in order for **CITY** to comply with its governing legal requirements, **CITY** shall have no obligation to make any payments to **CONTRACTOR** unless **CITY** shall have first made an appropriation of funds equal to or in excess of its obligation to make any payments as provided in this Contract. **CONTRACTOR** agrees that any services provided by **CONTRACTOR**, purchases made by **CONTRACTOR** or expenses incurred by **CONTRACTOR** in excess of the appropriation(s) shall be free and without charge to **CITY** and **CITY** shall have no obligation to pay for the services, purchases or expenses. **CONTRACTOR** shall have no obligation to provide any services,

provide any equipment or incur any expenses in excess of the appropriated amount(s) until **CITY** appropriates additional funds for this Contract.

PSC-40. Compliance with Identity Theft Laws and Payment Card Data Security Standards

CONTRACTOR shall comply with all identity theft laws including without limitation, laws related to: (1) payment devices; (2) credit and debit card fraud; and (3) the Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act ("FACTA"), including its requirement relating to the content of transaction receipts provided to Customers. **CONTRACTOR** also shall comply with all requirements related to maintaining compliance with Payment Card Industry Data Security Standards ("PCI DSS"). During the performance of any service to install, program or update payment devices equipped to conduct credit or debit card transactions, including PCI DSS services, **CONTRACTOR** shall verify proper truncation of receipts in compliance with FACTA.

PSC-41. Compliance with California Public Resources Code Section 5164

California Public Resources Code Section 5164 prohibits a public agency from hiring a person for employment or as a volunteer to perform services at any park, playground, or community center used for recreational purposes in a position that has supervisory or disciplinary authority over any minor, if the person has been convicted of certain crimes as referenced in the Penal Code, and articulated in California Public Resources Code Section 5164(a)(2).

If applicable, **CONTRACTOR** shall comply with California Public Resources Code Section 5164, and shall additionally adhere to all rules and regulations that have been adopted or that may be adopted by **CITY**. **CONTRACTOR** is required to have all employees, volunteers and Subcontractors (including all employees and volunteers of any Subcontractor) of **CONTRACTOR** working on premises to pass a fingerprint and background check through the California Department of Justice at **CONTRACTOR'S** sole expense, indicating that such individuals have never been convicted of certain crimes as referenced in the Penal Code and articulated in California Public Resources Code Section 5164(a)(2), if the individual will have supervisory or disciplinary authority over any minor.

PSC-42. Possessory Interests Tax

Rights granted to **CONTRACTOR** by **CITY** may create a possessory interest. **CONTRACTOR** agrees that any possessory interest created may be subject to California Revenue and Taxation Code Section 107.6 and a property tax may be levied on that possessory interest. If applicable, **CONTRACTOR** shall pay the property tax. **CONTRACTOR** acknowledges that the notice required under California Revenue and Taxation Code Section 107.6 has been provided.

PSC-43. Confidentiality

All documents, information and materials provided to **CONTRACTOR** by **CITY** or developed by **CONTRACTOR** pursuant to this Contract (collectively "Confidential Information") are confidential. **CONTRACTOR** shall not provide or disclose any Confidential Information or their contents or any information therein, either orally or in writing, to any person or entity, except as authorized by **CITY** or as required by law. **CONTRACTOR** shall immediately notify **CITY** of any attempt by a third party to obtain access to any Confidential Information. This provision will survive expiration or termination of this Contract.

EXHIBIT 1

INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION ON COMPLYING WITH CITY INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

(Share this information with your insurance agent or broker)

1. **Agreement/Reference** All evidence of insurance should identify the nature of your business with the **CITY**. Clearly show any assigned number of a bid, contract, lease, permit, etc. or give the project name and the job site or street address to ensure that your submission will be properly credited. Provide the **types of coverage and minimum dollar amounts** specified on the Required Insurance and Minimum Limits sheet (Form Gen. 146) as determined in writing by the CAO-RM.

2. **When to submit** Normally, no work may begin until a **CITY** insurance certificate approval number ("CA number") has been obtained, so insurance documents should be submitted as early as practicable. For **As-needed Contracts**, insurance need not be submitted until a specific job has been awarded. **Design Professionals** coverage for new construction work may be submitted simultaneously with final plans and drawings, but before construction commences.

