

***SAMPLE CONTRACT***

**COUNTY OF SISKIYOU**

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**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF SISKIYOU AND  
(CONSULTANT NAME)**

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**1. INTRODUCTION**

- A. This contract is between the following named, hereinafter referred to as, CONSULTANT and the following named, hereinafter referred to as, LOCAL AGENCY:

The name of the “CONSULTANT” is as follows:

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Incorporated in the State of California

The Project Manager for the “CONSULTANT” will be: *(NAME)*

The name of the “LOCAL AGENCY” is as follows:

**County of Siskiyou**

The Contract Administrator for LOCAL AGENCY will be *(NAME)*

- B. The work to be performed under this contract is described in Article II entitled Statement of Services and the approved CONSULTANT’s Cost Proposal dated *(DATE)*. The approved CONSULTANT’s Cost Proposal is attached hereto *(Attachment Name)* and incorporated by reference. If there is any conflict between the approved Cost Proposal and this contract, this contract shall take precedence.
- C. CONSULTANT agrees to indemnify and hold harmless LOCAL AGENCY, its officers, agents, and employees from any and all claims, demands, costs, or liability arising from or connected with the services provided hereunder due to negligent acts, errors, or omissions of CONSULTANT. CONSULTANT will reimburse LOCAL AGENCY for any expenditure, including reasonable attorney fees, incurred by LOCAL AGENCY in defending against claims ultimately determined to be due to negligent acts, errors, or omissions of CONSULTANT.
- D. CONSULTANT and the agents and employees of CONSULTANT, in the performance of this contract, shall act in an independent capacity and not as officers or employees or agents of LOCAL AGENCY.
- E. Without the written consent of LOCAL AGENCY, this contract is not assignable by CONSULTANT either in whole or in part.

- F. No alteration or variation of the terms of this contract shall be valid, unless made in writing and signed by the parties hereto; and no oral understanding or agreement not incorporated herein, shall be binding on any of the parties hereto.
- G. The consideration to be paid to CONSULTANT as provided herein, shall be in compensation for all of CONSULTANT's expenses incurred in the performance hereof, including travel and per diem, unless otherwise expressly so provided.

**2. STATEMENT OF WORK**

- A. See the "Scope of Services" in the associated Request for Proposals, dated (*DATE*).

**3. CONSULTANT'S REPORTS OR MEETINGS**

- A. CONSULTANT shall submit progress reports at least once a month. The report should be sufficiently detailed for the Contract Administrator to determine, if CONSULTANT is performing expectations, or is on schedule; to provide communication of interim findings, and to sufficiently address any difficulties or special problems encountered, so remedies can be developed.
- B. CONSULTANT's Project Manager shall meet with LOCAL AGENCY's Contract Administrator, as needed, to discuss progress on the contract.

**4. PERFORMANCE PERIOD**

- A. This contract shall go into effect on (*DATE*) contingent upon approval by LOCAL AGENCY, and CONSULTANT shall commence work after notification to proceed by LOCAL AGENCY'S Contract Administrator. The contract shall end on (*DATE*), unless extended by contract amendment.
- B. CONSULTANT is advised that any recommendation for contract award is not binding on LOCAL AGENCY until the contract is fully executed and approved by LOCAL AGENCY.

**5. ALLOWABLE COSTS AND PAYMENTS**

- A. CONSULTANT will be reimbursed for hours worked at the hourly rates specified in CONSULTANT's Cost Proposal (Attachment Number). The specified hourly rates shall include direct salary costs, employee benefits, overhead, and fee. These rates are not adjustable for the performance period set forth in this Contract.
- B. In addition, CONSULTANT will be reimbursed for incurred (actual) direct costs other than salary costs that are in the cost proposal and identified in the cost proposal.
- C. Reimbursement for transportation and subsistence costs shall not exceed the rates as specified in the approved Cost Proposal.
- D. Progress payments will be made monthly in arrears based on services provided and actual costs incurred.

- E. CONSULTANT shall not commence performance of work or services until this contract has been approved by LOCAL AGENCY, and notification to proceed has been issued by LOCAL AGENCY'S Contract Administrator. No payment will be made prior to approval or for any work performed prior to approval of this contract.
- F. CONSULTANT will be reimbursed, as promptly as fiscal procedures will permit upon receipt by LOCAL AGENCY'S Contract Administrator of itemized invoices. Separate invoices itemizing all costs are required for all work performed. Invoices shall be submitted no later than 45 calendar days after the performance of work for which CONSULTANT is billing. Invoices shall detail the work performed. Invoices shall follow the format stipulated for the approved Cost Proposal and shall reference this contract number, project title.

