

**CONTRACT
BY AND BETWEEN
THE COUNTY OF INYO
and**

_____, **CONTRACTOR**

for the

_____ **PROJECT**

THIS CONTRACT is awarded by the COUNTY OF INYO to CONTRACTOR on and made and entered into effective, _____, 20____, by and between the COUNTY OF INYO, a political subdivision of the State of California, (hereinafter referred to as "COUNTY"), and _____ (hereinafter referred to as "CONTRACTOR"), for the construction or removal of _____ **PROJECT** (hereinafter referred to as "PROJECT"), which parties agree, for and in consideration of the mutual promises, as follows:

1. SERVICES TO BE PERFORMED. CONTRACTOR shall furnish, at his/her own expense, all labor, materials, methods, processes, implements, tools, machinery, equipment, transportation, permits, services, utilities, and all other items, and related functions and otherwise shall perform all work necessary or appurtenant to construct the Project in accordance with the Special Provisions, which are incorporated herein by reference per section 4(c) of this Contract, within the Time for Completion set forth, as well as in all other in the Contract Documents, for:

Title: _____ **PROJECT**

2. TIME OF COMPLETION. Project work shall begin within _____ calendar days after receipt of the Notice to Proceed (NTP) (or on the start of work date identified in the NTP) and shall continue until all requested services are completed. Said services shall be completed no later than the Time of Completion as noted in the Project's Special Provisions. Procedures for any extension of time shall be complied with as noted in the Project's Special Provisions.

3. PAYMENT/CONSIDERATION. For the performance of all such work, COUNTY shall pay to CONTRACTOR for said work the total amount of: _____ dollars (\$_____), adjusted by such increases or decreases as authorized in accordance with the Contract Documents, and payable at such times and upon such conditions as otherwise set forth in the Contract Documents.

4. ALL PROVISIONS SET FORTH HEREIN. CONTRACTOR and COUNTY agree that this Contract shall include and consist of:

- a. All of the provisions set forth expressly herein;
- b. The Bid Proposal Form, the Faithful Performance Bond, and the Labor and Materials Payment Bond, all of which are incorporated herein and made a part hereof by this reference; and

c. All of the other Contract Documents, as described in **Section 5-1.02, "Definitions,"** of the Standard Specifications of the Inyo County Public Works Department, dated October, 2015, all of which are incorporated herein and made a part of this Contract by this reference, including without limitation, the Bid Package, the Standard Specifications of the Inyo County Public Works Department, dated October, 2015, and the Special Provisions concerning this Project including the Appendices, the Plans, any and all amendments or changes to any of the above-listed documents, including, without limitation, contract change orders, and any and all documents incorporated by reference into any of the above-listed documents.

5. STANDARD OF PERFORMANCE. Contractor represents that he/she is qualified and licensed to perform the work to be done as required in this Contract. County relies upon the representations of Contractor regarding professional and/or trade training, licensing, and ability to perform the services as a material inducement to enter into this Contract. Acceptance of work by the County does not operate to release Contractor from any responsibility to perform work to professional and/or trade standards. Contractor shall provide properly skilled professional and technical personnel to perform all services under this Contract. Contractor shall perform all services required by this Contract in a manner and according to the standards observed by a competent practitioner of the profession. All work products of whatsoever nature delivered to the County shall be prepared in a manner conforming to the standards of quality normally observed by a person practicing in Contractor's profession and/or trade.

6. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR. Nothing contained herein or any document executed in connection herewith, shall be construed to create an employer-employee, partnership or joint venture relationship between County and Contractor, nor to allow County to exercise discretion or control over the manner in which Contractor performs the work or services that are the subject matter of this Contract; provided, however, the work or services to be provided by Contractor shall be provided in a manner consistent with reaching the County's objectives in entering this Contract.

