



RESOLUTION No. 26-131

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CONTRACT BETWEEN HQE SYSTEMS AND THE NEVADA COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES, FOR ALERT AND WARNING SYSTEMS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$23,930, FOR USE DURING THE PERIOD OF APRIL 14, 2026, THROUGH APRIL 13, 2027, AND AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT

WHEREAS, working under the Emergency Preparedness Board Objective, the Office of Emergency Services continually develops and maintains a reliable and effective communications capability to alert and warn public officials, and the public, of an actual or impending emergency or disaster; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, Nevada County contracted with alert and warning service provider CodeRED to offer residents an “opt-in” solution for receiving timely messages related to emergencies; and

WHEREAS, it is important to periodically test the market for advances and capabilities to ensure that software products meet needs, expectations, and represent the industry standard and best available cost; and

WHEREAS, in November 2025, CodeRED experienced a data breach resulting in permanent decommission of the product thus prompting Nevada County Office of Emergency Services (OES) to leverage the opportunity for a market test; and

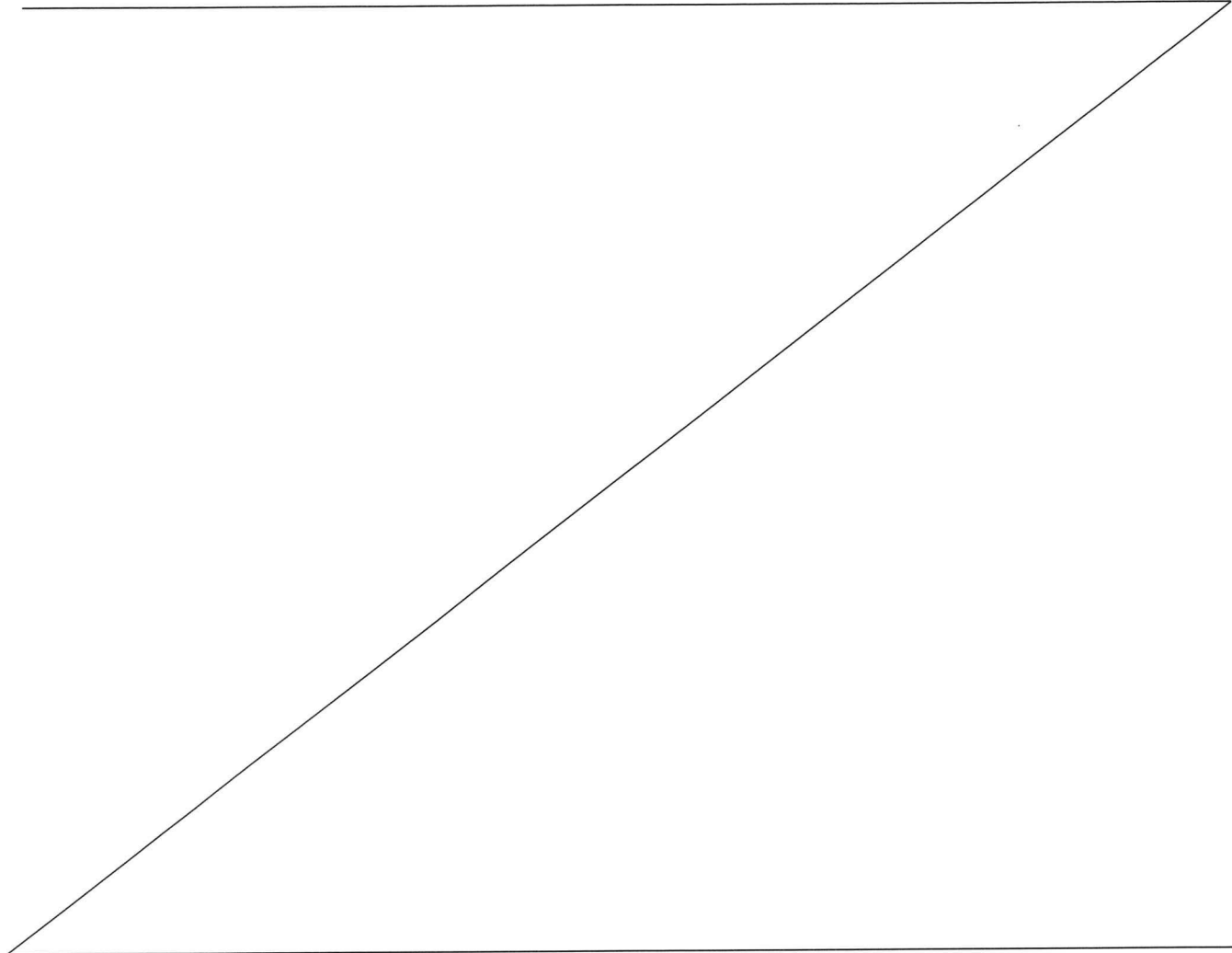
WHEREAS, on January 9, 2026, Nevada County Purchasing issued RFP No. 207857 for Alert and Warning Services; and

WHEREAS, as part of this process, 3,785 firms were notified, 36 firms accessed the RFP, and 5 proposals were received; and

WHEREAS, an expert panel comprised of Nevada County OES, Nevada County Sheriff's Office, Nevada County Geographic Information Systems (GIS), Grass Valley Police Department, and Town of Truckee OES reviewed and scored the five proposals and advanced two firms for additional evaluation during product demonstrations; and

WHEREAS, as an outcome of this process, HQE Systems was selected as the qualified firm.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE HEREBY IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada, State of California, approves the contract between HQE Systems and the Nevada County Office of Emergency Services for Alert and Warning Systems in the amount of \$23,930, for use during the period April 14, 2026, through April 13, 2027, and authorizes the Director of Emergency Services to execute the contract.



PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada at a regular meeting of said Board, held on the 14th day of April 2026, by the following vote of said Board:

- Ayes: Supervisors Heidi Hall, Robb Tucker, Lisa Swarthout, Susan Hoek, and Hardy Bullock.
- Noes: None.
- Absent: None.
- Abstain: None.
- Recuse: None.

ATTEST:

TINE MATHIASSEN
Chief Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: Lauriana Cecchi

Lisa Swarthout
Lisa Swarthout, Chair

County of Nevada, California
AGREEMENT FOR LICENSED SOFTWARE, SERVICES, AND MAINTENANCE

This AGREEMENT is made by and between the **County of Nevada**, a political subdivision of the State of California (herein "County"), and HQE Systems, Inc. (herein "Contractor"), wherein Contractor agrees to provide the software and services commonly known as **Alert and Warning Systems**. As described in the Schedules comprising this Agreement, Contractor will successfully implement **Alert and Warning Systems** consisting of all system modules and capabilities necessary to meet the County's requirements as defined in the System Feature List presented in Appendix B-1.

This AGREEMENT, including the following Schedules, constitutes the entire understanding and agreement between the Parties. This AGREEMENT may not be modified, supplemented or amended, in any manner, except by written agreement signed by both parties.

Schedule A: General Terms and Conditions

Schedule B: Software License Agreement
Appendix B-1: System Feature List

Schedule C: Software Maintenance Agreement
Appendix C-1: Hosting Services Agreement
Appendix C-2: Computer System Specifications

Schedule D: Scope of Professional Services
Appendix D-1: Hardware Specifications
Appendix D-2: Preliminary Project Schedule

Schedule E: Schedule of Charges and Payments

CONTRACTOR:

Jamie Warner
COO, HQE Systems, Inc.

Dated:

Secretary, HQE Systems, Inc.

Dated:

COUNTY OF NEVADA:

Alex Keeble-Toll
Director of Emergency Services

Dated:

****If Consultant is a corporation, this agreement must be signed by two corporate officers; one of which must be the secretary of the corporation, and the other may be either the President or Vice President, unless an authenticated corporate resolution is attached delegating authority to a single officer to bind the corporation (California Corporations Code Sec. 313).***

SCHEDULE A: GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Definitions

- 1.1 *Acceptance:* The Software shall be considered accepted for all purposes upon the earlier of: (a) notification by County that the Software is in compliance with all requirements specified in this Agreement; (b) expiration of the Test Period if County fails to notify Contractor of any material nonconformity during that period; or (c) use of the Software by County in a production environment for at least thirty (30) days.
- 1.2 *Acceptance Certificate:* A certificate provided by the Contractor that is signed by the County confirming the Acceptance of each phase as defined within the Project Management Plan.
- 1.3 *Acceptance Plan:* That document, delivered as a component of the Implementation Plan document, which defines and describes the acceptance tests and conditions which define Acceptance.
- 1.4 *Agreement:* This Agreement, all schedules, appendices and exhibits thereto, and any and all subsequent duly executed amendments thereto.
- 1.5 *Authorized Representative:* The person or persons authorized by County to work with Contractor to implement changes to the Software, submit Software issues to Contractor to resolve, and authorize the Contractor to make changes to the list of Users who can use the Software.
- 1.6 *Compliance Update:* A change made to the Software to reflect a mandated change in the applicable law.
- 1.7 *Computer System:* The desktop hardware and software components and programs that are used by County in conjunction with the Software, but do not include the Hosting Servers.
- 1.8 *Confidential Information:* Copyrights, Trade Secrets, Technical Information, Technology, and any and all other confidential and/or proprietary information provided by one Person ("Discloser") to another Person ("Recipient") pursuant to this Agreement or otherwise, relating to, among other items, the research, development, products, processes, business plans, customers, finances, suppliers, and personnel data of or related to the business of Discloser, including, without limitation, the Software and all Documentation. Confidential Information shall also include all "non-public personal information" as defined in Title V of the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act (15 U.S. C. Section 6801, et seq.) and the implementing regulations thereunder (collectively, the "GLB Act"), as the same may be amended from time to time. Confidential Information does not include any information: (1) Recipient knew before Discloser provided it; (2) which has become publicly known through no wrongful act of Recipient; (3) which Recipient developed independently, as evidenced by appropriate documentation; or, (4) of which Recipient becomes aware from any third Person not bound by non-disclosure obligations to Discloser and with the lawful right to disclose such information to Recipient. Notwithstanding the foregoing, specific information will not be deemed to be within the foregoing exceptions merely because it is contained within more general information otherwise subject to such exceptions.
- 1.9 *Copyrights:* Copyrighted and copyrightable materials, whether or not registered, published, or containing a copyright notice, in any and all media, and further including, without limitation, any and all moral rights and corresponding rights under international agreements and conventions, all Derivatives thereof, and any and all applications for registrations, registrations, and/or renewals of any of the foregoing.
- 1.10 *Customization:* Any improvement, derivation, extension or other change to the Software made by Contractor at the request of the County, including any that result from the joint efforts or collaboration of Contractor and County. Contractor may, from time to time, incorporate Customizations into the Software as "Enhancements."
- 1.11 *Data:* All data entered or used by County in order to use the Software, including but not limited to user account data and the data for which the Software is designed to store, manipulate, analyze and report in performing its functional requirements.

- 1.12 *Data Conversion Plan:* The formal plan to be prepared by Contractor with County support that identifies the data conversion elements: schedule, information, personnel, and any other items agreed upon as integral to the conversion of existing systems data to the configured databases by the County's Project Manager and the Contractor's Project Manager.
- 1.13 *Database Software:* Relational database management systems (RDMS), such as Microsoft SQL Server, Oracle, or similar Third-Party Software that is utilized by the Software to store COUNTY data on a disk sub-system as part of the operation of the Software.
- 1.14 *Defective Work:* Work that (i) is unsatisfactory, faulty, or deficient, (ii) does not conform to the Statement of Work, (iii) does not meet the requirements of any inspection, test, or approval referred to in the Acceptance Criteria, or (iv) does not meet or exceed the requirements specified in this Agreement.
- 1.15 *Deliverables:* Those components, milestones, and/or materials, including, without limitation, the Software, Documentation, Maintenance Modifications, and Enhancements to be completed by one Party and delivered or otherwise provided to the other Party in accordance with the terms of this Agreement and/or an effective Maintenance Agreement. Deliverables can mean either Deliverables required from Contractor ("Contractor Deliverables") or Deliverables required from County ("County Deliverables").
- 1.16 *Derivatives:* Any and all adaptations, enhancements, improvements, modifications, revisions, extensions or translations, whether to Intellectual Property or otherwise.
- 1.17 *Documentation:* Standard user publications relating to use of the Licensed Software, such as reference, installation, administrative, maintenance, and programmer manuals, provided by Contractor to County, all of which are made available to County by Contractor by either hard copy or electronic delivery.
- 1.18 *End User:* Any employee(s), affiliate(s), agent(s), or representative(s) of the County, or any other person under the direction or control of the County that uses the Software to perform certain functions or tasks as required by the County.
- 1.19 *Enhancement:* A change or addition, other than maintenance modifications, to Software and related Documentation, including, without limitation, all new releases that improve functions, add new functions, or significantly improve performance by changes in system design or coding; *provided, however,* that Enhancements do not include any New Product.
- 1.20 *Error:* Either (a) any error or defect resulting from an incorrect functioning of Software caused by the Software's failure to meet Specifications; therefore, or, (b) any error or defect resulting from an incorrect or incomplete statement in Documentation caused by the failure of the Software and/or the Documentation to meet the Specifications therefore.
- 1.21 *Error Correction (may also be referred to as "Patch"):* Either (a) a temporary repair or replacement or other modification or addition that, when made or added to the Software, corrects an Error, or (b) a procedure or routine that, when observed in the regular operation of the Software, eliminates the practical adverse effect of an Error on the County. Temporary repair may be made permanent and released in Subsequent Releases of the Software.
- 1.22 *Explanatory Documentation:* Documents that describe the escrow contents and explain how to compile and load the software program in the event that the escrow materials are released to the County.
- 1.23 *Final Acceptance Certificate:* County's final written acceptance of the Programs and services to be provided under this Agreement.
- 1.24 *Hardware:* The Computer System components and equipment, other than the Licensed Software and Third-Party Software.
- 1.25 *Hosting Services Agreement:* That certain Hosting Services Agreement, between Contractor and Hosting Vendor, providing for the Hosting Servers that store the Hosted Software and Data for County's access.