(NAME OF LOCAL AGENCY/ NAME OF CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR)  
(ADDRESS)

- G. If the Consultant fails to satisfactorily complete a deliverable according to the schedule set forth, no payment will be made until the deliverable has been satisfactorily completed.
- H. The total amount payable by LOCAL AGENCY for all work resulting from this contract shall not exceed \$ (Amount).

## **6. TERMINATION**

- A. LOCAL AGENCY reserves the right to terminate this contract upon thirty (30) calendar days written notice to CONSULTANT.
- B. LOCAL AGENCY may terminate this contract with CONSULTANT should CONSULTANT fail to perform the covenants herein contained at the time and in the manner herein provided. In the event of such termination, LOCAL AGENCY may proceed with the work in any manner deemed proper by LOCAL AGENCY. If LOCAL AGENCY terminates this contract with CONSULTANT, LOCAL AGENCY shall pay CONSULTANT the sum due to CONSULTANT under this contract prior to termination, unless the cost of completion to LOCAL AGENCY exceeds the funds remaining in the contract. In which case the overage shall be deducted from any sum due CONSULTANT under this contract and the balance, if any, shall be paid to CONSULTANT upon demand. County may terminate this contract immediately upon oral notice should funding cease or be materially decreased. Should this contract be terminated, CONSULTANT shall provide LOCAL AGENCY with all finished and unfinished reports, data, studies, photographs, charts, electronic data, and other documents prepared by the CONSULTANT pursuant to this contract.

## **7. CONFIDENTIALITY OF DATA**

- A. All financial, statistical, personal, technical, or other data and information relative to LOCAL AGENCY's operations, which are designated confidential by LOCAL AGENCY and made available to CONSULTANT in order to carry out this contract, shall be protected by CONSULTANT from unauthorized use and disclosure.
- B. Permission to disclose information on one occasion, or public hearing held by LOCAL

AGENCY relating to the contract, shall not authorize CONSULTANT to further disclose such information, or disseminate the same on any other occasion.

- C. CONSULTANT shall not comment publicly to the press or any other media regarding the contract or LOCAL AGENCY's actions on the same, except to LOCAL AGENCY's staff, CONSULTANT's own personnel involved in the performance of this contract, at public hearings or in response to questions from a Legislative committee.
- D. CONSULTANT shall not issue any news release or public relations item of any nature, whatsoever, regarding work performed or to be performed under this contract without prior review of the contents thereof by LOCAL AGENCY, and receipt of LOCAL AGENCY'S written permission.
- E. Any subcontract entered into as a result of this contract shall contain all of the provisions of this Article.
- F. All information related to the construction estimate is confidential, and shall not be disclosed by CONSULTANT to any entity other than LOCAL AGENCY.

#### **8. NONASSIGNMENT OF AGREEMENT**

- A. Inasmuch as this agreement is intended to secure the specialized services of CONSULTANT, CONSULTANT may not assign, transfer, delegate or sublet any interest herein without the prior written consent of County.

#### **9. FUNDING REQUIREMENTS**

- A. It is mutually understood between the parties that this contract may have been written before ascertaining the availability of funds or appropriation of funds, for the mutual benefit of both parties, in order to avoid program and fiscal delays that would occur if the contract were executed after that determination was made.
- B. This contract is valid and enforceable only, if sufficient funds are made available to LOCAL AGENCY for the purpose of this contract. In addition, this contract is subject to any additional restrictions, limitations, conditions, or any statute enacted by the Congress, State Legislature, or LOCAL AGENCY governing board that may affect the provisions, terms, or funding of this contract in any manner.
- C. It is mutually agreed that if sufficient funds are not appropriated, this contract may be amended to reflect any reduction in funds.
- D. LOCAL AGENCY has the option to void the contract under the 30-day termination clause pursuant to Section 6, or by mutual agreement to amend the contract to reflect any reduction of funds.

#### **10. COST PRINCIPLES AND ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS.**

- A. CONSULTANT agrees that the Contract Cost Principles and Procedures, 48 CFR, Federal Acquisition Regulations System, Chapter 1, Part 31.000 et seq., shall be used to

determine the cost allowability of individual items.

