

**SANTA FE COUNTY
CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT**

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS



**TEMPORARY NURSING SERVICES
FOR THE
CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT**

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I. ADVERTISEMENT

TEMPORARY NURSING SERVICES FOR THE CORRECTIONS MEDICAL DIVISION RFP# 2016-0211-CORR/IC

Santa Fe County is requesting proposals from qualified and licensed individuals or firms to provide Temporary Nursing Services for the Santa Fe County Corrections Medical Division. All proposals submitted shall be valid for ninety (90) days subject to action by the County. Santa Fe County reserves the right to reject any and all proposals in part or in whole. A completed proposal shall be submitted in a sealed container indicating the proposal title and number along with the Offeror's name and address clearly marked on the outside of the container. **All proposals must be received by 2:00 PM (MST) on Thursday, March 10, 2016 at the Santa Fe County Purchasing Division, 142 W. Palace Avenue (Bokum Building, Second Floor), Santa Fe, NM 87501.** By submitting a proposal for the requested services each Offeror is certifying that its proposal complies with regulations and requirements stated within the Request for Proposals.

A Pre-Proposal Conference will be held on Friday, February 19, 2012 at 3:00 PM (MST) at the Santa Fe County Public Safety Fire Conference Room located at 35 Camino Justica, Santa Fe, N.M. 87508. The pre-proposal conference is not mandatory but attendance is encouraged.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYMENT: All qualified Offerors will receive consideration of contract(s) without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, ancestry, age, physical and mental handicap, serious mental condition, disability, spousal affiliation, sexual orientation or gender identity.

Request for proposals will be available by contacting Iris Cordova, Procurement Specialist, Senior, 142 W. Palace Avenue (Second Floor), Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501, by telephone at (505) 986-6337 or by email at icordova@santafecountynm.gov or on our website at http://www.santafecountynm.gov/asd/current_bid_solicitations

PROPOSALS RECEIVED AFTER THE DATE AND TIME SPECIFIED ABOVE WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED AND WILL BE REJECTED BY SANTA FE COUNTY.

Santa Fe County
Purchasing Division
Publish: February 7, 2016

II. CONTRACT OBJECTIVES

A. PURPOSE OF THIS REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Santa Fe County is requesting proposals from qualified firms/individuals for the purpose of procuring temporary nursing services for the Santa Fe County Corrections Medical Division (CMD). The CMD is seeking a multiple award with qualified firms/individuals who can provide temporary on-call services as needed for Registered Nurses (RNs) and Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs) and related staff at the Adult Detention Facility and the Youth Development Facility. Santa Fe County cannot guarantee a minimum/maximum number of hours per month, temporary staffing will on be used on an “as needed” basis.

B. SCOPE OF WORK

The Selected Contractor(s) will be responsible for effectively matching the skills and experience levels of its personnel to the specific needs and requests of the CMD.

The Contractor(s) shall perform the following services:

1. At the County’s request the Contractor shall assign qualified, licensed RNs and LPNs, including related staff, as needed for shift vacancies at the CMD. If the Contractor is unable to fill a scheduled vacancy shift, the Contractor will be responsible for providing sufficient notice (minimum-twelve [12] hour advanced notification) to the designated staff member, informing that the contractor is unable to fill the shift vacancy with staff personnel.
2. Maintain individual employee files for all Contractor personnel containing the following minimum information:
 - a) a completed application, including employee’s education, employment history, training, skills, specialties and preferences;
 - b) current Tuberculosis (TB) Test results (must be current within one year) and evidence of satisfactory clearance, in accordance with State regulations;
 - c) copy of current license, registration or certifications, as applicable, and;
 - d) complete background check equivalent to the background checks conducted for employees of the Corrections Department
3. Contractor personnel assigned to the CMD shall report to an assigned RN Shift Supervisor before he/she begins a shift.
4. The Contractor shall provide notice within twenty-four (24) hours of receiving a two-week scheduling request of vacancies the Contractor can and cannot fill.
5. All agency staff working in the facilities shall follow Santa Fe County Corrections Policies and Procedures.

6. All agency staff shall arrive for shift fit for duty.

Santa Fe County reserves the right to dismiss for cause and instruct temporary nursing personnel to leave the premises. In which case, temporary personnel will only be compensated for hours worked and will not be reassigned to the CMD.

Penalty

The Contractor shall be assessed a \$1,500 penalty fee for failure to provide a minimum of an eight hour advance notice to CMD of the cancellation of any nursing assignment, shift, or coverage previously committed to CMD which will be in force on a case by case basis to be determined by the Jail Administrator or Medical Administrator.

C. QUALIFICATIONS

1. The Contractor shall provide licensed and accredited temporary medical staffing services registered with the State of New Mexico to provide the required services. Please see section "V. Specifications" for further qualification requirements and preferences.
2. The contractor, its subcontractor's and its personnel must comply with the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations (JCAHO) standards for the use of supplemental nursing services by the CMD.
3. Contractor staff assigned to the CMD shall be subject to and compliant with state and federal laws, including HIPPA, policies, procedures or regulations applicable to employees of CMD.

D. INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

The insurance required by Offeror are listed below.

- a. General Conditions. Contractor shall submit evidence of insurance as is required herein. Policies of insurance shall be written by companies authorized to write such insurance in New Mexico.
- b. General Liability Insurance, Including Automobile. Contractor shall procure and maintain during the life of this Agreement a comprehensive general liability and automobile insurance policy with liability limits in amounts not less than \$1,000,000 combined single limits of liability for bodily injury, including death, and property damage for any one occurrence. Said policies of insurance shall include coverage for all operations performed for County by Contractor; coverage for the use of all owned, non-owned, hired automobiles, vehicles and other equipment, both on and off work; and contractual liability

coverage under which this Agreement is an insured contract. County of Santa Fe shall be a named additional insured on the policy.

- c. Workers' Compensation Insurance. Contractor shall comply with the provisions of the Workers' Compensation Act.
- d. Professional Liability Insurance. The Contractor shall procure and maintain during the life of this Agreement a Professional Liability Insurance.
- e. Increased Limits. If, during the life of this Agreement, the Legislature of the State of New Mexico increases the maximum limits of liability under the Tort Claims Act (NMSA 1978, Sections 41-4-1 through 41-4-29, as amended), Contractor shall increase the maximum limits of any insurance required herein.

E. PROCUREMENT MANAGER

The County has designated a Procurement Manager who is responsible for the conduct of this procurement whose name, address and telephone number is listed below. All deliveries via express carrier should be addressed as follows:

Iris Cordova
Santa Fe County Purchasing Division
142 W. Palace Avenue (Second Floor)
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501
Phone (505) 986-6337
Fax (505) 989-3243
icordova@santafecountynm.gov

Any inquiries or requests regarding this procurement should be submitted to the Procurement Manager in writing. Offerors may contact ONLY the Procurement Manager regarding the procurement. Other County employees do not have the authority to respond on behalf of the County.

F. DEFINITION OF TERMINOLOGY

This section contains definitions and abbreviations that are used throughout this procurement document.

“BCC” means the Santa Fe County Board of County Commissioners

“Close of Business” means 5:00 PM Mountain Standard Time or Mountain Daylight Time, whichever is in effect on the date given.

“Contract” or “Agreement” means a written agreement for the procurement of items of tangible personal property or services.

“Contractor” means a successful offeror who enters into a binding contract.

