



**RESOLUTION No. 16-193**

**OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING A PERSONAL SERVICES CONTRACT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NEVADA AND STRADLING YOCCA CARLSON & RAUTH, P.C. FOR BOND COUNSEL SERVICES RELATED TO PROPOSED FINANCING FOR THE NEVADA COUNTY ENERGY CONSERVATION AND GENERATION PROJECT IN THE MAXIMUM CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$60,000.00, AND AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT**

WHEREAS, on April 26, 2016, the Nevada County Board of Supervisors approved the Nevada County Energy Conservation and Generation Project (“Project”); and

WHEREAS, the County anticipates that the Project will be financed through a private placement or public offering of bonds; and

WHEREAS, the County requires the services of bond counsel to provide legal services and advice in connection with the proposed financing, including the drafting of all legal documents necessary to effectuate the financing; and

WHEREAS, Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth, P.C. is a very well-respected firm who has significant experience and expertise in providing bond counsel services for public agencies; and

WHEREAS, the parties desire to enter into a Personal Services Contract for legal services in the amount of \$60,000 on the terms and conditions as contained in said Contract; and

WHEREAS, the cost for all services to be provided under the proposed Contract will be paid from the sale of bonds for the Project, if and when said transaction is consummated.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a Personal Services Contract by and between the County of Nevada and Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth, P.C. for bond counsel services related to proposed financing for the Nevada County Energy Conservation and Generation Project in the Maximum Contract Amount of \$60,000.00 be and hereby is approved in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A, and that the Chair of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to execute the Agreement.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada at a regular meeting of said Board, held on the 10th day of May, 2016, by the following vote of said Board:

Ayes: Supervisors Nathan H. Beason, Edward Scofield, Dan Miller, Hank Weston and Richard Anderson.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

Abstain: None.

ATTEST:

JULIE PATTERSON HUNTER  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: \_\_\_\_\_



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Dan Miller, Chair

5/10/2016 cc: CoCo\*  
AC\*(hold)

10/20/2016 cc: CoCo\*  
AC\*(release)

**PERSONAL SERVICES CONTRACT**

County of Nevada, California

This Personal Services Contract is made between the COUNTY OF NEVADA, (herein "County"), and

**Contractor's Name: Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth, P. C.**

(herein "Contractor"), wherein County desires to retain a person or entity to provide the following services, materials and products generally described as follows:

(§1) **Description of Services: Provide legal services related to financing for the Nevada County Energy Conservation and Generation Project**

**SUMMARY OF MATERIAL TERMS**

(§2) **Maximum Contract Price:** \$60,000  
(§3) **Contract Beginning Date:** 3/1/16 **Contract Termination Date:** 6/30/17  
(§4) **Liquidated Damages:** \$0

**INSURANCE POLICIES**

Designate all required policies:

		Req'd	Not Req'd
(§6)	<b>Commercial General Liability</b> (\$1,000,000)	X	
(§7)	<b>Automobile Liability</b> (\$ 300,000) Personal Auto		X
	(\$1,000,000) Business Rated	X	
	(\$1,000,000) Commercial Policy		X
(§8)	<b>Worker's Compensation</b>	X	
(§9)	<b>Errors and Omissions</b> (\$10,000,000)	X	

**LICENSES**

Designate all required licenses:

(§14) Attorneys must have an active California State Bar license

**NOTICE & IDENTIFICATION**

(§26) **Contractor:** John C. Murphy, Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth, P. C., 660 Newport Center Dr., Suite 1600, Newport Beach, CA 92660  
**County of Nevada Office of the County Counsel**, 950 Maidu Avenue, Suite 240, Nevada City, California 95959  
Contact Person: John Murphy (949) 725-4000, e-mail: [JMurphy@SYCR.com](mailto:JMurphy@SYCR.com)  
Contact Person: Alison Barratt-Green (530) 265-1319, e-mail: [alison.barratt-green@co.nevada.ca.us](mailto:alison.barratt-green@co.nevada.ca.us)  
Fund: 0101-10209-272-1000-521520

**Contractor is a:** (check all that apply)


Corporation:  Calif.,  Other,  LLC,  Non-profit  
Partnership:  Calif.,  Other,  LLP,  Limited  
Person:  Indiv.,  Dba,  Ass'n,  Other