- B. CONSULTANT also agrees to comply with federal procedures in accordance with 2 CFR, Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards.
- C. Any costs for which payment has been made to CONSULTANT that are determined by subsequent audit to be unallowable under 2 CFR, Part 200 and 48 CFR, Federal Acquisition Regulations System, Chapter 1, Part 31.000 et seq., are subject to repayment by CONSULTANT to LOCAL AGENCY.
- D. All subcontracts in excess of \$25,000 shall contain the above provisions

## **11. RETENTION OF RECORDS/AUDIT**

- A. For the purpose of determining compliance with Public Contract Code 10115, et seq. and Title 21, California Code of Regulations, Chapter 21, Section 2500 et seq., when applicable and other matters connected with the performance of the contract pursuant to Government Code 8546.7; CONSULTANT, subconsultants, and LOCAL AGENCY shall maintain and make available for inspection all books, documents, papers, accounting records, and other evidence pertaining to the performance of the contract, including but not limited to, the costs of administering the contract. All parties shall make such materials available at their respective offices at all reasonable times during the contract period and for three years from the date of final payment under the contract. The state, State Auditor, LOCAL AGENCY, FHWA, or any duly authorized representative of the Federal Government shall have access to any books, records, and documents of CONSULTANT and its certified public accountants (CPA) work papers that are pertinent to the contract and indirect cost rates (ICR) for audit, examinations, excerpts, and transactions, and copies thereof shall be furnished if requested. Subcontracts in excess of \$25,000 shall contain this provision.

## **12. AUDIT REVIEW PROCEDURES.**

- A. Any dispute concerning a question of fact arising under an interim or post audit of this contract that is not disposed of by agreement, shall be reviewed by LOCAL AGENCY'S Chief Financial Officer.
- B. Not later than 30 days after issuance of the final audit report, CONSULTANT may request a review by LOCAL AGENCY'S Chief Financial Officer of unresolved audit issues. The request for review will be submitted in writing.
- C. Neither the pendency of a dispute nor its consideration by LOCAL AGENCY will excuse CONSULTANT from full and timely performance, in accordance with the terms of this contract.
- D. CONSULTANT and subconsultant contracts, including cost proposals and ICR, are subject to audits or reviews such as, but not limited to, a contract audit, an incurred cost audit, an ICR Audit, or a CPA ICR audit work paper review. If selected for audit or review, the contract, cost proposal and ICR and related work papers, if applicable, will be reviewed to verify compliance with 48 CFR, Part 31 and other related laws and regulations. In the instances of a CPA ICR audit work paper review it is

CONSULTANT's responsibility to ensure federal, state, or local government officials are allowed full access to the CPA's work papers including making copies as necessary. The contract, cost proposal, and ICR shall be adjusted by CONSULTANT and approved by LOCAL AGENCY contract manager to conform to the audit or review recommendations. CONSULTANT agrees that individual terms of costs identified in the audit report shall be incorporated into the contract by this reference if directed by LOCAL AGENCY at its sole discretion. Refusal by CONSULTANT to incorporate audit or review recommendations, or to ensure that the federal, state or local governments have access to CPA work papers, will be considered a breach of contract terms and cause for termination of the contract and disallowance of prior reimbursed costs.

- E. The provisional ICR will apply to this contract and all other contracts executed between LOCAL AGENCY and the CONSULTANT, either as a prime or subconsultant, with the same fiscal period ICR.

### **13. SUBCONTRACTING.**

- A. Nothing contained in this contract or otherwise, shall create any contractual relation between LOCAL AGENCY and any subconsultant(s), and no subcontract shall relieve CONSULTANT of its responsibilities and obligations hereunder. CONSULTANT agrees to be as fully responsible to LOCAL AGENCY for the acts and omissions of its subconsultant(s) and of persons either directly or indirectly employed by any of them as it is for the acts and omissions of persons directly employed by CONSULTANT. CONSULTANT's obligation to pay its subconsultant(s) is an independent obligation from LOCAL AGENCY'S obligation to make payments to the CONSULTANT.
- B. CONSULTANT shall perform the work contemplated with resources available within its own organization and no portion of the work pertinent to this contract shall be subcontracted without written authorization by LOCAL AGENCY's Contract Administrator, except that, which is expressly identified in the approved Cost Proposal.
- C. CONSULTANT shall pay its subconsultants within ten (10) calendar days from receipt of each payment made to CONSULTANT by LOCAL AGENCY.
- D. Any subcontract in excess of \$25,000 entered into as a result of this contract shall contain all the provisions stipulated in this contract to be applicable to subconsultants.
- E. Any substitution of subconsultant(s) must be approved in writing by LOCAL AGENCY's Contract Administrator prior to the start of work by the subconsultant(s).