Submitting your documents. **Track4LA®** is the **CITY'S** online insurance compliance system and is designed to make the experience of submitting and retrieving insurance information quick and easy. The system is designed to be used by insurance brokers and agents as they submit client insurance certificates directly to the **CITY**. It uses the standard insurance industry form known as the **ACORD 25 Certificate of Liability Insurance** in electronic format. **Track4LA®** advantages include standardized, universally accepted forms, paperless approval transactions (24 hours, 7 days per week), and security checks and balances. The easiest and quickest way to obtain approval of your insurance is to have your insurance broker or agent access **Track4LA®** at <http://track4la.lacity.org> and follow the instructions to register and submit the appropriate proof of insurance on your behalf.

Insurance industry certificates other than the ACORD 25 may be accepted, however ***submissions other than through Track4LA® will significantly delay the insurance approval process as documents will have to be manually processed.*** **CONTRACTOR must provide CITY** a thirty day notice of cancellation (ten days for non-payment of premium) AND an Additional Insured Endorsement naming the **CITY** an additional insured completed by your insurance company or its designee. If the policy includes an automatic or blanket additional insured endorsement, the Certificate must state the **CITY** is an automatic or blanket additional insured. An endorsement naming the **CITY** an Additional Named Insured and Loss Payee as Its Interests May Appear is required on property policies. All evidence of insurance must be authorized by a person with authority to bind coverage, whether that is the authorized agent/broker or insurance underwriter. Completed **Insurance Industry Certificates other than ACORD 25 Certificates** are sent electronically to CAO.insurance.bonds@lacity.org.

Additional Insured Endorsements DO NOT apply to the following:

- Indication of compliance with statute, such as Workers' Compensation Law.
- Professional Liability insurance.

Verification of approved insurance and bonds may be obtained by checking **Track4LA®**, the **CITY'S** online insurance compliance system, at <http://track4la.lacity.org>.

4. **Renewal** When an existing policy is renewed, have your insurance broker or agent submit a new Acord 25 Certificate or edit the existing Acord 25 Certificate through **Track4LA®** at <http://track4la.lacity.org>.

5. **Alternative Programs/Self-Insurance** Risk financing mechanisms such as Risk Retention Groups, Risk Purchasing Groups, off-shore carriers, captive insurance programs and self-insurance programs are subject to separate approval after the **CITY** has reviewed the relevant audited financial statements. To initiate a review of your program, you should complete the Applicant's Declaration of Self Insurance form (<http://cao.lacity.org/risk/InsuranceForms.htm>) to the CAO-RM for consideration.

6. **General Liability** insurance covering your operations (and products, where applicable) is required whenever the **CITY** is at risk of third-party claims which may arise out of your work or your presence or special event on City premises. **Sexual Misconduct** coverage is a required coverage when the work performed involves minors. **Fire Legal Liability** is required for persons occupying a portion of **CITY** premises. Information on two **CITY** insurance programs, the SPARTA program, an optional source of low-cost insurance which meets the most minimum requirements, and the Special Events Liability Insurance Program, which provides liability coverage for short-term special events on **CITY** premises or streets, is available at (www.2sparta.com), or by calling (800) 420-0555.

7. **Automobile Liability** insurance is required only when vehicles are used in performing the work of your Contract or when they are driven off-road on **CITY** premises; it is not required for simple commuting unless **CITY** is paying mileage. However, compliance with California law requiring auto liability insurance is a contractual requirement.

8. **Errors and Omissions** coverage will be specified on a project-by-project basis if you are working as a licensed or other professional. The length of the claims discovery period required will vary with the circumstances of the individual job.

9. **Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability** insurance are not required for single-person contractors. However, under state law these coverages (or a copy of the state's Consent To Self Insure) must be provided if you have any employees at any time during the period of this contract. Contractors with no employees must complete a Request for Waiver of Workers' Compensation Insurance Requirement (<http://cao.lacity.org/risk/InsuranceForms.htm>). A Waiver of Subrogation on the coverage is required only for jobs where your employees are working on **CITY** premises under hazardous conditions, e.g., uneven terrain, scaffolding, caustic chemicals, toxic materials, power tools, etc. The Waiver of Subrogation waives the insurer's right to recover (from the **CITY**) any workers' compensation paid to an injured employee of the contractor.

10. **Property** insurance is required for persons having exclusive use of premises or equipment owned or controlled by the **CITY**. **Builder's Risk/Course of Construction** is required during construction projects and should include building materials in transit and stored at the project site.

