



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR
Countywide Land Mobile Radio (LMR) Planning
Consultant

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TEHAMA COUNTY TRANSIT AGENCY BOARD
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RED BLUFF CA, 96080

Responses are due prior to 4:00 P.M., March 28, 2023

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II. **INTRODUCTION & GENERAL INSTRUCTONS**

The Tehama County Transit Agency Board (TCTAB) and its operating organization of TRAX are issuing this Request for Proposals (RFP) for a Countywide Land Mobile Radio (LMR) Planning Consultant.

The LMR Planning Consultant may be funded with Local, State, and Federal dollars requiring the successful Proposer to follow all pertinent local, State, and Federal laws and regulations.

This RFP is being led by the TCTAB however it is expected that the contract with the selected consultant will be executed by the County of Tehama (the County).

The performance period of the contract shall initiate from the date executed by the County through June 30, 2026, with the option to extend two (2) additional years.

The Proposer's attention is directed to the Proposal Schedule, below, and the "Proposal Requirements" as included in Section V.

The proposals submitted in response to this RFP will be used as a basis for selecting the Vendor for this project. Each Proposer's proposal will be evaluated and ranked according to the following evaluation criteria:

- Successful completion of similar projects: 30 points
- Capabilities of firm and proposed project team: 20 points
- Approach to completing the required Scope of Work: 20 points
- Total price to complete the Scope of Work: 30 points

If interviews are conducted as part of the evaluation process, Proposers must have in attendance the key project staff to include the Project Sponsor, Project Manager, and Lead Technical Consultant. From the interviews, if they are conducted, the following additional evaluation criteria will be added to those above:

- Content of interview and demonstrated qualifications of presentation team: 30 points

Addenda to this RFP, if issued, will be sent to all Proposers from whom the TCTAB staff has specifically received written questions regarding the RFP. Addenda will also be posted at <https://tehamartpa.org/request-for-proposals/>. It shall be the Proposer's responsibility to check this website to obtain any addenda that may be issued.

Proposers shall submit five (5) hard copies, one marked and signed as “Original”, as well as one (1) electronic copy in PDF format (on a USB drive) of the proposal. The original shall be considered the presiding version of the proposal should there be any discrepancies between any copies. The hard copies and USB drive shall be mailed or submitted to the TCTAB prior to **4:00 P.M. on the date on the cover of this RFP**. Proposals shall be submitted in a sealed package clearly marked “**RFP for Countywide LMR Planning Consultant**” and addressed as follows:

Jessica Riske Gomez
Deputy Director - Transportation
1509 Schwab Street
Red Bluff CA 96080
(530) 602-8282

Proposals received after the time and date specified above will be considered nonresponsive and will be returned to the Proposer.

Any proposals received prior to the time and date specified on the cover of this RFP may be withdrawn or modified by written request of the Proposer.

Unsigned proposals or improperly signed proposals (including those signed by an individual not authorized to contractually bind the prospective Proposer) will be considered nonresponsive and rejected.

All responses submitted toward this RFP will remain in the public domain.

Any questions related to this RFP shall be submitted in writing to the attention of TCTAB via email at jriskegomez@tehamartpa.org and jblunkall@tehamartpa.org before the time and date noted in the schedule, below.

No verbal question or inquiry about this RFP shall be accepted and any verbal answers provided by TCTAB shall be considered informal and non-binding. Only this RFP and any formal, published addenda are to serve as the TCTAB's and the County's requirements for this project and as instructions to Proposers.

There will be a proposal conference that shall be held at the date and time listed in the schedule below. Proposer attendance is optional. This will be a remote dial-in conference (no in-person attendance will be allowed). The purpose of this conference is for the TCTAB and the County to provide informal updates and informally answer questions from Proposers. (See prior note about informal/verbal information.) Proposers wishing to participate in the proposal conference must email Jessica Riske-Gomez at the email

address listed above by the date and time listed in the schedule below. Upon receipt of their request to attend, TCTAB will provide the Proposer with information to access the dial-in conference.

TCTAB and the County may invite selected Proposers to an interview, to include topics about the invited Proposer's proposals as well as other information sought by TCTAB and the County, based on a determination of which proposals are considered to be in the best interest of TRAX and the County. Those Proposers that are invited to an interview will be contacted in advance to schedule a format and date/time.

The schedule for this RFP is as follows:

Event	Date	Time
RFP Release	January 14, 2023	n/a
Proposers Last Date/Time to Express Interest in Attending RFP Conference	January 24, 2023	4:00pm Pacific Time
Proposal Conference (attendance is optional)	January 31, 2023	2:00pm Pacific Time
Questions / Requests for Clarifications Due	February 7, 2023	4:00pm Pacific Time
Answers to Questions / Clarifications Posted to tehamartpa.org Website as Addenda, if needed	February 14, 2023	5:00pm Pacific Time
Proposals Due	March 28, 2023	4:00pm Pacific Time
Evaluation Period (approximate)	April 13, 2023	n/a
Interviews (optional, approximate)	April 20, 2023	n/a
Intent To Award (approximate)	April 27, 2023	n/a
Contract Negotiations Complete, Start of Work (approximate)	May 11, 2023	n/a

This RFP does not commit the TCTAB or the County to award a contract, to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of a proposal for this request, or to procure or contract for services. TCTAB and the County reserve the right to accept or reject any or all proposals received as a result of this RFP, to negotiate with any qualified Proposer, or to modify or cancel in part or in its entirety the RFP if it is in the best interests of the TCTAB or the County to do so. Furthermore, a contract award may not be made based solely on price.

Prospective Proposers are advised that should this RFP result in recommendation for award of a contract, the contract will not be in force until it is approved and fully executed by the TCTAB or the County.

All products and documents used or developed in the execution of any contract resulting from this RFP will remain in the public domain at the completion of the contract.

III. PROJECT BACKGROUND AND GOALS

a. BACKGROUND – ORGANIZATION OF TCTAB AND TRAX

The Tehama Rural Area Express (TRAX) is a fixed-route and paratransit bus service that operates in and around Tehama County, California. Providing assistance to TRAX are the Tehama County Transportation Commission (TCTC) and the Transit Agency Board (TCTAB).

Policy and funding for TRAX & ParaTRAX is determined by the TCTAB which is an Advisory Board to the Board of Supervisors, and which was created pursuant to state law and designated in the enabling legislation as a transit development board.

Furthermore, the Tehama County Public Works Department, under TCTAB direction, oversees the day-to-to operations of TRAX and ParaTRAX and, for the latter, administers the agreement with the contractor, Paratransit Services.

b. BACKGROUND – ORIGINAL RADIO PLANNING SCOPE OF WORK

In 2020, the TCTAB released an RFP for analysis and recommendations relating to a radio communications system for TRAX. The outcome of that RFP process was the selection of a consultant whose scope was to assist TRAX in improving the level of radio communications service provided to TRAX by:

- 1) Studying TRAX's requirements for two-way voice and data radio systems and devices

- 2) Working with the public safety agencies in the County and in the region to understand the needs for (and available options to provide) an integrated / interoperable two-way voice radio communications
- 3) Developing a conceptual design to meet TRAX's needs, while accommodating the needs of other agencies
- 4) Preparing a budgetary estimate and high-level implementation plan for the conceptual design

c. BACKGROUND – EXPANSION TO OTHER AGENCIES

In the course of completing these tasks, the prior-selected consultant's scope was increased to include the same phases of studying needs, developing a conceptual design, and preparing a budget/implementation plan for the additional agencies of the Tehama County Sheriff's Office (TCSO), the Tehama County Public Works Department (TCPW), and other county-level agencies/departments that use radios (such as Public Health and Social Services).