Contractor is an independent contractor, not an employee of County or any of its subsidiaries or affiliates. Contractor will not represent him/herself to be nor hold her/himself out as an employee of County. Contractor acknowledges that s/he shall not have the right or entitlement in or to any of the pension, retirement or other benefit programs now or hereafter available to County's employees. The consideration set forth in Paragraph 3 shall be the sole consideration due Contractor for the services rendered hereunder. It is understood that County will not withhold any amounts for payment of taxes from the Contractor's compensation hereunder. Any and all sums due under any applicable state, federal or municipal law or union or professional and/or trade guild regulations shall be Contractor's sole responsibility. Contractor shall indemnify and hold County harmless from any and all damages, claims and expenses arising out of or resulting from any claims asserted by any third party, including but not limited to a taxing authority, as a result of or in connection with payments due it from Contractor's compensation.

7. ASSIGNMENT AND SUBCONTRACTING. The parties recognize that a substantial inducement to County for entering into this Contract is the professional reputation, experience and competence of Contractor. Assignments of any and/or all rights, duties or obligations of the Contractor under this Contract will be permitted only with the express consent

of the County. Contractor shall not subcontract any portion of the work to be performed under this Contract without the written authorization of the County. If County consents to such subcontract, Contractor shall be fully responsible to County for all acts or omissions of the subcontractor. Nothing in this Contract shall create any contractual relationship between County and subcontractor, nor shall it create any obligation on the part of the County to pay any monies due to any such subcontractor, unless otherwise required by law.

8. CLAIMS RESOLUTION. Pursuant to **Section 9204 of the Public Contract Code**, any and all claims submitted by Contractor to County will follow the provisions as set forth in the Project's Special Provisions.

9. INSURANCE INDEMNIFICATION. Contractor shall hold harmless, defend and indemnify County and its officers, officials, employees and volunteers from and against all claims, damages, losses, and expenses, including attorney fees arising out of the performance of the work described herein, caused in whole or in part by any negligent act or omission of the Contractor, any subcontractor, anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them, or anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable, except where caused by the active negligence, sole negligence, or willful misconduct of the County.

10. INSURANCE. For the duration of this Agreement, Contractor shall procure and maintain insurance of the scope and amount specified in Attachment 3 and with the provisions specified in that attachment.

11. POLITICAL REFORM ACT. Contractor is not a designated employee within the meaning of the Political Reform Act because Contractor:

- a. Will conduct research and arrive at conclusions with respect to his/her rendition of information, advice, recommendation or counsel independent of the control and direction of the County or of any County official, other than normal Contract monitoring; and
- b. Possesses no authority with respect to any County decision beyond rendition of information, advice, recommendation or counsel [FPPC Reg. 18700(a)(2)].

12. COMPLIANCE WITH ALL LAWS.

Performance Standards: Contractor shall use the standard of care in its profession and/or trade to comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, codes, ordinances and regulations that relate to the work or services to be provided pursuant to this Contract.

a. Safety Training:

i. Contractor shall provide such safety and other training as needed to assure work will be performed in a safe and healthful manner "in a language" that is understandable to employees receiving the training. The training shall in all respects be in compliance with CAL OSHA; and

ii. Contractor working with employees shall maintain a written Injury and Illness Prevention (IIP) Program, a copy of which must be maintained at each worksite or at a central worksite identified for the employees, if the Contractor has non-fixed worksites; and

iii. Contractor using subcontractors with the approval of the County to perform the work which is the subject of this Contract shall require each subcontractor working with employees to comply with the requirements of this section.

b. Child, Family and Spousal Support reporting Obligations:

i. Contractor shall comply with the state and federal child, family and spousal support reporting requirements and with all lawfully served wage and earnings assignment orders or notices of assignment relating to child, family and spousal support obligations.

c. Nondiscrimination:

i. Contractor shall not discriminate in employment practices or in the delivery of services on the basis of membership in a protected class which includes any class recognized by law and not limited to race, color, religion, sex (gender), sexual orientation, marital status, national origin (Including language use restrictions), ancestry, disability (mental and physical, including HIV and Aids), medical Conditions (cancer/genetic characteristics), age (40 and above) and request for family care leave.

ii. Contractor represents that it is in compliance with federal and state laws prohibiting discrimination in employment and agrees to stay in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. sections 12101, et. seq.), Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. 5101, et. seq.), Title VII (42 U.S.C. 2000, et. seq.), the California Fair Employment Housing Act (California Government Code sections 12900, et. seq.) and regulations and guidelines issued pursuant thereto.