### **14. INSPECTION OF WORK**

- A. CONSULTANT and any subconsultant shall permit LOCAL AGENCY, the state, and the FHWA if federal participating funds are used in this contract; to review and inspect the project activities and files at all reasonable times during the performance period of this contract including review and inspection on a daily basis.
- B. CONSULTANT shall comply with OSHA regulations applicable to CONSULTANT regarding necessary safety equipment or procedures. CONSULTANT shall comply with

safety instructions issued by LOCAL AGENCY Safety Officer and other LOCAL AGENCY representatives. CONSULTANT personnel shall wear hard hats and safety vests at all times while working on the construction project site.

- C. Pursuant to the authority contained in Section 591 of the Vehicle Code, LOCAL AGENCY has determined that such areas are within the limits of the project and are open to public traffic. CONSULTANT shall comply with all of the requirements set forth in Divisions 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15 of the Vehicle Code. CONSULTANT shall take all reasonably necessary precautions for safe operation of its vehicles and the protection of the traveling public from injury and damage from such vehicles.
- D. Any subcontract entered into as a result of this contract, shall contain all of the provisions of this Section.

**15. STATE PREVAILING WAGE RATES.**

- A. CONSULTANT shall comply with the State of California's General Prevailing Wage Rate requirements in accordance with California Labor Code, Section 1770, and all Federal, State, and local laws and ordinances applicable to the work.
- B. Any subcontract entered into as a result of this contract, if for more than \$25,000 for public works construction or more than \$15,000 for the alteration, demolition, repair, or maintenance of public works, shall contain all of the provisions of this Article.
- C. When prevailing wages apply to the services described in the scope of work, transportation and subsistence costs shall be reimbursed at the minimum rates set by the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) as outlined in the applicable Prevailing Wage Determination. See <http://www.dir.ca.gov>.

**16. CONFLICT OF INTEREST.**

- A. CONSULTANT shall disclose any financial, business, or other relationship with LOCAL AGENCY that may have an impact upon the outcome of this contract, or any ensuing LOCAL AGENCY construction project. CONSULTANT shall also list current clients who may have a financial interest in the outcome of this contract, or any ensuing LOCAL AGENCY construction project, which will follow.
- B. CONSULTANT hereby certifies that it does not now have, nor shall it acquire any financial or business interest that would conflict with the performance of services under this contract.
- C. Any subcontract in excess of \$25,000 entered into as a result of this contract, shall contain all of the provisions of this Article.
- D. CONSULTANT hereby certifies that neither CONSULTANT, nor any firm affiliated with CONSULTANT will bid on any construction contract, or any contract to provide construction inspection for any construction project resulting from this contract. An affiliated firm is one, which is subject to the control of the same person through joint-partnership, or otherwise.

- E. Except for subconsultants whose services are limited to providing surveying or materials testing information, no subconsultant who has provided design services in connection with this contract shall be eligible to bid on any construction contract, or on any contract to provide construction project resulting from this contract.

**17. REBATES, KICKBACKS OR OTHER UNLAWFUL CONSIDERATION.**

- A. CONSULTANT warrants that this contract was not obtained or secured through rebates kickbacks or other unlawful consideration, either promised or paid to any LOCAL AGENCY employee. For breach or violation of this warranty, LOCAL AGENCY shall have the right in its discretion; to terminate the contract without liability; to pay only for the value of the work actually performed; or to deduct from the contract price; or otherwise recover the full amount of such rebate, kickback or other unlawful consideration.

**18. PROHIBITION OF EXPENDING LOCAL AGENCY STATE OR FEDERAL FUNDS FOR LOBBYING.**

- A. CONSULTANT certifies to the best of his or her knowledge and belief that:
  - 1. No state, federal or local agency appropriated funds have been paid, or will be paid by-or-on behalf of CONSULTANT to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any state or federal agency; a Member of the State Legislature or United States Congress; an officer or employee of the Legislature or Congress; or any employee of a Member of the Legislature or Congress, in connection with the awarding of any state or federal contract; the making of any state or federal grant; the making of any state or federal loan; the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any state or federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
  - 2. If any funds other than federal appropriated funds have been paid, or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any federal agency; a Member of Congress; an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress; in connection with this federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement; CONSULTANT shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying", in accordance with its instructions.
- B. This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by Section 1352, Title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.
- C. CONSULTANT also agrees by signing this document that he or she shall require that the language of this certification be included in all lower-tier subcontracts, which exceed \$100,000 and that all such sub recipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.