Municipal and federal agencies that operate within Tehama County¹ were contacted by the prior-selected consultant to understand their radio operations and their needs for interoperability, however, developing recommendations, budgets, and plans for those non-county-level agencies were not in the scope of work for that consultant. Those neighboring/partnering agencies remain outside the scope of work for this RFP.

d. BACKGROUND – TCTAB AND TRAX RADIO SYSTEM PLANNING TO DATE

The prior-selected consultant completed these tasks and their deliverables include:

- An Inventory and Needs Assessment Report
- An Alternatives and Recommended Solution Report
- A Supplement to the Alternatives & Recommended Solution Report: Transit Workforce Management – Automation Applications (TWM-A) for TRAX

The major findings of the "Inventory and Needs Assessment Report" were as follows:

- 1) TRAX used a trunked, UHF, DMR, commercial/subscription-based radio system for voice communications. That system operated off one site that was not inside the County. The capabilities of the system generally met TRAX's requirements

¹ These agencies include the police, fire, and public works departments of the Cities of Red Bluff and Corning as well as CalFire, USFS Mendocino National Forest, and USFS Lassen National Forest.

other than those related to coverage. Dispatch used control stations. See further information below about changes to TRAX's radio operations.

- 2) TCSO uses a VHF, analog, conventional radio system with two repeater sites within the county. The two sites use the same single pair of frequencies but their operation is separated by different CTCSS tones. Together, their coverage is less than adequate for countywide operations and the process of selecting a site, both by users and dispatchers, is complex. Additionally, TCSO would benefit from having a second channel for tactical operations as well as the ability to transmit sensitive information in an encrypted mode.
- 3) TCSO dispatch operations occur from consoles that use wireless (control station) links to the two repeater sites.
- 4) TCPW uses a VHF, analog, conventional radio system with one pair of frequencies. It, too, provides moderately-adequate coverage. Dispatch is via a control station.
- 5) The equipment of the above systems; including the repeaters, the user radios, and the dispatch consoles; are all aged beyond the point of serviceability.
- 6) The conditions of the radio sites themselves requires improvement.
- 7) A strength of the existing systems for TCSO and TCPW is that each uses the same technology as is used by their critical operational partners, including municipal and federal-level agencies, and they, therefore, promote effective radio interoperability with the users of those agencies.

Additional details are included in the above-mentioned report which can be provided upon request.

The major findings of the "Alternatives and Recommended Solution Report" were as follows:

- 8) The key goals for any new system should be to address the top requirements of improving coverage, maintaining (and, possibly, enhancing) interoperability, and replacing end-of-life equipment.
- 9) To achieve these goals, there should be a system of sub-systems that includes:
 - a. A VHF, analog, conventional simulcast/voted, single-channel, multi-site system to provide countywide portable coverage for TCSO's dispatch operations
 - b. A VHF, digital/P25, conventional, single-channel, single-site system to provide countywide mobile coverage for TCSO's inquiry (and, potentially, tactical) operations
 - c. A VHF, analog, conventional, single-channel, single-channel system to provide countywide mobile coverage to TCPW

- d. A VHF, analog, conventional voted, single-channel, multi-site system to provide countywide portable/mobile coverage to other local government agencies
 - e. A UHF, DMR (Tier II), conventional, single-channel, single-site system for TRAX (*see following section for updates regarding TRAX's radio operations*)
 - f. New wireline dispatch consoles for TCSO
 - g. New control stations for dispatch for TCPW and TRAX (*see following section for updates regarding TRAX's radio operations*)
 - h. A new microwave network to interconnect the sites
- 10) Other recommendations included
- i. Improvements to radio sites
 - j. A comprehensive system maintenance/support program

Additional details, including a budgetary estimate and high-level implementation plan, are included in the above-mentioned report which can be provided upon request.

e. BACKGROUND – CHANGES TO TRAX'S RADIO OPERATIONS

In the time following the completion and presentation of the "Alternatives and Recommended Solution Report", three changes occurred to TRAX's radio operations:

- 1) The UHF DMR radio site used by TRAX was decommissioned.
- 2) TRAX replaced its voice radio operations with cellular-based PTT phones.
- 3) TRAX has initiated a new project to use more comprehensive Transit Workforce Management / Automation (TWM-A) applications that will connect drivers, dispatchers, and riders with important transit-related information. It will use cellular- and WiFi-based wireless networks and it will also continue to provide PTT-over-cellular voice communications.

These actions are described in a document prepared by the prior-selected consultant titled "Supplement to the Alternatives & Recommended Solution Report: Transit Workforce Management – Automation Applications for TRAX". This Supplement is available upon request.

Therefore, although TRAX initiated the efforts to develop plans for enhanced LMR capabilities among agencies in Tehama County, it's needs will be met with a solution that will be specific to its operations, will not be LMR-based, and that will not participate in radio-level interoperability with TCSO, TCPW, county-level governmental agencies, and neighbor/partner public safety departments in Tehama County. This is acceptable as

interoperability between TRAX and these other agencies/departments will continue through phone-based (or video-based) dispatcher-to-dispatcher communications.

f. CURRENT STATUS AND INVOLVED AGENCIES

Although TRAX has decided to seek a non-LMR-based radio communications solution, the findings and guidance of the “Alternatives and Recommended Solution Report” were accepted by the other county-level organizations in Tehama County, including TCSO, TCPW, and the other governmental agencies that have requirements for mobile voice communications. Those agencies wish to pursue the recommendations listed in Sections III.d.8 – III.d.10, above (except for those that involve TRAX).

The prior-selected consultant has informed TRAX that they are not available to continue their work. Therefore, TRAX, in conjunction with the County, have developed this RFP for a Countywide LMR Planning Consultant to put into action the findings and guidance of the “Alternatives and Recommended Solution Report” for the agencies of TCSO, TCPW, and Tehama County’s other local government departments.

TRAX’s involvement in this project is expected to be limited to the development and release of this RFP. The contracting agent is expected to be the County and the primary point of contact for all work performed by the selected consultant shall be a designee from one of the above-mentioned County-level agencies. Additionally, the public safety and public works departments of the neighboring/partnering municipal and federal agencies remain outside of the scope of this project.

IV. PURPOSE OF THIS RFP

This RFP has been prepared and released for the purposes of identifying a Countywide LMR Planning Consultant that can:

- 1) Review and accept the findings and guidance of the previously selected consultant’s reports/supplements as described above.
- 2) Guide the involved agencies (TCSO, TCPW, and other county-level departments such as Social and Health Services) in the creation of a Radio Advisory Committee whose purpose is to develop and approve financial, technical, and operational recommendations for the planning, deployment, and sustainment of the countywide LMR system envisioned in the “Alternatives and Recommended Solution Report”.
- 3) Prepare a more detailed Project Plan for presentation to and approval by the Radio Advisory Committee.
 - a. The Project Plan is to describe actionable steps; including goals, tasks, deliverables, assumptions, and timeframes; for the Radio Advisor

Committee to take over the next 3-5 years to achieve the countywide LMR system.

- b. The Project Plan is to be inclusive of activities related to funding, procurement, deployment, staffing/contracting, transition to operations, and ongoing maintenance/support.
- 4) Complete the above-listed tasks in ways that are sensitive to and accommodating of the political, financial, and cultural environments of the involved agencies and of Tehama County. It will be important for the selected consultant to understand that the involved agencies operate in a County that is largely rural and agricultural but that also has important cities and critical resources related to transportation and recreation.

The consultant selected through this RFP may be retained to continue work toward the procurement, deployment, and transition-to-operation of the countywide LMR system, however, such work is not included in the scope of this RFP.

V. PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

a. General Instructions

These requirements are provided for standardizing the preparation and submission of proposals by all Proposers. The intent of these requirements is to assist in preparation of their proposals, to simplify the review process, and to help assure consistency in format and content.

Proposals shall be no longer than 30 pages (with the exceptions of those proposal areas are specifically identified below as not contributing to the page limit) and shall contain the following information in the order listed in the following sections.

b. Introductory Letter- limit of 1 page

The introductory (or transmittal) letter shall be addressed as follows:

Jessica Riske Gomez
Deputy Director - Transportation
1509 Schwab Street
(530) 602-8282

The letter shall be on Proposer's letterhead and shall include: Proposer's contact name, mailing address, telephone number, facsimile number, and email address. The letter will

address Proposer's understanding of the services being requested and any other pertinent information Proposer believes should be included. All addendums published must be acknowledged in the Introductory Letter.