13. LICENSES. Contractor represents and warrants to County that it has all licenses, permits, qualifications, insurance and approvals of whatsoever nature which are legally required of Contractor to practice its trade and/or profession. Contractor represents and warrants to County that Contractor shall, at its sole cost and expense, keep in effect or obtain at all times during the term of this Contract, any licenses, permits, insurance and approvals which are legally required of Contractor to practice its and/or profession.

14. PREVAILING WAGE. Pursuant to **Section 1720 et seq. of the Labor Code**, Contractor agrees to comply with the Department of Industrial Relations regulations, to which this Contract is subject, the prevailing wage per diem rates in Inyo County have been determined by the Director of the State Department of Industrial Relations. These wage rates appear in the Department publication entitled "General Prevailing Wage Rates," in effect at the time the project is advertised. Future effective wage rates, which have been predetermined and are on file with the State Department of Industrial Relations are referenced but not printed in said publication. Such rates of wages are also on file with the State Department of Industrial Relations and the offices of the Public Works Department of the County of Inyo and are available to any interested party upon request. Contractor agrees to comply with County and the Department of Industrial Relations regulations in submitting the certified payroll.

15. CONTROLLING LAW VENUE. This Contract is made in the County of Inyo, State of California. The parties specifically agree to submit to the jurisdiction of the Superior Court of California for the County of Inyo.

16. WRITTEN NOTIFICATION. Any notice, demand, request, consent, approval or communication that either party desires or is required to give to the other party shall be in writing and either served personally or sent prepaid, first class mail. Any such notice, demand, et cetera, shall be addressed to the other party at the address set forth herein below. Either party

may change its address by notifying the other party of the change of address. Notice shall be deemed communicated within 48 hours from the time of mailing if mailed as provided in this section.

If to County: County of Inyo
Public Works Department
Attn: _____
168 N. Edwards
PO Drawer Q
Independence, CA 93526

If to Contractor: _____

17. AMENDMENTS. This Contract may be modified or amended only by a written document executed by both Contractor and County and approved as to form by Inyo County Counsel.

18. WAIVER. No failure on the part of either party to exercise any right or remedy hereunder shall operate as a waiver of any other right or remedy that party may have hereunder.

19. TERMINATION. This Contract may be terminated for the reasons stated below:

- a. Immediately for cause, if either party fails to perform its responsibilities under this Contract in a timely and professional manner and to the satisfaction of the other party or violates any of the terms or provisions of this Contract. If termination for cause is given by either party to the other and it is later determined that the other party was not in default or default was excusable, then the notice of termination shall be deemed to have been given without cause pursuant to paragraph “b” of this section; or
- b. By either party without cause upon fifteen (15) days' written notice of termination. Upon termination, Contractor shall be entitled to compensation for services performed up to the effective date of termination; or
- c. By County upon oral notice from the Board of Supervisors based on funding ending or being materially decreased during the term of this Contract.

20. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE. Time is of the essence for every provision.

21. SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this Contract is held to be invalid, void or unenforceable, the remainder of the provision and/or provisions shall remain in full force and effect and shall not be affected, impaired or invalidated.

22. CONTRACT SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. It is understood and agreed by the parties that this Contract is subject to the review and approval by the Inyo County Board of Supervisors upon Notice and Public Hearing. In the event that the Board of Supervisors declines to enter into or approve said Contract, it is hereby agreed to that

there is, in fact, no binding agreement, either written or oral, between the parties herein.

23. ATTACHMENTS. All attachments referred to are incorporated herein and made a part of this Contract.

24. EXECUTION. This Contract may be executed in several counterparts, each of which shall constitute one and the same instrument and shall become binding upon the parties. In approving this Contract, it shall not be necessary to produce or account for more than one such counterpart.

25. ENTIRE AGREEMENT. This Contract, including the Contract Documents and all other documents which are incorporated herein by reference, constitutes the complete and exclusive agreement between the County and Contractor. All prior written and oral communications, including correspondence, drafts, memoranda, and representations, are superseded in total by this Contract.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, COUNTY and CONTRACTOR have each caused this Contract to be executed on its behalf by its duly authorized representative, effective as of the day and year first above written.