11. **Surety** coverage may be required to guarantee performance of work and payment to vendors and suppliers. A **Crime Policy** may be required to handle **CITY** funds or securities, and under certain other conditions. **Specialty coverages** may be needed for certain operations. For assistance in obtaining the **CITY** required bid, performance and payment surety bonds, please see the City of Los Angeles Bond Assistance Program website address at <http://cao.lacity.org/risk/BondAssistanceProgram.pdf> or call (213) 258-3000 for more information.

12. **Cyber Liability & Privacy** coverage may be required to cover technology services or products for both liability and property losses that may result when a **CITY** contractor engages in various electronic activities, such as selling on the Internet or collecting data within its internal electronic network. **CONTRACTOR'S** policies shall cover liability for a data breach in which the **CITY** employees' and/or **CITY** customers' confidential or personal information, such as but not limited to, Social Security or credit card information are exposed or stolen by a hacker or other criminal who has gained access to the **CITY'S** or **CONTRACTOR'S** electronic network. The policies shall cover a variety of expenses associated with data breaches, including: notification costs, credit monitoring, costs to defend claims by state regulators, fines and penalties, and loss resulting from identity theft. The policies are required to cover liability arising from website media content, as well as property exposures from: (a) business interruption, (b) data loss/destruction, (c) computer fraud, (d) funds transfer loss, and (e) cyber extortion.

Required Insurance and Minimum Limits

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Evidence of coverages checked below, with the specified minimum limits, must be submitted and approved prior to occupancy/start of operations. Amounts shown are Combined Single Limits ("CSLs"). For Automobile Liability, split limits may be substituted for a CSL if the total per occurrence equals or exceeds the CSL amount.

Limits

☒ **Workers' Compensation (WC) and Employer's Liability (EL)**

WC StatutoryEL 1,000,000☐ Waiver of Subrogation in favor of City☐ Longshore & Harbor Workers☐ Jones Act

☒ **General Liability** \$1,000,000 per occurrence/\$2,000,000 aggregate

1,000,000☒ Products/Completed Operations☐ Sexual Misconduct☐ Fire Legal Liability☐

☐ **Automobile Liability** (for any and all vehicles used for this contract, other than commuting to/from work)

☒ **Professional Liability** (Errors and Omissions)

1,000,000Discovery Period 12 month extended reporting period

☐ **Property Insurance** (to cover replacement cost of building - as determined by insurance company)

☐ All Risk Coverage☐ Boiler and Machinery☐ Flood☐ Builder's Risk☐ Earthquake☐

☐ **Pollution Liability**

☒ Automobile Liability must provide coverage for any occurrence arising from the transport of hazardous waste.

☐ **Surety Bonds - Performance and Payment (Labor and Materials) Bonds**

☐ **Crime Insurance**

Other: General Notes:

1. If a contractor has no employees and decides to not cover herself/himself for workers' compensation, please complete the form entitled "Request For Waiver Of Workers' Compensation Insurance Requirement" located at: <http://cao.lacity.org/risk/InsuranceForms.htm>

2. In the absence of imposed auto liability insurance requirements all contractors using vehicles during the course of their contract must adhere to the financial responsibility laws of the State of California.

ATTACHMENT No. 1

BUSINESS ASSOCIATE AGREEMENT (HIPAA)

**BUSINESS ASSOCIATE AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT
AND
ASERETH MEDICAL SERVICES, INC.
TO COMPLY WITH THE PRIVACY AND SECURITY RULES REQUIRED UNDER
THE HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT (HIPAA)
OF 1996**

This **Business Associate Agreement** (the "Agreement"), is made as of the ____ day of _____, 2018, (the "Effective Date"), by and between the Los Angeles Fire Department (the "LAFD" or "Covered Entity" or "CE"), on behalf of itself and its subsidiaries and affiliates, and Asereth Medical Services, Inc. (the "Business Associate" or "BA") (collectively the "Parties") to comply with the privacy and security standards required under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 ("HIPAA"), adopted by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and as amended January 25, 2013, [45 C.F.R. Parts 160, 162 and 164; Volume 78 Fed. Reg. No. 17, Pages 5566 through 5702, January 23, 2013] and, in order to satisfy the electronic storage requirements of the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act as incorporated in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (hereinafter referred to as "HITECH"), and any applicable state confidentiality laws.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, BA will provide services of a Pharmacist registered with the California State Board of Pharmacy who will procure, stock, store and dispense controlled medications from LAFD facilities as stipulated in Contract No. C-_____, the ("Contract");

WHEREAS the CE and BA have entered into the Contract under which the CE will need to disclose to BA certain "Protected Health Information" ("PHI") that is subject to protection under HIPAA and HITECH;

WHEREAS, HIPAA requires that CE receive adequate assurances that BA will comply with certain obligations with respect to the PHI received in the course of providing services to or on behalf of CE;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants herein, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the Parties agree as follows:

A. DEFINITIONS

Terms used in this Agreement, but not otherwise defined, shall have the meaning ascribed by the HIPAA Final Regulations and the HITECH Act, as amended as of January 23, 2013.

