

**MANDATORY VERBATIM LANGUAGE FROM
LOCAL ASSISTANCE PROCEDURES MANUAL
EXHIBIT 10-R (A&E SAMPLE CONTRACT LANGUAGE)**

For federally-funded projects, Article IV through Article XVII are required to be included in the contract verbatim. An allowed change is the term "LOCAL AGENCY" to "COUNTY". See additional information on Page 1 of this Agreement.

Article IV Performance Period

- A. This contract shall go into effect on December 6, 2016, contingent upon approval by COUNTY, and CONSULTANT shall commence work after notification to proceed by COUNTY'S Contract Administrator. The contract shall end on December 31, 2020, unless extended by contract amendment.
- B. CONSULTANT is advised that any recommendation for contract award is not binding on COUNTY until the contract is fully executed and approved by COUNTY.
- C. The period of performance for each specific project shall be in accordance with the Task Order for that project. If work on a Task Order is in progress on the expiration date of this contract, the terms of the contract shall be extended by contract amendment.

Article V Allowable Costs and Payments

- A. CONSULTANT will be reimbursed for hours worked at the hourly rates specified in CONSULTANT'S Cost Proposal Exhibit 12-E. The specified hourly rates shall include direct salary costs, employee benefits, overhead, and fee. These rates are not adjustable for the performance period set forth in this Contract.
- B. In addition, CONSULTANT will be reimbursed for incurred (actual) direct costs other than salary costs that are in the cost proposal and identified in the cost proposal and in the executed Task Order.
- C. Specific projects will be assigned to CONSULTANT through issuance of Task Orders.
- D. After a project to be performed under this contract is identified by COUNTY, COUNTY will prepare a draft Task Order; less the cost estimate. A draft Task Order will identify the scope of services, expected results, project deliverables, period of performance, project schedule and will designate a COUNTY Project Coordinator. The draft Task Order will be delivered to CONSULTANT for review. CONSULTANT shall return the draft Task Order within ten (10) calendar days along with a Cost Estimate, including a written estimate of the number of hours and hourly rates per staff person, any anticipated reimbursable expenses, overhead, fee if any, and total dollar amount. After agreement has been reached on the negotiable items and total cost; the finalized Task Order shall be signed by both COUNTY and CONSULTANT.
- E. Task Orders may be negotiated for a lump sum (Firm Fixed Price) or for specific rates of compensation, both of which must be based on the labor and other rates set forth in CONSULTANT'S Cost Proposal.
- F. Reimbursement for transportation and subsistence costs shall not exceed the rates as specified in the approved Cost Proposal.
- G. When milestone cost estimates are included in the approved Cost Proposal, CONSULTANT shall obtain prior written approval for a revised milestone cost estimate from the Contract Administrator before exceeding such estimate.
- H. Progress payments for each Task Order will be made monthly in arrears based on services provided and actual costs incurred.

- I. CONSULTANT shall not commence performance of work or services until this contract has been approved by COUNTY, and notification to proceed has been issued by COUNTY'S Contract Administrator. No payment will be made prior to approval or for any work performed prior to approval of this contract.
- J. A Task Order is of no force or effect until returned to COUNTY and signed by an authorized representative of COUNTY. No expenditures are authorized on a project and work shall not commence until a Task Order for that project has been executed by COUNTY.
- K. CONSULTANT will be reimbursed, as promptly as fiscal procedures will permit upon receipt by COUNTY'S Contract Administrator of itemized invoices in triplicate. Separate invoices itemizing all costs are required for all work performed under each Task Order. Invoices shall be submitted no later than 45 calendar days after the performance of work for which CONSULTANT is billing, or upon completion of the Task Order. Invoices shall detail the work performed on each milestone, on each project as applicable. Invoices shall follow the format stipulated for the approved Cost Proposal and shall reference this contract number, project title and Task Order number. Credits due COUNTY that include any equipment purchased under the provisions of Article XI Equipment Purchase of this contract, must be reimbursed by CONSULTANT prior to the expiration or termination of this contract. Invoices shall be mailed to COUNTY's Contract Administrator at the following address:

COUNTY OF MENDOCINO
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
340 Lake Mendocino Drive
Ukiah, CA 95482
Attn: Howard Dashiell, Director

- L. The period of performance for Task Orders shall be in accordance with dates specified in the Task Order. No Task Order will be written which extends beyond the expiration date of this Contract.
- M. The total amount payable by COUNTY for an individual Task Order shall not exceed the amount agreed to in the Task Order, unless authorized by contract amendment.
- N. If the Consultant fails to satisfactorily complete a deliverable according to the schedule set forth in a Task Order, no payment will be made until the deliverable has been satisfactorily completed.
- O. Task Orders may not be used to amend this Agreement and may not exceed the scope of work under this Agreement.
- P. The total amount payable by COUNTY for all Task Orders resulting from this contract shall not exceed \$630,000. It is understood and agreed that there is no guarantee, either expressed or implied that this dollar amount will be authorized under this contract through Task Orders.
- Q. All subcontracts in excess of \$25,000 shall contain the above provisions.

Article VI Termination

- A. COUNTY reserves the right to terminate this contract upon thirty (30) calendar days written notice to CONSULTANT with the reasons for termination stated in the notice.
- B. COUNTY may terminate this contract with CONSULTANT should CONSULTANT fail to perform the covenants herein contained at the time and in the manner herein provided. In the event of such termination, COUNTY may proceed with the work in any manner deemed proper by COUNTY. If COUNTY terminates this contract with CONSULTANT, COUNTY shall pay CONSULTANT the sum due to CONSULTANT under this contract prior to termination, unless the cost of completion to COUNTY exceeds the funds remaining in the contract. In which case the overage shall be deducted

from any sum due CONSULTANT under this contract and the balance, if any, shall be paid to CONSULTANT upon demand.

- C. The maximum amount for which the Government shall be liable if this contract is terminated is six hundred thirty thousand dollars.

Article VII Cost Principles and Administrative Requirements

- A. CONSULTANT agrees that the Contract Cost Principles and Procedures, 48 CFR, Federal Acquisition Regulations System, Chapter 1, Part 31.000 et seq., shall be used to determine the cost allowability of individual items.
- B. CONSULTANT also agrees to comply with federal procedures in accordance with 49 CFR, Part 18, Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments.
- C. Any costs for which payment has been made to CONSULTANT that are determined by subsequent audit to be unallowable under 49 CFR, Part 18 and 48 CFR, Federal Acquisition Regulations System, Chapter 1, Part 31.000 et seq., are subject to repayment by CONSULTANT to COUNTY.
- D. All subcontracts in excess of \$25,000 shall contain the above provisions.

Article VIII Retention of Records/Audit

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

Article IX Audit Review Procedures

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

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

Article X Subcontracting

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

Article XI Equipment Purchase

- A. Prior authorization in writing, by COUNTY's Contract Administrator shall be required before CONSULTANT enters into any unbudgeted purchase order, or subcontract exceeding \$5,000 for supplies, equipment, or CONSULTANT services. CONSULTANT shall provide an evaluation of the necessity or desirability of incurring such costs.
- B. For purchase of any item, service or consulting work not covered in CONSULTANT's Cost Proposal and exceeding \$5,000 prior authorization by COUNTY's Contract Administrator; three competitive quotations must be submitted with the request, or the absence of bidding must be adequately justified.
- C. Any equipment purchased as a result of this contract is subject to the following: "CONSULTANT shall maintain an inventory of all nonexpendable property. Nonexpendable property is defined as having a useful life of at least two years and an acquisition cost of \$5,000 or more. If the purchased equipment needs replacement and is sold or traded in, COUNTY shall receive a proper refund or credit at the conclusion of the contract, or if the contract is terminated, CONSULTANT may either keep the equipment and credit COUNTY in an amount equal to its fair market value, or sell such equipment at the best price obtainable at a public or private sale, in accordance with established COUNTY procedures; and credit COUNTY in an amount equal to the sales price. If CONSULTANT elects to keep the equipment, fair market value shall be determined at CONSULTANT's expense, on the basis of