“County” means Santa Fe County.

“Determination” means the written documentation of a decision by the Procurement Manager including findings of fact supporting a decision. A determination becomes part of the procurement file.

“Desirable” The terms “may”, “can”, “should”, “preferably”, or “prefers” identify a desirable or discretionary item or factor (as opposed to “mandatory”).

“Evaluation Committee” means a body appointed by the County management to perform the evaluation of offeror proposals.

“Finalist” is defined as an offeror who meets all the mandatory specifications of this Request for Proposals and whose score on evaluation factors is sufficiently high to merit further consideration by the Evaluation Committee.

“Mandatory” The terms “must”, “shall”, “will”, “is required”, or “are required”, identify a mandatory item or factor (as opposed to “desirable”). Failure to meet a mandatory item or factor will result in the rejection of the offeror’s proposal.

“Offeror” is any person, corporation, or partnership who submits a proposal.

“Procurement Manager” means the person or designee authorized by the County to manage or administer a procurement requiring the evaluation of competitive sealed proposals.

“Purchasing Division” means the Santa Fe County Purchasing Division, Administrative Services Department.

“Request for Proposals” or “RFP” means all documents, including those attached or incorporated by reference, used for soliciting proposals.

“Responsible Offeror” means an offeror who submits a responsive proposal and who has furnished, when required, information and data to prove that its financial resources, production or service facilities, personnel, service reputation and experience are adequate to make satisfactory delivery of the services or items of tangible personal property described in the RFP.

“Responsive Offer” or “Responsive Proposal” means an offer or proposal which conforms in all material respects to the requirements set forth in the request for proposals. Material respects of a request for proposals include, but are not limited to, price, quality, quantity or delivery requirements.

III. CONDITIONS GOVERNING THE PROCUREMENT

This section of the RFP contains the schedule for the procurement, describes the major procurement events and the conditions governing the procurement.

A. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

The Procurement Manager will make every effort to adhere the following schedule:

	<u>Action</u>	<u>Responsibility</u>	<u>Date</u>
1.	Issue of RFP	Purchasing Division	February 7, 2016
2.	Pre-Proposal Conference 3 pm at Public Safety Fire Conference Room 35 Camino Justica	Owner/Purchasing Offerors	February 19, 2016
3.	Acknowledgement Form Due	Offerors	February 19, 2016
4.	Deadline to Submit Additional Questions	Offerors	February 24, 2016
5.	Response to Written Questions	Purchasing Division	February 26, 2016
6.	Submission of Proposal 2 pm at Purchasing Division	Offerors	March 10, 2016
7.	Proposal Evaluation	Evaluation Committee	March 11-18
8.	Selection of Finalists (If Applicable)	Evaluation Committee	March 18, 2016
9.	Best and Final Offers from Finalists (If Applicable)	Offeror	March 2016
10.	Oral Presentation by Finalists (If Applicable)	Offeror	April 2016
12.	Finalize Contract	County, Offeror	April 2016
13.	Contract Award	Purchasing Division	April 2016

Note: If the Evaluation Committee makes a selection at the Selection of Finalists, events 8-10 will not occur.

B. EXPLANATION OF EVENTS

The following paragraphs describe the activities listed in the sequence of events shown in Section III, Paragraph A.

1. Issue RFP

This RFP is being issued by the Santa Fe County Corrections Department and the Purchasing Division.

2. Pre-Proposal Conference

A Pre-Proposal Conference is scheduled for on the date indicated in the Sequence of Events at Section III.A. Questions may be submitted at the Pre-Proposal Conference and after up until the date indicated in the Sequence of Events at Section III.A. A public log will be kept of the names of potential offerors that attended the pre-proposal conference. The pre-proposal is strongly encouraged but is not mandatory.

3. Acknowledgement of Receipt Form Due

A potential offeror should hand-deliver, return by facsimile or e-mail the "Acknowledgement of Receipt Form" provided as Appendix A to have its name and firm placed on the procurement distribution list. The form should be signed by an authorized representative of the organization, dated and returned by close of business on February 19, 2016.

The procurement distribution list will be used for the distribution of written responses to questions and any RFP addenda.

4. Deadline to Submit Additional Written Questions

Potential offerors may submit written questions regarding this RFP until the close of business on the date indicated in the "Sequence of Events" at Section III.A. All written questions must be addressed to the Procurement Manager, listed in Section II, Paragraph D and sent via facsimile or e-mail. **Any contact with any other County staff member other than the Procurement Manager named in this solicitation will be grounds for rejection of a proposal.**

5. Response to Written Questions

Written responses to written questions and any RFP addenda will be distributed on the date indicated in the "Sequence of Events" at Section III.A, to all potential offerors whose names appear on the procurement distribution list.

Additional written requests for clarification of distributed answers or addenda must be received by the Procurement Manager no later than one (1) day after the answers or addenda were issued.

6. Submission of Proposal

ALL OFFEROR PROPOSALS MUST BE RECEIVED FOR REVIEW AND EVALUATION BY THE PROCUREMENT MANAGER OR DESIGNEE NO LATER THAN 2:00 P.M. MOUNTAIN STANDARD TIME ON MARCH 10, 2016. Proposals received after this deadline will not be accepted. The date and time of receipt will be recorded on each proposal. Proposals must be addressed and delivered to the Procurement Manager at the address listed in Section II, D. Proposals must be sealed and labeled on the outside of the package to clearly indicate that they are in response to the County's Request for Proposals RFP #2016-0211-CORR/IC and refer to the RFP number. Proposals submitted by facsimile or other electronic means will not be accepted.

Proposals must be delivered to:

Iris Cordova, Senior Procurement Specialist
Santa Fe County Purchasing Division
142 W. Palace Avenue (Second Floor)
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

A public log will be kept of the names of all offeror organizations that submitted proposals. Pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 13-1-116, the contents of any proposal shall not be disclosed to competing offerors prior to contract award.

7. Proposal Evaluation

The evaluation of proposals will be performed by an Evaluation Committee appointed by the Procurement Manager. This process will take place during the timeframe indicated in the Sequence of Events at III.A. During this time, the Procurement Manager may initiate discussions with offerors who submit responsive or potentially responsive proposals for the purpose of clarifying aspects of the proposals, but proposals may be accepted and evaluated without such discussion. Discussions SHALL NOT be initiated by the offerors.

8. Selection of Finalists (If Applicable)

The Evaluation Committee may select and the Procurement Manager may notify the finalist offerors on the date indicated in the Sequence of Events at Section III.A. Only finalists will be invited to participate in the subsequent steps of the procurement if the finalist process is used.

9. Best and Final Offers from Finalists (If applicable)

Finalist offerors may be asked to submit revisions to their proposals for the purpose of obtaining best and final offers by the date indicated in the Sequence of Events at Section III.A.

10. Oral Presentation by Finalists (If applicable)

Finalist offerors may be required to present their proposals to the Evaluation Committee. The Procurement Manager will schedule the time for each offeror presentation. All offeror presentations will be held at the Santa Fe County Purchasing Division, 142 W. Palace Avenue (Second Floor), Santa Fe, New Mexico. Each presentation will be limited to thirty (30) minutes in duration.

11. Finalize Contract

The contract will be finalized with the most advantageous offeror during the timeframe indicated in the Sequence of Events at Section III.A. In the event that mutually agreeable terms cannot be reached within the time specified, the County reserves the right to finalize a contract with the next most advantageous offeror without undertaking a new procurement process.