## **19. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE.**

- A. CONSULTANT's signature affixed herein, and dated, shall constitute a certification under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that CONSULTANT has, unless exempt, complied with, the nondiscrimination program requirements of Government Code Section 12990 and Title 2, California Administrative Code, Section 8103.
- B. During the performance of this Contract, CONSULTANT and its subconsultants shall not unlawfully discriminate, harass, or allow harassment against any employee or applicant for employment because of sex, race, color, ancestry, religious creed, national origin, physical disability (including HIV and AIDS), mental disability, medical condition (e.g., cancer), age (over 40), marital status, and denial of family care leave. CONSULTANT and subconsultants shall insure that the evaluation and treatment of their employees and applicants for employment are free from such discrimination and harassment. CONSULTANT and subconsultants shall comply with the provisions of the Fair Employment and Housing Act (Gov. Code §12990 (a-f) et seq.) and the applicable regulations promulgated there under (California Code of Regulations, Title 2, Section 7285 et seq.). The applicable regulations of the Fair Employment and Housing Commission implementing Government Code Section 12990 (a-f), set forth in Chapter 5 of Division 4 of Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations, are incorporated into this Contract by reference and made a part hereof as if set forth in full. CONSULTANT and its subconsultants shall give written notice of their obligations under this clause to labor organizations with which they have a collective bargaining or other Agreement.
- C. The Consultant shall comply with regulations relative to Title VI (nondiscrimination in federally-assisted programs of the Department of Transportation – Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 21 - Effectuation of Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act). Title VI provides that the recipients of federal assistance will implement and maintain a policy of nondiscrimination in which no person in the state of California shall, on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, disability, be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of or subject to discrimination under any program or activity by the recipients of federal assistance or their assignees and successors in interest.
- D. The Consultant, with regard to the work performed by it during the Agreement shall act in accordance with Title VI. Specifically, the Consultant shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, or disability in the selection and retention of Subconsultants, including procurement of materials and leases of equipment. The Consultant shall not participate either directly or indirectly in the discrimination prohibited by Section 21.5 of the U.S. DOT's Regulations, including employment practices when the Agreement covers a program whose goal is employment.

## **20. DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION CERTIFICATION.**

- A. CONSULTANT's signature affixed herein, shall constitute a certification under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California, that CONSULTANT has complied with Title 2 CFR, Part 180, "OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Government wide Debarment and Suspension (nonprocurement)", which certifies that he/she or any person associated therewith in the capacity of owner, partner, director, officer, or manager, is not

currently under suspension, debarment, voluntary exclusion, or determination of ineligibility by any federal agency; has not been suspended, debarred, voluntarily excluded, or determined ineligible by any federal agency within the past three (3) years; does not have a proposed debarment pending; and has not been indicted, convicted, or had a civil judgment rendered against it by a court of competent jurisdiction in any matter involving fraud or official misconduct within the past three (3) years. Any exceptions to this certification must be disclosed to LOCAL AGENCY.

- B. Exceptions will not necessarily result in denial of recommendation for award, but will be considered in determining CONSULTANT responsibility. Disclosures must indicate to whom exceptions apply, initiating agency, and dates of action.
- C. Exceptions to the Federal Government Excluded Parties List System maintained by the General Services Administration are to be determined by the Federal highway Administration.

## **21. DISPUTES**

- A. Any dispute, other than audit, concerning a question of fact arising under this contract that is not disposed of by agreement shall be decided by a committee consisting of LOCAL AGENCY's County Administrator and the Director, who may consider written or verbal information submitted by CONSULTANT.
- B. Not later than 30 days after completion of all deliverables necessary to complete the plans, specifications and estimate, CONSULTANT may request review by LOCAL AGENCY Governing Board of unresolved claims or disputes, other than audit. The request for review will be submitted in writing.
- C. Neither the pendency of a dispute, nor its consideration by the committee will excuse CONSULTANT from full and timely performance in accordance with the terms of this contract.

## **22. CLAIMS FILED BY LOCAL AGENCY'S CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTOR**

- A. If claims are filed by LOCAL AGENCY's construction contractor relating to work performed by CONSULTANT's personnel, and additional information or assistance from CONSULTANT's personnel is required in order to evaluate or defend against such claims; CONSULTANT agrees to make its personnel available for consultation with LOCAL AGENCY'S construction contract administration and legal staff and for testimony, if necessary, at depositions and at trial or arbitration proceedings.
- B. CONSULTANT's personnel that LOCAL AGENCY considers essential to assist in defending against construction contractor claims will be made available on reasonable notice from LOCAL AGENCY. Consultation or testimony will be reimbursed at the same rates, including travel costs that are being paid for CONSULTANT's personnel services under this contract.
- C. Services of CONSULTANT's personnel in connection with LOCAL AGENCY's construction contractor claims will be performed pursuant to a written contract

amendment, if necessary, extending the termination date of this contract in order to resolve the construction claims.