The letter included in the "Original" hard copy shall be wet signed in blue ink by an individual authorized to bind the Proposer to the proposal. The "Original" hard copy will be considered the Proposer's formal response to this RFP.

c. PROPOSER Information, Qualifications & Experience – limit of 7 pages

Proposers shall provide an overview of their firm's history, organization, and products/services as they relate to the scope of this RFP.

TCTAB and the County will only consider submittals from Proposers that demonstrate they have successfully completed comparable projects. Proposers shall provide descriptions of reference projects. These descriptions must highlight the relevance of that project to the requirements of this RFP, must describe the products/services offered, and must detail the performance of the project team. Submittals shall include a description of a minimum of three (3) and a maximum of five (5) projects that have been completed by the Proposer within the last two (2) years and that were similar in scope and scale to this project. Each reference description shall include:

1. Contracting agency
2. Contracting agency Project Manager and, contact information
3. Contract amount
4. Date of contract
5. Date of completion
6. Proposer Project Manager and contact information
7. Project Objective
8. Project Description
9. Project Outcome
10. Project Agency Letter of Recommendation (References)

Preference will be given to those Proposers who can demonstrate successful completion of projects of similar scope to clients in Northern California with similar characteristics as Tehama County.

d. Staff Organizations and Qualifications – limit of 7 pages (not including resumes)

1. Describe the roles and organization of your proposed team for this project. Indicate the composition and number of project staff, facilities available, and experience of your team as it relates to this project.
2. Provide information about the key individuals on the team including, at a minimum: i) the project's Project Manager, ii) the project's lead technical resource, and iii) the single point of escalation should the County require intervention that cannot be resolved by other team members (i.e., a Project Sponsor that can commit other resources). Provide resumes for all key team members. Resumes shall show relevant experience to this Project's Scope of Work, the length of employment with the Proposer, and other relevant skills, education, or experience. (Resumes shall not contribute to the page limit of this section or of the proposal.)
3. Key members shall have experience with this type of project and shall be committed to stay with the project for the duration of the project. Proposers shall explicitly confirm the availability of their team for the duration of this project.
4. Clearly identify any subcontractors/subconsultants included in your project team and identify the nature of your firm's relationship to them (i.e., when and how have you previously worked together, if there is a financial or business arrangement between the firms, etc.).

e. Scope of Work – limit of 10 pages

1. Include a narrative Scope of Work Statement describing how your firm and proposed project team will complete the Scope of Work included in Section VI, below. For each of the scope's Phases One through Four, describe: i) the goal of the phase (it's intended outcome), ii) the tasks to be completed by your firm, iii) the assumptions you have on work to be completed, or resources to be provided, by others, iv) the deliverables of the phase, and) the duration of the phase. The narrative can be augmented by a "responsibility matrix" format that lists each phase, each task within each phase, the deliverables, the party responsible for completing the task, and any relevant notes.
2. There is no need to include a description of an approach to possible activities beyond Phase Four.
3. Provide a detailed schedule, preferably in GANTT format, for all phases of the project and the Proposer's services including time for reviews and approvals by the County.
4. Describe your project management approach. Provide a description of how the team and scope of work will be managed including how issues, risks, and changes will be controlled. Describe how project communications will occur. When and

how will the project manager interface with the County's team? How will escalation occur, should it be necessary?

f. Mandatory Statements – not included in page limit

1. Conflict of Interest Statement

Proposer shall disclose any financial, business, or other relationship with TCTAB, TRAX, or any County agency or department that may have an impact upon the outcome of the contract or the system deployment project. Proposer shall also list current clients who may have a financial interest in the outcome of this contract or the deployment project that will follow. The Proposer shall disclose any financial interest or relationship with any vendor of LMR products or services that might submit a bid on the deployment project.

2. Litigation

Indicate if Proposer was involved with any litigation in connection with prior projects. If yes, briefly describe the nature of the litigation and the result.

3. Contract Agreement

Provide a statement that Proposer accepts the terms of the sample agreement in **Appendix A**, otherwise, indicate if Proposer has any concerns or requested changes to the sample agreement. No changes requested during contract negotiation period will be considered that are not included as requested herein.

Proposer shall provide a statement affirming that the proposal terms shall remain in effect for (90) ninety days following the date proposal submittals are due.

g. Cost Proposal – limit of 5 pages

1. Proposer's costs must be included with the proposal and costs will be a part of the evaluation criteria. Costs are to be provided on a firm-fixed-fee basis that are to be inclusive of the firm's labor (including subcontractors), expenses (including travel, materials, printing, etc.), and all other costs.
2. The cost proposal shall be in a format of the Proposer's choosing but it must clearly list the following for each of Phases One through Four of the project as described in the Requirements / Scope of Work included in Section VI, below;
 - a. The number of hours to expended by the project team to complete the work of the phase
 - b. The hourly rates of the project team
 - c. The total cost of labor to complete the work of the phase
 - d. Any and all travel costs or other expenses to be incurred during completion of the phase

3. A total, firm-fixed-fee price for the completion of all Phases One through Four shall also be included and shall be clearly identified as the Proposer's Total Proposal Cost.
4. Cost proposals shall also include any additional assumptions (i.e., and not already described in the proposal's Scope of Work) of resources to be provided or work to be completed by parties other than the Proposer.
5. Cost proposals shall include a statement about Proposer's practices regarding change orders and shall clearly describe the conditions under which the Proposer may request a change order and how the price of a change order is to be determined.
6. As noted above, the consultant selected through this RFP may be retained to continue work toward the procurement, deployment, and transition-to-operation of the countywide LMR system. Cost proposals shall include a description of how the cost for any such future work are to be determined including a clear statement regarding any escalation percentage/increase the Proposer shall place on the labor rates used to develop the costs for the phases included in the Scope of Work of this RFP.

VI. REQUIREMENTS / SCOPE OF WORK

- a. Phase One – Project Planning: Consultant shall develop, present, and receive approval for a Project Management Plan that shall confirm the project goals, the project team, the phases and schedules of the work to be completed, the deliverables and their expected timeframes, the expectations of County agencies, and the methods and timeframes for reporting and managing project issues, risks, and changes. The deliverables of this phase are the approved Project Management Plan as well as the regular/on-going project reports and/or meetings that will occur throughout all phases of work.
- b. Phase Two – Review of Prior Work: Consultant shall thoroughly review the Reports and the other work products of the prior selected consultant. It is not expected that the consultant shall re-perform any of the work completed by the prior selected consultant nor is it expected that the consultant shall produce replacements of updates to those Reports. Still, if during the review of those reports, the consultant determines any of the prior findings or guidance to be not in the best interests of the County or the involved agencies/departments, they shall raise such issues during this phase, along with recommendations for adjustments or corrections. The deliverable for this phase shall be a report that described such recommendations for adjustments or corrections, if they exist.