- 1.26 *Hosting Servers:* Those servers controlled and managed by Contractor for hosting the Hosted Software and which may be accessed by County for purposes of utilizing the Hosted Software.
- 1.27 *Hosted Software:* A fully operational, stable and up to date Version of the Software that Contractor will make accessible to County via the Internet and that is installed on the Hosting Servers.
- 1.28 *Implementation Plan:* That deliverable, provided by Contractor, that includes the specific tasks and deliverables required for the implementation of the identified work, and the specific dates for completion thereof. The Implementation Plan shall also include the Test Plan and Acceptance Plan for the identified work.
- 1.29 *Intellectual Property:* Trade Secrets, Copyrights, Derivatives, Documentation, Patents, Software, Technical Information, Technology, and any and all proprietary rights relating to any of the foregoing.
- 1.30 *Licensed Software:* The proprietary computer software program(s) identified in the Software License and all related materials, Documentation, all corrections, patches or updates thereto, and other written information received by County from Contractor, whether in machine-readable or printed form.
- 1.31 *Maintenance Release:* A Subsequent Release of the Licensed Software that includes Error Corrections and/or Updates.
- 1.32 *New Product:* Any change or addition to Software and/or related Documentation that: (1) has a value or utility separate from the use of the Software and Documentation; (2) as a practical matter, may be priced and offered separately from the Software and Documentation; and, (3) is not made available to Contractor's licensees generally without separate charge.
- 1.33 *Notice of Completion:* A written notice from Contractor stating that delivery, installation and implementation of all Licensed Software, and/or Third-Party Software at County's site has been completed and that the Software is available for acceptance testing.
- 1.34 *Object Code:* Machine readable compiled form of Licensed Software provided by Contractor.
- 1.35 *Party:* Either Contractor or County, and "Parties" means both of the same.
- 1.36 *Patents:* All patentable materials, letters patent, and utility models, including, without limitation, all reissues, continuations, continuations-in-part, renewals, Derivatives, and extensions of any of the foregoing and all applications therefor (and patents which may issue on all such applications).
- 1.37 *Professional Services:* Any Installation, Customization, Training, Consulting, Support Service(s), and other similar service(s) performed by Contractor under the terms of this Agreement.
- 1.38 *Project Management:* The process of planning, scheduling, and controlling certain activities in order to meet project objectives.
- 1.39 *Project Management Plan:* A comprehensive plan for execution of the Project to implement the Software, which includes subsidiary plans that include the Project Schedule, List of Deliverables, Data Conversion Plan, Issue Management Plan, Interface Specifications, Training Plan, Risk Management Plan, Resource Plan, Communication Plan, Change Control Plan, Document Control Plan, Acceptance Plan, and Quality Management Plan.
- 1.40 *Programs:* The Software, as written by the Contractor and approved Third Party Vendors, integrated by Contractor and delivered to the County, in the form of executable code providing fully compatible communication with the Contractor's licensed software engine, to operate on the Hardware for purposes of accomplishing the functional capabilities as set forth in this Agreement.
- 1.41 *Release:* Means a version of the Software denoted by the number to the left of the decimal point (as compared to a change in the number to the right of the decimal point). For example, 4.x and 4.1 are the same Release; 4.x and 5.x are two different Releases. Releases include major Enhancements and the incorporation of any Version developed after the Release immediately preceding the most current Release.

- 1.42 *Seat*: A unique physical device, such as a terminal, microcomputer, or similar computing device that is part of the Computer System at which an End User has access to some or all of the Software or Third-Party Software.
- 1.43 *Site*: A single physical location and single database for which the Software is licensed. The number of Sites for which County is licensed to use the Software shall be specified in the applicable Schedule.
- 1.44 *Software*: The software program(s) identified on Schedule E, including Error Corrections, Compliance Updates, and new Versions and Releases of such program(s) that may be provided under this Agreement. The term "Software" excludes any Third-Party Software.
- 1.45 *Software Acceptance Date*: The date of final acceptance of the System by County as described in Schedule D of this Agreement.
- 1.46 *Specifications*: The functional, operational, and performance characteristics of the Licensed Software as described in Contractor's current published Documentation.
- 1.47 *Subsequent Release*: A release of the Licensed Software for use in a particular operating environment which supersedes the Licensed Software. A Subsequent Release is offered and expressly designated by Contractor as a replacement to a specified Licensed Software product. A Subsequent Release will be supported by Contractor in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. Multiple Subsequent Releases may be supported by Contractor at any given time.
- 1.48 *Support Services*: Those services provided by Contractor as described in Schedule C: Software Maintenance Agreement.
- 1.49 *System*: The Licensed Software and associated interfaces furnished by Contractor for the Client and the Equipment on which such software operates, the combination of which shall satisfy the requirements set forth in the Specifications.
- 1.50 *System Cutover*: The point at which the County approves Contractor's initiation of the System, or a phase of the project, to a production status and the County may terminate use of the current software system it uses to perform the same business functions.
- 1.51 *Test Period*: The thirty (30) day period following: (a) County's receipt of the Notice of Completion or (b) in the case where County requests or causes a material delay in the performance of implementation services, the date set forth in the Implementation Plan for commencement of Acceptance Testing.
- 1.52 *Third Party Software*: Software utilized in tandem with the Licensed Software, and necessary to enable the Licensed Software to perform the Specifications, supplied by Contractor with the Licensed Software or acquired directly by County on the advice of Contractor.
- 1.53 *Trademarks* – trademarks, service marks, logos, trade names, and/or domain names including, without limitation, any and all common law and/or statutory rights therein and any and all applications to register and/or registrations therefor, anywhere within or outside of the Territory.
- 1.54 *Update*: A revision of the Software released by Contractor to its end user customers receiving maintenance and support services from Contractor. "Update" does not include any New Product or added features for which Contractor generally imposes a separate charge.
- 1.55 *Upgrade*: Either an enhancement to the Licensed Software code to add new features or functions to the Licensed Software or software programming revisions containing corrections to Error Corrections that have been reported by users or discovered by the Contractor. Upgrades include revisions that are made to the Software to conform to a newer version of the operating system software.
- 1.56 *Users*: People who, in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, are authorized by County's Authorized Representatives to access the Software for purposes of performing data entry, analysis, or reporting, or for providing technical support.

- 1.57 *Version:* A new version of the Software that includes minor Enhancements, Error Corrections, and/or Compliance Updates, which is indicated by a different number to the right of the decimal point (e.g., "4.1" and "4.2" represent different Versions of Release "4").
- 1.58 *Warranty Period:* Commencing on the Software Acceptance Date and continuing during the Term, including any renewals or extension, all Errors shall be corrected by the Contractor without charge to the County.
- 1.59 *Work or Project:* The implementation, assembly, installation, optimization, and integration as required by this Agreement, whether completed or partially completed, including all labor, materials, and services provided, or to be provided by Contractor to fulfill Contractor's obligations hereunder. The Work, therefore, constitutes all of the requirements for providing the Programs and all services under this Agreement to the County.

Notices

This Agreement shall be managed and administered on behalf of the respective parties by the individuals identified below. All invoices shall be submitted to and approved by the County's representative so identified. In addition to personal service, all notices may be given to County and to Contractor by first class mail addressed to said party and 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.

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 Temecula, CA 92590

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 Nevada City, California 95959

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 Rosina Melian
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 Sergeant, Nevada County Sheriff's Office

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Standard of Performance

Contractor represents that it has the skills, expertise, and licenses/permits necessary to perform the services required under this Agreement. Accordingly, Contractor shall perform all such services in the manner and according to the standards observed by a competent practitioner of the same profession in which Contractor is engaged. All products of whatsoever nature which Contractor delivers to County pursuant to this Agreement shall be prepared in a first class and workmanlike manner and shall conform to the standards of quality normally observed by a person practicing in Contractor's profession. Permits and/or licenses shall be obtained and maintained by Contractor without additional compensation. Contractor's personnel, when on the County's premises, shall comply with the County's regulations regarding security, safety and professional conduct, including but not limited to Nevada County Security Policy (NCSP) 102 regarding data security.

Contractor as Independent

In providing services hereunder, 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.

Indemnification

1.1 General

Contractor shall defend, indemnify and save harmless the County, its officers, officials, employees, agents and volunteers from any and all liabilities, claims, demands, judgments damages, losses or expenses (including, without limitation, defense costs and attorney fees of litigation) arising out of this Agreement or occasioned by the performance or attempted performance of the provisions hereof, including, but not limited to, any act or omission to act on the part of the Contractor or his agents or employees or other independent contractors directly responsible to him; except those liabilities, claims, demands, judgments damages, losses or expenses to the extent resulting from the negligence or willful misconduct of the County. With respect to any and all liabilities, claims, demands, judgments damages, losses or expenses arising from the joint or

concurrent negligence of Contractor and the County, each party shall assume responsibility in proportion to the degree of its respective fault as determined by a court of competent jurisdiction. Contractor's obligation to indemnify County is contingent upon the County giving prompt notice to Contractor of any claims, permitting Contractor to defend, compromise, or settle any claim, and cooperate with the defense of any such claim. Contractor shall notify the County immediately in the event of any accident or injury arising out of or in connection with this Agreement.

1.2 Intellectual Property

- a. Notwithstanding any language contained herein to the contrary, Contractor warrants that the Software does not infringe upon or violate any patent, copyright, trade secret, contract right, or any other proprietary right of any third party within the United States. Except as otherwise provided, Contractor, at its own expense, will defend, indemnify and hold County harmless from any claim made or threatened or any suit or proceeding brought against County insofar as it is based on an allegation that the Software furnished by Contractor under this Agreement infringes any copyright or patent in existence on the date the Software was initially provided to County, but only if County does all of the following:
 - i. notifies Contractor of that action in writing within a reasonable period of time (such that Contractor suffers no prejudice to its rights);
 - ii. gives Contractor the right to control and direct the defense and settlement of that action;
 - iii. makes no compromise, settlement, or admission of liability; and
 - iv. provides reasonable assistance and cooperates in the defense of that action at Contractor's reasonable expense.
- b. Subject to the limitations set forth in this Agreement, Contractor shall pay any resulting damages, costs and expenses finally awarded to a third party, including, but not limited to, reasonable legal fees, incurred as a result of the Software's infringement of a copyright or patent right. Contractor will have no responsibility for the settlement of any claim, suit, or proceeding made by County without Contractor's prior written approval.
- c. If the Software is held to infringe, and the use of the Software is enjoined, Contractor, at its expense, will do one of the following:
 - i. procure for County the right to continue using the infringing or potentially infringing Software;
 - ii. replace the infringing or potentially infringing Software with non-infringing software; or
 - iii. modify the infringing or potentially infringing Software so that it becomes non-infringing.
 - iv. If none of the foregoing remedies are commercially feasible, Contractor will return to County the initial license fee actually paid by County to Contractor under this agreement, and upon such a return, any licenses granted to County for the Software shall terminate immediately.

Insurance

During the performance of this Agreement, Contractor shall maintain in full force and effect the following insurance coverages:

- 6.1 Commercial General Liability Insurance: (County Resolution No. 90674) 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:
 - a. 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 of \$1,000,000.
 - b. An endorsement naming County as an additional insured under said policy, with respect to claims or suits arising from Seller's product(s) and/or the services provided under this contract;
 - c. A provision that said insurance shall be primary and other insurance maintained by the County shall be excess only and not contributing with Contractor's insurance; and
 - d. 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). Upon receipt of such notice, County will provide

Contractor in writing a notice that Contractor has until the effective date of termination, change in coverage protection, or reduction in coverage limits to secure new insurance coverage as required herein, and that Contractor's failure to do so will constitute default under the terms of this Agreement.

- 6.2 Data Processing Errors and Omissions Insurance: Contractor shall maintain either a professional liability or errors & omissions policy in an amount of no less than \$1,000,000 and shall promptly provide proof of such insurance evidenced by a certificate of insurance, or other documentation acceptable to County.
- 6.3 Cyber Liability Insurance: Without limiting any of the obligations or liabilities of Contractor, Contractor shall carry and maintain, at its own expense including any applicable deductibles or retentions, as long as respective, applicable statute(s) of limitation or repose are in effect relating to the specific purposes of this Agreement, Cyber Liability insurance with limits of not less than \$1,000,000 for each occurrence and an annual aggregate of \$2,000,000 covering claims involving privacy violations, information theft, damage to or destruction of electronic information, intentional and/or unintentional release of private information, alteration of electronic information, extortion and network security.
- 6.4 Automobile Liability Insurance: (County Resolution No. 90676) 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:
- a. 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 of \$1,000,000.
 - b. An endorsement naming County as an additional insured under said policy, with respect to claims or suits arising from the Services provided under this Agreement;
 - c. A provision that said insurance shall be primary and other insurance maintained by the Buyer shall be excess only and not contributing with Seller's insurance; and,
 - d. 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). Upon receipt of such notice, County will provide Contractor in writing a notice that Contractor has until the effective date of termination, change in coverage protection, or reduction in coverage limits to secure new insurance coverage as required herein, and that Contractor's failure to do so will constitute default under the terms of this Agreement.
- 6.5 Worker's Compensation: (County Resolution No. 90674) Before commencing to utilize employees in providing Services under this Agreement, 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. CONTRACTOR shall maintain said policy or self insurance as required by law and shall promptly provide proof of such insurance evidenced by a certificate of insurance, or other documentation acceptable to the County.
- 6.6 Miscellaneous Insurance Provisions: (County Resolution No. 90675) All policies of insurance required by this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect throughout the life of this Agreement and shall be payable on a "per occurrence" basis unless the 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 Agreement or any extensions hereof, then Contractor shall carry prior acts coverage.

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. 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 Agreement. Failure to provide and maintain the insurance policies (including Best's ratings), endorsements, or certificates of insurance required by this Agreement 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 Agreement, or both.

7.0 Ownership of Data

County is and shall be the owner of the following items incidental to this Agreement upon production, whether or not completed: all data collected, all documents of any type whatsoever, and any material necessary for the practical use of the data and/or documents from the time of collection and/or production whether or not performance under this Agreement is completed or terminated prior to completion, except for computer software which shall be owned or licensed as provided in this Agreement. Contractor shall not release any materials under this section without prior written approval of County.