- D. Any subcontract in excess of \$25,000 entered into as a result of this contract, shall contain all of the provisions of this Section.

### **23. CHANGE IN TERMS.**

- A. This contract may be amended or modified only by mutual written agreement of the parties.
- B. CONSULTANT shall only commence work covered by an amendment after the amendment is executed and notification to proceed has been provided by LOCAL AGENCY's Contract Administrator.
- C. There shall be no change in CONSULTANT's Project Manager or members of the project team, as listed in the approved Cost Proposal, which is a part of this contract without prior written approval by LOCAL AGENCY's Contract Administrator.

### **24. OWNERSHIP OF DATA**

- A. Upon completion of all work under this contract, ownership and title to all reports, documents, plans, specifications, and estimates produce as part of this contract will automatically be vested in LOCAL AGENCY; and no further agreement will be necessary to transfer ownership to LOCAL AGENCY. CONSULTANT shall furnish LOCAL AGENCY all necessary copies of data needed to complete the review and approval process.
- B. It is understood and agreed that all calculations, drawings and specifications, whether in hard copy or machine-readable form, are intended for one-time use in the construction of the project for which this contract has been entered into.
- C. CONSULTANT is not liable for claims, liabilities, or losses arising out of, or connected with the modification, or misuse by LOCAL AGENCY of the machine-readable information and data provided by CONSULTANT under this contract; further, CONSULTANT is not liable for claims, liabilities, or losses arising out of, or connected with any use by LOCAL AGENCY of the project documentation on other projects for additions to this project, or for the completion of this project by others, except only such use as many be authorized in writing by CONSULTANT.
- D. Applicable patent rights provisions regarding rights to inventions shall be included in the contracts as appropriate (48 CFR 27, Subpart 27.3 - Patent Rights under Government Contracts for federal-aid contracts).
- E. LOCAL AGENCY may permit copyrighting reports or other agreement products. If copyrights are permitted; the agreement shall provide that the FHWA shall have the royalty-free nonexclusive and irrevocable right to reproduce, publish, or otherwise use; and to authorize others to use, the work for government purposes.

- F. Any subcontract in excess of \$25,000 entered into as a result of this contract, shall contain all of the provisions of this Section.

**25. INSURANCE.**

- A. Prior to commencement of the work described herein, CONSULTANT shall furnish LOCAL AGENCY a Certificate of Insurance stating that there is general comprehensive liability insurance presently in effect for CONSULTANT with a combined single limit (CSL) of not less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence.
- B. The Certificate of Insurance will provide:
1. That the insurer will not cancel the insured's coverage without 30 days prior written notice to LOCAL AGENCY.
  2. That LOCAL AGENCY, its officers, agents, employees, and servants are included as additional insureds, but only insofar as the operations under this contract are concerned.
  3. That LOCAL AGENCY will not be responsible for any premiums or assessments on the policy.
- C. CONSULTANT agrees that the bodily injury liability insurance herein provided for, shall be in effect at all times during the term of this contract. In the event said insurance coverage expires at any time or times during the term of this contract, CONSULTANT agrees to provide at least thirty (30) days prior notice to said expiration date; and a new Certificate of Insurance evidencing insurance coverage as provided for herein, for not less than either the remainder of the term of the contract, or for a period of not less than one (1) year. New Certificates of Insurance are subject to the approval of LOCAL AGENCY. In the event CONSULTANT fails to keep in effect at all times insurance coverage as herein provided, LOCAL AGENCY may, in addition to any other remedies it may have, terminate this contract upon occurrence of such event.
- D. If CONSULTANT has employees, he/she shall obtain and maintain continuously Workers' Compensation Insurance to cover CONSULTANT and CONSULTANT's employees and partners. CONSULTANT shall provide and maintain in full force and effect while providing services pursuant to this Contract an errors and omissions liability policy, also known as professional liability or malpractice liability insurance not less than \$1,000,000.