- c. Phase Three – Development of Radio Advisory Committee: Consultant shall work with the involved agencies to create a Radio Advisory Committee. It is expected that the Radio Advisory Committee shall be the body responsible for planning and/or approving the technical, financial, operational, and support/maintenance aspects of the system. Although specific tasks related to the planning and deployment of the system may be the responsibility of individuals or groups within involved agencies/departments, overall direction shall come from this Committee

This phase shall include:

- Meeting with stakeholders to introduce all parties and identify key contacts from within the County's participating agencies
- Identifying any existing policies that may have impact on the ownership and use of the system
- Review best practices including any similar committees the consultant has developed for other clients
- Solicit and identify potential roadblocks, sticking-points, and local sensitivities regarding system ownership and usage and work with the stakeholders to develop plans to mitigate them
- Develop a Draft Radio Advisory Committee Charter that clearly identifies:
 - The overall powers, responsibilities, and limits on the committee
 - The structure of the committee to include the number and makeup of participants as well as any recommendations for any standing subcommittees
 - The rules and procedures of the committee
 - The deliverables of the committee
- Work with the stakeholders to revise the Draft Charter into a Final version
- Assist the stakeholders in obtaining approval / authorization for the Final Charter – this shall be limited to providing answers to questions asked by legal or legislative representatives within the County that may be required to approve the Final Charter
- Attend the first meeting of the Radio Advisory Committee and actively contribute to its conduct and completion

- The deliverables of this phase are the Draft and Final versions of the Radio Advisory Committee Charter (the final as is necessary for approval/authorization by the County and/or its agencies/departments) and the participation in the Committee's first meeting
- d. Phase Four – Development of Project Plan: Consultant shall develop a Project Plan for achieving the system as described in the “Alternatives and Recommended Solution Report”. This Plan shall include:
- Section 1: Any changes to the findings and guidance of the “Alternatives and Recommended Solution Report” that the consultant feels are in the best interest of the County, including descriptions of how the changes would affect the technology, operations, or budgetary estimates described in the Report
 - Section 2: An updated budgetary estimate for the system envisioned in the Report – this is required even if the consultant has no changes to the findings or guidance of the Report
 - Section 3: Recommendations for funding sources and/or procurement methods that could be used for the capital and operational costs of deploying and sustaining the system – this is to include, at a minimum;
 - Sources such as grants, earmarks, special funds, general funds, etc.
 - Methods such as outright purchase, leases, build-own-operate, etc.
 - Cost-sharing models among the involved agencies for both deployment and operation
 - Section 4: A Deployment Roadmap that describes the major tasks involved in taking the project from initiation, through specifications, procurement, contracting, vendor mobilization, vendor deployment, site preparation, testing, training, transition, acceptance, transition to operations, and any other relevant tasks involved in achieving the system
 - Each major task shall be described by its goals, activities, resources required, deliverables, timeframes, costs, and assumptions relevant to its completion

Additional direction to the consultant for this Phase includes:

- Consultant shall prepare a draft report version of this Plan for review by the County's main point of contact before revising it into a final report – the draft and final reports shall include an executive summary of no longer than 10 pages that summarize the most important findings and guidance
 - Consultant shall also prepare and deliver a summary presentation of the final version of the Plan to the Radio Advisory Committee
 - The deliverables of this phase are the Draft and Final versions of the Project Plan as well as the delivery of the summary presentation to the Radio Advisory Committee
- e. Beyond Phase Four – Possible Additional Work, Currently Out of Scope: Depending on the availability of funds and on the consultant's performance during the completion of Phases One through Four, the consultant may be retained by the County for additional work. Such work is not considered within the scope of work of this RFP but may include assistance with the procurement, deployment, and transition-to-operation of the countywide LMR system.

APPENDIX A

“SAMPLE AGREEMENT”

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND

1. **RESPONSIBILITIES OF CONSULTANT**

During the term of this agreement, [taken from RFP Scope].

2. **RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE County**

County shall compensate CONSULTANT for said services pursuant to Section 3 and 4 of this agreement.

3. **COMPENSATION**

CONSULTANT shall be paid in accordance with the rates set forth in the Fee Schedule, attached hereto as Exhibit C for performing the Scope of Services described in this Agreement. In addition, County shall reimburse CONSULTANT for the actual and reasonable expenses for radio system design, purchase and implementation, travel, postage, and reasonable expenses incurred by CONSULTANT in the performance of the work hereunder. The rates set forth in the Fee Schedule are inclusive of all other expenses. Reimbursement for actual travel expenses will not exceed the currently authorized rates and per diem for County employees. The Maximum Compensation (including expense reimbursement) payable under this Agreement shall not exceed \$----. CONSULTANT shall not be entitled to payment or reimbursement for any tasks or

services performed except as specified herein. CONSULTANT shall have no claim against County for payment of any compensation or reimbursement, of any kind whatsoever, for any service provided by CONSULTANT after the expiration or other termination of this Agreement. CONSULTANT shall not be paid any amount in excess of the Maximum Compensation amount set forth above, and CONSULTANT agrees that County has no obligation, whatsoever, to compensate or reimburse CONSULTANT for any expenses, direct or indirect costs, expenditures, or charges of any nature by CONSULTANT that exceed the Maximum Compensation amount set forth above. Should CONSULTANT receive any such payment it shall immediately notify County and shall immediately repay all such funds to County. This provision shall survive the expiration or other termination of this Agreement.

4. **BILLING AND PAYMENT**

On or before the 15th of each month, CONSULTANT shall submit to County an itemized invoice for all services rendered, as well as expense reimbursement requested, during the preceding calendar month. County shall make payment of all undisputed amounts within 30 days of receipt of CONSULTANT's invoice. County shall be obligated to pay only for services properly invoiced in accordance with this section. (**Specify format)

5. **TERM OF AGREEMENT**

This agreement shall commence on the date of signing and shall terminate [date], unless terminated in accordance with section 6 below.

6. **TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT**

If CONSULTANT fails to perform his/her duties to the satisfaction of the County, or if CONSULTANT fails to fulfill in a timely and professional manner his/her obligations under this agreement, or if CONSULTANT violates any of the terms or provisions of this agreement, then the County shall have the right to terminate this agreement effective immediately upon the County giving written notice thereof to the CONSULTANT. Either party may terminate this agreement on 30 days' written notice. County shall pay

CONSULTANT for all work satisfactorily completed as of the date of notice. County may terminate this agreement immediately upon oral notice should funding cease or be materially decreased or should the County Board of [title] fail to appropriate sufficient funds for this agreement in any fiscal year.

The County's right to terminate this agreement may be exercised by [local agency authority title].

7. **ENTIRE AGREEMENT; MODIFICATION**

This agreement for the services specified herein supersedes all previous agreements for these services and constitutes the entire understanding between the parties hereto. CONSULTANT shall be entitled to no other benefits other than those specified herein. No changes, amendments or alterations shall be effective unless in writing and signed by both parties. CONSULTANT specifically acknowledges that in entering into and executing this agreement, CONSULTANT relies solely upon the provisions contained in this agreement and no other oral or written representation.

8. **NONASSIGNMENT OF AGREEMENT**

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 the County.

9. **EMPLOYMENT STATUS**

CONSULTANT shall, during the entire term of this agreement, be construed to be an independent CONSULTANT and nothing in this agreement is intended nor shall be construed to create an employer-employee relationship, a joint venture relationship, or to allow County to exercise discretion or control over the professional manner in which CONSULTANT performs the services which are the subject matter of this agreement; provided always, however, that the services to be provided by CONSULTANT shall be

provided in a manner consistent with the professional standards applicable to such services. The sole interest of the County is to ensure that the services shall be rendered and performed in a competent, efficient and satisfactory manner. CONSULTANT shall be fully responsible for payment of all taxes due to the State of California or the Federal government, which would be withheld from compensation of CONSULTANT, if CONSULTANT were a County employee. County shall not be liable for deductions for any amount for any purpose from CONSULTANT's compensation. CONSULTANT shall not be eligible for coverage under County's Workers Compensation Insurance Plan nor shall CONSULTANT be eligible for any other County benefit.

10. **INDEMNIFICATION**

CONSULTANT shall defend, hold harmless, and indemnify Tehama County, its elected officials, officers, employees, agents, and volunteers against all claims, suits, actions, costs, expenses (including but not limited to reasonable attorney's fees of County), damages, judgments, or decrees by reason of any person's or persons' injury, including death, or property (including property of County) being damaged, arising out of CONSULTANT's performance of work hereunder or its failure to comply with any of its obligations contained in this agreement, whether by negligence or otherwise. CONSULTANT shall, at its own expense, defend any suit or action founded upon a claim of the foregoing. CONSULTANT shall also defend and indemnify County against any adverse determination made by the Internal Revenue Service or the State Franchise Tax Board and/or any other taxing or regulatory agency against the County with respect to CONSULTANT's "independent CONSULTANT" status that would establish a liability for failure to make social security or income tax withholding payments, or any other legally mandated payment.