a competent independent appraisal of such equipment. Appraisals shall be obtained from an appraiser mutually agreeable to by COUNTY and CONSULTANT, if it is determined to sell the equipment, the terms and conditions of such sale must be approved in advance by COUNTY." 49 CFR, Part 18 requires a credit to Federal funds when participating equipment with a fair market value greater than \$5,000 is credited to the project.

- D. All subcontracts in excess \$25,000 shall contain the above provisions.

Article XII State Prevailing Wage Rates

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

Article XIII Conflict of Interest

- A. CONSULTANT shall disclose any financial, business, or other relationship with COUNTY that may have an impact upon the outcome of this contract, or any ensuing COUNTY construction project. CONSULTANT shall also list current clients who may have a financial interest in the outcome of this contract, or any ensuing COUNTY construction project, which will follow.
- B. CONSULTANT hereby certifies that it does not now have, nor shall it acquire any financial or business interest that would conflict with the performance of services under this contract.
- C. Any subcontract in excess of \$25,000 entered into as a result of this contract, shall contain all of the provisions of this Article.

Article XIV Rebates, Kickbacks or Other Unlawful Consideration (Verbatim)

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

Article XV Not Used

Article XVI Statement of Compliance

- A. CONSULTANT's signature affixed herein, and dated, shall constitute a certification under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that CONSULTANT has, unless exempt, complied with, the nondiscrimination program requirements of Government Code Section 12990 and Title 2, California Administrative Code, Section 8103.
- B. During the performance of this Contract, Consultant and its subconsultants shall not unlawfully discriminate, harass, or allow harassment against any employee or applicant for employment because of sex, race, color, ancestry, religious creed, national origin, physical disability (including HIV and

AIDS), mental disability, medical condition (e.g., cancer), age (over 40), marital status, and denial of family care leave. Consultant and subconsultants shall insure that the evaluation and treatment of their employees and applicants for employment are free from such discrimination and harassment. Consultant and subconsultants shall comply with the provisions of the Fair Employment and Housing Act (Gov. Code §12990 (a-f) et seq.) and the applicable regulations promulgated there under (California Code of Regulations, Title 2, Section 7285 et seq.). The applicable regulations of the Fair Employment and Housing Commission implementing Government Code Section 12990 (a-f), set forth in Chapter 5 of Division 4 of Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations, are incorporated into this Contract by reference and made a part hereof as if set forth in full. Consultant and its subconsultants shall give written notice of their obligations under this clause to labor organizations with which they have a collective bargaining or other Agreement.

- C. The Consultant shall comply with regulations relative to Title VI (nondiscrimination in federally-assisted programs of the Department of Transportation – Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 21 - Effectuation of Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act). Title VI provides that the recipients of federal assistance will implement and maintain a policy of nondiscrimination in which no person in the state of California shall, on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, disability, be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of or subject to discrimination under any program or activity by the recipients of federal assistance or their assignees and successors in interest.
- D. The Consultant, with regard to the work performed by it during the Agreement shall act in accordance with Title VI. Specifically, the Consultant shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, or disability in the selection and retention of Subconsultants, including procurement of materials and leases of equipment. The Consultant shall not participate either directly or indirectly in the discrimination prohibited by Section 21.5 of the U.S. DOT's Regulations, including employment practices when the Agreement covers a program whose goal is employment.