**EDD:** Independent Contractor Worksheet Required:  Yes  No  
**HIPAA:** Schedule of Required Provisions (Exhibit D):  Yes  No

**ATTACHMENTS**

Designate all required attachments:

	Req'd	Not Req'd
<b>Exhibit A: Schedule of Services</b> (Provided by Contractor)	X	
<b>Exhibit B: Schedule of Charges and Payments</b> (Paid by County)	X	
<b>Exhibit C: Schedule of Changes</b> (Additions, Deletions & Amendments)		X
<b>Exhibit D: Schedule of HIPAA Provisions</b> (Protected Health Information)		X

Contractor approves this page  
Revision Date: 06/01/09 

### Terms

Each term of this Contract below specifically incorporates the information set forth in the Summary at page one (1) above as to each respective section (§) therein, as the case may be.

### Services

#### 1. **Scope of Services:**

Contractor shall provide all of the services, materials and products (herein "Services") generally described in **Exhibit "A"**, according to a performance schedule, if applicable, as set forth in said exhibit (herein "Performance Schedule") . If requested, Contractor agrees to serve as an expert witness for County in any third party action or proceeding arising out of this Contract.

### Payment

#### 2. **Charges and Payments:**

The charges (herein "Charges") for furnishing the aforesaid Services under this Contract are set forth in **Exhibit "B"**, including, if applicable, hourly rates, unit pricing, and expense, mileage and cost limits. Said Charges shall be presented monthly by invoice, and shall be due within thirty (30) days of receipt unless payment is otherwise set forth in said **Exhibit "B"**, and shall remain in effect for the entire term of this Contract, and any extension hereof. In no event will the cost to County for Services to be provided under this Contract, including direct non-salary expenses, exceed the **Maximum Contract Price** set forth at §2, page one (1), above.

### Time for Performance

#### 3. **Contract Term:**

This Contract shall commence on the **Contract Beginning Date** set forth at §3, page one (1), above. All Services required to be provided by this Contract shall be completed and ready for acceptance no later than the **Contract Termination Date** set forth at §3, page one (1), above.

#### 4. **Liquidated Damages:**

County and Contractor agree that damages to County due to delays in timely providing Services in accordance with the aforesaid Performance Schedule and Contract Termination Date are impractical and difficult to ascertain. Therefore, if §4 at page one (1) hereof shall indicate a daily amount as **Liquidated Damages**, County shall have the right to assess said daily sum, not as a penalty, but as and for damages to County due to delays in providing Services not in accordance with the said Performance Schedule, or later than the Contract Termination Date (herein "Delay"). Liquidated Damages shall be offset against amounts owing to Contractor, including retention sums.

To the extent that any Delay is a result of matters or circumstances wholly beyond the control of Contractor, County may excuse said Liquidated Damages; provided however, that County may condition such excuse upon Contractor having given prompt notice to County of such delay immediately by telephone and thereafter by written explanation within a reasonable time. The time for Contractor's performance shall be extended by the period of delay, or such other period as County may elect.

#### 5. **Time of the Essence:**

Time is of the essence with respect to Contractor's performance under this Contract. Delay in meeting the time commitments contemplated herein will result in the assessment of liquidated damages, if indicated at §4 at page one (1), hereof. If Liquidated Damages are not so indicated, damages shall be as otherwise provided by law.

### Insurance

#### 6. **Commercial General Liability Insurance:** (County Resolution No. 90674)

If §6 at page one (1) hereof shall indicate a **Commercial General Liability** insurance policy is required, Contractor shall promptly provide proof of such insurance evidenced by a certificate of insurance with properly executed endorsements attached, which insurance shall include the following:

- (i) Broad form coverage for liability for death or bodily injury to a person or persons, and for property damage, combined single limit coverage, in the minimum amount indicated at said §6;

- (ii) An endorsement naming County as an additional insured under said policy, with respect to claims or suits arising from the Services provided or the relationships created under this Contract;
- (iii) A provision that said insurance shall be primary and other insurance maintained by the County of Nevada shall be excess only and not contributing with Contractor's insurance;
- (iv) A provision that said insurance shall provide for thirty (30) days written notice to County of any termination or change in coverage protection, or reduction in coverage limits (except ten (10) days' notice for non-payment of premium).