11. **INSURANCE**

CONSULTANT shall procure and maintain insurance pursuant to Exhibit A, "Insurance Requirements For CONSULTANT," attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

12. **PREVAILING WAGE**

CONSULTANT certifies that it is aware of the requirements of California Labor Code Sections 1720 et seq. and 1770 et seq., as well as California Code of Regulations, Title 8, Section 16000 et seq. ("Prevailing Wage Laws"), which require the payment of prevailing wage rates and the performance of other requirements on certain "public works" and "maintenance" projects. If the Services hereunder are being performed as part of an applicable "public works" or "maintenance" project, as defined by the Prevailing Wage Laws, and if the total compensation is \$1,000 or more, CONSULTANT agrees to fully comply with and to require its subconsultants to fully comply with such Prevailing Wage Laws, to the extent that such laws apply. If applicable, County will maintain the general prevailing rate of per diem wages and other information set forth in Labor Code section 1773 at its principal office and will make this information available to any interested party upon request. CONSULTANT shall defend, indemnify and hold the County, its elected officials, officers, employees and agents free and harmless from any claims, liabilities, costs, penalties, or interest arising out of any failure or alleged failure of the CONSULTANT or its subconsultants to comply with the Prevailing Wage Laws. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, CONSULTANT specifically acknowledges that County has not affirmatively represented to CONSULTANT in writing, in the call for bids, or otherwise, that the work to be covered by the bid or contract was not a "public work." To the fullest extent permitted by law, CONSULTANT hereby specifically waives and agrees not to assert, in any manner, any past, present, or future claim for indemnification under Labor Code section 1781.

CONSULTANT acknowledges the requirements of Labor Code sections 1725.5 and 1771.1 which provide that no CONSULTANT or subconsultant may be listed on a bid proposal for a public works project (submitted on or after March 1, 2015) unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5 (with

limited exceptions from this requirement for bid purposes only under Labor Codes section 1771.1(a)).

CONSULTANT acknowledges that no CONSULTANT or subconsultant may be awarded a contract for public works on a public works project (awarded on or after April 1, 2015) unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5

If the services are being performed as part of the applicable “public works” or “maintenance” project, as defined by the Prevailing Wage Laws, CONSULTANT acknowledges that this project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations.

13. **NON-DISCRIMINATION**

CONSULTANT shall not employ discriminatory practices in the treatment of persons in relation to the circumstances provided for herein, including assignment of accommodations, employment of personnel, or in any other respect on the basis of race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, marital status, sex, age, or sexual orientation.

14. **GREEN PROCUREMENT POLICY**

Through Tehama County Resolution No. 2021-140, the County adopted the Recovered Organic Waste Product Procurement Policy (available upon request) to (1) protect and conserve natural resources, water and energy; (2) minimize the jurisdiction’s contribution to pollution and solid waste disposal; (3) comply with state requirements as contained in 14 CCR Division 7, Chapter 12, Article 12 (SB 1383); (4) support recycling and waste reduction; and (5) promote the purchase of products made with recycled materials, in compliance with the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (AB 939) and SB1382 when product fitness and quality are equal and they are available at the same or

lesser cost of non-recycled products. Contractor shall adhere to this policy as required therein and is otherwise encouraged to conform to this policy.

15. **COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS AND REGULATIONS**

All services to be performed by CONSULTANT under to this Agreement shall be performed in accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, rules, and regulations. Any change in status, licensure, or ability to perform activities, as set forth herein, must be reported to the County immediately.

16. **LAW AND VENUE**

This agreement shall be deemed to be made in, and shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of California (excepting any conflict of laws provisions which would serve to defeat application of California substantive law). Venue for any action arising from this agreement shall be in Tehama County, California.

17. **AUTHORITY**

Each party executing this Agreement and each person executing this Agreement in any representative capacity, hereby fully and completely warrants to all other parties that he or she has full and complete authority to bind the person or entity on whose behalf the signing party is purposing to act.

18. **NOTICES**

Any notice required to be given pursuant to the terms and provisions of this agreement shall be in writing and shall be sent first class mail to the following addresses:

If to County: -----

If to CONSULTANT: -----

Notice shall be deemed to be effective two days after mailing.

19. **NON-EXCLUSIVE AGREEMENT:**

CONSULTANT understands that this is not an exclusive agreement, and that County shall have the right to negotiate with and enter into agreements with others providing the same or similar services to those provided by CONSULTANT, or to perform such services with County’s own forces, as County desires.

20. **RESOLUTION OF AMBIGUITIES:**

If an ambiguity exists in this Agreement, or in a specific provision hereof, neither the Agreement nor the provision shall be construed against the party who drafted the Agreement or provision.

21. **NO THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARIES:**

Neither party intends that any person shall have a cause of action against either of them as a third party beneficiary under this Agreement. The parties expressly acknowledge that is not their intent to create any rights or obligations in any third person or entity under this Agreement. The parties agree that this Agreement does not create, by implication or otherwise, any specific, direct or indirect obligation, duty, promise, benefit and/or special right to any person, other than the parties hereto, their successors and permitted assigns, and legal or equitable rights, remedy, or claim under or in respect to this Agreement or provisions herein.

22. HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

Contractor shall provide to County all Safety Data Sheets covering all Hazardous Materials to be furnished, used, applied, or stored by Contractor, or any of its Subcontractors, in connection with the services on County property. Contractor shall provide County with copies of any such Safety Data Sheets prior to entry to County property or with a document certifying that no Hazardous Materials will be brought onto County property by Contractor, or any of its Subcontractors, during the performance of the services. County shall provide Safety Data Sheets for any Hazardous Materials that Contractor may be exposed to while on County property.

23. HARASSMENT

Contractor agrees to make itself aware of and comply with the County's Harassment Policy, TCPR §8102: Harassment, which is available upon request. The County will not tolerate or condone harassment, discrimination, retaliation, or any other abusive behavior. Violations of this policy may cause termination of this agreement.

24. FEDERAL CLAUSES:**No Obligation to Third-Parties by use of a Disclaimer**

- A. **No Federal Government Obligation to Third Parties.** The CONSULTANT agrees that, absent of the Federal Government's express written consent, the Federal Government shall not be subject to any obligations or liabilities to any CONSULTANT, any third-party CONSULTANT, or any other person not a party to the Grant Agreement in connection with the performance of the PROJECT. Notwithstanding any concurrence provided by the Federal Government in or approval of any solicitation, or third-party agreement, the Federal Government

continues to have no obligation or liabilities to any party, including the CONSULTANT or third-party CONSULTANT.

- B. Third-Party Contracts and Subagreements Affected. To the extent applicable, federal requirements extend to third-party CONSULTANTS and their contracts at every tier, and to the subagreements of third-party CONSULTANTS and the subagreements at every tier. Accordingly, the CONSULTANT agrees to include, and to require its third-party CONSULTANTS to include appropriate clauses in each third-party contract and each subagreement financed in whole or in part with financial assistance provided by the FTA.
- C. No Relationship between the California Department of Transportation and Third-Party CONSULTANTS. Nothing contained in this Contract or otherwise, shall create any contractual relationship, obligation or liability between the California Department of Transportation and any third-party CONSULTANTS, and no third-party contract shall relieve the CONSULTANT of his responsibilities and obligations hereunder. The CONSULTANT agrees to be fully responsible to the Awarding Agency for the acts and omissions of its third-party CONSULTANTS 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 the CONSULTANT. The CONSULTANT's obligation to pay its third-party CONSULTANTS is an independent obligation from the Awarding Agency's obligation to make payments to the CONSULTANT. As a result, the California Department of Transportation shall have no obligation to pay or to enforce the payment of any moneys to any third-party CONSULTANT.
- D. Obligations on Behalf of the California Department of Transportation. The CONSULTANT shall have no authority to contract for or on behalf of, or incur obligations on behalf of the California Department of Transportation.
- E. Awarding Agency Approval of Subagreements. The Awarding Agency shall approve in writing all proposed Subagreements, Memorandums of

Understanding (MOU), or similar documents relating to the performance of the Contract prior to implementation. The CONSULTANT agrees that it will not enter into any Subagreements unless the same are approved in writing by the Awarding Agency. Any proposed amendments or modifications to such Subagreements must be approved by the Awarding Agency prior to implementation.