12. Contract Award

The County anticipates awarding the contract on the date in the Sequence of Events at Section III.A. These dates are subject to change at the discretion of the Santa Fe County Purchasing Manager.

The contract shall be awarded to the offeror or offerors whose proposal is most advantageous to the County, taking into consideration the evaluation factors set forth in the RFP. The most advantageous proposal may or may not have received the most points.

13. Right to Protest

Any protest by an offeror must be timely and in conformance with NMSA 1978, Section 13-1-172 and applicable procurement regulations. Protests must be written and must include the name and address of the protestor and the request for proposal number. It must also contain a statement of grounds for protest including appropriate supporting exhibits. The protests must be delivered to the Santa Fe County Purchasing Division:

Santa Fe County
Attn: Purchasing Division
P.O. Box 276
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504

Protests will not be accepted by facsimile or other electronic means. Protests received after the deadline will not be accepted.

C. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

This procurement will be conducted in accordance with Chapter 13, NMSA 1978, NMAC 1.4.1 and the Santa Fe County Procurement Regulations.

1. Acceptance of Conditions Governing the Procurement

Offerors must indicate their acceptance of the Conditions Governing the Procurement section in the letter of transmittal. Submission of a proposal constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the contract attached hereto as Appendix D.

2. Incurring Cost

Any cost incurred by the offeror in preparation, transmittal, presentation of any proposal or material submitted in response to this RFP shall be borne solely by the offeror.

3. Prime Contractor Responsibility

Any contract that may result from this RFP shall specify that the prime contractor is solely responsible for fulfillment of the contract with the County. The County will make contract payments only to the prime contractor.

4. Subcontractors

Use of subcontractors must be clearly explained in the proposal, and major subcontractors must be identified by name. The prime contractor shall be wholly responsible for the entire performance whether or not subcontractors are used.

5. Amended Proposals

An offeror may submit an amended proposal before the deadline for receipt of proposals. Such amended proposals must be complete replacements for a previously submitted proposal and must be clearly identified as such in the transmittal letter. County personnel will not merge, collate, or assemble proposal materials.

6. Offerors' Rights to Withdraw Proposal

Offerors will be allowed to withdraw their proposals at any time prior to the deadline for receipt of proposals. The offeror must submit a written withdrawal request signed by the offeror's duly authorized representative addressed to the

Procurement Manager. The approval or denial of withdrawal requests received after the deadline for receipt of the proposals is governed by the applicable procurement regulations.

7. Proposal Offer Firm

Responses to this RFP, including proposal prices, will be considered firm for ninety (90) days after the due date for receipt of proposals or ninety (90) days after receipt of a best and final offer if one is submitted.

8. Disclosure of Proposal Contents

The proposals will be kept confidential until a contract is awarded. At that time, all proposals and documents pertaining to the proposals will be open for inspection pursuant to the Inspection of Public Records Act except for the material that is proprietary or confidential. The Procurement Manager will not disclose or make public any pages of a proposal on which the offeror has stamped or imprinted "proprietary" or "confidential" subject to the following requirements.

Proprietary or confidential data shall be readily separable from the proposal in order to facilitate public inspection of the non-confidential portion of the proposal. Confidential data is normally restricted to confidential financial information concerning the offeror's organization and data that qualifies as a trade secret in accordance with the Uniform Trade Secrets Act, 57-3A-1 to 57-3A-7, NMSA 1978. The price of products offered or the cost of services proposed shall not be designated as proprietary or confidential information.

If a request is received for disclosure of data for which an offeror has made a written request for confidentiality, the Santa Fe County Procurement Manger shall examine the offeror's request and make a written determination that specifies which portions of the proposal should be disclosed. Unless the offeror takes legal action to prevent the disclosure, the proposal will be so disclosed. The proposal shall be open to public inspection subject to any continuing prohibition on the disclosure of confidential data.

9. No Obligation

This procurement in no manner obligates Santa Fe County or any of its departments to the use of any proposed professional services until a valid written contract is awarded and approved by the appropriate authorities.

10. Termination

This RFP may be canceled at any time and any and all proposals may be rejected in whole or in part when the County determines such action to be in the best interest of the County.

11. Sufficient Appropriation

Any contract awarded as a result of this RFP process may be terminated if sufficient appropriations or authorizations do not exist. Such termination will be effected by sending written notice to the contractor. The County's decision as to whether sufficient appropriations and authorizations are available will be accepted by the contractor as final.

12. Legal Review

The County requires that all offerors agree to be bound by the General Requirements contained in this RFP. Any offeror concerns must be promptly brought to the attention of the Procurement Manager.

13. Governing Law

This procurement and any agreement with offerors that may result shall be governed by the laws of the State of New Mexico.

14. Basis for Proposal

Only information supplied by the County in writing through the Procurement Manager or in this RFP should be used as the basis for the preparation of offeror proposals.

15. Contract Terms and Conditions

The contract between the County and the Contractor will follow the format specified by the County and contain the terms and conditions set forth in Appendix D. However, the County reserves the right to negotiate with a successful offeror provisions in addition to those contained in this RFP.

Should an offeror object to any of the County's terms and conditions, as contained in this Section or in Appendix D, the offeror must propose specific alternative language. The County may or may not accept the alternative language. General references to the offeror's terms and conditions or attempts at complete substitutions are not acceptable to the County and will result in disqualification of the offeror's proposal.

Offerors must provide a brief discussion of the purpose and impact, if any, of each proposed change followed by the specific proposed alternate wording.

16. Offeror's Terms and Conditions

Offerors must submit with the proposal a complete set of any additional terms and conditions which they request that the County consider including in the contract.

17. Contract Deviations

Any additional terms and conditions, which may be the subject of negotiation, will be discussed only between the County and the selected offeror and shall not be deemed an opportunity to amend the proposal.

18. Offeror Qualifications

The Evaluation Committee may make such investigations as necessary to determine the ability of the offeror to adhere to the requirements specified within this RFP. The Evaluation Committee will reject the proposal of any offeror who is not a responsible offeror or fails to submit a responsive offer as defined in Sections 13-1-83 and 13-1-85 NMSA, 1978, subject to Procurement Manager approval.

19. Right to Waive Minor Irregularities

The Evaluation Committee reserves the right to waive minor irregularities. The Evaluation Committee also reserves the right to waive mandatory requirements provided that all of the otherwise responsive proposals failed to meet the mandatory requirements and/or doing so does not otherwise materially affect the procurement. This right is at the sole discretion of the Evaluation Committee, subject to Procurement Manager approval.

20. Change in Contractor Representatives

The County reserves the right to require a change in contractor representative if the assigned representative is not, in the opinion of the County, meeting the County's needs adequately. Any change in contractor representative must receive prior County approval.

21. Notice

The Procurement Code, Sections 13-1-28 through 13-1-199, NMSA 1978, imposes civil and misdemeanor criminal penalties for its violation. In addition, the New Mexico criminal statutes impose felony penalties for bribes, gratuities and kick-backs.

22. County Rights

The County reserves the right to accept all or a portion of an offeror's proposal.

23. Right to Publish

Throughout the duration of this procurement process and contract term, potential offerors and contractors must secure from the County written approval prior to the release of any information that pertains to the potential work or activities covered by this procurement or the subsequent contract. Failure to adhere to this requirement may result in disqualification of the offeror's proposal or termination of the contract.