No materials produced in whole or in part under this Agreement shall be subject to copyright in the United States or in any other country except as provided in this Agreement or except as determined at the sole discretion of the County. County shall have the unrestricted authority to publish, disclose, distribute, and otherwise use in whole or part, any reports, data, documents or other similar materials prepared under this Agreement, except for the Software and other Intellectual Property, which shall be subject to the ownership and other restrictions set forth in this Agreement.

8.0 Assignment and Subcontracting

Except as specifically provided herein, the rights, responsibilities, duties and Services to be performed under this Agreement are personal to the County and Contractor. They may not be transferred, subcontracted, or assigned without the prior written consent of both parties.

Contractor shall cause and require each transferee, subcontractor and assignee to comply with the insurance provisions set forth herein at 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 Agreement, or both.

9.0 Confidentiality

The parties hereto acknowledge that information obtained about the other party pursuant to this Agreement may include confidential and proprietary information (hereinafter the "Confidential Information"). Each party agrees not to use Confidential information except in accordance with the terms of this Agreement or any other agreements between the parties, and not to disclose Confidential Information to any third parties without the prior written consent of the other party, except as required by law. The parties agree that the Confidential Information does not include any information which, at the time of disclosure, is generally known by the public. County shall make no attempt to reverse compile, disassemble, or otherwise reverse engineer the Software or any portion thereof. These obligations of confidentiality shall survive termination of the License and this Agreement.

10.0 Warranty

Contractor warrants the Software to operate in all material respects as specified in the Contractor-provided documentation. If Contractor makes or has made claims in response to specifications listed in a County solicitation, then the Contractor warrants the Software to operate in all material respects as claimed in response to the solicitation. Contractor warrants that the Software does not contain any disabling devices that would allow Contractor to terminate operation of the Software. Contractor further warrants that, to the best of its knowledge, the Software does not contain any malicious code or components such as viruses, malware or spyware. Contractor warrants as follows for all customization made by Contractor for the County: (1) All Customizations will continue to be supported by Contractor under its maintenance agreement as defined in Schedule C; (2) All Customizations will be preserved and will remain functional in any future software versions, revisions, or updates provided by Contractor; (3) All future software versions, revision, or updates provided by Contractor will not cause the County to incur any additional cost as a result of the Customizations. These provisions shall apply for as long as the County is covered by the Contractor's

maintenance agreement.

THE FOREGOING WARRANTY IS IN LIEU OF ALL OTHER WARRANTIES OF CONDITIONS, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, ANY IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF CONDITIONS OF MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE AND THOSE ARISING BY STATUTE OR OTHERWISE IN LAW OR FROM THE COURSE OF DEALING OR USAGE OF TRADE. CONTRACTOR DOES NOT REPRESENT OR WARRANT THAT THE SOFTWARE WILL OPERATE ERROR-FREE OR UNINTERRUPTED AND THAT ALL PROGRAM ERRORS IN THE SOFTWARE CAN BE FOUND IN ORDER TO BE CORRECTED. NOR DOES CONTRACTOR MAKE ANY WARRANTIES REGARDING THE ACCURACY, RELIABILITY OR CURRENCY OF ANY INFORMATION CONTENT.

CONTRACTOR'S LIABILITY AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY AND ALL CLAIMS, DAMAGES OR LOSSES ARISING FROM USE OF THE SOFTWARE BY COUNTY SHALL BE ABSOLUTELY LIMITED TO THE INSURANCE OCCURRENCE LIMIT OF \$1 MILLION. THIS LIMITATION OF CONTRACTOR'S LIABILITY SHALL APPLY REGARDLESS OF THE FORM OF ACTION, WHETHER IN CONTRACT OR TORT, INCLUDING NEGLIGENCE. THE STATED EXPRESS WARRANTIES ARE IN LIEU OF ALL OBLIGATIONS OR LIABILITIES ON THE PART OF CONTRACTOR ARISING OUT OF OR IN CONNECTION WITH THE DELIVERY, USE, AND/OR PERFORMANCE OF THE SOFTWARE.

Unless otherwise stated in the applicable Schedule, Contractor shall not be liable for, and County hereby assumes the risk of and shall indemnify and hold harmless Contractor against, any claim, injury, loss, damage, or expense (including attorneys' fees), either direct or indirect, incurred, made, or suffered by County in connection with or in any way arising out of the furnishing, performance, or use of services provided by any third party contracted by County to perform services in connection with the Software.

11.0 Nondiscrimination and Compliance with Laws

In providing Services hereunder, Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable laws and regulations, including but not limited to those relating to nondiscrimination and civil rights. Contractor agrees to timely file all required reports, make required payroll deductions, and timely pay all taxes and premiums owed, including sales and use taxes and unemployment compensation and workers' compensation premiums. Contractor shall have and keep current at all times during the term of this contract all licenses and permits required by law.

12.0 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.

13.0 Intellectual Property

County acknowledges that Contractor owns all right, title and interest in and to the Software, the Documentation, and other information relating thereto, including all patents, trademarks, copyrights, trade secrets and other Intellectual Property rights. No rights, other than those granted pursuant to the License, are transferred to County.

14.0 Conflict of Interest

Contractor covenants that Contractor presently has no interest and shall not acquire any interest, direct or indirect, which would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of services required to be performed under this Agreement. Contractor further covenants that in the performance of this Agreement, no person having any such interest shall be employed by Contractor. This covenant shall not prohibit Contractor from offering the same or similar Software and Services to other entities.

15.0 Responsibilities of County

County shall provide all information reasonably necessary to Contractor in performing the Services provided herein. Contractor shall not be responsible for any delays caused by County's failure to provide information or failure to perform obligations.

16.0 Technology Life Expectancy

County understands, acknowledges, and agrees that the technology upon which the Hardware, Software, and Third-Party Software is based changes rapidly. County further acknowledges that Contractor will continue to improve the functionality and features of the Software to improve legal compliance, accuracy, functionality, and usability. As a result, Contractor does not represent or warrant that the Hardware, Software, and/or Third-Party Software provided to County under this Agreement or that the Computer System recommended by Contractor will function for an indefinite period of time. Rather, Contractor and County may, from time to time, analyze the functionality of the Hardware, Software, Third-Party Software, and Computer System in response to changes to determine whether upgrades are advised. Contractor shall, for the duration of the maintenance period covered by this Agreement, and at no additional cost to County, maintain the Software to be compatible with Microsoft-supported operating systems and databases County upgrades may include, without limitation, the installation of a new Release, additional disk storage and memory, and workstation and/or server upgrades. County upgrades may also include the installation and/or removal of Third-Party Software. County is solely responsible for all costs associated with such future resources and upgrades,

17.0 Term and Termination

17.1 The Term of this Agreement shall commence upon execution by both parties (hereinafter the "Effective Date") and shall continue until all Tasks and Deliverables have been completed by Contractor and Accepted by County unless terminated earlier in accordance with this section. The Terms of the Software Maintenance Agreement and Software Escrow shall be as described in the respective Schedules C and F, as applicable.

17.2 Termination by County

- a. County may, by written notice to Contractor, terminate this Agreement in whole or in part at any time, whether for County's convenience or because of the failure of Contractor to fulfill the obligations hereunder. Upon receipt of such notice, Contractor shall immediately discontinue all services affected (unless the notice directs that the Disentanglement provision herein shall be invoked), and shall deliver to County all data, estimates, summaries, reports, and all other records, documents or papers as may have been accumulated or produced by Contractor in performing services under this Agreement, whether completed or in process.
- b. For Convenience: County may, by written notice stating the extent and effective date, terminate this Agreement in whole or in part at any time. Upon receipt of such notice, Contractor shall promptly cease work and notify County as to the status of its performance. Notwithstanding any other payment provision of this Agreement, County shall pay Contractor for services performed to the date of termination, to include a prorated amount of compensation due hereunder less payments, if any, previously made. In no event shall Contractor be paid an amount in excess of the full price under this Agreement nor for profit on unperformed portions of service. Contractor shall furnish to County such information as is necessary to determine the mutually agreeable reasonable value of the services rendered by Contractor. The foregoing is cumulative and shall not affect any right or remedy which County may have in law or equity.
- c. For Cause: Should Contractor default in the performance of this Agreement or materially breach any of its provisions, the County may elect to immediately suspend payments or terminate the

contract, or both, without notice.

17.3 Termination by Contractor

- a. For Nonpayment: Should County fail to pay Contractor all or any part of the payment set forth in Schedule E, Contractor may, at Contractor's option, terminate this Agreement if such failure is not remedied by County within thirty (30) days of written notice to County of such late payment.
- b. For Cause: Should County default in the performance of this Agreement or materially breach any of its provisions, Contractor, at Contractor's sole option, may terminate this Agreement upon thirty (30) days written notice.

17.4 Disentanglement

If directed by County, Contractor shall cooperate with County and County's other vendors and contractors to ensure a smooth transition at the time of termination of this Agreement, regardless of the nature or timing of the termination. Contractor shall cooperate with County to accomplish a complete transition of the services as set forth in this Agreement being terminated to County or to any replacement provider designated by County, without any interruption or adverse impact on those services or any other services provided by third parties. Contractor shall fully cooperate with County and any new service provider and otherwise promptly take all steps, including but not limited to providing to County or any new service provider all requested information or documentation required to assist County in effecting a complete transition to the new service provider. Contractor shall provide all information or documentation regarding the services to be transitioned, including but not limited to data conversion tables, client files, interface specifications, and training materials. Contractor shall provide for the prompt and orderly conclusion of all work required under the Agreement, as County may direct, including completion or partial completion of projects, documentation of work in process, and other measures to assure an orderly transition to County or the County's designee. All Contractor work done as part of the Disentanglement shall be performed by Contractor and will be reimbursed by the County at no more than Contractor's costs, up to the total amount of this Agreement. Contractor shall not receive any additional or different compensation for the work otherwise required by the Agreement. Contractor's obligation to provide the Services shall not cease until the earlier of the following: a) the Disentanglement is completed to the County's reasonable satisfaction, or b) twelve (12) months after the expiration of the then-current Term of the Agreement.

17.5 Return, Transfer and Removal of Data and other Assets

- a. Upon termination of this Agreement, Contractor shall return to County all County-furnished assets in Contractor's possession.
- b. Upon termination of this Agreement, Contractor shall ensure that any and all of County's data maintained by Contractor is extracted in a commercially recognized format acceptable to County prior to the termination date or the completion of the Disentanglement period, whichever is later, and that said data is securely transmitted or delivered to County or County's designee.

17.6 Source Code Escrow. Within 30 days following Final Acceptance by the County, Contractor shall add the County to the list of customers that are reflected on its multi-party escrow agreement. Contractor, on behalf of its customers, has entered into an escrow agreement, and deposited its source code for the Software and relevant explanatory documentation. Such deposit shall be updated from time to time by Contractor such that what is on deposit with the Escrow Agent reflects Enhancements, Customizations and other modifications to the Software licensed to the County. Should certain events reflected in the escrow agreement occur, then the County may demand the release, and upon such demand receive the source code and accompanying documentation from the Escrow Agent. In the event the source code is released to the County, the County shall have the right to use the source code to provide technical improvements and enhancements to the Software, but shall not have the right to sell, assign or transfer the right to use the Software to another party. Contractor's obligations and the County's rights under the escrow arrangement shall cease to exist upon termination or expiration of this Agreement.

17.7 Renegotiation Option: In view of the fact that it is unknown how long the products and services will

be employed by County and that County will require ongoing maintenance and support of the products for as long as the system is operational, therefore after completion of the initial term of the contract including any extensions and renewals, County and Contractor may renegotiate the contract upon mutual agreement of the parties.

- 17.8 Effect of Termination: Contractor shall cooperate with County to ensure a smooth transition at the time of termination of this Agreement, regardless of the nature or timing of the termination. Contractor shall cooperate with County to ensure that any and all of County's data maintained in the software licensed to the County by Contractor is extracted in a commercially recognized format acceptable to County prior to the termination date, and that said data is securely transmitted to County. The termination of this Agreement shall not affect the County's rights to the Software pursuant to Schedule B (License Agreement) provided that County has paid all Software license fees set forth in the Schedule E and County is not in breach of any provision of this Agreement or the Schedules. If County terminates this Agreement prior to the payment of all Software license fees, or if County is in breach of this Agreement, County shall immediately cease using the Software and shall either destroy or return the original and all copies, in whole or in part, in any form, of the Software and related materials. County shall certify such action in writing to County within one (1) month after the termination date. Obligations and rights in connection with this Agreement which by their nature would continue beyond the termination of this Agreement, including without limitation, Section 11 of this Schedule A, shall survive termination of this Agreement.

18.0 Informal Dispute Resolution

If a dispute, controversy, or claim arises between the parties relating to this Agreement, the parties shall promptly notify one another of the dispute in writing. Each party shall promptly designate a representative to resolve the dispute. The representatives shall meet within ten (10) days following the first receipt by a party of such written notice and shall attempt to resolve the dispute within fifteen (15) days.

19.0 Compliance with Public Records Law

All information County receives from Contractor, whether received in connection with Contractor's proposal or in connection with any services performed by Contractor, will be disclosed upon receipt of a request for disclosure pursuant to the California Public Records Act; provided, however, that if any information is set apart and clearly marked "Confidential Information" pursuant to Section 9, above, when it is provided to County, County shall give notice of Contractor of any request for disclosure of such information. Contractor shall then have five (5) days from the date it receives such notice to enter into an agreement with the County, satisfactory to the County Counsel, providing for the defense of, and complete indemnification and reimbursement for all costs (including plaintiff's attorney fees) incurred by County in any legal action to compel the disclosure of such information under the California Public Records Act. Contractor shall have sole responsibility for defense of the actual "Confidential" designation of such information.

Contractor and County understand and agree that any failure by Contractor to respond to the notice provided by County and/or to enter into an agreement with County, in accordance with the provisions above, shall constitute a complete waiver by Contractor of any rights regarding the information designated "Confidential" by Contractor, and County shall disclose such information pursuant to applicable procedures required by the Public Records Act.

20.0 Books of Record and Audit Provision

Contractor shall maintain complete records relating to this Agreement for a period of five (5) years from the completion of Services hereunder. Said records shall be maintained in sufficient detail to establish the accuracy of charges for services provided and corresponding calculations of any sales tax payable.

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-charge of five percent (5%) or more of the total Contract amount.