Program Fraud and False or Fraudulent Statements or Related Acts

- A. The CONSULTANT acknowledges that the provisions of the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986, as amended, 31 U.S.C. Section 3801 et seq. and US Department of Transportation regulations, "Program Fraud Civil Remedies," 49 CFR Part 31, apply to its actions pertaining to this PROJECT. Upon execution of an underlying contract, the CONSULTANT certifies or affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of any statement it has made, it makes, it may make, or causes to be made, and pertaining to the underlying contract or the federally assisted PROJECT for which this contracted work is being performed. In addition to other penalties that may be applicable, the CONSULTANT further acknowledges that if it makes, or causes to be made, a false, fictitious, or fraudulent claim, statement, submission, or certification, the Federal Government reserves the right to impose the penalties of the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986 in the CONSULTANT to the extent the Federal Government deems appropriate.
- B. The CONSULTANT also acknowledges that if it makes, or causes to be made, a false, fictitious, or fraudulent claim, statement, submission, or certification to the Federal Government under a contract connected with a PROJECT that is financed in whole or in part with federal assistance originally awarded by the FTA under the authority of 49 U.S.C. Section 5307, the Government reserves the right to impose the penalties of 18 U.S.C. Section 1001 and 49 U.S.C. Section

5307(n)(1) on the CONSULTANT, to the extent the Federal Government deems appropriate.

- C. The CONSULTANT agrees to include the above two clauses in each subagreement financed in whole or in part with Federal Assistance provided by the California Department of Transportation. It is further agreed that these clauses shall not be modified, except to identify the subconsultant who will be subject to the provisions.

Access to Records

The Awarding Agency, the California Department of Transportation, the State Auditor General, and any duly authorized representative of the Federal government shall have access to any books, records, and documents of the CONSULTANT and its subconsultants that are pertinent to this Contract of audits, examinations, excerpts, and transactions, and copies thereof shall be furnished if requested. The CONSULTANT shall include a clause to this effect in every subagreement entered into relative to the PROJECT.

Record Keeping

The CONSULTANT and all subconsultants shall maintain all books, documents, papers, accounting records, and other evidence pertaining to the performance of this Contract. All parties shall make such materials available at their respective offices at all reasonable times during the performance and for three (3) years from the date of final payment under this Contract and all subagreements.

Accounting Records

The CONSULTANT shall establish and maintain separate accounting records and reporting procedures specified for the fiscal activities of the PROJECT. The

CONSULTANT's accounting system shall conform to generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) and uniform standards that may be established by California Department of Transportation. All records shall provide a breakdown of total costs charged to the PROJECT including properly executed payrolls, time records, invoices, and vouchers.

Federal Changes, Amendments to State, and Local Laws, Regulations, and Directives

The terms of the most recent amendments to any federal, State, or local laws, regulations, FTA directives, and amendments to the grant or cooperative contract that may be subsequently adopted, are applicable to the PROJECT to the maximum extent feasible, unless the California Department of Transportation provides otherwise in writing.

Civil Rights (Title VI, EEO, & ADA)

During the performance of this Contract, the CONSULTANT its assignees and successors in interest, agree to comply with all federal statutes and regulations applicable to grantee subrecipients under the Federal Transit Act, including, but not limited to the following:

- A. Race, Color, Creed, National Origin, Sex. In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. Section 2000e, and federal transit law at 49 U.S.C. Section 5332, the CONSULTANT Agrees to comply with all applicable equal employment opportunity (EEO) requirements of the U.S. Department of Labor (U.S. DOL) regulations, "Office of Labor," 41 CFR Parts 60 et seq., (which implement Executive Order No. 11246, "Equal Employment Opportunity," as amended by Executive Order No. 11375, "Amending Executive Order 11246 Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity," 42 U.S.C. Section 2000e note), and with any applicable federal statutes, executive orders, regulations, and federal

policies that may in the future affect construction activities undertaken in the course of the PROJECT. The CONSULTANT agrees to take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, creed, national origin, sex, or age. Such action shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff or termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection from training, including apprenticeship. In addition, the CONSULTANT agrees to comply with any implementing requirements the California Department of Transportation any issue.

- B. Nondiscrimination. The CONSULTANT, with regard to the work performed by it during the contract term 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. Department of Transportation's Regulations, including employment practices when the Contract covers a program whose goal is employment. Further, in accordance with Section 102 of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), as amended, 42 U.S.C. Section 12112, the CONSULTANT agrees that it will comply with the requirements of U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, "Regulations to Implement the Equal Employment Provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act," 29 CFR Part 1630, pertaining to employment of persons with disabilities. In addition, the CONSULTANT agrees to comply with any implementing requirements the California Department of Transportation may issue.
- C. Solicitations for SUBCONSULTANTS Including Procurements of Materials and Equipment. In all solicitations, either by competitive bidding or negotiation by the

CONSULTANT for work performed under a subagreement, including procurements of materials or leases of equipment, each potential subconsultant or supplier shall be notified by the CONSULTANT of the subconsultants' obligations under this Contract and the Regulations relative to nondiscrimination on the grounds of race, color, or national origin.

- D. Information and Reports. The CONSULTANT shall provide all information and reports required by the Regulations, or directives issued pursuant thereto, and shall permit access to its books, records, accounts, other sources of information and its facilities as may be determined by the Awarding Agency or the California Department of Transportation to be pertinent to ascertain compliance with such Regulations or directives. Where any information required of a CONSULTANT is in the exclusive possession of another who fails or refuses to furnish the information, the CONSULTANT shall certify to the Awarding Agency of the California Department of Transportation as appropriate, and shall set forth what efforts it has made to obtain the information.

Sanctions for Noncompliance. In the event of the CONSULTANT's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination provisions of the Contract, the Awarding Agency shall:

1. Withholding of payment to the CONSULTANT under the Contract until the CONSULTANT complies, and/or
 2. Cancellation, termination, or suspension of the Contract, in whole or in part.
- E. Incorporation of Provisions. The CONSULTANT shall include the provisions of these paragraphs A through F in every subagreement, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment, unless exempt by the Regulations or directives issued pursuant thereto. The CONSULTANT will take such action with respect to any subconsultants or procurement as the Awarding Agency or the

California Department of Transportation may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for noncompliance; provided, however, that in the event a CONSULTANT becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subconsultant or supplier as a result of such directions, the CONSULTANT may request the Awarding Agency to enter into such litigation to protect the interest of the Awarding Agency, and, in addition, the CONSULTANT may request the California Department of Transportation to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the California Department of Transportation.

Incorporation of FTA Terms

Incorporation of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Terms - The preceding provisions include, in part, certain Standard Terms and Conditions required by DOT, whether or not expressly set forth in the preceding contract provisions. All contractual provisions required by DOT, as set forth in FTA Circular 4220.1F are hereby incorporated by reference. Anything to the contrary herein notwithstanding, all FTA mandated terms shall be deemed to control in the event of a conflict with other provisions contained in this Agreement. The CONSULTANT shall not perform any act, fail to perform any act, or refuse to comply with any California Department of Transportation requests which would cause the California Department of Transportation to be in violation of the FTA terms and conditions. The CONSULTANT shall not perform any act, fail to perform any act, or refuse to comply with any Awarding Agency requests which would cause the Awarding Agency to be in violation of the FTA terms and conditions.