COUNTY

CONTRACTOR

COUNTY OF INYO

By: _____

By: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Title: _____

Dated: _____

Dated: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

County Counsel

APPROVED AS TO ACCOUNTING FORM:

County Auditor

APPROVED AS TO INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS:

County Risk Manager

ATTACHMENT 1

PROJECT

FAITHFUL PERFORMANCE BOND
(100% OF CONTRACT AMOUNT)

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That

(Name of Contractor) as Principal, hereinafter "Contractor,"

and (Name of Corporate Surety)

as Corporate Surety, hereinafter called Surety, are held and firmly bound unto the County of Inyo as Oblige, hereinafter called County, in the amount of dollars (\$.), for the payment whereof Contractor and Surety bind themselves, their heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assignees, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

WHEREAS, Contractor has, by written Contract, dated , 20 , entered into an Contract with the County for the Construction of the PROJECT (hereinafter referred to as "Project"), to be constructed in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the Contract for the Project, which contract is by reference incorporated herein and is hereinafter referred to as the "Contract."

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CONDITION OF THIS OBLIGATION is such that, if Contractor shall promptly and faithfully perform said Contract, then this obligation shall be null and void; otherwise it shall remain in full force and effect.

The Surety hereby waives notice of any alteration or extension of time made by the County.

Whenever Contractor shall be, and is declared by County to be, in default under the Contract, the County having performed Owner's obligations thereunder, the Surety may promptly remedy the default, or shall promptly either:

- 1. Complete the Contract in accordance with its terms and conditions; or,
2. Obtain a Bid or Bids for completing the Contract in accordance with its terms and conditions, and upon determination by Surety of the lowest responsible Bidder, or if the County elects, upon determination by the County and the Surety jointly of the lowest responsible Bidder, arrange for a Contract between such Bidder and County, and make available as work progresses (even though there should be a default or a succession of defaults under the Contract or contracts of completion arranged under this paragraph) sufficient funds to pay the cost of completion less the balance of the Contract price; but not exceeding, including other costs and damages for which the Surety may be liable hereunder, the amount set forth in the first paragraph hereof. The

term "balance of the Contract price", as used in this paragraph, shall mean the total amount payable by County to Contractor under the Contract and any amendments thereto, less the amount properly paid by County to Contractor.

Any suit under this Bond must be instituted before the expiration of two (2) years from the date on which final payment under the Contract falls due, or the date on which any warranty or guarantee period expires, whichever is later.

No right of action shall accrue on this Bond to or for the use of any person or corporation other than the County named herein.

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Signed and sealed this _____ day of _____, 20 _____.

(Name of Corporate Surety)

By: _____
(Signature)

(SEAL)

(Title of Authorized Person)

(Address for Notices to be Sent)

(Name of Contractor)

By: _____
(Signature)

(SEAL)

(Title of Authorized Person)

(Address for Notices to be Sent)

NOTE: THE SIGNATURES OF THE CONTRACTOR AND THE SURETY MUST EACH BE ACKNOWLEDGED BEFORE A NOTARY PUBLIC (OR OTHER OFFICER AUTHORIZED UNDER CALIFORNIA LAW) AND THE ACKNOWLEDGMENTS MUST BE ATTACHED TO THIS BOND.

The Faithful Performance Bond must be executed by a corporate surety on this form. No substitutions will be accepted. If an attorney-in-fact signs for the surety, an acknowledged statement from the surety appointing and empowering the attorney-in-fact to execute such bonds in such amounts on behalf of the surety must accompany the Faithful Performance Bond.

ADDRESS OF COUNTY FOR NOTICES TO BE SENT:

County of Inyo
224 North Edwards Street, P.O. Box N
Independence, California 93526

ATTACHMENT 2

PROJECT

LABOR AND MATERIALS PAYMENT BOND
(100% OF CONTRACT AMOUNT)

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that (Name of Contractor)

as Principal, hereinafter "CONTRACTOR,"

and (Name of Corporate Surety)

as Corporate Surety, hereinafter called SURETY, are held and firmly bound unto the County of Inyo as Obligee, hereinafter called COUNTY, for the use and benefit of claimants as hereinafter defined in the amount of dollars (\$) for the payment whereof Contractor and Surety bind themselves, their heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assignees, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

WHEREAS, Contractor has by written contract dated , 20 , entered into an Contract with the County for the construction of the PROJECT (hereinafter referred to as "PROJECT"), to be constructed in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the contract for the PROJECT, which contract is by reference incorporated herein, and is hereinafter referred to as the "CONTRACT."