Article XVII Debarment and Suspension Certification

- A. CONSULTANT's signature affixed herein, shall constitute a certification under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California, that CONSULTANT has complied with Title 2 CFR, Part 180, "OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Government wide Debarment and Suspension (nonprocurement)", which certifies that he/she or any person associated therewith in the capacity of owner, partner, director, officer, or manager, is not currently under suspension, debarment, voluntary exclusion, or determination of ineligibility by any federal agency; has not been suspended, debarred, voluntarily excluded, or determined ineligible by any federal agency within the past three (3) years; does not have a proposed debarment pending; and has not been indicted, convicted, or had a civil judgment rendered against it by a court of competent jurisdiction in any matter involving fraud or official misconduct within the past three (3) years. Any exceptions to this certification must be disclosed to COUNTY.
- B. Exceptions will not necessarily result in denial of recommendation for award, but will be considered in determining CONSULTANT responsibility. Disclosures must indicate to whom exceptions apply, initiating agency, and dates of action.
- C. Exceptions to the Federal Government Excluded Parties List System maintained by the General Services Administration are to be determined by the Federal highway Administration.

EXCERPTS FROM
EXHIBIT 10-R A&E SAMPLE CONTRACT LANGUAGE

Article XVIII Funding Requirements

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

Article XIX Change in Terms

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

Article XXI Contingent Fee

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

Article XXVII Claims Filed by COUNTY's Construction Contractor

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

- C. Services of CONSULTANT's personnel in connection with COUNTY's construction contractor claims will be performed pursuant to a written contract amendment, if necessary, extending the termination date of this contract in order to resolve the construction claims.
- D. Any subcontract in excess of \$25,000 entered into as a result of this contract, shall contain all of the provisions of this Article.

Article XXVIII Confidentiality of Data

- A. All financial, statistical, personal, technical, or other data and information relative to COUNTY's operations, which are designated confidential by COUNTY and made available to CONSULTANT in order to carry out this contract, shall be protected by CONSULTANT from unauthorized use and disclosure.
- B. Permission to disclose information on one occasion, or public hearing held by COUNTY relating to the contract, shall not authorize CONSULTANT to further disclose such information, or disseminate the same on any other occasion.
- C. CONSULTANT shall not comment publicly to the press or any other media regarding the contract or COUNTY's actions on the same, except to COUNTY's staff, CONSULTANT's own personnel involved in the performance of this contract, at public hearings or in response to questions from a Legislative committee.
- D. CONSULTANT shall not issue any news release or public relations item of any nature, whatsoever, regarding work performed or to be performed under this contract without prior review of the contents thereof by COUNTY, and receipt of COUNTY's written permission.
- E. Any subcontract entered into as a result of this contract shall contain all of the provisions of this Article.
- F. All information related to the construction estimate is confidential, and shall not be disclosed by CONSULTANT to any entity other than COUNTY.

Article XXIX National Labor Relations Board Certification

In accordance with Public Contract Code Section 10296, CONSULTANT hereby states under penalty of perjury that no more than one final unappealable finding of contempt of court by a federal court has been issued against CONSULTANT within the immediately preceding two-year period, because of CONSULTANT's failure to comply with an order of a federal court that orders CONSULTANT to comply with an order of the National Labor Relations Board.

Article XXXI Retention of Funds

- A. Any subcontract entered into as a result of this Contract shall contain all of the provisions of this section.
- C. No retainage will be held by COUNTY from progress payments due the prime consultant. Any retainage held by the prime consultant or subconsultants from progress payments due subconsultants shall be promptly paid in full to subconsultants within 30 days after the subconsultant's work is satisfactorily completed. Federal law (49 CFR 26.29) requires that any delay or postponement of payment over the 30 days may take place only for good cause and with the Agency's prior written approval. Any violation of this provision shall subject the violating prime consultant or subconsultant to the penalties, sanctions and other remedies specified in Section 7108.5 of the Business and Professions Code. These requirements shall not be construed to limit or impair any contractual, administrative, or judicial remedies, otherwise available to the prime consultant or subconsultant in the event of a dispute involving late payment or nonpayment by the prime consultant, deficient subconsultant performance, or

noncompliance by a subconsultant. This provision applies to both DBE and non-DBE prime consultant and subconsulta