Energy Conservation

The CONSULTANT agrees to comply with the mandatory energy efficiency standards and policies within the applicable California Department of Transportation

energy conservation plans issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act, 42, U.S.C. Section 6321 et seq.

Additional Termination Provisions

- A. Termination for Convenience (General Provision). When it is in the Awarding Agency's best interest, the Awarding Agency reserves the right to terminate this Contract, in whole or in part, at any time by providing a TEN (10) DAY WRITTEN NOTICE to the CONSULTANT. The CONSULTANT shall be paid its costs, including contract closeout costs, and profit on work performed up to the time of termination. The CONSULTANT shall promptly submit its termination claim to the Awarding Agency. If the CONSULTANT has any property in its possession belonging to the Awarding Agency, the CONSULTANT will account for the same, and dispose of it in the manner the Awarding Agency directs.
- B. Termination for Default (General Provision). If the CONSULTANT does not deliver supplies in accordance with the contract delivery schedule, or, if the contract is for services, the CONSULTANT fails to perform in the manner called for in the contract, or if the CONSULTANT fails to comply with any other provisions of the contract, the Awarding Agency may terminate this contract for default. Termination shall be effected by serving a notice of termination on the CONSULTANT setting forth the manner in which the CONSULTANT is in default. The CONSULTANT will only be paid the contract price for supplies delivered and accepted, or services performed in accordance with the manner of performance set forth in the contract.

If it is later determined by the Awarding Agency that the CONSULTANT had an excusable reason for not performing, such as a strike, fire, or flood, events which are not the fault of or are beyond the control of the CONSULTANT, the Awarding Agency, after setting up a new delivery of performance schedule, may allow the

CONSULTANT to continue work, or treat the termination as a termination for convenience.

- C. Mutual Termination. The PROJECT may also be terminated if the Awarding Agency and the CONSULTANT agree that its continuation would not produce beneficial results commensurate with the further expenditure of funds or if there are inadequate funds to operate the PROJECT equipment or otherwise complete the PROJECT.

Debarment and Suspension

- A. The CONSULTANT agrees to comply with the requirements of Executive Order Nos. 12549 and 12689, "Debarment and Suspension," 31 U.S.C. Section 6101 note; and U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION regulations on Debarment and Suspension and 49 CFR Part 29.
- B. Unless otherwise permitted by the California Department of Transportation, the CONSULTANT agrees to refrain from awarding any third-party contract of any amount to or entering into any sub-contract of any amount with a party included in the "U.S. General Services Administration's (U.S. GSA) List of Parties Excluded from Federal procurement and Non-procurement Program," implementing Executive Order Nos. 12549 and 12689, "Debarment and Suspension" and 49 CFR Part 29. The list also must include the names of parties debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded by agencies, and CONSULTANT's declared ineligible for contract award under statutory or regulatory authority other than Executive Order Nos. 12546 and 12689.
- C. Before entering into any subagreements with any subconsultant, the CONSULTANT agrees to obtain a debarment and suspension certification from each prospective recipient containing information about the debarment and

suspension status and other specific information of that awarding agency and its “principals,” as defined at 49 CFR Part 29.

- D. Before entering into any third-party contract exceeding \$25,000.00, the CONSULTANT agrees to obtain a debarment and suspension certification from each third-party CONSULTANT containing information about the debarment and suspension status of that third-party CONSULTANT and its “principals,” as defined at 49 CFR 29.105(p). The CONSULTANT also agrees to require each third-party CONSULTANT to refrain from awarding any subagreements of any amount, at any tier, to a debarred or suspended subconsultant, and to obtain a similar certification for any third-party subconsultant, at any tier, seeking a contract exceeding \$25,000.00.

Buy America

The CONSULTANT shall comply with the Buy-America requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5323(j) and 49 CFR Part 661 for all procurements of steel, iron, and manufactured products used in PROJECT. Buy-America requirements apply to all purchases, including materials and supplies funded as operating costs, if the purchase equals or exceeds \$100,000.00. Separate requirements for rolling stock are set out at 49 U.S.C. 5323(j)(2)(c) and 49 CFR 661.11. Rolling stock must be assembled in the United States and have a 60 percent domestic content.

Provisions for Resolution of Disputes, Breaches, or Other Litigation

The Awarding Agency and the CONSULTANT shall deal in good faith and attempt to resolve potential disputes informally. If the dispute persists, the CONSULTANT shall submit to the Awarding Agency Representative for this Contract or designee a written demand for a decision regarding the disposition of any dispute arising under this Contract. The Awarding Agency Representative shall make a written decision regarding the dispute and will provide it to the CONSULTANT. The

CONSULTANT shall have the opportunity to challenge in writing within ten (10) working days to the Awarding Agency's Executive Director or his/her designee. If the CONSULTANT's challenge is not made within the ten (10) day period, the Awarding Agency Representative's decision shall become the final decision of the Awarding Agency. The Awarding Agency and the CONSULTANT shall submit written, factual information and supporting data in support of their respective positions. The decision of the Awarding Agency shall be final, conclusive, and binding regarding the dispute, unless the CONSULTANT commences an action in court of competent jurisdiction to contest the decision in accordance with Division 3.6 of the California Government Code.

Lobbying

- A. The CONSULTANT agrees that it will not use federal assistance funds to support lobbying. In accordance with 31 U.S.C. and U.S. Department of Transportation Regulations, "New Restrictions on Lobbying." 49 CFR Part 20, if the bid is for an award for \$100,000.00 or more the Awarding Agency will not make any federal assistance available to the CONSULTANT until the Awarding Agency has received the CONSULTANT's certification that the CONSULTANT has not and will not use federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization to influence or attempt 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 the awarding of any federal grant, cooperative agreement, or any other federal award from which funding for the PROJECT is originally derived, consistent with 31 U.S.C. Section 1352, and;
- B. If applicable, 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 office 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, the undersigned

shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with the form instructions.

- C. The CONSULTANT shall require that the language of the above two clauses be included in the award documents for all sub-awards at all tiers (including subagreements, sub-grants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) which exceed \$100,000.00 and that all awarding agencies shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This Contract is a material representation of facts upon which reliance was placed when the Contract was made or entered into. These provisions are a prerequisite for making or entering into a Contract imposed by Section 1352, Title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to comply with these provisions shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000.00 and not more than \$100,000.00 for each failure.

Clean Air

- A. The CONSULTANT agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. Section 7401 et seq. The CONSULTANT agrees to report each violation to the Awarding Agency and understands and agrees that the Awarding Agency will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to FTA and the appropriate EPA Regional Office.
- B. The CONSULTANT also agrees to include these requirements in each subagreement exceeding \$100,000 financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FTA.

Clean Water

- A. The CONSULTANT agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as

amended, 33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq. The CONSULTANT agrees to report each violation to the Awarding Agency and understands and agrees that the Awarding Agency will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to FTA and the appropriate EPA Regional Office.

- B. The CONSULTANT also agrees to include these requirements in each subagreement exceeding \$100,000 financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FTA.

Patent Rights & Rights in Data and Copyrights (Research or Data Development Only)

In accordance with 37 CFR Part 401, 49 CFR Parts 18 and 19, the CONSULTANT must comply with patent and rights in data requirements for federally assisted contracts involving experimental, developmental, or research work. The Awarding Agency reserves a royalty-free, non-exclusive, and irrevocable right to reproduce, publish, or otherwise use the work for federal purposes and reserves the right to grant authority to others.

Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) National Architecture

To the extent applicable, the CONSULTANT agrees to conform to the National Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Architecture and Standards as required by 23 U.S.C. Section 517(d), 23 U.S.C. Section 512 note, and 23 CFR Part 655 and 940, and follow the provisions of the FTA Notice, "FTA National ITS Architecture Policy on Transit projects," 66 Fed. Reg. 1455 et seq., January 8, 2001, and any other implementing directives the FTA may issue at a later date, except to the extent the FTA determines otherwise in writing.