**7. Automobile Liability Insurance:** (County Resolution No. 90676)

If §7 at page one (1) hereof shall require either a Business Rated or a Commercial Automobile Liability insurance policy, for each vehicle used including non-owned and hired automobiles, Contractor shall promptly provide proof of such insurance evidenced by a certificate of insurance with properly executed endorsements attached, which insurance shall include the following provisions:

- (i) Liability protection for death or bodily injury to a person or persons, property damage, and uninsured and underinsured coverage, combined single limit coverage, in the minimum amount indicated at said §7;
- (ii) An endorsement naming County as an additional insured under said policy, with respect to claims or suits arising from the Services provided or the relationships created under this Contract;
- (iii) A provision that said insurance shall be primary and other insurance maintained by the County of Nevada shall be excess only and not contributing with Contractor's insurance;
- (iv) A provision that said insurance shall provide for thirty (30) days written notice to County of any termination or change in coverage protection, or reduction in coverage limits (except ten (10) days' notice for non-payment of premium).

If §7 at page one (1) hereof shall require a Personal Auto policy, for each vehicle used including non-owned and hired automobiles, Contractor shall promptly provide proof of such insurance for a minimum of three hundred thousand dollars, (\$300,000), in combined single limits, and naming the County as additionally insured.

**8. Worker's Compensation:** (County Resolution No. 90674)

If §8 at page one (1) hereof shall indicate a **Worker's Compensation** insurance policy is required, Contractor shall maintain said policy as required by law, and shall promptly provide proof of such insurance evidenced by a certificate of insurance, or other documentation acceptable to County.

Before commencing to utilize employees in providing Services under this Contract, Contractor warrants that it will comply with the provisions of the California Labor Code, requiring Contractor to be insured for worker's compensation liability or to undertake a program of self-insurance therefor.

**9. Errors and Omissions:**

If §9 at page one (1) hereof shall indicate **Errors and Omissions** insurance is required, Contractor shall maintain either a professional liability or errors & omissions policy in the minimum amount indicated, and shall promptly provide proof of such insurance evidenced by a certificate of insurance, or other documentation acceptable to County.

**10. Miscellaneous Insurance Provisions:** (County Resolution No. 90675)

All policies of insurance required by this Contract shall remain in full force and effect throughout the life of this Contract and shall be payable on a "per occurrence" basis unless County specifically consents to "claims made" coverage. If the County does consent to "claims made" coverage and if Contractor changes insurance carriers during the term of this Contract or any extensions hereof, then Contractor shall carry prior acts coverage.

Insurance afforded by the additional insured endorsement shall apply as primary insurance, and other insurance maintained by County, its officers, agents and/or employees, shall be excess only and not contributing with insurance required or provided under this agreement.

At all times, Contractor shall keep and maintain in full force and effect throughout the duration of this Contract, policies of insurance required by this Contract which policies shall be issued by companies with a Best's Rating of B+ or higher (B+, B++, A-, A, A+ or A++), or a Best's Financial Performance Rating (FPR) of 6 or higher (6, 7, 8 or 9) according to the current Best's Key Rating Guide, or shall be issued by companies approved by the County Risk Manager. In the event the Best's Rating or Best's FPR shall fall below the rating required by this paragraph, Contractor shall be required to forthwith secure alternate policies which comply with the rating required by this paragraph, or be in material breach of this Contract.

Failure to provide and maintain the insurance policies (including Best's ratings), endorsements, or certificates of insurance required by this Contract shall constitute a material breach of this agreement (herein "Material Breach"); and, in addition to any other remedy available at law or otherwise, shall serve as a basis upon which County may elect to suspend payments hereunder, or terminate this Contract, or both. (See §13, ¶2, below, as these provisions additionally apply to subcontractors.)

**11. Indemnity:**

Nothing herein shall be construed as a limitation of Contractor's liability, and Contractor shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the County and its officers, officials, employees, agents and volunteers from any and all liabilities, claims, demands, damages, losses and expenses (including, without limitation, defense costs and attorney fees of litigation) which result from the negligent act, willful misconduct, or error or omission of Contractor in its rendering of professional services, except such loss or damage which was caused by the sole negligence or willful misconduct of County or its officers, officials, employees, agents and volunteers.