21.0 Taxes

With the exception of sales or use taxes which may be levied by the State of California for software or related

materials, County shall not be responsible for paying any taxes on Contractor's behalf, and should County be required to do so by state, federal, or local taxing agencies, Contractor agrees to promptly reimburse County for the full value of such paid taxes plus interest and penalty, if any. Similarly, Contractor shall not be responsible for paying any taxes on County's behalf, and should Contractor be required to do so by state, federal, or local taxing agencies, County agrees to promptly reimburse Contractor for the full value of such paid taxes plus interest and penalty, if any (The fees set forth in Schedule E do not include any amounts for sales taxes, as it is anticipated that all software and related materials will be provided by Contractor by electronic delivery.)

22.0 Jurisdiction and Venue

This Agreement 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.

23.0 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.

24.0 Authority

All Parties to this Agreement warrant and represent that they have the power and authority to enter into this Agreement in the names, titles and capacities herein stated on behalf of any entities, persons, or firms represented or purported to be represented by such entity(ies), person(s), or firm(s) and that all formal requirements necessary or required by any state and/or federal law in order to enter into this Agreement have been fully complied with. Furthermore, by entering into this Agreement, Contractor hereby warrants that it shall not have breached the terms or conditions of any other contract or agreement to which Contractor is obligated, which breach would have a material effect hereon.

25.0 Expert Witness

If requested by County, Contractor agrees to serve as an expert witness for County in any third party action or proceeding arising out of this Agreement.

26.0 Section Headings

The headings of the several sections of this Schedule A and other Sections which comprise this Agreement, and any table of contents appended hereto, shall be solely for convenience of reference and shall not affect the meaning, construction or effect hereof.

27.0 Severability

If any one or more of the provisions of this Agreement shall for any reason be held to be invalid or unenforceable in any respect, then such provision or provisions shall be deemed severable from the remaining provisions hereof, and such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision hereof, and this Agreement shall be construed as if such invalid, illegal or unenforceable provision had never been contained herein.

28.0 Amendment and Waivers

Any term or provision of this Agreement may be amended, and the observance of any term of this Agreement may be waived (either generally or in a particular instance and either retroactively or prospectively) only by a writing signed by the Party to be bound thereby. The waiver by a Party of any breach hereof or default hereunder shall not be deemed to constitute a waiver of any other breach or default. The failure of any Party to enforce any provision hereof shall not be construed as or constitute a waiver of the right of such Party thereafter to enforce such provision.

29.0 Force Majeure

Neither party shall be deemed to be in default of its obligations hereunder if and so long as it is prevented from performing such obligations by any act of war, hostile action, or catastrophic natural event. Should there be such an occurrence that impacts the ability of either party to perform their responsibilities under this Agreement, the nonperforming party shall give immediate written notice to the other party to explain the cause and probable duration of any such nonperformance.

30.0 Publicity

County authorizes Contractor to use County's name in its list of customers. The parties agree that either party or both may issue a mutually acceptable news release regarding County's use of the applicable Software and Support Services. Each party's approval of such news release will not be unreasonably withheld or delayed. Once a press release has been issued, Contractor may publicly refer to County (by name only) as being a customer of Contractor, and only in relation to this Agreement except as otherwise authorized by County.

SCHEDULE B—SOFTWARE LICENSE AGREEMENT

1.0 Agreement to License

This Agreement provides for the license of Software by Contractor as Licensor to County as Licensee, in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement. Contractor shall license to County and County shall license from Contractor, the Software as described in Schedule E: Schedule of Charges and Payments.

Grant of License

Unless this Agreement is terminated in accordance with the provisions of Schedule A: General Terms and Conditions, Contractor grants to County a, nontransferable (except as otherwise provided in Section 8 of Schedule A, "Assignment and Subcontracting"), revocable and nonexclusive subscription license for use of the Software (machine readable version) and Documentation therefor in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement. Such use shall be limited to County only. Title to the Software remains in Contractor, which shall be the sole and exclusive owner of all rights to Patents, Copyrights, Trademarks, Trade Secrets, and all other Intellectual Property rights in the Software and in all Customizations, Derivatives and Enhancements thereto. Any data supplied by the County shall remain the property of the County.

Right to New Versions

If Contractor creates a new Version of the Software, Contractor will provide that new Version to County at no additional charge so long as the County is current with payments to Contractor for the Annual Software Subscription Fee. The delivery of each Version and Release will include Installation, any necessary data conversions, and Release documentation that will include Release/Version notes, and any updated Training materials prepared by Contractor. Notwithstanding anything in the foregoing to the contrary, the County shall, at its own expense, be responsible for the User Training with respect to each Version and Release. For clarity, new Versions will maintain the functionality of Customizations, Enhancements and Interfaces performed by Contractor and provided for under this Agreement or any Change Order. County understands implementation of a new Version may require County to upgrade its Computer Systems.

2.0 Third Party Software and Technologies

County shall execute all documents reasonably requested by Contractor and will abide by all reasonable requirements with respect to Third Party Software licensed or sublicensed by Contractor to County hereunder, or necessary to the performance of the Software hereunder in accordance with the Specifications, and County agrees to maintain in effect all required licenses and approvals of all applicable third persons.

Any third party technologies required to properly execute the Software may change over time. Additional network, communications or computer resources may be required to enable County to install and use enhancements, promotions or new Versions of the Software. Contractor will provide County a minimum of 180 days notice of additional third party software products that may be required, and provide information to allow County to evaluate the impact of the enhancement, promotion or new Version on network performance and to plan for network upgrades.

3.0 Acceptance Testing

During the Test Period, County may test the Software to verify that it conforms in all material respects to the Documentation. If the Software does not so conform, County shall promptly notify Contractor in writing, and Contractor shall work diligently to correct all priority 1 nonconformities at no additional charge to County.

4.0 Rights of County as Licensee

- 4.1 If the Software is licensed on a Seat basis, County may use and execute the Software only on the licensed number of Seats designated on Schedule E: Schedule of Charges and Payments. Unless otherwise provided on Schedule E, County must purchase a license for each Seat that has access to the Software.
- 4.2 If the Software is licensed on a Site basis, County may use and execute the Software only in connection with the operations of the Site(s). Unless otherwise provided in Schedule E, County must purchase a license for each site for which the Software is used.
- 4.3 County may make copies of the Software for backup and archival purposes only, provided that (a) no more than two (2) copies of the Software are in existence at any one time, and (b) Contractor's copyright and other proprietary legends are reproduced on each copy. County shall keep appropriate records of the number and location of all copies and make such records available to Contractor upon request. All copies that are made by County shall be the property of Contractor.
- 4.4 County may make copies of the Documentation for County's internal use only, provided that Contractor's copyright and other proprietary legends are reproduced on each copy.
- 4.5 County may permit access to the Software to third parties for the purpose of loading data and/or generating reports, subject to execution by said parties of a non-disclosure agreement to be provided by Contractor.

5.0 Restrictions

In addition to other restrictions set forth in this Agreement, County may not:

- 5.1 Use, copy, modify or distribute the Software (electronically or otherwise) or any copy, adaptation, transcription, or merged portion thereof except as expressly authorized under this Agreement;
- 5.2 Use the Software for any purpose for the benefit of any third party (including any body of government other than the entity that executes this Agreement) in a commercial, retail, service bureau, or similar enterprise;
- 5.3 Without prior written approval of Contractor, modify or manipulate the data in the Software's database, except by means provided in the Software;
- 5.4 Without prior written approval of Contractor, modify, extend, or add tables, including, without limitation, the structure and sequence of any database or database files that are used by the Software, including those created by or for County under this Agreement; or
- 5.5 Intentionally remove the labels or any proprietary legends from the Software or its Documentation.

6.0 Tools and Customizations

County shall not have any right to independently make changes to the underlying code of the Software. County may develop, and shall retain ownership of, hooks, interfaces, or similar tools for use with the Software, provided that the hook, interface or tool does not use any part of the Software or require any modification or alteration of the underlying code of the Software. Contractor shall own all right, title, and interest (including all associated intellectual property rights) in and to any Customizations to the Software.

Documentation

Contractor will provide Documentation of the process and procedures for use of the Software, including all screens. Documentation will be embedded in the Software and accessible to End Users through a "Help" icon or menu.

Data Dictionary

Contractor shall provide a human-understandable data dictionary for the Database Software such that County staff may understand what, where and how data is stored in the Database and how the data elements relate to one another.

Right to Audit

Contractor shall have the right, up to two (2) times per calendar year and within ten (10) days of Contractor's written request, during normal business hours and at times mutually agreed upon by the parties, to audit County's use of the Software to monitor compliance with this Agreement. If an audit reveals that County has exceeded the restrictions on use, County shall be responsible for the prompt payment to Contractor of any underpayment of license fees.

Appendix B-1 System Feature List

Feature Name	Description	Requirement	Compliance	Note/Explanation
Functional area 1 - Provider Performance Requirements				
Staff Trained in Public Alert and Warning Systems	Staff trained in emergency communications, FEMA IPAWS integration, Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA), multi-lingual messaging, accessibility standards, coordination with public agencies	Mandatory	Meets Requirement	HQE's team will provide multiple virtual training sessions until ALL of the desired trainees are trained to the County's and HQE's OEM standards for the system being provided.
Assigned Technical Personnel	Expertise in system configuration, geo-targeted alerting using GIS data, zone-based groups, County department groups, and other contact groups	Mandatory	Meets Requirement	HQE has assigned dedicated engineers for this project: Chandler Lanier and Alex Slotts. To include the full technical and admin support team.
Integration with Other Emergency Management Platforms	Platforms in current or future use (such as Genasys)	Preferred	Meets Requirement	HQE's solution is developed with open API. All data from Genasys can be pulled in real-time via the API call. However, HQE is offer at no cost to the county a fully integrated evacuation planning tool. This evacuation planning tool can also be configured, modified, and updated with the features desired by the County at no additional cost. This can be negotiated during the final contract negotiations.
Staff with Experience in Regulatory Compliance	Minimum of two staff with experience in regulatory compliance including the California Emergency Services Act, Cal OES Guidelines, and federal accessibility standards	Mandatory	Meets Requirement	4 staff members of HQE has Cal ESA, guidelines, and accessibility standards at the program and at the implementation level. This includes alert and warning and AFNADA requirements.
Routine Data Updates	Cloud-based data updated at least once per quarter	Mandatory	Meets Requirement	This will be provided per the requirement.
Provide Data Extraction	County shall own the data and the vendor shall provide data extraction by request	Mandatory	Meets Requirement	HQE will comply.
Develop and Maintain Multilingual and Accessible Message Templates	Templates shall include support for text-to-speech, visual alerts, and communication with individuals with access and functional needs (AFN)	Mandatory	Meets Requirement	HQE's solution is provided with a full unified alerting capability to include multiple foreign languages. HQE is currently finalizing the ASL module. This module can be provided to Nevada County.
Coordinate with Nevada County Office of Emergency Services, Sheriff's Office, and GIS Department for System Maintenance	Coordinate for system approvals, configuration, and testing	Mandatory	Meets Requirement	HQE will comply.
Functional area 2 - System Functionality				
Feature Name	Description	Requirement	Compliance	Note/Explanation

Cloud-Based Data Storage	Cloud-based data storage including updated data sets, redundant alert and warning system with failover capabilities	Mandatory	Meets Requirement	All requirements will be met with multiple failovers. HQE's solution has a seamless failover switch due to the requirements with the Dept of War (DoW) standards.
Secure System Architecture	Role-based access controls, audit logging, and support for post-incident forensic and legal review with access for County staff to make changes	Mandatory	Meets Requirement	This feature is organic to HQE's solution.
Offer Computer and Phone Applications	Offer applications for the tool to allow access for sign-up, alerts, and messaging and use from the field	Mandatory	Meets Requirement	This feature is organic to HQE's solution.
FEMA IPAWS	FEMA IPAWS integration	Mandatory	Meets Requirement	This feature is organic to HQE's solution.
Wireless Emergency Alerts	Wireless Emergency Alerts	Mandatory	Meets Requirement	This feature is organic to HQE's solution.
ADA Accessibility	ADA Accessibility	Mandatory	Meets Requirement	HQE's solution is ADA compliant. HQE is fully backed by World Institute on Disability (WID) and the global/U.S. Federal Standards.
SMS	SMS	Mandatory	Meets Requirement	This feature is organic to HQE's solution.
Email	Email	Mandatory	Meets Requirement	This feature is organic to HQE's solution.
Feature Name	Description	Requirement	Compliance	Note/Explanation
Functional area 3 - Performance Expectations				Vendor Input
Regular System Testing	Conduct regular system testing and simulation exercises in collaboration with County stakeholders	Mandatory	Meets Requirement	HQE will provide the expertise required.
Provide 24/7 Technical Support	Provide 24/7 technical support for County staff	Mandatory	Meets Requirement	HQE will comply.
Ongoing Training	Provide ongoing training to County staff to ensure system readiness, user proficiency, and continuous improvement	Mandatory	Meets Requirement	HQE will comply.
Provide Designated Project Lead	Provide a designated Project Lead to serve as the primary point of contact and facilitator for implementation and coordination actions	Mandatory	Meets Requirement	Assigned. Chandlar Lanier is the primary, Alex Stotts is the support project coordinator.
Provide Data on System	On an ongoing basis, collect and maintain data on system usage, alert dissemination, training sessions, and community engagement activities	Mandatory	Meets Requirement	HQE will comply.
Collect/Report Data on Performance and Outcomes	Collect/report data on metrics that include alert delivery success rates, system uptime, training participation, and public engagement	Mandatory	Meets Requirement	HQE will comply.
Weekly Implementation Updates	Meet with designated County staff to provide weekly updates during implementation on progress, system performance, and any issues requiring resolution	Mandatory	Meets Requirement	HQE will comply.
Submit Quarterly Updates	Submit quarterly updates to the County Office of Emergency Services leadership and relevant advisory committees, summarizing system performance, training activities, and community outreach	Mandatory	Meets Requirement	HQE will comply.