1. **Breach** means the acquisition, access, use, or disclosure of protected health information in a manner not permitted under subpart E of 45 C.F.R. Part 164.

2. **Business Associate** (“BA”) shall have the meaning ascribed in 45 C.F.R. § 160.103 and refers to Asereth Medical Services, Inc. for purposes of this Agreement.
3. **Contract** means Los Angeles City Contract Number C-_____ and all amendments by and between the City of Los Angeles (“City”) and Asereth Medical Services, Inc. which includes performing the activities related to providing services of a Pharmacist registered with the California State Board of Pharmacy who will procure, stock, store and dispense controlled medications from LAFD facilities.
4. **Covered Entity** (“CE”) means the Los Angeles Fire Department (“LAFD”), a Health Care Component of the City of Los Angeles, a Hybrid Entity.
5. **Designated Record Set** means a group of records maintained by or for a Covered Entity that are: (i) medical records about individuals maintained by or for a covered health care provider; (ii) the enrollment, payment, claims adjudication, and case or medical management record system maintained by or for a health plan; and/or (iii) used, in whole or in part, by or for the Covered Entity to make decisions about individuals. For purposes of this definition, the term “record” means any item, collection, or grouping of information that includes protected health information and is maintained, collected, used, or disseminated by or for a Covered Entity.
6. **Health Care Component** (“HCC”) means those portions of the Hybrid Entity that perform HIPAA-related activities. The LAFD became a HCC by the Los Angeles City Council action which adopted the recommendation of the Personnel Committee meeting on July 30, 2010 [Council File No. 10-1181] or as modified [Council File No. R3-0240; August 16, 2013].
7. **HITECH Act** (“HITECH”) means the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act, which is Title XIII of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, and any amendments, regulations, rules and guidance issued thereto and the relevant dates for compliance.
8. **HIPAA Final Regulations** means 45 C.F.R. Parts 160, 162 and 164 as amended on January 23, 2013 and effective on March 23, 2013 but only to the extent it applies to a Covered Entity, Hybrid Entity and/or Business Associate.
9. **Hybrid Entity** (“HE”) means, for purposes of this Agreement, the City of Los Angeles, a single legal municipal entity that is (i) a Covered Entity; (ii) whose business activities include both covered and non-covered HIPAA functions; and (iii) that has designated its LAFD, along with other portions of the City of Los Angeles, as a HHC pursuant to 45 C.F.R. § 160.103.

10. **Individual** means the person who is the subject of the Protected Health Information as defined in 45 C.F.R. § 160.103 and shall include a person who qualifies as a personal representative in accordance with 45 C.F.R. § 502(g).
11. **Protected Health Information** (“PHI”) means the Individually Identifiable Health Information (“IIHI”) described in 45 C.F.R. § 160.103 that is transmitted electronically, maintained electronically, or transmitted or maintained in any other form or medium.
12. **Required by Law** means mandate contained in law that compels a use or disclosure of PHI under 45 C.F.R. § 164.512(a)(1) and (2).
13. **Secretary** means the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services or their designee under 45 C.F.R. § 160.103.
14. **Security Incident** any use or disclosure of information not provided for by this “Agreement” of which the BA becomes aware, including breaches of unsecured protected health information as defined by 45 C.F.R. § 164.402.
15. **Subcontractor** means a person or entity that, creates, receives, maintains or transmits protected health information on behalf of the business associate. (45 C.F.R. 160.103(3)(iii))

B. DISCLOSURE OF PHI TO BUSINESS ASSOCIATE

In connection with the services provided by BA to or on behalf of CE, described in this Agreement, CE may disclose PHI to BA for the purpose of providing services of a Pharmacist registered with the California State Board of Pharmacy who will procure, stock, store and dispense controlled medications from LAFD facilities.