**Personal Services**

**12. Contractor as Independent:**

In providing services herein, Contractor, and the agents and employees thereof, shall act in an independent capacity and as an independent contractor and not as agents or employees of County.

**13. Assignment and Subcontracting:**

Except as specifically provided herein, the rights, responsibilities, duties and Services to be performed under this Contract are personal to the Contractor and may not be transferred, subcontracted, or assigned without the prior written consent of County. Contractor shall not substitute nor replace any personnel for those specifically named herein or in its proposal without the prior written consent of County.

Contractor shall cause and require each transferee, subcontractor and assignee to comply with the insurance provisions set forth herein at §§6, 7, 8, 9 and 10, to the extent such insurance provisions are required of Contractor under this Contract. Failure of Contractor to so cause and require such compliance by each transferee, subcontractor and assignee shall constitute a Material Breach of this agreement, and, in addition to any other remedy available at law or otherwise, shall serve as a basis upon which County may elect to suspend payments hereunder, or terminate this Contract, or both.

**14. Licensing and Permits:**

Contractor warrants (i) Contractor is qualified and competent to provide all Services under this contract; (ii) Contractor and all employees of Contractor hold all necessary and appropriate licenses therefor, including those licenses set forth at §14, page one (1) hereof; and, (iii) Contractor shall obtain, and remain in compliance with, all permits necessary and appropriate to provide said Services. Contractor shall cause said licenses and permits to be maintained throughout the life of this Contract. Failure to do so shall constitute a Material Breach of this agreement, and, in addition to any other remedy available at law or otherwise, shall serve as a basis upon which County may elect to suspend payments hereunder, or terminate this Contract, or both.

**Public Contracts**

**15. Prevailing Wage and Apprentices:**

To the extent made applicable by law, performance of this contract shall be in conformity with the provisions of California Labor Code, Division 2, Part 7, Chapter 1, commencing with Section 1720 relating to prevailing wages which must be paid to workers employed on a public work as defined in Labor Code §§ 1720, et seq.; and shall be in conformity with Title 8 of the California Code of Regulations §§ 200 et seq., relating to apprenticeship. Contractor shall comply with the provisions thereof at the

commencement of Services to be provided herein, and thereafter during the term of this Contract. A breach of the requirements of this section shall be deemed a material breach of this contract. A copy of the relevant prevailing wage as defined in Labor Code §1770 et seq. is on file with the Department of Transportation, County of Nevada, 950 Maidu Avenue, Nevada City, California 95959. Copies will be provided upon request.

**16. Accessibility (County Resolution No. 00190):**

It is the policy of the County of Nevada that all County services, programs, meetings, activities and facilities shall be accessible to all persons, and shall be in compliance with the provisions of the Americans With Disabilities Act and Title 24, California Code of Regulations. To the extent this Contract shall call for Contractor to provide County contracted services directly to the public, Contractor shall certify that said direct Services are and shall be accessible to all persons.

**17. Nondiscriminatory Employment:**

In providing Services hereunder, Contractor shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, age, sex, national origin, political affiliation, ancestry, marital status or disability. This policy does not require the employment of unqualified persons.

**18. Prior Nevada County Employment (County Resolution No. 03-353):**

Effective July 22, 2003, it is the policy of the County of Nevada that former members of the Board of Supervisors, a former CEO, or a former Purchasing Agent, for a period of twelve (12) months following the last day of employment, shall not enter into any relationship wherein that former employee or former Board member receives direct remuneration from a legal entity that, during the last twelve (12) months of said employment or Board member's service, entered into a contract with, or received a grant from the County of Nevada. Provided however, that this prohibition shall not apply to any employee that did not personally approve a contract with or grant to said legal entity during the last twelve (12) months of said employment, and shall not apply when the Board of Supervisors did not approve a contract with or grant to said legal entity during the last twelve (12) months of said Board member's service.