Ongoing/Annual Updates	Provide a comprehensive report to the County Office of Emergency Services and Cal OES, including system performance metrics, compliance status, training outcomes, and recommendations for future improvement	Mandatory	Meets Requirement	HQE will comply.
Implement Quality Improvement Process	Implement a quality improvement process to enhance system effectiveness and operational procedures	Mandatory	Meets Requirement	HQE will comply.
Feature Name	Description	Requirement	Compliance	Note/Explanation
Functional area 4 - Citizen Services				Vendor Input
Web-Based Portal	Web-based portal for citizens to self-register	Mandatory	Meets Requirement	This feature is organic to HQE's solution.
Ability to Manage Geo-Location Data (Address)	Ability for citizens to manage address data	Mandatory	Meets Requirement	This feature is organic to HQE's solution.
Self-Service to Create, Delete, Modify (Opt In/Out)	Accessible self-service options for citizens to create, delete, and modify their registration	Mandatory	Meets Requirement	This feature is organic to HQE's solution.
Ability to Change Password	Citizen's able to change passwords via self-service	Mandatory	Meets Requirement	This feature is organic to HQE's solution.
Public Outreach Materials	Provide tools and support for community engagement and enrollment including but not limited to a community brochure	Mandatory	Meets Requirement	This feature is organic to HQE's solution.

SCHEDULE C—SOFTWARE SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

1.0 Scope of Agreement

- 1.1 This Schedule C covers the maintenance of Software licensed or delivered by Contractor for the benefit of the County pursuant to that certain concurrently effective Software License Agreement (Schedule B) between the parties, as listed on Schedule E: Schedule of Charges and Payments. This Agreement provides maintenance services only with respect to Software, including third party software, supplied by Contractor to County pursuant to the terms of the Software License Agreement. This Agreement does not provide for maintenance services for any third party software not provided by Contractor to County or for any hardware.
- 1.2 Contractor's obligation to provide Support Services shall extend to the current Release and prior Versions whose Release number begins with the same number or immediately preceding number as the current Release. For example, if the current Release is 4.5, Contractor will support only those Versions between 3.x and 4.5. If County desires support for earlier Versions of the Software, such support may be treated by Contractor as additional consulting services for which County will be billed at Contractor's then-current time-and-materials rates. County understands that its implementation of a new Version may require County to upgrade its Computer System.

2.0 Term of Agreement

- 2.1 The initial term ("Initial Term") of this Agreement shall begin on the effective date of this Agreement and, unless sooner terminated or extended in accordance with the terms hereof, shall continue in effect for sixty months following the System Cutover. Unless sooner terminated or extended in accordance with the terms hereof, the term of this Agreement shall remain in effect for a period ending on the date immediately prior to the fifth (5th) annual anniversary date of the Maintenance Agreement Effective Date.
- 2.2 Upon expiration of the Initial Term, subject to the same fees paid by Contractor during the prior term unless adjusted in accordance with Section 8 below, the Agreement will automatically renew for a successive period of one (1) year ("First Renewal Term"), as set forth above, unless County gives Contractor written notice at least ninety (90) days prior to the expiration date of the Initial Term that the Agreement will not be renewed beyond the Initial Term. Thereafter, the Agreement will automatically renew for successive periods of one (1) year ("Subsequent Term(s)") unless either party gives the other party written notice at least ninety (90) days prior to the expiration of the then current Subsequent Term that such term will not be renewed. The Initial Term, First Renewal Term and the Subsequent Terms are herein collectively referred to as "Term".

3.0 Software Support and Maintenance Fees

Software Support and maintenance fees shall be as detailed in Schedule E, Schedule of Charges and Payments.

4.0 Hosting Services

Contractor shall arrange hosting of the Software on behalf of the County at a data storage center within the United States (excluding the U.S. territories). For the Term of this Agreement and any extensions or renewals hereto, County will have the ability to access and use the Software on the hosted servers provided by the Hosting Vendor selected by the Contractor subject to the limitations and rights set forth in this Agreement and in the Hosting Services Agreement. Contractor shall notify County of any change in Hosting Vendor within thirty (30) days following such change. Contractor will make commercially reasonable efforts to choose a new hosting provider that conforms to the specifications as set forth in Appendix C-1. Should Hosting Vendor not be approved by County, Contractor agrees that County will be offered the option of purchasing servers and maintaining the system by County or selecting a new Hosting Vendor that is acceptable to both Contractor and County. If County decides to move to their own hosting provider or on premise there is the potential for lost functionality and the County will be responsible for all of the cost related to the move. Availability of access, data security, remedies related to the same and other similar matters will be governed by an agreement the Contractor has executed with the Hosting Vendor. County shall be solely responsible for accessibility as it relates to the Computer Systems, local connectivity to the internet, and other County network functionality.

5.0 Data Backup, Retention and Disposal. Contractor shall be responsible for creating and maintaining timely, accurate and readable electronic back-ups of all data, program and system files. Periodically, in accordance with information technology best practices, Contractor shall restore such backups to a test server to validate that the data backups are recoverable without lost or corrupted data.

Using appropriate and reliable storage media, Contractor will back up County data daily and retain such backup copies for a minimum of thirty-six months, or as consistent with requirements in federal, state and local law. At the end of that time period and at County's election, Contractor will direct the Hosting Vendor to destroy or overwrite the backup copies. Upon County's request, Contractor will supply County with a certificate indicating the nature of the storage media destroyed, the date the backups were destroyed or overwritten, and the method of destruction used. In addition, Contractor will provide certification of Department of Defense (DOD) 5220.22-M (or current) standard wipe of any hard drive media storage device removed from Contractor's production systems.

6.0 Disaster Recovery

The Contractor will maintain a Disaster Recovery Plan with respect to the services provided to the County. For purposes of this Agreement, a "Disaster" shall mean any unplanned interruption of the operation of or inaccessibility to the Contractor's service in which the Contractor, using reasonable judgment, requires relocation of processing to a recovery location. The Contractor shall notify the County as soon as possible after the Contractor deems a service outage to be a Disaster. The Contractor shall move the processing of the County's services to a recovery location as expeditiously as possible and shall coordinate the cut-over. During a disaster, optional or on-request services shall be provided by the Contractor only to the extent adequate capacity exists at the recovery location and only after stabilizing the provision of base services.

7.0 Administrative Functions Performed by Contractor. Contractor shall provide certain limited administrative services regarding the maintenance of the Software including, (i) setting permissions, (ii) adding, modifying or deleting attributes, events, statutes, program and case types and lookup items, (iii) adding and deleting case types, and (iv) creating and modifying workflows, (v) adding and modifying assessments and related scoring. If any change requested by the County for the administration of the Software require changes to reports, interfaces, workflows, creation of an event(s) or similar, the change order process outlined in Schedule C will be used to describe the work to be performed and any costs to be borne by County.

8.0 Confidentiality of County Information.

8.1 Any information obtained by Contractor or a subcontractor, such as Hosting Vendor, that is considered confidential by federal or state law, shall remain confidential and not disclosed unless court ordered to do so. The System must employ industry standard protections to prevent unauthorized access of confidential data. Any unauthorized access to data that will violate this confidentiality statement shall promptly be reported to the County.

8.2 Contractor shall not use County's library patron details such as names, addresses, etc., for any purpose other than providing requested services to the County and shall not transmit County data to any third party, except as requested by the County.

8.3 Contractor shall report to County **within twenty four (24) hours** any violations of these provisions with regard to confidentiality of data, or any data security incidents that may result in the unauthorized disclosure of County information. Data security incident means any actual or reasonably suspected: (a) unauthorized use of, or unauthorized access to, Contractor systems; (b) inability to access County information or Vendor systems due to a malicious use, attack or exploit of such information or systems; (c) unauthorized access to, theft of or loss of County information; (d) unauthorized use of County information for purposes of actual or reasonably suspected theft, fraud or identify theft; (e) unauthorized disclosure of County information; or (f) breach of, or transmission of malicious code to County's Computer Systems arising from, in whole or part, an act, error, or omission by Contractor.

8.4 Contractor shall conduct an internal data security risk assessment and implement reasonable administrative, technical, and physical safeguards designed to protect County information from unauthorized disclosure. Contractor shall update the risk assessment and related safeguards at

least annually. Upon request by the County, Contractor agrees to provide documentation sufficient to demonstrate Contractor's compliance with the terms of this paragraph.

9.0 Covered Maintenance

Contractor will provide to County: (a) all services required to ensure that the Software operates in conformity with all Specifications; and (b) all Enhancements developed by Contractor for the Software and related Documentation during the Term of this Agreement. Covered Maintenance Services do not include the costs of accessories and expendable supplies necessary to operate the Software, such as magnetic tape cards, optical disks, disk packs, paper, and similar items, and such items are not provided free of charge by Contractor hereunder.

10.0 County Obligations

- 10.1 County may designate up to five (5) persons by whom requests by County for Support Services may be made ("Support Team"). Contractor shall not be required to accept calls or requests from anyone other than a designated contact person. County may change its designated contact person, or request that additional people be made contact persons, at any time upon notice to Contractor.
- 10.2 County shall implement and follow the reasonable written instructions of Contractor regarding operation of the Software.
- 10.3 County shall maintain a Computer System that complies with the Specifications described in Appendix D-1. The Computer System shall be housed with site conditions that conform to common industry standards for all computer systems and/or media devices. County shall, at its own expense, install and periodically update a computer virus program to protect its Computer System from computer viruses that may, from time to time, be transmitted or downloaded. Contractor expressly disclaims any liability for loss or damage caused by any computer virus on County's Computer System, except those which may prove to be attributed to Contractor's software or activities.
- 10.4 County shall, at its own expense, protect the security of its Computer System and adopt policies and practices needed to prohibit unauthorized access to the Computer System. Contractor shall not be responsible for any security breach of County's Computer System and expressly disclaims any liability for loss or damage caused by the unauthorized access to County's Computer System other than that which is caused by an employee of Contractor. Contractor shall ensure that the Hosting Services Agreement includes provisions ensuring security of the Software and Data.
- 10.5 Software Administration. County, as a general matter, shall perform all tasks associated with the administration of the Software, other than those that are assigned to Contractor, including without limitation, adding, modifying, removing and otherwise maintaining users, templates, lookups, and logons and passwords,
- 10.6 Communications Equipment. County shall, at its sole expense, install and maintain communications equipment that will permit County to have high speed internet access to the Software. County acknowledges that maintenance of the appropriate communications equipment is a condition precedent to Contractor's provision of use for the Software.

11.0 Compliance Updates

Where applicable, Contractor shall exercise due diligence in accordance with the highest professional standards and provide County, in a timely manner, with Compliance Updates. Contractor agrees to monitor changes in the applicable California laws and regulations to help the County maintain the system compliance. The County agrees to promptly notify Contractor when it becomes aware of any applicable change in the laws or regulations which the Software is designed to support. Contractor will provide up to 1000 hours of technical effort per calendar year in furtherance of legislative compliance updates. Any hours over 1000 that are required to meet a compliance update effort by Contractor shall be spread on an equitable basis across Contractor's affected client base on a time and materials basis.

12.0 Service Level Agreement

- 12.1 Contractor will maintain a website accessible by County, which contains information concerning the Software and Support Services.

- 12.2 Contractor will respond to County requests for software support services regarding the licensed software in accordance with the procedures identified below. In each case, County may describe and submit notice of the support need by telephone, facsimile or electronic mail.
- 12.3 All Contractor staff assigned to provide services to County will be appropriately qualified by education, training and experience to deliver those services, and will be familiar with the functional capabilities of the Software.
- 12.4 Telephone Support includes: (i) remote diagnostics; (ii) service desk and dispatch; (iii) question and answer consulting; and, (iv) non-chargeable user error remedies. Contractor shall provide a toll-free maintenance telephone number. Remote diagnostics equipment is required at County's location for remote support, which equipment is to be obtained by County at its sole expense.
- 12.5 Contractor shall provide County with telephone support services for Software 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.
- 12.6 Response Policy. Contractor shall respond to any Errors reported by County based on the priority code assigned to each such Error. County shall identify the priority code when it initially reports the Error to Contractor. Contractor may, in its reasonable discretion, re-classify the Error after its initial investigation. In the event Contractor does not meet the service level response for the Error as described in the table below, the County may request to escalate the Error to a higher priority code, which request the Contractor shall not unreasonably deny.

Priority Levels

Priority	Description	Initial Response Time
Priority 1 (Critical)	System unavailable or core functionality failure affecting operations	≤ 1 hour (24/7)
Priority 2 (High)	Major functionality impaired with no reasonable workaround	≤ 4 business hours
Priority 3 (Medium)	Non-critical issue with workaround available	≤ 1 business day
Priority 4 (Low)	General questions, minor issues, or enhancement requests	≤ 3 business days

HQE Project and Support Contacts

The following personnel are designated as primary contacts for project coordination and support:

Role	Name	Email	Phone
Project Supervisor	Blane Steckline	Blane.Steckline@HQESystems.com	(316) 655-3387
Primary Software Project Manager	Chandler Lanier	Chandler.Lanier@HQESystems.com	(910) 616-1663
Alternate Software Project Manager	Alex Stotts	Alexander.Stotts@HQESystems.com	(760) 208-5328
Backup Project Manager	Kevin Quimby	Kevin.Quimby@HQESystems.com	(562) 619-7241
Account Manager	Sergio Arellano	Sergio.Arellano@HQESystems.com	(619) 820-8089

Escalation Contacts

If issues are not resolved within the applicable Service Level Agreement (SLA) timeframes, or if the County determines escalation is necessary, the following escalation hierarchy shall apply:

Escalation Level	Name	Title	Email
Level 1	Rodney Rayle	Contracts Director	Rodney.Rayle@HQESystems.com
Level 2	Desiree Carr	Administrative Director	Desiree.Carr@HQESystems.com
Level 3	Jamie Warner	Chief Operating Officer	Jamie.Warner@HQESystems.com
Level 4	Qais Alkurdi	Chief Executive Officer	Qais.Alkurdi@HQESystems.com

Shared Escalation Email: Contracts@HQESystems.com

12.7 Remedies: In the event Contractor fails to meet the service level standards described herein, County may, without penalty, withhold payment for maintenance and support fees until said standards are met.

13.0 Right to Modify or Cancel Support

13.1 County may choose to cancel software maintenance and support at the next renewal date upon thirty (30) calendar days notice to Contractor.

13.2 County may delete a subset of licenses that are no longer in use from software maintenance and support at the agreement next renewal date upon thirty (30) days notice to Contractor.