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CONDITION OF THIS OBLIGATION is such that, if Contractor shall promptly make payment to all claimants as hereinafter defined, for all labor and materials used or reasonably required for use in the performance of the Contract, then this obligation shall be void; otherwise, it shall remain in full force and effect, subject, however, to the following conditions:

- 1. A claimant is defined as one having a direct contract with the Contractor, or with a Subcontractor of the Contractor, for labor, materials, or both, used or reasonably required for use in the performance of the Contract. Labor and materials is construed to include, but not limited to, that part of water, gas, power, light, heat, oil, gasoline, telephone service or rental of equipment directly applicable to the Contract.
2. The above named Contractor and Surety hereby jointly agree with the County that every claimant as herein defined, who has not been paid in full before the expiration of a period of ninety (90) calendar days after the date on which the last of such claimant's work or labor was done or performed, or materials were furnished by such claimant, may sue on this Bond for the benefit of such claimant, prosecute the suit to final judgment for such

sum or sums as may be justly due claimant, and have execution thereon. The County shall not be liable for the payment of any costs or expenses of any such suit.

3. No suit or action shall be commenced hereunder by any claimant:

a) Unless claimant, other than one having a direct contract with the Contractor, shall have given written notice to any two of the following: the Contractor, the County, or the Surety above named, within ninety (90) calendar days after such claimant did or performed the last of the work or labor, or furnished the last of the material for which said claim is made, stating with substantial accuracy the amount claimed and the name of the party to whom the materials were furnished, or for whom the work or labor was done or performed. Such notice shall be served by mailing the same by registered mail or certified mail, postage prepaid, in any envelope addressed to the Contractor, County, or Surety, at the address below, or at any place where an office is regularly maintained for the transaction of their business. Such notice may also be served in the state in which the aforesaid project is located, save that such service need not be made by a public officer.

b) After the expiration of one (1) year following the date on which County accepted the work done under the Contract. However, if any limitation embodied in this Bond is prohibited by any law controlling the construction hereof, such limitation shall be deemed to be amended so as to be equal to the minimum period of limitation permitted by such law.

c) Other than in a State Court of competent jurisdiction in and for the County or other political subdivision of the state in which the Project, or any part thereof, is situated, and not elsewhere.

4. The amount of this Bond shall be reduced by and to the extent of any payment or payments made in good faith hereunder, inclusive of the payment by Surety of mechanics' liens which may be filed or recorded against said Project, whether or not claim for the amount of such lien be presented under and against this Bond.

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Signed and sealed this _____ day of _____, 20 ____.

(Name of Contractor)

By: _____
(Signature)

(SEAL)

(Title of Authorized Person)

(Address for Notices to be Sent)

(Name of Corporate Surety)

By: _____
(Signature)

(SEAL)

(Title of Authorized Person)

(Address for Notices to be Sent)

NOTE:

THE SIGNATURES OF THE CONTRACTOR AND THE SURETY MUST BE ACKNOWLEDGED BEFORE A NOTARY PUBLIC (OR OTHER OFFICER AUTHORIZED UNDER CALIFORNIA LAW).

The Labor and Materials Payment Bond must be executed by a corporate surety on this form. No substitutions will be accepted. If an attorney-in-fact signs for the surety, an acknowledged statement from the surety appointing and empowering the attorney-in-fact to execute such bonds in such amounts on behalf of the surety, must accompany the Labor and Materials Payment Bond.

ADDRESS OF COUNTY FOR NOTICES TO BE SENT TO:

**County of Inyo
224 N. Edwards, P.O. Box N
Independence, California 93526**

ATTACHMENT 3

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF INYO AND

FOR THE _____ PROJECT

TERM:

FROM: _____ TO: _____

SEE ATTACHED INSURANCE PROVISIONS