BA shall comply with its obligations under this Agreement and with all obligations of a BA under HIPAA, HITECH, and other related laws and any implementing regulations, as they exist at the time this Agreement is executed and as they are amended, for so long as this Agreement is in place. Specifically, the BA will comply with all the obligations and assume the liability for failure to do so as provided for in the Final Rules reflected in the Federal Register, Vol. 78, No. 17, commencing at Page 5677, dated, January 25, 2013 which implements among other things Section 13401 of HITECH.

C. OBLIGATIONS OF COVERED ENTITY

1. CE shall notify BA of any limitation(s) in its Notice of Privacy Practices of Covered Entity in accordance with 45 CRF §164.520, to the extent that such limitation may affect BA’s use or disclosure of PHI.

2. CE shall notify BA of any changes in, or revocation of, permission by Individual to use or disclose PHI, to the extent that such changes may affect BA's use or disclosure of PHI.
3. CE shall notify BA of any restriction to the use or disclosure of PHI that CE has agreed to in accordance with 45 CFR §164.522, to the extent that such restriction may affect BA's use or disclosure of PHI.
4. CE shall not request BA to use or disclose PHI in any manner that would not be permissible under HIPAA if done by CE. [45 C.F.R. § 164.504(e)(2)(i)]
5. CE will make a determination as to whether a use or disclosure of PHI by BA is a Breach within the meaning of 45 C.F.R. 164.402 necessitating notification under 45 C.F.R. 164.404, 164.406 and 164.408.

D. OBLIGATIONS OF BUSINESS ASSOCIATE

BA agrees to comply with applicable federal and state privacy and security laws, specifically the provisions of the HIPAA Administrative Simplification to the extent applicable to business associates.

1. Use and Disclosure of PHI. Except as otherwise permitted by this Agreement or applicable law, BA shall not use or disclose PHI other than as permitted or required by the Agreement or as Required By Law, except as necessary to provide services of a Pharmacist registered with the California State Board of Pharmacy who will procure, stock, store and dispense controlled medications from LAFD facilities as described in this Agreement and the Contract to or on behalf of the CE. These activities include a review of selected records and may include the transmitting or receiving of PHI, as may be required from time to time, to other business associates or covered entities on behalf of CE. BA shall not use or disclose PHI that would violate the HIPAA Rules if used or disclosed by CE. Provided, however, BA may use and disclose PHI as necessary for the proper management and administration of BA, or to carry out its legal responsibilities. BA shall in such cases:
 - (a) Provide information to members of its workforce suing or disclosing PHI regarding the confidentiality requirements of the HIPAA Final Rules and this Agreement;
 - (b) Obtain reasonable assurances from the person or entity to whom the PHI is disclosed that: (i) the PHI will be held confidential and further used and disclosed only as Required by Law or for the purpose for which it was disclosed to the person or entity; and (ii) the person or entity will notify BA of any instances of which it is aware in which confidentiality of the PHI has been breached;

(c) Notification to Covered Entity. Agree to notify the designated Privacy Officer of CE of any instances of which it is aware in which the PHI is used or disclosed for a purpose that is not otherwise provided for in this Agreement or for a purpose not expressly permitted by the HIPAA Rules within 72 hours of discovery of the improper use or disclosure. The determination as to whether a use or disclosure for a purpose not provided for by this Agreement is a Breach within the meaning of 45 C.F.R. 164.402 shall be determined by the CE using the criteria determined in 45 C.F.R. 164.402 (2)(i)-(iv) after BA notifies CE of the use or disclosure of the PHI;

(d) Breach Notification. BA agrees to follow 45 C.F.R.164.410 after first notifying CE of the use or disclosure not provided by this Agreement and CE makes a determination that a breach has occurred pursuant to paragraph C(5) of this Agreement; and

(e) For purposes of the Breach Notification provision in 45 C.F.R. 164.410, BA in this Agreement is not the agent of CE.