13.3 County may resume software maintenance and support for lapsed periods by paying Contractor an amount no greater than the support fee that would have been due if maintenance and support had been continued over the lapsed period. Upon payment of such fees for lapsed periods, Contractor agrees to provide County with right to any software upgrades released during that period.

13.4 The parties agree that County may request additional services not covered under this Agreement by delivering to Contractor a Change Order request. Services to be provided pursuant to a Change Order may include, without limitation, services related to: (a) additional Training; (b) programming, configuration and data migration or repair; (c) research, development and business analysis related to the estimates and bidding for Customizations and Enhancements. Contractor shall provide County with a written response to the Change Order request which describes in general the work requested, an estimate of the time required to perform such services, and a schedule of the fees related thereto. For clarity, the scope and nature of a requested Change Order may require the development of specific requirements and an analysis of the impact on the Software and reports in order to provide detailed estimate for the requested work. The County understands and acknowledges that Contractor shall not undertake detailed specification development or estimate preparation until a signed Change Order authorizing such work is signed by County. The County shall be charged at the rates set forth in Schedule E for the development of requirements by Contractor. All work detailed in a Change Order will be performed on a time and materials basis at the rates set forth in Schedule E, unless specified otherwise in the Change Order. Any impact on the Software License Fee will also be reflected in the Change Order.

**Appendix C-1
Hosting Services Agreement**

Hosting Service Agreement
For Nevada County, CA
Version 2026.A
HQE SYSTEMS, INC.
HOSTING SERVICE AGREEMENT (A.K.A. SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT)

SiSA (SMART Alert Software), QRM, FORTRESS, and QaiS Platforms

This Service Level Agreement (“SLA”) is entered into between HQE Systems, Inc. (“HQE”) and the Client, as defined in the applicable Contract or Purchase Order (“Agreement”).

Effective Date: As defined in the Agreement

Governing Law: As defined in the Agreement (the Agreement shall control in the event of any conflict)

1. PURPOSE

This SLA defines the service availability, support expectations, response times, and responsibilities of HQE in delivering the hosted software platforms. It is intended to ensure reliable service delivery while establishing clear and fair expectations for both parties.

2. DEFINITIONS

- Client: The governmental entity receiving the Service
- Service: The HQE-hosted software platforms provided under this Agreement, including:
 - SiSA (SMART Alert Software)
 - QRM (Crisis and Incident Management Platform)
 - FORTRESS (Secure Communications and Operations Platform)
 - QaiS (Quick Action and Information System)
- Client Data: Any data submitted, stored, or processed by Client within the Service
- Unscheduled Downtime: Time during which the Service is unavailable, excluding defined exceptions
- Business Hours: Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM (excluding recognized holidays), unless otherwise agreed

3. SERVICE AVAILABILITY

3.1 Availability Commitment

HQE shall use commercially reasonable efforts to provide:

- 99.9% monthly uptime for the hosted Service environment

This commitment applies to the overall platform environment. Individual modules or features may be impacted independently without constituting a full platform outage.

3.2 Availability Calculation

Monthly uptime is calculated as:

$$\frac{(\text{Total minutes in the month} - \text{Unscheduled Downtime})}{\text{Total minutes}} \times 100$$

3.3 Excluded Events

The following are not considered Unscheduled Downtime:

- Scheduled maintenance (not to exceed 4 hours per month, with at least 72 hours advance notice)
- Force majeure events (e.g., natural disasters, acts of government, widespread outages)
- Failures of third-party systems, including:
 - Internet service providers
 - Cellular carriers
 - External integrations
- Issues arising from Client-controlled systems, including:
 - Misconfiguration
 - Unauthorized modifications
 - Failure to follow documented procedures
- Service suspension due to:
 - Non-payment
 - Breach of the Agreement

4. SERVICE CREDITS

If the availability commitment is not met, Client may request service credits as follows:

Monthly Uptime	Service Credit (% of Monthly Fee)
99.0% to 99.89%	10%
98.0% to 98.99%	20%
Below 98.0%	30%

- Service credits will be applied to future invoices or issued within sixty (60) days
- Service credits represent the primary financial remedy for availability-related issues, except where otherwise required by applicable law or the Agreement

5. SUPPORT SERVICES

5.1 Support Availability

HQE shall provide:

- 24 hours per day / 7 days per week / 365 days per year remote support

5.2 Support Channels

Support services are available through:

- Telephone (24/7 support hotline)
- Web-based support portal
- Email support

5.3 Scope of Support

Included services:

- Remote diagnostics and troubleshooting
- Service desk coordination and incident management
- End-user assistance and operational guidance
- Issue resolution, including user-error remediation (non-chargeable)

Support services are delivered remotely unless otherwise agreed.

5.4 Support Exclusions

Support does not include:

- On-site services (unless separately contracted)
- Custom development or feature enhancements
- Training beyond the original implementation scope
- Issues caused by:
 - Third-party systems
 - Network or infrastructure outside HQE control

6. INCIDENT MANAGEMENT & RESPONSE TIMES

6.1 Priority Levels

Priority	Description	Initial Response Time
Priority 1 (Critical)	System unavailable or core functionality failure affecting operations	≤ 1 hour (24/7)
Priority 2 (High)	Major functionality impaired with no reasonable workaround	≤ 4 business hours
Priority 3 (Medium)	Non-critical issue with workaround available	≤ 1 business day
Priority 4 (Low)	General questions, minor issues, or enhancement requests	≤ 3 business days

6.2 Resolution Expectations

- HQE will work continuously on Priority 1 issues until service is restored or a workaround is provided
- Resolution timeframes are targets, not guaranteed deadlines

Resolution timing may vary based on:

- Issue complexity
- Third-party dependencies
- Client environment and configuration

HQE will prioritize restoring service functionality over strict adherence to timelines.

6.3 Priority Assignment

- Client assigns initial priority level when submitting a request
- HQE may adjust priority after reasonable investigation

6.4 Escalation

- Client may request escalation if response expectations are not met
- HQE shall not unreasonably deny escalation requests
- Escalation will result in increased resource allocation and communication

7. SERVICE LEVEL ENFORCEMENT

HQE will use commercially reasonable efforts to meet all SLA standards.

If SLA targets are not met:

- Client may request escalation
- HQE will:
 - Provide status updates
 - Implement corrective actions
 - Work to restore compliance promptly

Payment Withholding

If the Client elects to withhold payment due to SLA performance:

- Withholding shall be:
 - Proportional to the impacted service
 - Temporary in nature
- Payment shall be released upon:
 - Restoration of SLA compliance
 - Demonstrated remediation efforts

Both parties agree to act in good faith to resolve service issues.

8. SECURITY & COMPLIANCE

- The Service is hosted in Microsoft Azure Government Cloud (FedRAMP Moderate Authorized, CJIS-capable)
- HQE maintains SOC 2 Type II-aligned controls

Security Incident Response

- HQE will notify Client within 72 hours of confirming a security incident affecting Client Data
- HQE will take reasonable steps to remediate impacts at its expense

9. CLIENT DATA

- Client retains ownership of all Client Data
- HQE may process Client Data solely to:
 - Provide and maintain the Service
 - Improve functionality and performance
 - Comply with legal obligations
 - County data is not used for training, tuning, or improving AI models. When AI features are enabled, County data is processed transiently for the purpose of delivering the requested functionality and is not retained for model training

10. PAYMENT TERMS

- Invoices are due Net 30
- Base year payment will consist of customer provided, HQE agreed to milestones
- Subsequent follow-on years will be billed upfront, annually at the start of each contract year

11. TERM AND TERMINATION

- Either party may terminate for material breach with a 30-day cure period
- Client may terminate in accordance with the Agreement

Upon termination:

- Client remains responsible for fees incurred through termination date
- HQE will provide Client Data export within 30 days at no additional charge

12. CONFIDENTIALITY

Each party agrees to:

- Protect confidential information using reasonable care

- Use such information solely for purposes of the Agreement

These obligations survive five (5) years after termination.

13. WARRANTIES AND DISCLAIMER

HQE warrants that the Service will perform substantially in accordance with its documentation.

Except as expressly stated:

- The Service is provided “as-is”
- HQE disclaims all other warranties, including:
 - Merchantability
 - Fitness for a particular purpose
 - Non-infringement

14. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

- HQE shall not be liable for indirect, incidental, or consequential damages
- Total cumulative liability shall not exceed:
 - Fees paid by Client in the 12 months preceding the claim

15. INDEMNIFICATION

- HQE will defend and indemnify Client against third-party intellectual property claims
- Client will defend and indemnify HQE against claims arising from:
 - Client Data
 - Misuse of the Service
 - Violations of law

16. INSURANCE

HQE maintains:

- Commercial General Liability: \$1,000,000 per occurrence / \$2,000,000 aggregate
- Automobile Liability: \$1,000,000
- Workers' Compensation: Statutory
- Umbrella / Excess Liability: \$1,000,000

Clients will be named as additional insured where applicable.

17. GENERAL TERMS

- This SLA is part of the overall Agreement
- In case of conflict:
 - The Agreement shall control
- Force majeure applies
- Assignment requires written consent
- All provisions intended to survive termination shall survive

Appendix C-2 Computer System Specifications

System Specifications:

- Intel Core i5/i7 Processor (Quad Core)
- 500GB Solid State Drive (SSD), Hot Swappable, Up To 4 SSD drives
- 8GB DDR3 1600Mhz RAM
- Microsoft Windows 10
- SiRcom's SMART Alert (SiSA) Software

SCHEDULE D: SCOPE OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

1.0 Objectives of the Project

Contractor will manage and implement a project, in accordance with the methodology described herein, to enable the County to utilize Contractor's **Alert and Warning System** software. In fulfilling their respective obligations as described in this Schedule and the resulting implementation plans, Contractor and County agree to use all commercially reasonable efforts to perform in accordance with the respective plans and schedules.

2.0 Project Personnel

2.1 Contractor will designate a Project Manager and provide individuals to meet the requirements and accomplish the work as stated in this Agreement. If, during the course of the implementation of this Agreement, it becomes necessary for the Contractor to change the person assigned as Contractor's Project Manager, Contractor will notify County in writing. The following positions on the Contractor's project team are identified as Contractor Key Roles:

Project Manager

- Responsible for successful project implementations by managing project scope, project deliverables, project resources, project communication, project timelines, and project risk
- Responsible for transition to support

Business Analysts

- Act as subject matter experts for the product
- Define and document data requirements and mapping elements, and configuration requirements through the product overviews and business process discovery
- Perform testing and work with clients on user acceptance testing
- Train the clients and periodically update user documentation
- Support during project completion through transition

Implementation Engineers

- Responsible for data migration and importing templates into the System's data structure
- Responsible for developing reports, extracts, and interfaces for the project team

- 2.2 Contractor's Project Manager will be responsible for all aspects of the project implementation and will be fully knowledgeable of the objectives of the project. Contractor's Project Manager will provide leadership to both Contractor and County personnel engaged in the Project implementation, and will coordinate all administrative and technical decisions on the project.
- 2.3 Contractor Project Manager will coordinate all of Contractor's on-site and off-site personnel working on the Project. The Contractor Project Manager will schedule Contractor implementation team resources and work with the County's Project Manager to ensure that the County's team is available for planned activities.
- 2.4 County will designate a Project Manager to serve as the primary point of contact with Contractor during the execution of the Project. If, during the course of the implementation of this Agreement, it becomes necessary for the County to change the person assigned as County's Project Manager, County will notify Contractor in writing.
- 2.5 Contractor's Project Manager shall deliver to County's Project Manager, weekly reports of Contractor's progress on the project, including progress toward completing the Tasks and Deliverables as described herein. Each report must contain a description of the current status of the project, the Tasks on which time was spent, the estimated progress to be made in the next reporting period and the problems encountered, the proposed solutions to them and their effect, if any, on the project schedule.
- 2.6 Contractor will solicit and consider input from County prior to substitution of those individuals performing Key Roles as identified herein. Contractor further agrees that any substitution made pursuant to this paragraph must be of equal or higher skills, knowledge, and abilities than those

personnel originally assigned and that County's concurrence with a substitution will not be construed as an acceptance of the substitution's performance potential. The personnel furnished must have the knowledge necessary to complete requirements as defined in this Agreement.

- 2.7 Upon request by County, Contractor shall give reasonable consideration to replacing any Contractor personnel who County determines to be unable to perform the responsibilities of the contract acceptably, e.g., inappropriate or unprofessional personal conduct, professional inabilities, etc.

3.0 County Responsibilities

- 3.1 The County's Project Manager will coordinate with the Contractor Project Manager regarding the delivery of Data Conversion Services. County's Project Manager will be available to Contractor Project Manager as needed to enable Data Conversion Services to be performed efficiently, and will participate in meetings, training, and other activities related to the delivery of Data Conversion Services as reasonable requested by Contractor's Project Manager.
- 3.2 The County will make available End Users and additional staff as necessary and appropriate to enable the implementation to proceed as planned.
- 3.3 County will ensure that End Users who participate in Training have the background and experience required to enable them to understand the training and learn how to use the Software, including operation of workstations in a MS Windows environment.
- 3.4 County will provide a training room to accommodate up to twelve students and one trainer, each with their own PC.
- 3.5 The County is responsible for meeting the information technology infrastructure needs of the project, including procuring and licensing all hardware and software products, other than the software provided by Contractor, required for the Project. Contractor will provide advice and guidance as necessary to assist County in acquisition and configuration of infrastructure resources. Depending on the nature and extent of such assistance to be provided by Contractor, Contractor's technical services may be billable at then-current rates. Before any non-contract technical services charges are incurred, Contractor will provide a formal quote for said services, which will be managed through the Change Request process.
- 3.6 The County will provide timely access to its office facilities for Contractor personnel as needed during County's regular business hours (Monday through Friday, 8am to 5pm) for the duration of the project. After-hours access can be arranged in advance with the County Project Manager. The facilities to be provided shall include work areas, desks and chairs, telephones and wireless access, and access to copier and fax machines.
- 3.7 The County will provide timely access to all areas of its premises required for Contractor to perform its responsibilities under this Agreement. Access to restricted areas (including the server room, wiring closets, etc.) will require an authorized escort.
- 3.8 The County shall provide access to business, operational, and technical data for its environment, as necessary to meet the objectives of this Project. The County shall provide the necessary extracted data in the agreed upon intermediate format required to complete the data conversion. Data and data access will be provided under a mutually agreed security policy.
- 3.9 The County is responsible for all data cleansing activities. Contractor will provide subject matter experts to assist with troubleshooting and developing cleansing strategy.
- 3.10 The County shall be responsible for participating in the Product Overview sessions; Contractor-led 'Train-the-Trainer' sessions; identifying County subject matter experts responsible for defining and documenting the County business process using the Contractor product suite; and providing training resources to conduct the End-User Training sessions in the County offices prior to system deployment.
- 3.11 The County shall be responsible for developing testing scenarios from defined business processes, documented requirements, and current examples of business use cases. Execution of the functionality testing, as well as data conversion review and validation is the responsibility of the

County. Contractor will provide subject matter experts to assist with troubleshooting, system training, and facilitate logging/tracking of identified product defects.