A violation of this policy shall subject Contractor to all of the remedies enumerated in said resolution and as otherwise provided in law, which remedies shall include but not be limited to injunctive relief, cancellation and voiding of this contract by County, a return of grant money, a cause of action for breach of contract, and entitlement to costs and reasonable attorney fees in any action based upon a breach of contract under this provision.

**19. Cost Disclosure:**

In accordance with Government Code Section 7550, should a written report be prepared under or required by the provisions of this Contract, Contractor agrees to state in a separate section of said report the numbers and dollar amounts of all contracts and subcontracts relating to the preparation of said report

**Default and Termination**

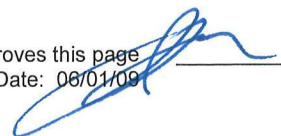
**20. Termination:**

A Material Breach of this Contract pursuant to the terms hereof or otherwise, in addition to any other remedy available at law or otherwise, shall serve as a basis upon which County may elect to immediately suspend payments hereunder, or terminate this contract, or both, **without notice**.

If Contractor fails to timely provide in any manner the services materials and products required under this Contract, or otherwise fails to promptly comply with the terms of this Contract, or violates any ordinance, regulation or other law which applies to its performance herein, County may terminate this Contract by giving **five (5) days written notice** to Contractor.

Either party may terminate this Contract for any reason, or without cause, by giving **thirty (30) calendar days written notice** to the other, which notice shall be sent by registered mail in conformity with the notice provisions, below. In the event of termination not the fault of the Contractor, the Contractor shall be paid for services performed to the date of termination in accordance with the terms of this Contract. Contractor shall be excused for failure to perform services herein if such performance is prevented by acts of God, strikes, labor disputes or other forces over which the Contractor has no control.

County, upon giving **sixty (60) calendar days written notice** to Contractor, shall have the right to terminate its obligations under this Contract at the end of any fiscal year if the County or the State of



California, as the case may be, does not appropriate funds sufficient to discharge County's obligations coming due under this contract.

**Miscellaneous**

**21. Books of Record and Audit Provision:**

Contractor shall maintain complete records relating to this Contract for a period of five (5) years from the completion of Services hereunder. Said records shall include but not be limited to bids and all supporting documents, original entry books, canceled checks, receipts, invoices, payroll records including subsistence, travel and field expenses, together with a general ledger itemizing all debits and credits

Contractor shall permit County to audit said records as well as such related records of any business entity controlled by Contractor. Said audit may be conducted on Contractor's premises or at a location designated by County, upon fifteen (15) days' notice. Contractor shall promptly refund any moneys erroneously charged and shall be liable for the costs of audit if the audit establishes an over-charged of five percent (5%) or more of the Maximum Contract Price.

**22. Intellectual Property:**

All original photographs, diagrams, plans, documents, information, reports, computer code and all recordable media together with all copyright interests thereto (herein "Intellectual Property"), which concern or relate to this Contract and which have been prepared by, for or submitted to Contractor, shall be the property of County, and upon fifteen (15) days demand therefor, shall be promptly delivered to County without exception. Provided however, for personal purposes only and not for commercial, economic or any other purpose, Contractor may retain a copy of Contractor's work product hereunder.

**23. Entire Agreement:**

This Contract represents the entire agreement of the parties, and no representations have been made or relied upon except as set forth herein. This Contract may be amended or modified only by written, fully executed agreement of the parties.

**24. Jurisdiction and Venue:**

This Contract shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of California and the parties hereto agree that venue shall be in Nevada County, California.

**25. Compliance with Applicable Laws:**

The Contractor shall comply with any and all federal, state and local laws, codes, ordinances, rules and regulations which relate to, concern or affect the Services to be provided by this Contract.

**26. Notices:**

This Contract shall be managed and administered on County's behalf by the department and the person set forth at §26, page one (1) of this Contract, and all invoices shall be submitted to and approved by this Department. In addition to personal service, all notices may be given to County and to Contractor by first class mail addressed as set forth at said §26 Said notices shall be deemed received the fifth (5th) day following the date of mailing or the earlier date of personal service, as the case may be.