**26. DISADVANTAGE BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE) PARTICIPATION.**

- A. This contract is subject to 49 CFR, Part 26 entitled "Participation by Disadvantaged Business Enterprises in Department of Transportation Financial Assistance Programs". Consultants who obtain DBE participation on this contract will assist Caltrans in meeting its federally mandated statewide overall DBE goal.
- B. The goal for DBE participation for this contract is 5%. Participation by DBE consultant or subconsultants shall be in accordance with information contained in the

Consultant Proposal DBE Commitment (Exhibit 10-O1), or in the Consultant Contract DBE Information (Exhibit 10-O2) attached hereto and incorporated as part of the Contract. If a DBE subconsultant is unable to perform, CONSULTANT must make a good faith effort to replace him/her with another DBE subconsultant, if the goal is not otherwise met.

- C. DBEs and other small businesses, as defined in 49 CFR, Part 26 are encouraged to participate in the performance of contracts financed in whole or in part with federal funds. CONSULTANT or subconsultant shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the performance of this contract. CONSULTANT shall carry out applicable requirements of 49 CFR, Part 26 in the award and administration of US DOT-assisted agreements. Failure by CONSULTANT to carry out these requirements is a material breach of this contract, which may result in the termination of this contract or such other remedy as LOCAL AGENCY deems appropriate.
- D. Any subcontract entered into as a result of this contract shall contain all of the provisions of this section.
- E. A DBE firm may be terminated only with prior written approval from LOCAL AGENCY and only for the reasons specified in 49 CFR 26.53(f). Prior to requesting LOCAL AGENCY consent for the termination, CONSULTANT must meet the procedural requirements specified in 49 CFR 26.53(f).
- F. A DBE performs a Commercially Useful Function (CUF) when it is responsible for execution of the work of the contract and is carrying out its responsibilities by actually performing, managing, and supervising the work involved. To perform a CUF, the DBE must also be responsible with respect to materials and supplies used on the contract, for negotiating price, determining quality and quantity, ordering the material, and installing (where applicable) and paying for the material itself. To determine whether a DBE is performing a CUF, evaluate the amount of work subcontracted, industry practices, whether the amount the firm is to be paid under the contract is commensurate with the work it is actually performing, and other relevant factors.
- G. A DBE does not perform a CUF if its role is limited to that of an extra participant in a transaction, contract, or project through which funds are passed in order to obtain the appearance of DBE participation. In determining whether a DBE is such an extra participant, examine similar transactions, particularly those in which DBEs do not participate.
- H. If a DBE does not perform or exercise responsibility for at least thirty percent (30%) of the total cost of its contract with its own work force, or the DBE subcontracts a greater portion of the work of the contract than would be expected on the basis of normal industry practice for the type of work involved, it will be presumed that it is not performing a CUF.
- I. CONSULTANT shall maintain records of materials purchased or supplied from all subcontracts entered into with certified DBEs. The records shall show the name and

business address of each DBE or vendor and the total dollar amount actually paid each DBE or vendor, regardless of tier. The records shall show the date of payment and the total dollar figure paid to all firms. DBE prime consultants shall also show the date of work performed by their own forces along with the corresponding dollar value of the work.

- J. Upon completion of the Contract, a summary of these records shall be prepared and submitted on the form entitled, "Final Report-Utilization of Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE), First-Tier Subconsultants" CEM-2402F [Exhibit 17-F, of the LAPM], certified correct by CONSULTANT or CONSULTANT's authorized representative and shall be furnished to the Contract Administrator with the final invoice. Failure to provide the summary of DBE payments with the final invoice will result in twenty-five percent (25%) of the dollar value of the invoice being withheld from payment until the form is submitted. The amount will be returned to CONSULTANT when a satisfactory "Final Report-Utilization of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE), First-Tier Subconsultants" is submitted to the Contract Administrator.
- K. If a DBE subconsultant is decertified during the life of the contract, the decertified subconsultant shall notify CONSULTANT in writing with the date of decertification. If a subconsultant becomes a certified DBE during the life of the Contract, the subconsultant shall notify CONSULTANT in writing with the date of certification. Any changes should be reported to LOCAL AGENCY's Contract Administrator within 30 days.

## **27. NON-DISCRIMINATION**

- A. CONSULTANT will not discriminate in employment practices or in the delivery of services on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, age, marital status, political affiliation or disability.