4.0 Contractor Responsibilities

- 4.1 Contractor will provide County with required specifications for Local Hardware, including software specifications for required operating systems and network software, so that County may procure and/or configure the necessary Local hardware at County's expense.
- 4.2 If requested by the County, Contractor will provide technical support services to assist County in evaluating its Local Hardware; identifying network, communications and computer resources required to properly operate the Software; and installing and configuring the Local Hardware for the County. If Contractor provides these services, it guarantees to the County that, at the time of installation, the Local hardware will be properly configured and installed, and will provide sufficient network communications, and computer resources to support the anticipated number of End Users.

5.0 Place of Performance

Contractor will perform project work at its own locations as well as in County offices. County will make available such office space and meeting space as is reasonably required for Contractor staff to perform their work. Contractor will provide WebX or similar technology for any remote collaborative sessions that may be needed for implementation.

6.0 Project Management Plan

Contractor Project Manager, with the assistance and consultation of the Project Management Team, will develop a Project Management Plan (PMP) to include the following components, either incorporated into the body of the PMP or presented as exhibits or schedules thereto:

- 6.1 **Project Schedule:** A preliminary high-level Project Schedule is provided in Appendix D-2. The Contractor and County Project Managers shall conduct a joint review of the Project Schedule during the initial stages of the project. Once the Project Schedule is agreed by the Project Management Team it will become the primary tool used to guide the project team, monitor, and control the project.
- 6.2 The Project Schedule will be reviewed and updated by the project management team on a regular basis in response to changing circumstances, actual progress and as more detailed planning becomes possible. Any material changes to the accepted Project Schedule which affect the schedule of milestone tasks or that are considered to be of significant impact by either Project Manager will be handled in accordance with the Change Control Plan.
- 6.3 **Deliverables:** A list of the key Deliverables, a form for tracking the completion of the Deliverables, and a sample of the Deliverable Acceptance Statement to be used to document completion of Deliverables. Deliverables will be tracked and County's acceptance of Deliverables will be documented. Deliverable documents will be provided to the County Project Manager in an electronic format via email unless otherwise mutually agreed by the project managers. Electronic documents will be delivered in the format of the tool used to produce them (e.g. Word, Excel, MS Project) unless specified differently in the Deliverables List or otherwise mutually agreed by the project managers.

Where deliverables are not documents or where deliverable documents are delivered by a means other than email, the Contractor Project Manager will notify the County Project Manager by email that the deliverable is complete with an appropriate description of the delivery method and how the County can take possession of the deliverable. Where delivery method includes a delay before the County is in receipt of the item, e.g. mail, then the delivery date will be when the County receives the item.
- 6.4 **Data Conversion Plan:** A description of the overall approach, responsibilities, and timing of the process for converting data from the County's legacy database to the Licensed Software. The Data Conversion Plan will be based on a two-step data conversion effort. The County will design and develop the programs to extract and cleanse the data from the current data structures into an intermediate file format. Contractor will design and develop the programs to convert the data from the intermediate files into the new system. Both parties will build edit and data validation tables/files that at a minimum parallel those currently being utilized by the County for the purpose of validation in the accuracy of the data and files extracted/imported.

- 6.5 Issue Management Plan: A high-level description of how issues will be classified, logged, and resolved. This plan should include a template of the form to be used for logging issues and their resolutions.
- 6.6 Interface Specifications: A definition of external interfaces between the Software and other existing or planned information or communications systems. Contractor and County shall have responsibility for preparing and controlling all of the Interface Specifications.
- 6.7 Training Plan: A description of the strategy for providing comprehensive training in all aspects of system usage, administration and problem resolution will be developed during Project Initiation. The training strategy will include a needs analysis to define who needs training and on what topics, development of training curriculum, arrangement of training logistics, preparation of training materials, and assessing training effectiveness. Training will include classroom lectures and interactive training in concert with the online help resources and user manual. All training will have prescribed user-oriented objectives. Contractor will provide training materials. The Training Plan will incorporate training for the following groups of County staff, and include the indicated content:
- a. Trainers – Contractor will provide general end-user ‘train-the-trainer’ training to designated County ‘Trainers’. This training will be conducted during the pre-installation period. The information the County ‘Trainers’ acquire will be used as they train the End Users. Several different “train the trainer” classes will be taught prior to live implementation.
 - b. Key Users – County staff members identified by management who will be working with Contractor as a part of the installation and implementation team. This includes members of the County-designated Support Team who will be the principal points of contact with Contractor for ongoing maintenance as described in Schedule C.
 - c. Supervisors/Managers – County staff members who need to understand and facilitate the system at the operations level will train in a classroom setting. These users will learn how to manage the specifics of daily, weekly, and monthly operations as they pertain to facilitating the program as a whole system. This training will be conducted prior to live implementation.
- 6.8 Risk Management Plan: A high-level description of activities that Contractor and the County will implement to mitigate identified areas of risk to the successful completion of the Project. Risk management and control consists of keeping risks within agreed to bounds. It includes the identification, reporting and assessment of the status of each Project risk at the appropriate management levels. The set of identified Project risks is monitored via Project cost, schedule and requirements management systems. New risks may be identified when any or all of the project control areas have significant deviation from the project plan. Risk reviews identify the status and the effectiveness of avoidance and contingency actions for each risk. This process will continually be reassessed during the reporting/status updates for the project. Details on procedures in place for managing risk during the implementation process, including a template for a Risk Log to be used in tracking risks and their mitigations, will be defined in this plan.
- 6.9 Resource Plan: A description of the roles and responsibilities (task responsibility matrix) of individuals whose efforts will be required to sufficiently staff the Project, as well as a description of how other personnel and non-personnel resources will be allocated and deployed for successful completion of the Project.
- 6.10 Communication Plan: A description of the communication procedures, reporting requirements and formats, and issue escalation process to be used in communications between Contractor and the County during the execution of the Project.
- 6.11 Change Control Plan: The procedures to be used for requesting and approving changes to the Project, including changes initiated by either the Contractor or the County. It should include a Change Request form template and list of situations/activities that will require a duly authorized Change Request to be considered valid. Change Control is a formal procedure to manage changes to project deliverables (including requirements, specifications and project plans). Through this process the impact of proposed change(s) on functionality, performance, cost, schedule, and quality objectives will be analyzed, evaluated, and reported. The Change Control Process will include, at a minimum:

- a. A change request must be made in writing by the party desiring the change, to document the potential change.
 - b. The change will be reviewed and, if acceptable to County, Contractor will submit to County an estimate of the impact to cost, schedule, scope, and quality.
 - c. Contractor will continue performing the services in accordance with the original agreement unless otherwise agreed upon by the County's project manager. Work cannot commence on any new activities related to the change request until all parties agree in writing.
 - d. All change requests will be logged and tracked.
 - e. Contractor's Project Manager and County's Project Manager will adapt project plans to incorporate approved changes.
- 6.12 Document Control Plan: A description of the manner in which Contractor will index and publish project documentation, and make that documentation available to the County.
- 6.13 Acceptance Plan: A description of the criteria for final acceptance of the Project and the procedure by which Acceptance will be demonstrated and documented. Unless otherwise provided for in this Agreement or agreed upon in writing by both parties, acceptance testing will be performed on the County's site, on the County's equipment. The Acceptance Plan shall include the following provisions:
- a. The review, approval, and acceptance of all project Deliverables will be the responsibility of County's Project Manager. The County will apply the following Software Acceptance Process to acceptance of all deliverables:
 - i. For the life of this contract, County has the right to complete a review of any deliverable received from Contractor and notify Contractor of County's findings; and
 - ii. If the deliverable is unacceptable, Contractor shall resubmit the deliverable after the appropriate correction or modifications have been made.
 - iii. The process described above will be repeated until final acceptance is obtained, the County waives the irregularity, or the Agreement is terminated.
 - b. "Final Acceptance" is defined as:
 - i. The successful completion of all deliverables as stated in the Scope of Professional Services and following the Software Acceptance Process described above, AND
 - ii. The final delivered product fully implemented in County's live production environment AND
 - c. County will have thirty-days following completion of the Software Acceptance Process, or such other period that is mutually agreed to by the Parties, in which to accept or reject it in writing. If County rejects it, County will specify in writing its grounds for rejection and Contractor will use its best efforts to make the product conform to the requirements of this contract as soon as possible and at no additional cost to County. Contractor shall continue to use its best efforts to make the product conform to the requirements of this Agreement until County accepts the product or terminates this Agreement upon written notice to Contractor.
- 6.14 Quality Management Plan: A high-level description of Contractor's procedures for ensuring the overall quality and efficacy of the Software.

7.0 Project Initiation

- 7.1 Contractor will, in accordance with the Document Control Plan, establish a documentation library that is available to County. County shall have the option of making all documentation available on County's intranet site, provided that all documents are treated as confidential and proprietary, and not a matter of public record.
- 7.2 Contractor will initiate systems as described in the Project Management Plan for recording and managing issues, risks, and changes.

- 7.3 Contractor will conduct product overview sessions demonstrating the features of the Software and will review how the Software will be configured to meet the Specifications. The purpose of these sessions is to:
- a. identify all product configurations necessary to enable functionality to meet defined requirements;
 - b. identify business processes changes required to be adopted by the Client in order to deploy the software; and
 - c. familiarize Client resources with the software for ultimate production usage – as introductory informal training,

8.0 Project Execution

8.1 Contractor will manage the overall project effort and supervise each project subgroup tasked with all project deliverables.

8.2 Contractor will provide regular status reports in accordance with the Communication Plan.

8.3 Data Mapping Review

- a. The data mapping review will build on the Data Conversion Plan to complete a detailed study of the data conversion requirements.
- b. The County will be primarily responsible for providing information about the nature and purposes of the data. Contractor will provide subject matter expertise as specifically related to the Licensed Software and schema
- c. The Data Mapping Review will consist of the following tasks:
 - i. Confirm the source files containing data to be converted.
 - ii. Identify the data elements to be converted, or not converted, from each source file.
 - iii. Outline the programs required to extract the data.
 - iv. Provide an approach for controls and reconciliation to ensure the completeness of the mapping.
 - v. Identify data purification issues, including problem, magnitude, and correction alternatives.
 - vi. Document mapped data elements/files within a working document.
 - vii. Provide a “field-level” mapping of source file data elements to the new system database.
- d. In order to efficiently move through this process, the County may elect to engage Contractor to perform additional data conversion activities related to the overall data conversion deliverable. This additional work would be arranged through the Change Request process.

8.4 Data Conversion Development and Test

The development and testing of data conversion programs and files primarily consists of two parallel efforts:

- a. County will develop and test the programs to extract the data from the current file structures and deliver them to Contractor in an intermediate file structure prescribed and provided by Contractor.
- b. Contractor will develop and test the programs to load the intermediate files into the Contractor database. Only data that is absolutely necessary for proper system function and within the scope of the current database structure will be converted. All data not within the current structure will either not be converted or will be converted at Contractor’s discretion at the then-current time and materials rate.
- c. Contractor and the County will develop a mutually agreeable data conversion test plan including appropriate audit trails and summary reports.

8.5 Data Conversion Delivery

- a. Contractor will load the converted data into the agreed upon environment, so the County can conduct acceptance testing in accordance with the Acceptance Plan.
- b. Contractor and the County will work together to refine the process of extracting and loading the data to optimize time and resources required to execute the conversion at three separate points in time:
 - i. Initial data load – This conversion consists of a sample size set of data addressing the majority of business rules used to define/populate County data. Several iterations of this initial data may be loaded for review based on the number of corrections needed for successful use of the data in testing. The system will be configured using the base configuration for the state-specific features.
 - ii. Full/Complete data load – This conversion builds from the Initial Data Load to include all business rules and a complete set of the County data. Several iterations of this data load may also be necessary. The system will be configured using client-specific configurations identified in the product overview sessions. The goal is to use this database and conversion to move into the User Acceptance Testing activities.
 - iii. Production data load – this is the final conversion and will be used to deploy the system into production use of the application. The configuration will be the one accepted from the User Acceptance Testing (UAT) activities.

9.0 Training

Contractor will provide training in accordance with the Training Plan. Data used during training will be the County's converted data. In addition to training with the converted data, mock "live" sessions will be run so that the actions currently performed by each department can be simulated on the new system. On completion of each training class, Contractor will provide an assessment of each trainee's skill levels and capabilities with recommendations for any additional recommended training. Additional training will be managed through the Change Request process documented in the PMP at the then-current consulting services rates.

10.0 User Acceptance Testing (UAT)

- 10.1 User Acceptance Testing is primarily concerned with testing the functionality of the delivered software against the County's business requirements and the Product Feature List provided in Appendix B-1.
- 10.2 The County has the primary responsibility for conducting this testing with some assistance from Contractor with process training and troubleshooting.
- 10.3 Acceptance of the converted data is not a part of UAT; it is addressed during the conversion process and tested with each delivery. If data is uncovered during UAT and deemed by the PMC as critical, then that error will be tracked and corrected as part of the UAT process.
- 10.4 Application or data faults or defects uncovered during UAT may require changes to the base application or conversion programs. Prior acceptance of the conversion tasks does not imply that such conversion adjustments will be change requests.
- 10.5 Additional levels of testing, such as system testing and integration testing, may be conducted at the discretion of the County.
- 10.6 The following activities will take place during UAT, as further defined in the deliverables section of Schedule:
 - a. Development of the Test Strategy Plan
 - b. Development of Testing Scenarios and Scripts
 - c. Execution of the Test Plan
 - d. Management, documentation, reporting of test results

- e. Fault status tracking

11.0 Project Deliverables

11.1 Deliverables Acceptance

For each of the Deliverables there will be a formal acceptance process by which the County Project Manager provides Contractor with assurance that the County is satisfied that the Acceptance Criteria for the respective Deliverable have been met.