2. Data Aggregation. In the event that BA works for more than one covered entity, BA is not permitted to use and disclose PHI for data aggregation purposes, however, only in order to analyze data for permitted health care operations, and only to the extent that such use is permitted under the HIPAA Administrative Simplification.
3. De-identified Information. BA may use and disclose de-identified health information if (i) the use is disclosed to CE in writing and permitted in writing by CE in its sole discretion and (ii) the de-identification is in compliance with 45 CFR §164.502(d), and the de-identified health information meets the standard and implementation specifications for de-identification under 45 CFR §164.514(a) and (b).
4. Safeguards. BA shall maintain appropriate safeguards to ensure that PHI is not used or disclosed other than as provided by this Agreement or as required by law. BA shall implement administrative, physical and technical safeguards that reasonably and appropriately protect the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of any electronic PHI it creates, receives, maintains, or transmits on behalf of CE.
5. Minimum Necessary. BA shall attempt to ensure that all uses and disclosures of PHI which pertain to the billing or operations of the CE are subject to the principle of “minimum necessary use and disclosure,” i.e., that only PHI that is the minimum necessary to accomplish the intended purpose of the use, disclosure, or request is used or disclosed.
6. Disclosure to Agents and Subcontractors. If BA discloses PHI received from CE, to agents, including a subcontractor, BA shall require the agent or subcontractor to agree to the same restrictions and conditions as apply to BA

under this Agreement. BA shall ensure that any agent, including a subcontractor, agrees to implement reasonable and appropriate safeguards to protect the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of the PHI that it creates, receives, maintains, or transmits on behalf of the CE. BA shall be liable to CE for any acts, failures or omissions of the agent or subcontractor in providing the services as if they were BA's own acts, failures or omissions, to the extent permitted by law. BA further expressly warrants that its agents or subcontractors will be specifically advised of, and will comply in all respects with, the terms of this Agreement.

7. Individual Rights Regarding Designated Record Sets. If BA maintains a Designated Record Set on behalf of CE, BA agrees as follows:
- (a) Individual Right to Copy or Inspection. BA agrees that if it maintains a Designated Record Set for CE that is not maintained by CE, it will, in the event any Individual delivers directly to BA a request for access to PHI, in order for CE to respond to such Individual, forward such request to CE in order to meet the requirements of 45 CFR §164.524(a)(1). Under the HIPAA Final Rules, CE is required to take action on such requests as soon as possible, but not later than 30 days following receipt of the request. [45 C.F.R. § 164.524(b)(2).] BA agrees to make reasonable efforts to assist CE in meeting this deadline. The information shall be provided in the form or format requested if it is readily producible in such form or format; or in summary, if the Individual has agreed in advance to accept the information in summary form. A reasonable, cost-based fee for copying health information may be charged. If CE maintains the requested records, CE, rather than BA shall permit access according to its policies and procedures implementing the HIPAA Administrative Simplification.
- (b) Individual Right to Amendment. BA agrees, if it maintains PHI in a Designated Record Set, to make the Designated Record Set available to CE for amendments to PHI pursuant to 45 CFR §164.526.
- (c) Accounting of Disclosures. BA agrees to maintain documentation of the information required to provide an accounting of disclosures of PHI in accordance with 45 CFR §164.528, and to make this information available to CE upon CE's request, in order to allow CE to respond to an Individual's request for accounting of disclosures. Under the HIPAA Final Rules, CE is required to take action on such requests as soon as possible but not later than 60 days following receipt of the request. BA agrees to use its best efforts to assist CE in meeting this deadline. Such accounting must be provided without cost to the individual or CE if it is the first accounting requested by an individual within any 12 month period; however, a reasonable, cost-based fee may be charged for subsequent accountings if BA informs the CE in advance of the fee and is afforded an opportunity to withdraw or modify the request. Such accounting is limited to disclosures that were made in the **six (6)** years prior to the request (not including disclosures prior to the compliance date of the HIPAA Administrative Simplification and shall be provided for as long as BA maintains the PHI.

8. Internal Practices, Policies and Procedures. Except as otherwise specified herein, BA shall make available its internal practices, policies and procedures relating to the use and disclosure of PHI, received from or on behalf of CE to the Secretary or his or her agents for the purpose of determining CE's compliance with the HIPAA Rules, or any other health oversight agency, or to CE. Records requested that are not protected by an applicable legal privilege will be made available in the time and manner specified by CE or the Secretary.
9. Notice of Privacy Practices. BA shall abide by the limitations of CE's Notice of which it has knowledge. Any use or disclosure permitted by this Agreement may be amended by changes to CE's Notice; provided, however, that the amended Notice shall not affect permitted uses and disclosures on which BA relied prior to receiving notice of such amended Notice.
10. Withdrawal of Authorization. If the use or disclosure of PHI in this Agreement is based upon an Individual's specific authorization for the use or disclosure of his or her PHI, and the Individual revokes such authorization, the effective date of such authorization has expired, or such authorization is found to be defective in any manner that renders it invalid, BA shall, if it has notice of such revocation, expiration, or invalidity, cease the use and disclosure of the Individual's PHI except to the extent it has relied on such use or disclosure, of if an exception under the HIPAA Administrative Simplification expressly applies.
11. Knowledge of HIPAA Rules. BA agrees to review and understand the HIPAA Rules as it applies to BA, and to comply with the applicable requirements of the HIPAA Rule, as well as any applicable amendments.
12. Security Incident. BA agrees to immediately report to the CE any security incident of which BA becomes aware within 72 hours of discovery of the security incident.