## **28. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR CLAUSE**

- A. It is specifically and expressly understood between the parties that this Agreement creates no relationship of employer/employee between the parties and that CONSULTANT is, and shall remain throughout the term of this Agreement, an independent contractor. CONSULTANT agrees that he is not, and will not become, an employee, partner, agent, or principal of County while this Agreement is in effect. CONSULTANT agrees that he is not entitled to the rights or benefits afforded to County's employees, including disability or unemployment insurance, workers' compensation, medical insurance, sick leave, or any other employment benefit. CONSULTANT is responsible to pay or provide from his own expense, all federal and state income taxes, including estimated taxes, social security, and any other payroll tax obligations that he may owe as a result of compensation received for services rendered pursuant to this Agreement. CONSULTANT is further responsible for providing, at his own expense, disability, unemployment, and other insurance, workers' compensation, training, permits, and licenses for himself and for his employees and Subconsultants. CONSULTANT agrees to indemnify County for any claims, costs, losses, fees, penalties, interest, attorney's fees, or damages suffered by the County resulting from CONSULTANT's failure to comply with these provisions.

## **29. INDEMNIFICATION**

- A. CONSULTANT shall hold harmless and indemnify Siskiyou County, its elected officials, officers, and employees, against all claims, suits, actions, costs, counsel fees, expenses, damages, judgments or decrees by reason of any person's bodily injury, including death or property being damaged by CONSULTANT or any person employed by CONSULTANT or in any capacity during the progress of the work, due to action of CONSULTANT, whether by negligence or otherwise. CONSULTANT shall also indemnify County of any adverse determination made by the Internal Revenue Service or the State Franchise Tax Board against County with respect to CONSULTANT's "independent contractor" status that would establish a liability for failure to make social security or income tax withholding.

## **30. RETENTION OF FUNDS.**

- A. Any subcontract entered into as a result of this Contract shall contain all of the provisions of this section.
- B. No retainage will be withheld by the Agency from progress payments due the prime consultant. Retainage by the prime consultant or subconsultants is prohibited, and no retainage will be held by the prime consultant from progress due subconsultants. Any violation of this provision shall subject the violating prime consultant or subconsultants to the penalties, sanctions, and other remedies specified in Section 7108.5 of the California Business and Professions Code. This requirement shall not be construed to limit or impair any contractual, administrative, or judicial remedies, otherwise available to the prime consultant or subconsultant in the event of a dispute involving late payment or nonpayment by the prime consultant or deficient subconsultant performance, or noncompliance by a subconsultant. This provision applies to both DBE and non-DBE prime consultants and subconsultants.

## **31. CONTINGENT FEE**

- A. CONSULTANT warrants, by execution of this contract that no person or selling agency has been employed, or retained, to solicit or secure this contract upon an agreement or understanding, for a commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee, excepting bona fide employees, or bona fide established commercial or selling agencies maintained by CONSULTANT for the purpose of securing business. For breach or violation of this warranty, LOCAL AGENCY has the right to annul this contract without liability; pay only for the value of the work actually performed, or in its discretion to deduct from the contract price or consideration, or otherwise recover the full amount of such commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee.

**32. NOTIFICATION.**

A. All notices hereunder and communications regarding interpretation of the terms of this contract and changes thereto, shall be effected by the mailing thereof by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, and addressed as follows:

CONSULTANT: \_\_\_\_\_  
                                    (CONSULTANT)  
                                    \_\_\_\_\_  
                                    (NAME), Project Manager  
                                    \_\_\_\_\_  
                                    (ADDRESS)  
                                    \_\_\_\_\_  
                                    \_\_\_\_\_

**LOCAL AGENCY:**

County of Siskiyou  
Terry Barber, County Administrator  
1312 Fairlane Road (P.O. Box 1127)  
Yreka, CA 96097

**33. CONTRACT.**

A. The two parties to this contract, who are the before named CONSULTANT and the before named LOCAL AGENCY, hereby agree that this contract constitutes the entire agreement which is made and concluded in duplicate between the two parties. Both of these parties for and in consideration of the payments to be made, conditions mentioned, and work to be performed; each agree to diligently perform in accordance with the terms and conditions of this contract as evidenced by the signatures below.

**34. SIGNATURES.**

**DATED: \_\_\_\_\_**

**DATED: \_\_\_\_\_**

**CONSULTANT**

**COUNTY OF SISKIYOU**

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Terry Barber, County Administrator

Tax Identification Number



**APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:**

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Edward J. Kiernan, County Counsel

**APPROVED AS TO ACCOUNTING FORM:**

Fund: 2018 Organization: 301010 Account: 723000

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Jennie Ebejer, Auditor-Controller

**APPROVED AS TO INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS:**

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Ann Merkle, Risk Management