Section 504 and Americans with Disabilities Act Program Requirements

The CONSULTANT will comply with 49 CFR Parts 27, 37, and 38, implementing and Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. Section 794, as amended.

DBE Contract Assurance

The CONSULTANT or SUBCONSULTANT shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the performance of this contract. The CONSULTANT or subconsultant shall carry out applicable requirements of 49 CFR Part 26 in the award and administration of [Federal] DOT-assisted contracts. Failure by the CONSULTANT or subconsultant to carry out these requirements is a material breach of this contract, which may result in the termination of the Standard Agreement between the STATE and the Awarding Agency, the termination of this contract by the Awarding Agency, or such other remedy the STATE or Awarding Agency deems appropriate, which may include, but is not limited to:

- (1) Withholding monthly progress payments;
- (2) Assessing sanctions;
- (3) Liquidated damages; and/or
- (4) Disqualifying the CONSULTANT from future bidding as non-responsive.

Awarding Agency shall notify the CALTRANS DBELO in the event the Awarding Agency finds the CONSULTANT or SUBCONSULTANT is in violation of 49 CFR Part 26 within five (5) business days the finding is made.

DBE Participation Goal

This contract may be subject to the requirements of Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 26, Participation by Disadvantaged Business Enterprises in Department of Transportation Financial Assistance Programs. The contract goal for participation of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) for this contract is X.X%.

Offerors may be required to document sufficient DBE participation to meet the contract goals or, alternatively, document adequate good faith efforts to do so, as

provided for in 49 CFR 26.53 (3)(i)(A). Award of this contract is conditioned on submission of the following:

1. If the offer meets the DBE contract goal the offeror must include with the offer a completed ADM-0227F form.
2. If the offer cannot meet the DBE contract goal the offeror must include with the offer a completed ADM-0312F form that documents the offeror's good faith efforts (GFE) and ADM-0227F form. The Awarding Agency must document concurrence with the offeror's GFE and provide a copy of the GFE to Caltrans DRMT Compliance Liaison for additional concurrence prior to contract award.

The CONSULTANT shall not terminate the DBE subconsultant's listed on ADM-0227F without the Awarding Agency's prior written consent and concurrence from the CALTRANS DBELO. The Awarding Agency may provide such written consent only if the CONSULTANT has good cause to terminate the DBE firm. Before transmitting a request to terminate, the CONSULTANT shall give notice in writing to the DBE subconsultant of its intent to terminate and the reason for the request. The CONSULTANT shall give the DBE five (5) days to respond to the notice and advise of the reasons why it objects to the proposed termination. When a DBE subconsultant is terminated or fails to complete its work on the contract for any reason, the CONSULTANT shall make good faith efforts (GFE) to find another DBE subconsultant to substitute for the original DBE and immediately notify the Awarding Agency in writing of its efforts to replace the original DBE. These good faith efforts shall be directed at finding another DBE to perform at least the same amount of work under the Contract as the DBE that was terminated, to the extent needed to meet the Contract goal established for this procurement.

Continued Compliance

The Awarding Agency may be required upon award of federal funding to monitor the CONSULTANT's DBE compliance during the life of this contract and submit to the

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STATE a completed ADM-0369 form in each their request for reimbursement (RFR) packet.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, County and CONSULTANT have executed this agreement on the day and year set forth below upon signature Director of Public Works.

County OF TEHAMA

Date: _____

----- **(Bold & Capital letters)**

Date: _____

Vendor Number

Approved as to form by

Tehama County Counsel

By: -----

Exhibit A

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR CONSULTANT

CONSULTANT shall procure and maintain, for the duration of the contract, insurance against claims for injuries to persons or damages to property which may arise from or in connection with the performance of the work described herein and the results of that work by CONSULTANT, his/her agents, representatives, employees or subconsultants. At a minimum, CONSULTANT shall maintain the insurance coverage, limits of coverage and other insurance requirements as described below.

Commercial General Liability (including operations, products and completed operations)

\$1,000,000 per occurrence for bodily injury, personal injury and property damage. If coverage is subject to an aggregate limit, that aggregate limit will be twice the occurrence limit, or the general aggregate limit shall apply separately to this project/location.

Automobile Liability

Automobile liability insurance is required with minimum limits of \$1,000,000 per accident for bodily injury and property damage, including owned and non-owned and hired automobile coverage, as applicable to the scope of services defined under this agreement.

Workers' Compensation

If CONSULTANT has employees, he/she shall obtain and maintain continuously Workers' Compensation insurance to cover CONSULTANT and CONSULTANT's employees and volunteers, as required by the State of California, as well as Employer's Liability insurance in the minimum amount of \$1,000,000 per accident for bodily injury or disease.

Professional Liability (CONSULTANT/Professional services standard agreement only)

If CONSULTANT is a state-licensed architect, engineer, CONSULTANT, counselor, attorney, accountant, medical provider, and/or other professional licensed by the State of California to practice a profession, CONSULTANT shall provide and maintain in full force and effect while providing services pursuant to this contract a professional liability policy (also known as Errors and Omissions or Malpractice liability insurance) with single limits of liability not less than \$1,000,000 per claim and \$2,000,000 aggregate on a claims made basis. However, if coverage is written on a claims made basis, the policy shall be endorsed to provide coverage for at least three years from termination of agreement.

If CONSULTANT maintains higher limits than the minimums shown above, County shall be entitled to coverage for the higher limits maintained by CONSULTANT.

All such insurance coverage, except professional liability insurance, shall be provided on an "occurrence" basis, rather than a "claims made" basis.

Endorsements: Additional Insureds

The Commercial General Liability and Automobile Liability policies shall include, or be endorsed to include "Tehama County, its elected officials, officers, employees and volunteers" as an additional insured.

The certificate holder shall be "County of Tehama."

Deductibles and Self-Insured Retentions

Any deductibles or self-insured retentions of \$25,000 or more must be declared to, and approved by, the County. The deductible and/or self-insured retentions will not limit or apply to CONSULTANT's liability to County and will be the sole responsibility of CONSULTANT.

Primary Insurance Coverage

For any claims related to this project, CONSULTANT's insurance coverage shall be primary insurance as respects the County, its officers, officials, employees, and volunteers. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the County, its officers, officials, employees, or volunteers shall be excess of CONSULTANT's insurance and shall not contribute with it.

Coverage Cancellation

Each insurance policy required herein shall be endorsed to state that "coverage shall not be reduced or canceled without 30 days' prior written notice certain to the County."

Acceptability of Insurers

CONSULTANT's insurance shall be placed with an insurance carrier holding a current A.M. Best & Company's rating of not less than A:VII unless otherwise acceptable to the

County. The County reserves the right to require rating verification. CONSULTANT shall ensure that the insurance carrier shall be authorized to transact business in the State of California.

SUBCONSULTANTS

CONSULTANT shall require and verify that all SUBCONSULTANTS maintain insurance that meets all the requirements stated herein.

Material Breach

If for any reason, CONSULTANT fails to maintain insurance coverage or to provide evidence of renewal, the same shall be deemed a material breach of contract. County, in its sole option, may terminate the contract and obtain damages from CONSULTANT resulting from breach. Alternatively, County may purchase such required insurance coverage, and without further notice to CONSULTANT, County may deduct from sums due to CONSULTANT any premium costs advanced by County for such insurance.

Policy Obligations

CONSULTANT's indemnity and other obligations shall not be limited by the foregoing insurance requirements.

Verification of Coverage

CONSULTANT shall furnish County with original certificates and endorsements effecting coverage required herein. All certificates and endorsements shall be received and approved by the County prior to County signing the agreement and before work

commences. However, failure to do so shall not operate as a waiver of these insurance requirements.

The County reserves the right to require complete, certified copies of all required insurance policies, including endorsements effecting the coverage required by these specifications at any time.

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Exhibit B

Scope of Work

Exhibit C

Fee Schedule

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