24. Ownership of Proposals

All documents submitted in response to this Request for Proposals shall become the property of the County. However, any technical or user documentation submitted with the proposals of non-selected offerors shall be returned after the expiration of the protest period.

25. Electronic Mail Address Recommended

A large part of the communication regarding this procurement will be conducted by electronic mail (e-mail). It is recommended that offeror should have a valid e-mail address to receive this correspondence.

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IV. RESPONSE FORMAT AND ORGANIZATION

A. NUMBER OF RESPONSES

Offerors shall submit only one proposal in response to this RFP.

B. NUMBER OF COPIES

Offerors shall deliver one (1) original and five (5) identical copies of their proposal to the location specified in Section II, Paragraph 6 on or before the closing date and time for receipt of proposals.

C. PROPOSAL FORMAT

All proposals shall be limited to fifteen (15) pages, with exception to professional licenses and certifications, which shall be added as appendices. The document shall be typewritten on standard 8 1/2 x 11 paper, with a font no smaller than 12 pt. pitch, with nominal 1” margins and normal line spacing. Proposals shall be placed within a binder with tabs delineating each section.

1. Proposal Organization

The proposal must be organized and indexed in the following format and must contain, as a minimum, all listed items in the sequence indicated.

- a) Letter of Transmittal
- b) Table of Contents
- c) Proposal Summary (optional)
- d) Response to All Specifications
- e) Response to County Terms and Conditions
- f) Offeror's Additional Terms and Conditions

Within each section of their proposal, offerors should address the items in the order in which they appear in this RFP. All forms provided in the RFP must be thoroughly completed and included in the appropriate section of the proposal. All discussion of proposed costs, rates or expenses must occur only in the cost response form.

Any proposal that does not adhere to these requirements may be deemed non-responsive and rejected on that basis.

The proposal summary may be included by offerors to provide the Evaluation Committee with an overview of the technical and business features of the proposal; however, this material will not be used in the evaluation process unless specifically referenced from other portions of the offeror's proposal.

Offerors may attach other materials that they feel may improve the quality of their responses. However, these materials should be included as items in a separate appendix.

2. Letter of Transmittal

Each proposal must be accompanied by a letter of transmittal. The letter of transmittal MUST:

- a) Identify the submitting organization;
- b) Identify the name and title of the person authorized by the organization to contractually obligate the organization;
- c) Identify the name, title, email address and telephone number of the person authorized to negotiate the contract on behalf of the organization;
- d) Identify the names, titles and telephone numbers of persons to be contacted for clarification;
- e) Explicitly indicate acceptance of the Conditions Governing the Procurement stated in Section III, Paragraph C.1;
- f) Be signed by the person authorized to contractually obligate the organization; and
- g) Acknowledge receipt of any and all amendments to this RFP.

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V. SPECIFICATIONS

Offerors should respond in the form of a thorough narrative to each mandatory specification. The narratives along with required supporting materials will be evaluated and awarded points accordingly.

A. **Information**

Time Frame

The contract for the Temporary Nursing Services is scheduled to begin in or around April, 2016. Santa Fe County intends to award a contract with a term of one (1) year with three (3) renewal periods, not to exceed a total of four years. It is the intent of the County to award multiple service agreements for the Nursing services required.

B. **Certification and Licensure Requirements**

1. Offerors must submit in their proposal:

Proof that they are authorized to conduct business in the State of New Mexico and proof of current New Mexico Licensure and Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) certification for both RNs and LPNs.

2. Offerors must provide proof of professional liability insurance coverage for both their organization and any employee who will be assigned for service at the Corrections Medical Division. The professional liability insurance must cover injury or loss resulting from the rendering or failure to render the contracted professional services. Offeror must submit with its proposal a copy of the policy face sheet or summary page, and certificate of insurance as proof of the required insurance coverage.

Failure to provide the items above may result in an offerors proposal being rejected.

C. **Preferred Qualifications**

It is highly recommended that the contractor(s), its subcontractors and its employees assigned to CMD have prior employment experience in a correctional facility setting.

In addition, CMD recommends that RNs have current Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS), Basic Life Support (BLS) and Advanced Life Support (ALS) certification.

D. **Prerequisites**

CMD requires that contractors respond “yes” or “no” within twelve (12) hours of being asked to fill a temporary nursing shift. The CMD also requires that contractors respond within twenty-four (24) hours of being asked to provide temporary nursing personnel for any duration longer than one shift. If selected, your company agrees to adhere to these response requirements.

Failure to respond may result in disqualification.

E. References

Proposals must include three (3) external client references from clients who received similar services (excluding Santa Fe County). In addition, three (3) references must be submitted for each proposed subcontractor (excluding Santa Fe County). The minimum information that must be provided about each reference is:

- a. Name of individual or company services were provided for;
- b. Address of individual or company;
- c. Name of contact person;
- d. Telephone number of contact person; and
- e. Type of services provided and dates services were provided.

VI. EVALUATION

A. EVALUATION POINT SUMMARY

The following is a summary of evaluation factors with point values assigned to each. Proposals will be scored based upon a comparison of the information submitted by the Offeror against the evaluation criteria outlined below.

Factor

1. Background and Expertise	<u>100</u>
2. Capacity and Capability	<u>300</u>
3. Qualification of Principal Personnel	<u>200</u>
4. Project Plan	<u>300</u>
5. Cost Proposal (submitted in the original proposal only)	<u>100</u>

TOTAL (Before preferences are applied) **1000**

PREFERENCES

If a proposal contains an In-State Resident Business Certificate or Resident Veterans Business Certificate and/or Santa Fe County Business Certificate, the applicable preference will be applied.

- 6. Proposal contains a valid N.M. Resident Business Certificate **50 points**

OR

- 7. Proposal contains a valid Resident Veteran

Business Certificate**70, 80 or 100 points**

AND

8. Proposal contains a valid Santa Fe County Business Certificate **50 points**

B. EVALUATION FACTORS

A brief explanation of each evaluation factor is listed below. Offerors are encouraged to fully address each category completely, as points are assigned for responses to each.

1. Background and Expertise

Provide an overview of current and prior experience in providing the type of services requested; include specifically any experience in a correctional or institutional setting. Include ability to perform the required services and handle required work load in a timely, effective and efficient matter that will demonstrate competence to deliver temporary nursing services to the Santa Fe County Corrections Department.

2. Capacity and Capability – Provide an in-depth response to the requested scope of services. Describe ability to provide the minimum response time required to fill the necessary temporary staffing positions. Any services that cannot be provided should be noted.

3. Qualifications of Principal Personnel

Offeror’s specialized knowledge, expertise, and technical competence including joint venture or association, regarding the type of services requested.

- a. Key personnel proposed to work with the County (qualifications and capabilities of principles, qualifications and capabilities of other key personnel, years of experience, level of experience, references, organization chart provided, lines of authority and organization clearly defined).
- b. Past record of performance on contracts with government agencies or private industry with respect to such factors as cost control, quality of work and ability to meet schedules.

4. Project Plan

Offerors must submit a thorough project plan as part of the proposal. At a minimum, the project plan:

- Must identify how the offeror will locate, screen, hire, and place appropriate personnel for temporary nursing services at the CMD.
- Must explain procedures taken for TB testing and pre-employment physicals for staff.
- Must describe the offeror’s procedures for background checks, hiring criteria and policies regarding reference and credential checks to insure that

employees have the required professional skills and competency, including but not limited to, at least one year of relevant professional experience, preferably in an acute care setting.