E. TERM AND TERMINATION

1. Term. The Term of this Agreement shall be effective as of the Effective Date of the Contract, and shall terminate when all of the PHI provided by CE to BA, or created or received by BA on behalf of CE, is destroyed or returned to CE, or, if it is infeasible to return or destroy PHI, protections are extended to such information, in accordance with the termination provisions in this Section.
2. Termination for Cause. Upon CE's knowledge of a material breach by BA, CE shall either:
 - (a) Provide an opportunity for BA to cure the breach or end the violation and terminate this Agreement and the Contract if BA does not cure the breach or end the violation within the time specified by CE;

(b) Immediately terminate this Agreement and the Contract if BA has breached a material term of this Agreement and cure is not possible; or

(c) If neither termination nor cure is feasible, CE shall report the violation to the Secretary.

3. Effect of Termination.

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, upon termination of this Agreement, for any reason, BA shall return or destroy all PHI received from CE, or created or received by BA on behalf of CE. This provision shall apply to PHI that is in the possession of subcontractors or agents of BA. BA shall retain no copies of the PHI and shall confirm, in writing, to the CE that all PHI has been returned to the CE or destroyed and, state the method of destruction.

(b) In the event that BA determines that returning or destroying the PHI is infeasible, BA shall provide to CE written notification of the conditions that make return or destruction infeasible. Upon discovering that return or destruction of PHI is infeasible, BA shall extend the protections of this Agreement to such PHI and limit further uses and disclosures of such PHI to those purposes that make the return or destruction infeasible, for so long as BA maintains such PHI.

F. MISCELLANEOUS

1. Indemnification.

(a) To the extent permitted by law, BA agrees to indemnify and hold harmless CE from and against all claims, demands, liabilities, judgments or causes of action of any nature for any relief, elements of recovery or damages recognized by law (including, without limitation, attorney's fees, defense costs, and equitable relief), for any damage or loss incurred by CE arising out of, resulting from, or attributable to any acts or omissions or other conduct of BA or its agents in connection with the performance of BA's or its agents' and/or subcontractor's duties under this Agreement. This indemnity shall not be construed to limit CE's rights, if any, to common law indemnity.

(b) CE shall have the option, at its sole discretion, to employ attorneys selected by it to defend any such action described in F(1)(a) above, the costs and expenses of which shall be the responsibility of BA. CE shall provide BA with timely notice of the existence of such proceedings and such information, documents and other cooperation as reasonably necessary to assist BA in establishing a defense to such action.

(c) These indemnities shall survive termination of this Agreement, and CE reserves the right, at its option and expense, to participate in the defense of any suit or proceeding through counsel of its own choosing.

2. Mitigation. If BA violates this Agreement or the HIPAA Rules, BA agrees to mitigate any damage caused by such breach, and bear any such related costs.
3. Rights of Proprietary Information. CE retains any and all rights to the proprietary information, confidential information, and PHI it releases to BA.
4. Survival. The respective rights and obligations of BA under Section (Effect of Termination) of this Agreement shall survive the termination of this Agreement.
5. Notices. Any notices pertaining to this Agreement shall be given in writing and shall be deemed duly given when personally delivered to a Party or a Party's authorized representatives as listed below or sent by means of a reputable overnight carrier, or sent by means of certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid. A notice sent by certified mail shall be deemed given on the date of receipt or refusal of receipt. All notices shall be addressed to the appropriate Party as follows:

If to Covered Entity:

Ralph Terrazas, Fire Chief
Los Angeles Fire Department
200 North Main Street, Room 1800
Los Angeles, California 90012
(213) 978-3838
(213) 978-3814 Fax

And:

Jenny Park, Fire Administrator
Los Angeles Fire Department
200 North Main Street, Room 1630
Los Angeles, California 90012
(213) 978-3731
(213) 978-3414 Fax

If to Business Associate:

Asereth Medical Services, Inc.
Theresa A. Taylor, Pharm. D.
Chief Executive Officer and Director of Operations
257 South Fair Oaks Avenue, Suite 200
Pasadena, California 91105-2050
(626) 449-0099
(626) 449-7388 Fax

6. Amendments. This Agreement may not be changed or modified in any manner except by an instrument in writing signed by a duly authorized officer of each of the Parties hereto. The Parties, however, agree to amend this Agreement from time to time as necessary, in order to allow CE to comply with the requirements of the HIPAA Rules.
7. Choice of Law. This Agreement and the rights and the obligations of the Parties hereunder shall be governed by and construed under the laws of the State of California, without regard to applicable conflict of laws principles.
8. Assignment of Rights and Delegation of Duties. This Agreement is binding upon and inures to the benefit of the Parties hereto and their respective successors and permitted assigns. However, neither party may assign any of its rights or delegate any of its obligations under this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other Party, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed. Notwithstanding any provisions to the contrary; however, CE retains the right to assign or delegate any of its rights or obligations hereunder to any City department or office in a manner consistent with the HIPAA Rules. Assignments made in violation of this provision are null and void.
9. Nature of Agreement. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to create (i) a partnership, joint venture or other joint business relationship between the Parties or any of their affiliates, (ii) any fiduciary duty owed by one Party to another party or any of its affiliates, or (iii) a relationship of employer and employee between the Parties.
10. No Waiver. Failure or delay on the part of either Party to exercise any right, power, privilege or remedy hereunder shall not constitute a waiver thereof. No provision of this Agreement may be waived by either Party except by a writing signed by an authorized representative of the Party making the waiver.
11. Equitable Relief. Any disclosure of misappropriation of PHI by BA in violation of this Agreement will cause CE irreparable harm, the amount of which may be difficult to ascertain. BA therefore agrees that CE shall have the right to apply to a court of competent jurisdiction for specific performance and/or an order restraining and enjoining BA from any such further disclosure or breach, and for such other relief as CE shall deem appropriate. Such rights are in addition to any other remedies available to CE at law or in equity. BA expressly waives the defense that a remedy in damages will be adequate, and further waives any requirement in an action for specific performance or injunction for the posting of a bond by CE.
12. Severability. The provisions of this Agreement shall be severable, and if any provision of this Agreement shall be held or declared to be illegal, invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this Agreement shall continue in full force and effect as though such illegal, invalid or unenforceable provision had not been contained herein.

13. No Third Party Beneficiaries. Nothing in this Agreement shall be considered or construed as conferring any right or benefit on a person not party to this Agreement nor imposing any obligations on either Party hereto to persons not a party to this Agreement.
14. Headings. The descriptive headings of the articles, sections, subsections of this Agreement are inserted for convenience only, do not constitute a part of this Agreement and shall not affect in any way the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement.
15. Interpretation. Any ambiguity in this Agreement shall be resolved in favor of a meaning that permits CE to comply with the HIPAA rules and any applicable state confidentiality laws. The provisions of this Agreement shall prevail over the provisions of any other agreement that exists between the Parties that may conflict with, or appear inconsistent with, any provision of this Agreement or the HIPAA Rules.
16. Regulatory References. A citation in this Agreement to the Code of Federal Regulations shall mean the cited section as that section may be amended from time to time.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this Agreement to be executed by their respective duly authorized representatives.

THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES

By: _____
RALPH M. TERRAZAS
Fire Chief

Date: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
MICHAEL N. FEUER, City Attorney

By: _____
Judith Thompson
Deputy City Attorney

Date: _____

ATTEST:
HOLLY L. WOLCOTT, City Clerk

By: _____
Deputy City Clerk

Date: _____

**ASERETH MEDICAL SERVICES, INC.,
a California Corporation**

By*: _____
THERESA A. TAYLOR, PHARM. D.
Chief Executive Officer

Date: _____

By**: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

NOTE: If Contractor is a corporation, two signatures are required.

* The signature of President, Chairman of the Board, or Vice President is required here; and
** an additional signature of Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Chief Financial Officer, or Assistant Treasurer is also required for the Corporation.

City Business Tax Registration Certificate Number: 0000005786-0001-9

Internal Revenue Service ID Number: 95-4301454

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