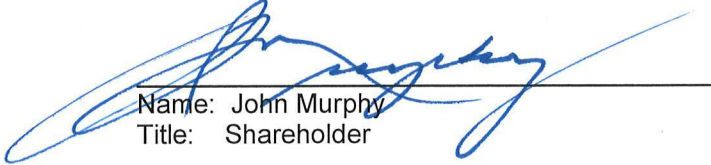
**27. Authority:**

All individuals executing this Contract on behalf of Contractor represent and warrant that they are authorized to execute and deliver this Contract on behalf of Contractor. **IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties have executed this Contract effective on the Beginning Date, above.



**CONTRACTOR: STRADLING YOCCA  
CARLSON & RAUTH, P. C.**

**COUNTY OF NEVADA**



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Name: John Murphy  
Title: Shareholder



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Name: Dan Miller, Chair  
Title: Nevada County Board of Supervisors

## EXHIBIT "A"

### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

1. Contractor shall serve as special bond counsel for the Nevada County Energy Conservation and Generation Project and shall provide legal advice and draft legal documents as need for the proposed financing of the Project. Services shall include, but are not limited to:
  - a. Participate in meetings or conference calls with staff and other consultants, and assist with presentations to staff, the Debt Advisory Committee, the Public Finance Authority ("PFA") and the Board of Supervisors, as needed.
  - b. Review of provisions of vendor agreements, financing terms and other financing assumptions that could impact the feasibility and legality of financing options, as requested.
  - c. Prepare all legal documents necessary to complete the financing, including but not limited to all bond-related documents, a lease-leaseback agreement, and opinions of counsel.
  - d. Review and advice related to the preparation of an RFP to solicit Bank bids for the proposed financing and in reviewing bids received by the Placement Agent.
  - e. Review and advice regarding business and financing terms with the selected Bank to best protect the County's interests.
  - f. Advice regarding potential methods of sale, including competitive, negotiated, and direct purchase (including Treasury direct purchase) methods of sale.
  - g. Any other transaction related services generally provided by Bond, as needed.
2. No provision of this agreement shall be construed to require the County, the PFA or any other party to the transaction to proceed with the close of the County Energy Conservation and Generation Project financing. The parties may choose to proceed or decline to proceed, at their sole discretion, and Contractor acknowledges that neither County nor any other party has made any express or implied promise to proceed. In the event that the parties decline to proceed with the bond financing transaction, Contractor shall not be entitled to any payment whatsoever from County. Under no circumstances will Contractor or any of its subcontractors be entitled to or compensated for any direct or indirect loss arising from or relating to County's failure to proceed with the bond financing transaction. Such loss includes but is not limited to, loss of expected profits, business overhead, loss of productivity, and loss of opportunity to work on other projects.
3. Key Personnel—John C. Murphy, Esq., Darren C. McHugh, Esq. and Kerrigan R. Bennett, Esq. will be included as key personnel on this project, and shall be assigned the personal responsibility for directing the Contractor's work on behalf of the County hereunder, and shall remain in personal charge of such work for the duration of this Agreement.

**EXHIBIT "B"**

**SCHEDULE OF CHARGES AND PAYMENTS**

Contractor shall be paid at the hourly rates set forth below for all services to be rendered pursuant to this Contract. Contractor shall not be reimbursed for incidental costs and expenses incurred, including mileage or other travel costs, unless such costs are expressly authorized, in advance and in writing, by County.

<b>Category</b>	<b>Hourly Rate</b>
Senior Shareholder	\$535
Junior Shareholder	465
Senior Associate	300
Junior Associate	275
Paralegal	135

For all services and expenses related to the County's Energy Conservation and Generation Project and related bond financing, the County shall pay to Contractor the greater of (a) \$35,000, or (b) the product of the applicable hourly rates set forth above times the hours worked; provided, however, that in no event shall the total amount paid under this Contract exceed \$50,000 if the bond obligations are privately placed with a single lender or \$60,000 if they are not so placed.

Payment of the transaction fee is contingent on the successful sale and closing of the bonds. In the event that the County declines to proceed with the Energy Conservation and Generation Project bond transactions, Contractor shall not be entitled to any payment whatsoever from County.

As of the effective date of this agreement, all services provided by Contractor are assumed to be included in this agreement unless there is express written agreement between County and Contractor that a service falls outside of this agreement.