- Must indicate the number of nursing hours that your business, if selected, will commit to fill during Santa Fe County fiscal years 2016 and 2017.
- Must explain how the offeror will communicate with Santa Fe County Correctional Department Medical Administrator regarding staffing/scheduling authorization.
- Must identify the offeror's policies and requirements regarding staffing requests and cancellations; overtime and holiday pay; shift differentials (all proposed costs must be included on the cost proposal form and not specifically discussed within the body of the proposal).
- Must describe the offerors screening and record keeping practice to prevent personnel who have previously been disqualified from being assigned to work for the Santa Fe County CMD or any other Correctional Facility.

5. Cost

Offerors must complete the Cost Proposal Form found in APPENDIX C and submit it with their original proposal ONLY (do not include in the copies). Proposed costs must include costs for wages, other compensation, worker's compensation, unemployment insurance costs, travel to and from the off-site workplace to the on-site workplace, per diem, fringe benefits and any other overhead costs for contractor personnel. All costs shall be *exclusive* of New Mexico Gross Receipts Tax (GRT).

The evaluation of each offeror's *cost proposal* will be conducted using the following formula:

$$\frac{\text{Lowest offeror's combined total hourly rate}}{\text{This offeror's combined total hourly rate}} \times 100 = \text{Awarded Points}$$

B. EVALUATION PROCESS

The evaluation process will follow the steps listed below:

1. All Offeror proposals will be reviewed for compliance with the mandatory specifications stated within the RFP. Proposals deemed non-responsive will be eliminated from further consideration.
2. The Procurement Manager may contact the Offeror for clarification of the response as specified in Section III, Paragraph B.7.
3. The Evaluation Committee may use other sources of information to perform the evaluation as specified in Section III, Paragraph C.18.
4. Responsive proposals will be evaluated on the factors in Section V that have been assigned a point value. The responsible Offerors with the highest scores will be selected

as finalist Offerors based upon the proposals submitted. Finalist Offerors who are asked or choose to submit revised proposals for the purpose of obtaining best and final offers will have their points recalculated accordingly. Points awarded from the oral presentations will not be added to the previously assigned points; all Finalists will be scored and evaluated on oral presentations solely to attain final scores. The responsible Offeror whose proposal is most advantageous to the County, taking into consideration the evaluation factors in Section VI, will be recommended for contract award as specified in Section III, Paragraph B.12. Please note, however, that a serious deficiency in the response to any one factor may be grounds for rejection regardless of overall score

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APPENDIX A

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT FORM

**TEMPORARY NURSING SERVICES
FOR THE CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT**

RFP # 2016-0211-CORR/IC

In acknowledgement of receipt of this Request for Proposal the undersigned agrees that it has received a complete copy, beginning with the title page and table of contents, and ending with Appendix D.

The acknowledgement of receipt should be signed and returned to the Procurement Manager no later than close of business on February 19, 2016. Only potential offerors who elect to return this form completed with the indicated intention of submitting a proposal will receive copies of all offeror written questions and the County's written responses to those questions as well as RFP amendments, if any are issued.

FIRM: _____

REPRESENTED BY: _____

TITLE: _____ PHONE NO.: _____

E-MAIL: _____ FAX NO.: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

This name and address will be used for all correspondence related to the Request for Proposal.

Firm does/does not (**circle one**) intend to respond to this Request for Proposals.

Iris Cordova
Santa Fe County Purchasing Division
142 W. Palace Avenue (Second Floor)
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501
(505) 986-6337
(505) 989-3243
icordova@santafecountynm.gov

APPENDIX B

CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION DISCLOSURE FORM

Pursuant to the Procurement Code, Sections 13-1-28, et seq., NMSA 1978 and NMSA 1978, § 13-1-191.1 (2006), as amended by Laws of 2007, Chapter 234, any prospective contractor seeking to enter into a contract with any state agency or local public body **for professional services, a design and build project delivery system, or the design and installation of measures the primary purpose of which is to conserve natural resources** must file this form with that state agency or local public body. This form must be filed even if the contract qualifies as a small purchase or a sole source contract. The prospective contractor must disclose whether they, a family member or a representative of the prospective contractor has made a campaign contribution to an applicable public official of the state or a local public body during the two years prior to the date on which the contractor submits a proposal or, in the case of a sole source or small purchase contract, the two years prior to the date the contractor signs the contract, if the aggregate total of contributions given by the prospective contractor, a family member or a representative of the prospective contractor to the public official exceeds two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250) over the two year period.

Furthermore, the state agency or local public body may cancel a solicitation or proposed award for a proposed contract pursuant to Section 13-1-181 NMSA 1978 or a contract that is executed may be ratified or terminated pursuant to Section 13-1-182 NMSA 1978 of the Procurement Code if: 1) a prospective contractor, a family member of the prospective contractor, or a representative of the prospective contractor gives a campaign contribution or other thing of value to an applicable public official or the applicable public official's employees during the pendency of the procurement process or 2) a prospective contractor fails to submit a fully completed disclosure statement pursuant to the law.

The state agency or local public body that procures the services or items of tangible personal property shall indicate on the form the name or names of every applicable public official, if any, for which disclosure is required by a prospective contractor.

THIS FORM MUST BE INCLUDED IN THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS AND MUST BE FILED BY ANY PROSPECTIVE CONTRACTOR WHETHER OR NOT THEY, THEIR FAMILY MEMBER, OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVE HAS MADE ANY CONTRIBUTIONS SUBJECT TO DISCLOSURE.

The following definitions apply:

“Applicable public official” means a person elected to an office or a person appointed to complete a term of an elected office, who has the authority to award or influence the award of the contract for which the prospective contractor is submitting a competitive sealed proposal or who has the authority to negotiate a sole source or small purchase contract that may be awarded without submission of a sealed competitive proposal.

“Campaign Contribution” means a gift, subscription, loan, advance or deposit of money or other thing of value, including the estimated value of an in-kind contribution, that is made to or received by an applicable public official or any person authorized to raise, collect or expend contributions on that official’s behalf for the purpose of electing the official to statewide or local office. “Campaign Contribution” includes the payment of a debt incurred in an election campaign, but does not include the value of services provided without compensation or unreimbursed travel or other personal expenses of individuals who volunteer a portion or all of their time on behalf of a candidate or political committee, nor does it include the administrative or solicitation expenses of a political committee that are paid by an organization that sponsors the committee.

“Family member” means spouse, father, mother, child, father-in-law, mother-in-law, daughter-in-law or son-in-law of (a) a prospective contractor, if the prospective contractor is a natural person; or (b) an owner of a prospective contractor.

“Pendency of the procurement process” means the time period commencing with the public notice of the request for proposals and ending with the award of the contract or the cancellation of the request for proposals.

“Prospective contractor” means a person or business that is subject to the competitive sealed proposal process set forth in the Procurement Code or is not required to submit a competitive sealed proposal because that person or business qualifies for a sole source or a small purchase contract.

“Representative of a prospective contractor” means an officer or director of a corporation, a member or manager of a limited liability corporation, a partner of a partnership or a trustee of a trust of the prospective contractor.