The procedure for formal acceptance of a deliverable will have the following steps:

- a. Contractor will complete the deliverable and present documentation or other evidence thereof to the County.
- b. For major project deliverables, Contractor will meet with the County Project Manager in person or by telephone conference call to outline the content of the deliverable and provide any points of clarification.
- c. A Deliverable Acceptance Statement (DAS) will be presented by the Contractor Project Manager to the County Project Manager.
- d. The County Project Manager will review the DAS, confer with the appropriate team members, and sign and return the DAS indicating acceptance, or in the case of non-acceptance, documenting the reasons for the non-acceptance.
- e. In the case of non-acceptance of a deliverable, Contractor will confirm receipt of the County's non-acceptance and provide a written response detailing the plan to address the non-acceptance issue(s).
- f. The Contractor Project Manager will catalog the response on the Deliverable Register and, if the deliverable is not accepted, document the effect on the project in the next Project Status Report.
- g. The County will make its best effort to approve, or reject project deliverables, or otherwise request an extension for deliverables. The timeframe for approval of the submitted DAS is also defined for each deliverable. In the event the County does not respond according to the defined acceptance period for a deliverable, Contractor will assume the deliverable is approved.

- 11.2 Deliverables List: Contractor will provide the deliverables described in the Deliverables List below. This Deliverables List is subject to revision in the Deliverables section of the Project Plan.

Deliverable #1: Project Kick-Off: Project Kick-Off Agenda, Project Team Contact Information, Review of Current Alerting Environment and Policies

Deliverable #2: Systems Review and Compliance Assessment: Compliance Assessment, List of ADA and AFN Accessibility Requirements, Multi-lingual Alerting Requirements, List of System Modifications, Risks, and Mitigation Strategies.

Deliverable #3: Onboarding and System Configuration: Configuration of (a) IPAWS-compatible workflows and roles, (b) GIS-based alert zones, (c) ADA-compliant alert formats and accessibility features, (d) multilingual alerting templates and workflows for LEP communities; Preliminary System Testing.

Deliverable #4: System Validation, Training, and Testing: Training Materials and Reference Documentation; Hands-on Training Sessions.

Deliverable #5: Testing and Turnover: Validation Testing/Confirmation of Successful Validation; System Documentation and Handover Materials.

11.3 Final Project Acceptance

- a. Upon completion of all Deliverables, Contractor will present County with a Notice of Completion.

- b. Upon receipt of the Notice of Completion, County will i) sign the Notice of Completion, indicating County's final acceptance of the project; or ii) submit in writing to Contractor notice of any errors that County believes exist within the Software.
- c. If County has identified errors, Contractor will have a plan to correct any reproducible Priority 1, errors, as defined in Schedule C. If no Priority 1 errors exist, or if a plan to resolve has been delivered, then Contractor will provide a DAS to be executed by County to memorialize Acceptance.

12.0 Project Schedule

The chart below illustrates the timing and duration of the main activities and milestones of the project. The dates are estimates only as of the date of preparation of this Agreement. The chart is intended as an overview to aid in the general understanding of the project schedule. A more detailed schedule will be included in the Project Plan that falls within the overall structure of this summary schedule and that will be used as the working schedule for the project. The current implementation schedule calls for an **April to June** month deployment. The Project Schedule will be developed during the Project Initiation phase and will include analysis of the current business cycle before determining a System Cutover target date.

1. Project Kickoff

Duration: 1 Day

Purpose: Establish governance, stakeholder alignment, and compliance requirements.

HQE Responsibilities:

- Introduce the Unified Mass Notification Project Team and confirm roles and responsibilities.
- Confirm project scope, milestones, deliverables, and success criteria.
- Review Nevada County's current alerting environment, including IPAWS usage, policies, and existing systems.
- Establish alert governance, including authorization, approval, and message issuance workflows.
- Confirm regulatory requirements (FEMA IPAWS, FCC, California standards), ADA/AFN expectations, and multilingual alerting needs.

County Responsibilities:

- Introduce the Nevada County OES, public safety agencies, and key stakeholders to HQE.
- Confirm operational priorities and alerting objectives.
- Identify community partners relevant to LEP and AFN populations.
- Confirm communication protocols and points of contact.

2. Systems Review and Compliance Assessment

Duration: 1 Day

Purpose: Validate technical readiness, compliance obligations, and integration requirements.

HQE Responsibilities:

- Review existing alerting systems, IPAWS workflows, GIS data, and related platforms.
- Assess compliance with FEMA IPAWS requirements, FCC guidelines, and California Public Alert and Warning Functional Standards.
- Identify ADA and AFN accessibility requirements in coordination with the World Institute on Disability (WID).
- Identify multilingual alerting requirements and LEP language priorities.
- Document required system modifications, risks, and mitigation strategies.

County Responsibilities:

- Provide access to systems, GIS data, and technical documentation.
- Assign technical and operational staff to support the review.
- Validate findings and approve recommended modifications.

3. Onboarding and System Configuration

Duration: 7 Days

Purpose: Configure a compliant, accessible, and user-friendly alerting system.

HQE Responsibilities:

- Install and configure SMART Alert software in a secure environment.
- Configure IPAWS-compatible workflows and roles.
- Configure GIS-based alert zones.
- Configure ADA-compliant alert formats and accessibility features.
- Configure multilingual alerting templates and workflows for LEP communities.
- Align alert content and workflows with best practices in coordination with The Alerting Authority (TAA).
- Conduct preliminary system testing.

County Responsibilities:

- Provide infrastructure access and support integration efforts.
- Coordinate participation of IT and operational staff.
- Review and approve system configurations.

4. System Validation and Punch List

Duration: 3 Days

Purpose: Confirm operational readiness and regulatory compliance.

HQE Responsibilities:

- Conduct hands-on training for OES, public safety agencies, and authorized users.
- Train staff on IPAWS, GIS alerting, accessibility features, and multilingual messaging.
- Provide training materials and reference documentation.

County Responsibilities:

- Participate in validation testing.
- Review and approve punch list resolution.
- Confirm readiness for operational use.

5. Training

Duration: 1 Day

Purpose: Enable County staff to confidently operate the system.

HQE Responsibilities:

- Conduct hands-on system training for authorized users.
- Train staff on IPAWS, GIS alerting, accessibility features, and multilingual messaging.
- Provide all training materials.

County Responsibilities:

- Ensure attendance of all required personnel.
- Assign staff responsible for ongoing system operation.

6. Testing and Turnover

Duration: 1 Day

Purpose: Transition the system to full operational status.

HQE Responsibilities:

- Perform final validation testing.
- Complete all system documentation and handover materials.

County Responsibilities:

- Accept system turnover.
- Confirm system readiness for real-time emergency use.

7. Final Go-Live

Duration: 1 Day

Purpose: Activate the system for operational use.

HQE Responsibilities:

- Support go-live activities and monitor system performance.
- Provide real-time support during initial operations.

County Responsibilities:

- Monitor system performance.
- Provide operational feedback.

8. Project Completion

Duration: 15 Days

HQE will complete the project within fifteen (15) workdays, ensuring all tasks are completed according to the project schedule.

9. Ongoing Customer Support

Duration: 1 Year

Purpose: Provide ongoing sustainment and support for the deployed alert and warning software.

HQE Responsibilities:

- Provide 24/7 technical and administrative support.
- Monitor system performance and compliance.
- Support enhancements, updates, and continued system unification.

County Responsibilities:

- Report issues and enhancement requests.
- Participate in continuous improvement discussions.

Value-Added Option (No Cost):

HQE will provide an initial outdoor warning siren sound propagation study following software deployment, including:

- Field-validated modeling and on-site review by HQE engineers.
- Estimated completion time: 25 working days.
- Estimated value: \$22,940 (provided at no cost).

13.0 Additional Services

County and Contractor contemplate that the Implementation Plan will from time to time be amended during the project. All amendments to the Implementation Plan shall be made in writing on a change control request form and signed by the Project Manager for each party. Services requested of and provided by Contractor that are not within Contractor's obligations under this Agreement shall be subject to the applicable rates as described in Schedule E.

Appendix D-1: Hardware Specifications

HQE is not providing any hardware, this is a software contract. No hardware requirements are specified.

Appendix D-2: Preliminary Project Schedule

HIGH-LEVEL PROJECT SCHEDULE

Note: The dates provided are dependent on the contract award date. All dates are subject to change based on the final contract execution date.

Project Start Date: April 17, 2026

Project End Date: May 18, 2026

Total Duration: ~22 Working Days

WORK BREAKDOWN SCHEDULE

Phase 1: Project Initiation

1. Project Kickoff (1 Day)

- Start: Friday, April 17
- End: Friday, April 17

2. Systems Review & Compliance Assessment (1 Day)

- Start: Monday, April 20
- End: Monday, April 20

Phase 2: System Configuration

3. Onboarding & System Configuration (7 Working Days)

- Start: Tuesday, April 21
- End: Wednesday, April 29

Workdays counted:

- Apr 21 (Tue)
- Apr 22 (Wed)
- Apr 23 (Thu)
- Apr 24 (Fri)
- Apr 27 (Mon)
- Apr 28 (Tue)
- Apr 29 (Wed)

Phase 3: Validation & Readiness

4. System Validation & Punch List (3 Working Days)

- Start: Thursday, April 30
- End: Monday, May 4

Workdays:

- Apr 30 (Thu)
- May 1 (Fri)
- May 4 (Mon)

5. Training (1 Day)

- Start: Tuesday, May 5
- End: Tuesday, May 5

Phase 4: Deployment

6. Testing & Turnover (1 Day)

- Start: Wednesday, May 6
- End: Wednesday, May 6

7. Final Go-Live (1 Day)

- Start: Thursday, May 7
- End: Thursday, May 7

Phase 5: Project Closeout

8. Project Completion / Closeout (15 Working Days)

- Start: Friday, May 8
- End: Friday, May 29

(15 working days excluding weekends)

Phase 6: Ongoing Support

9. Ongoing Customer Support (1 Year)

- Start: May 29, 2026
- End: May 29, 2027

OPTIONAL VALUE-ADD TASK (SEPARATE TRACK)

Siren Sound Propagation Study (25 Working Days)

- Can start post-Go-Live: May 8
- Ends approximately June 11, 2026

SUMMARY TABLE

Phase	Task	Duration	Start	End
Initiation	Kickoff	1 day	Apr 17	Apr 17
Initiation	System Review	1 day	Apr 20	Apr 20
Execution	Configuration	7 days	Apr 21	Apr 29
Validation	Validation & Punch List	3 days	Apr 30	May 4
Training	Training	1 day	May 5	May 5
Deployment	Testing & Turnover	1 day	May 6	May 6
Deployment	Go-Live	1 day	May 7	May 7
Closeout	Completion	15 days	May 8	May 29
Sustainment	Support	1 year	May 29	May 29 (2027)

SCHEDULE E—SCHEDULE OF CHARGES AND PAYMENTS

1.0 License Fees

Alert and Warning System (Year 1) \$23,930.00

- Inclusive of implementation costs, including Project Management, Systems Configuration, Cloud Based Data Design and Implementation, Data Migration, and Training

2.0 Implementation Costs

Project Management \$0.00
Systems Configuration \$0.00
Cloud Based Data Design and Implementation \$0.00
Data Migration \$0.00
Training \$0.00

3.0 Maintenance and Support Fees

The maintenance and support fees for the Licensed Software are as follows;

Year Two	\$23,930.00
Year Three	\$23,930.00
Year Four	\$23,930.00
Year Five	\$23,930.00

The annual Maintenance and Support fee for Year One is included in the Total Project Charges and will be paid in accordance with the payment scheduled described in Section 6.1 of this Schedule E. Fees for subsequent years are due on the anniversary date the date of Final Acceptance.

4.0 Payments

- 4.1 Milestone #1: Project Kick-Off: \$5,000.00**
Milestone #2: Systems Review and Compliance Assessment: \$3,930.00
Milestone #3: Onboarding, System Configuration, Validation, and Training: \$5,000.00
Milestone #4: Go-Live: \$10,000.00

4.2 The contractual amounts described in this Schedule to be paid to Contractor constitute the entire compensation due Contractor and all of County's obligations regardless of the difficulty, materials or equipment required. The contractual amount includes fees, licenses, overhead, profit and all other direct and indirect costs incurred or to be incurred by Contractor.

4.3 Any cost adjustments to the contract must be agreed upon by the parties by amending this contract. No claim for additional services, not specifically provided herein, will be allowed by County except to the extent provided by a valid amendment to this contract through the Change Request process.

4.4 Payment will be made by County upon receipt by County of invoices from Contractor. County will be allowed thirty days to process each payment.

4.5 The payment of an invoice by County will not prejudice County's right to object to or question that or any other invoice or matter in relation thereto. Contractor's invoice will be subject to reduction for amounts included in any invoice or payment made which are determined by County, on the basis of audits conducted in accordance with the terms of this contract, not to constitute allowable costs. Any payment will be reduced for overpayments, or increased for underpayments on subsequent invoices.

4.6 County reserves the right to deduct from amounts that are or will become due and payable to

Contractor under this, or any contract between the parties, any amounts that are or will become due and payable to County by Contractor.

- 4.7 Reimbursement for Contractor staff travel and travel related costs associated with on-site work done in performance of this contract will be paid at the GSA Standard rate. Meals will be reimbursed on a per diem basis at the current GSA rate. Contractor will make every reasonable attempt to book air travel in advance to reduce costs. Payment for any travel costs that exceed the travel budget as agreed upon by the parties must be approved by County's Project Manager.

5.0 Taxes

The fees set forth in this Agreement do not include any amounts for taxes. Sales, use or excise taxes, to the extent they apply, are the sole responsibility of County. Contractor will not submit an invoice nor will Contractor collect such taxes from the County.

6.0 Payment Terms

All payments are due Net 30 Days following County's receipt of an accurate invoice.