Name(s) of Applicable Public Official(s) if any: _____
(Completed by State Agency or Local Public Body)

DISCLOSURE OF CONTRIBUTIONS BY PROSPECTIVE CONTRACTOR:

Contribution Made By: _____

Relation to Prospective Contractor: _____

Date Contribution(s) Made: _____

Amount(s) of Contribution(s) _____

Nature of Contribution(s) _____

Purpose of Contribution(s) _____

(Attach extra pages if necessary)

Signature

Date

Title (position)

--OR--

NO CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE AGGREGATE TOTAL OVER TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250) WERE MADE to an applicable public official by me, a family member or representative.

Signature

Date

Title (Position)

APPENDIX C**COST PROPOSAL FORM**

Offerors must provide hourly rates for the following staff positions. The rates below shall be fixed throughout the term of the contract. Santa Fe County reserves the right to negotiate new rates with the successful contractor(s) on an annual basis. Proposed costs must include costs for wages, other compensation, worker's compensation, unemployment insurance costs, travel to and from the off-site workplace to the on-site workplace, per diem, fringe benefits and any other overhead costs for contractor personnel. All costs shall be *exclusive* of New Mexico Gross Receipts Tax (GRT).

<u>Staff Position</u>	<u>Time Frame</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>
Registered Nurse	12 hour shift	\$ _____
	7pm-7am (Mon-Fri)	\$ _____
Registered Nurse	7am-7pm (Sat-Sun)	\$ _____
	7pm-7am (Sat-Sun)	\$ _____
Registered Nurse/Special Care	7am-7pm (Mon-Fri)	\$ _____
	7pm-7am (Mon-Fri)	\$ _____
Registered Nurse/Special Care	7am-7pm (Sat-Sun)	\$ _____
	7pm-7am (Sat-Sun)	\$ _____
Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurse	7am-7pm (Mon-Fri)	\$ _____
	7pm-7am (Mon-Fri)	\$ _____
Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurse	7am-7pm (Sat-Sun)	\$ _____
	7pm-7am (Sat-Sun)	\$ _____
Pharmaceutical Technician	8am-5pm (Mon-Fri)	\$ _____
Medical Records Clerk	8am-5pm (Mon-Fri)	\$ _____
Total Combined Hourly Rate (for purposes of scoring only)		\$ _____

The evaluation of each offeror's *cost proposal* will be conducted using the following formula:

Lowest offeror's combined total hourly rate
 This offeror's combined total hourly rate X 250 = Awarded Points

Training

Contractor's personnel must undergo site-specific training prior to placement. At a minimum, this will include a Security Orientation, Santa Fe County hazard communication procedures and specific exposure control plan as it pertains to OSHA requirements for blood borne pathogens. CMD will pay one half of the hourly rate for Contractor personnel, assigned to a Santa Fe County correctional facility, to attend such training. Contractor will pay its personnel the amount remaining.

Overtime

Overtime is defined as those hours worked in excess of forty (40) hours in a one week pay period for CMD only. Overtime calculation will not include hours worked at other non-CMD facilities. Overtime must have CMD supervision approval. The overtime rate is one and one-half (1½) times the regular billing rate for each hour worked.

Santa Fe County **will not** pay overtime rates unless the CMD required that the individual work hours in excess of the originally scheduled shift or the individual qualifies for overtime pay on the basis of previously providing 40 hours of work for the CMD during a week.

Holidays

Holiday rates are paid for the day, evening and night shifts on New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas and for the evening and night shifts on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. The holiday billing rate is one and one-half (1 ½) times the regular billing rate for each hour worked.

Santa Fe County reserves the right to dismiss for cause and instruct temporary nursing personnel to leave the premises. In which case, temporary personnel will only be compensated for hours worked and shall not be reassigned to Santa Fe County CMD.

Failure to provide a minimum of an eight (8) hour advance notice to the CMD of the cancellation of any nursing assignment will be deducted from the next invoice.

APPENDIX D

**SAMPLE
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
SANTA FE COUNTY AND _____
FOR TEMPORARY NURSING SERVICES
FOR THE SANTA FE COUNTY CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT**

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into this _____ day of _____, 2016 by and between the **Santa Fe County**, hereinafter referred to as “the County”, and _____, a New Mexico corporation with its principal place of business located at _____ hereinafter referred to as “the Contractor”.

WHEREAS, the Santa Fe County Corrections Department is committed to providing quality medical care to its residents/inmates within a supervised and secure setting, while assuring the safety of the public, the staff and the residents/inmates;

WHEREAS, in accordance with NMSA 1978, Section 13-1-112, the County issued Request for Proposal (RFP) #2016-0211-CORR/IC for Temporary Nursing Services for the Santa Fe County Corrections Department;

WHEREAS, the Contractor submitted its proposal on _____, in response to RFP #2016-0211-CORR/IC;

WHEREAS, the County requires the services of the Contractor, and the Contractor is willing to provide these services and both parties wish to enter into this Agreement.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and mutual obligations herein, the parties hereto do mutually agree as follows:

1. SCOPE OF WORK

The Contractor shall:

- A. At the County’s request the Contractor shall assign qualified, licensed RNs and LPNs, including related staff, as needed to provide services during shift vacancies at the Corrections Medical Division (CMD). If the Contractor is unable to fill a vacancy shift, the Contractor is responsible for providing sufficient notice (respectively a twelve [12] hour advanced notification) to the designated staff member, informing that the contractor is unable to fill the shift vacancy with staff personnel.
- B. Maintain individual employee files for all Contractor personnel containing, at a minimum, the following:
 - i. A completed application, including employee’s education, employment history, training, skills, specialties and preferences.
 - ii. Current Tuberculosis (TB) Test results (must be current within one year)

- and evidence of satisfactory clearance, in accordance with State regulations.
- iii. Copy of current license, registration or certifications, as applicable.
 - iv. Complete background check equivalent to the background checks conducted for employees of the Santa Fe County Corrections Medical Departments.
- C. Contractor personnel assigned to the Adult Detention Facility and/or Youth Development Program shall report to the relieving medical personnel before he or she begins a shift.
- D. The Contractor must provide notice within twenty-four (24) hours of receiving a schedule request of the shift vacancies the Contractor can and cannot fill.
- E. All agency staff working in the Adult Detention Center or Youth Development Program facilities shall follow Santa Fe County Corrections Policies and Procedures.
- F. All agency staff shall arrive for shift fit for duty.

Santa Fe County reserves the right to dismiss for cause and instruct temporary nursing personnel to leave the premises. In which case, temporary personnel will only be compensated for hours worked and shall not be reassigned to Santa Fe County CMD.

Penalty

The Contractor shall be assessed a \$1,500 penalty fee for failure to provide a minimum of a twelve hour advance notice to CMD's designee of the cancellation of any nursing assignment, shift, or coverage previously committed to. Facilities Administrator or designee, will enforce this penalty on a case by case basis.

2. ADDITIONAL SERVICES

- A. The parties agree that all tasks set forth in Section 1. "SCOPE OF WORK," of this Agreement shall be completed in full, to the satisfaction of the County, in accordance with industry standards and the aforementioned statutes, for the amount set forth in Section 3. "COMPENSATION, INVOICING, AND SET-OFF" of this Agreement, and for no other cost, amount, fee or expense.
- B. The County may from time to time request changes in the scope of work to be performed hereunder. Such changes, including any increase or decrease in the amount of the Contractor's compensation, which are mutually agreed upon by and between the County and the Contractor, shall be incorporated in written amendments to this Agreement.

3. COMPENSATION, INVOICING, AND SET-OFF

- A. In consideration of its obligations under this Agreement the Contractor shall be compensated in accordance to the rates as specified in “Exhibit A”.
- B. The Contractor shall submit a written request for payment to the County when payment is due under this Agreement. Upon the County’s receipt of the written request, the County shall issue a written certification of complete or partial acceptance or rejection of the contractual items or services for which payment is sought. The Contractor acknowledges and agrees that the County may not make any payment hereunder unless and until it has issued a written certification accepting the contractual items or services. Within thirty (30) days of the issuance of a written certification accepting the contractual items or services, the County shall tender payment for the accepted items or services. In the event the County fails to tender payment within thirty (30) days of the written certification accepting the items or services, the County shall pay late payment charges of one and one-half percent (1.5%) per month, until the amount due is paid in full.
- C. In the event the Contractor breaches this Agreement, the County may, without penalty, withhold any payment due the Contractor for the purpose of set-off until such time as the County determines the exact amount of damages it suffered as a result of the breach.
- D. Payment under this Agreement shall not foreclose the right of the County to recover excessive or illegal payment.
- E. Santa Fe County cannot guarantee a minimum/maximum number of hours per month.

4. EFFECTIVE DATE AND TERM

This Agreement shall, upon due execution by all parties, become effective as of the date first written above and shall terminate one year later, unless earlier terminated pursuant to Section 5 (Termination) or Section 6 (Appropriations and Authorizations). The County has the option to extend the contract at the same price, terms and conditions for a period of three (3) additional years, on a year-to-year basis, upon the approval of the Santa Fe County. The County may exercise this option by submitting a written notice to Contractor that the Agreement will be extended an additional year. The notice must be submitted to Contractor at least sixty days prior to expiration of the initial Agreement.

5. TERMINATION

- A. Termination of Agreement for Cause. Either party may terminate the Agreement based upon any material breach of this Agreement by the other party. The non-breaching party shall give the breaching party written notice of termination specifying the grounds for the termination. The termination shall be effective thirty (30) days from the breaching party’s receipt of the notice of termination, during which time the breaching party shall have the right to cure the breach. If, however, the breach cannot with due diligence be

cured within thirty (30) days, the breaching party shall have a reasonable time to cure the breach, provided that, within thirty (30) days of its receipt of the written notice of termination, the breaching party began to cure the breach and advised the non-breaching party in writing that it intended to cure.

- B. Termination for Convenience of the County. The County may, in its discretion, terminate this Agreement at any time for any reason by giving the Contractor written notice of termination. The notice shall specify the effective date of termination, which shall not be less than fifteen (15) days from the Contractor's receipt of the notice. The County shall pay the Contractor for acceptable work, determined in accordance with the specifications and standards set forth in this Agreement, performed before the effective date of termination but shall not be liable for any work performed after the effective date of termination.

6. APPROPRIATIONS AND AUTHORIZATIONS

This Agreement is contingent upon sufficient appropriations and authorizations being made for performance of this Agreement by the Board of County Commissioners of the County and/or, if state funds are involved, the Legislature of the State of New Mexico. If sufficient appropriations and authorizations are not made in this or future fiscal years, this Agreement shall terminate upon written notice by the County to the Contractor. Such termination shall be without penalty to the County, and the County shall have no duty to reimburse the Contractor for expenditures made in the performance of this Agreement. The County is expressly not committed to expenditure of any funds until such time as they are programmed, budgeted, encumbered and approved for expenditure by the County. The County's decision as to whether sufficient appropriations and authorizations have been made for the fulfillment of this Agreement shall be final and not subject to challenge by the Contractor in any way or forum, including a lawsuit.

7. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

The Contractor and its agents and employees are independent contractors and are not employees or agents of the County. Accordingly, the Contractor and its agents and employees shall not accrue leave, participate in retirement plans, insurance plans, or liability bonding, use County vehicles, or participate in any other benefits afforded to employees of the County. Except as may be expressly authorized elsewhere in this Agreement, the Contractor has no authority to bind, represent, or otherwise act on behalf of the County and agrees not to purport to do so.

8. ASSIGNMENT

The Contractor shall not assign or transfer any interest in this Agreement or assign any claims for money due or to become due under this Agreement without the advance written approval of the County. Any attempted assignment or transfer without the County's advance written approval shall be null and void and without any legal effect.

9. SUBCONTRACTING

The Contractor shall not subcontract or delegate any portion of the services to be performed under this Agreement without the advance written approval of the County. Any attempted subcontracting or delegating without the County's advance written approval shall be null and void and without any legal effect.

10. PERSONNEL

A. All work performed under this Agreement shall be performed by the Contractor or under its supervision.

B. The Contractor represents that it has, or will secure at its own expense, all personnel required to discharge its obligations under this Agreement. Such personnel (i) shall not be employees of or have any contractual relationships with the County and (ii) shall be fully qualified and licensed or otherwise authorized or permitted under federal, state, and local law to perform the services required by this agreement.

11. RELEASE

Upon its receipt of all payments due under this Agreement, the Contractor releases the County, its elected officials, officers, agents and employees from all liabilities, claims, and obligations whatsoever arising from or under or relating to this Agreement.

12. CONFIDENTIALITY

Any confidential information provided to or developed by the Contractor in the performance of this Agreement shall be kept confidential and shall not be made available to any individual or organization by the Contractor without the prior written approval of the County.

13. PUBLICATION, REPRODUCTION, AND USE OF MATERIAL; COPYRIGHT

The County has the unrestricted right to publish, disclose, distribute and otherwise use, in whole or in part, any reports, data, or other material prepared under or pursuant to this Agreement.

14. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The Contractor represents that it has no and shall not acquire any interest, direct or indirect, that would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of its obligations under this Agreement.

15. NO ORAL MODIFICATIONS; WRITTEN AMENDMENTS REQUIRED

This Agreement may not be modified, altered, changed, or amended orally but, rather, only by an instrument in writing executed by the parties hereto. The Contractor specifically acknowledges and agrees that the County shall not be responsible for any changes to Section 1, "SCOPE OF WORK", of this Agreement unless such changes are set forth in a duly executed written amendment to this Agreement.

16. ENTIRE AGREEMENT; INTEGRATION

This Agreement incorporates all the agreements, covenants, and understandings between the parties hereto concerning the subject matter hereof, and all such agreements, covenants and understandings have been merged into this written Agreement. No prior or contemporaneous agreement, covenant or understandings, verbal or otherwise, of the parties or their agents shall be valid or enforceable unless embodied in this Agreement.

17. NOTICE OF PENALTIES

The Procurement Code, NMSA 1978, Sections 13-1-28 through 13-1-199, imposes civil and criminal penalties for its violation. In addition, New Mexico criminal statutes impose felony penalties for bribes, gratuities, and kickbacks.

18. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMPLIANCE

- A. The Contractor agrees to abide by all federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, and rules and regulations pertaining to equal employment opportunity and unlawful discrimination. Without in any way limiting the foregoing general obligation, the Contractor specifically agrees not to discriminate against any person with regard to employment with the Contractor or participation in any program or activity offered pursuant to this Agreement on the grounds of race, age, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, physical or mental handicap, serious medical condition, spousal affiliation, sexual orientation, or gender identity.
- B. The Contractor acknowledges and agrees that failure to comply with this Section shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement.

19. COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAW; CHOICE OF LAW

- A. In performing its obligations hereunder, the Contractor shall comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, and regulations.
- B. This Agreement shall be construed in accordance with the substantive laws of the State of New Mexico, without regard to its choice of law rules. Contractor and the County agree that the exclusive forum for any litigation between them arising out of or related to this Agreement shall be the state district court of New Mexico, located in Santa Fe County.

20. RECORDS AND INSPECTIONS

- A. To the extent its books and records relate to (i) its performance of this Agreement or any subcontract entered into pursuant to it or (ii) cost or pricing data (if any) set forth in this Agreement or that was required to be submitted to the County as part of the

procurement process, the Contractor agrees to (i) maintain such books and records during the term of this Agreement and for a period of six (6) years from the date of final payment under this Agreement; (ii) allow the County or its designee to audit such books and records at reasonable times and upon reasonable notice; and (iii) to keep such books and records in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).

- B. To the extent its books and records relate to (i) its performance of this Agreement or any subcontract entered into pursuant to it or (ii) cost or pricing data (if any) set forth in this Agreement or that was required to be submitted to County as part of the procurement process, the Contractor also agrees to require any subcontractor it may hire to perform its obligations under this Agreement to (i) maintain such books and records during the term of this Agreement and for a period of six (6) years from the date of final payment under the subcontract; (ii) to allow the County or its designee to audit such books and records at reasonable times and upon reasonable notice; and (iii) to keep such books and records in accordance with GAAP.

21. INDEMNIFICATION

- A. The Contractor shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the County and its elected officials, agents, and employees from any losses, liabilities, damages, demands, suits, causes of action, judgments, costs or expenses (including but not limited to court costs and attorneys' fees) resulting from or directly or indirectly arising out of the Contractor's performance or non-performance of its obligations under this Agreement, including but not limited to the Contractor's breach of any representation or warranty made herein.
- B. The Contractor agrees that the County shall have the right to control and participate in the defense of any such demand, suit, or cause of action concerning matters that relate to the County and that such suit will not be settled without the County's consent, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld. If a conflict exists between the interests of the County and the Contractor in such demand, suit, or cause of action, the Contractor shall retain legal counsel to represent the County's interest at Contractor's cost. The County shall approve any legal counsel selected by Contractor to represent the County's interest.
- C. The Contractor's obligations under this section shall not be limited by the provisions of any insurance policy the Contractor is required to maintain under this Agreement

22. SEVERABILITY

If any term or condition of this Agreement shall be held invalid or non-enforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Agreement shall not be affected and shall be valid and enforceable to the fullest extent of the law.

23. NOTICES

Any notice required to be given to either party by this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be delivered in person, by courier service or by U.S. mail, either first class or certified, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, as follows:

To the County: Santa Fe County
Office of the County Attorney
102 Grant Avenue
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

To the Contractor: [insert name, address, phone number and email]

24. CONTRACTOR’S REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

The Contractor hereby represents and warrants that:

- A. This Agreement has been duly authorized by the Contractor, the person executing this Agreement has authority to do so, and, once executed by the Contractor, this Agreement shall constitute a binding obligation of the Contractor.
- B. This Agreement and Contractor’s obligations hereunder do not conflict with Contractor’s corporate agreement or any statement filed with the Public Regulation Commission on Contractor’s behalf.
- C. Contractor is legally registered and licensed to operate as a business in New Mexico and is properly licensed by the New Mexico Board of Nursing to do the work anticipated by this Agreement and shall maintain such registration and licensure in good standing throughout the duration of the Agreement.
- D. Contractor shall have current New Mexico Licensure and Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) certification for RNs and LPNs.

25. FACSIMILE SIGNATURES

The parties hereto agree that a facsimile signature has the same force and effect as an original for all purposes.

26. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

The County’s liability to the Contractor for any breach of this Agreement by the County shall be limited to direct damages and shall not exceed the maximum amount of potential compensation specified in Section 2, “COMPENSATION AND INVOICING,” of this Agreement. In no event shall the County be liable to the Contractor for special or consequential damages, even if the County was advised of the possibility of such damages prior to entering into this Agreement.

27. NO THIRD-PARTY BENEFICIARIES

This Agreement was not intended to and does not create any rights in any persons not a party hereto.

28. INSURANCE

- A. General Conditions. The Contractor shall submit evidence of insurance as is required herein. Policies of insurance shall be written by companies authorized to write such insurance in New Mexico.
- B. General Liability Insurance, Including Automobile. The Contractor shall procure and maintain during the life of this Agreement a comprehensive general liability and automobile insurance policy with liability limits in amounts not less than \$1,050,000 combined single limits of liability for bodily injury, including death, and property damage for any one occurrence.

Said policies of insurance shall include coverage for all operations performed for the County by the Contractor; coverage for the use of all owned, non-owned, hired automobiles, vehicles and other equipment, both on and off work; and contractual liability coverage under which this Agreement is an insured contract. The County of Santa Fe shall be a named additional insured on the policy.

- C. Workers' Compensation Insurance. The Contractor shall comply with the provisions of the Workers' Compensation Act.
- D. Increased Limits. If, during the life of this Agreement, the Legislature of the State of New Mexico increases the maximum limits of liability under the Tort Claims Act (NMSA 1978, Sections 41-4-1 through 41-4-29, as amended), the Contractor shall increase the maximum limits of any insurance required herein.
- E. Professional Liability [Malpractice/Errors and Omissions Insurance]. The Contractor shall procure and maintain during the life of this agreement professional liability (errors and omissions) insurance, with policy limits of not less than \$1,500,000.00 per occurrence, \$2,500,000.00 per aggregate.

29. PERMITS, FEES, AND LICENSES

Contractor shall procure all permits and licenses, pay all charges, fees, and royalties, and give all notices necessary and incidental to the due and lawful performance of its obligations hereunder.

30. NEW MEXICO TORT CLAIMS ACT

No provision of this Agreement modifies or waives any sovereign immunity or limitation of liability enjoyed by County or its “public employees” at common law or under the New Mexico Tort Claims Act, NMSA 1978, Section 41-4-1, et seq.

31. CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION DISCLOSURE FORM

The Contractor agrees to compute and submit simultaneous with execution of this Agreement a Campaign Contribution Disclosure Form approved by the County.

32. APPOINTMENT OF AGENT FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS, if applicable

The Contractor hereby irrevocably appoints, _____, a New Mexico resident company located at, _____, Santa Fe, NM 87501, as its agent upon whom process and writs in any action or proceeding arising out of or related to this Agreement may be served. The Contractor acknowledges and agrees that service upon its designated agent shall have the same effect as though the Contractor were actually and personally served within the state of New Mexico.

33. SURVIVAL

The provisions of following paragraphs shall survive termination of this Contract; INDEMNIFICATION; RECORDS AND INSPECTION; RELEASE, CONFIDENTIALITY, PUBLICATION, REPRODUCTION, AND USE OF MATERIAL; COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAW; CHOICE OF LAW; NO THIRD-PARTY BENEFICIARIES; SURVIVAL.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement as of the date first written above.

SANTA FE COUNTY:

Miguel M. Chavez, Chair

Date

Santa Fe County Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST

Geraldine Salazar
Santa Fe County Clerk

Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Gregory S. Shaffer
Santa Fe County Attorney

Date

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Carole H. Jaramillo
Santa Fe County Finance Director

Date

CONTRACTOR:

Date

By: _____
(Print Name)

Its: _____
(Print Title)