

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO AND  
FREE AT LAST**

THIS AGREEMENT, entered into this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ ,  
20\_\_\_\_, by and between the COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, hereinafter called "County,"  
and FREE AT LAST, hereinafter called "Contractor";

W I T N E S S E T H:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code, Section 31000, County may contract with independent contractors for the furnishing of such services to or for County or any Department thereof;

WHEREAS, it is necessary and desirable that Contractor be retained for the purpose of performing the professional services hereinafter described for the Health Department, Public Health AIDS Program.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY AGREED BY THE PARTIES HERETO AS FOLLOWS:**

**1. Exhibits and Attachments**

The following exhibits and attachments are included hereto and incorporated by reference herein:

Exhibit A—Services

Exhibit B—Payments and rates

Attachment H—HIPAA Business Associate requirements

Attachment I—§ 504 Compliance

**2. Services to be performed by Contractor**

In consideration of the payments set forth herein and in Exhibit "B," Contractor shall perform services for County in accordance with the terms, conditions and specifications set forth herein and in Exhibit "A."

**3. Payments**

In consideration of the services provided by Contractor in accordance with all terms, conditions and specifications set forth herein and in Exhibit "A," County shall make payment to Contractor based on the rates and in the manner specified in Exhibit "B." The County reserves the right to withhold payment if the County determines that the quantity or quality of the work performed is unacceptable. In no event shall the County's total fiscal obligation under this Agreement exceed ONE HUNDRED TWO THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY-EIGHT DOLLARS (\$102,488).

**4. Term and Termination**

Subject to compliance with all terms and conditions, the term of this Agreement shall be from July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009.

This Agreement may be terminated by Contractor, the the Director of the Health Department or his/her designee at any time without a requirement of good cause upon thirty (30) days' written notice to the other party.

In the event of termination, all finished or unfinished documents, data, studies, maps, photographs, reports, and materials (hereafter referred to as materials) prepared by Contractor under this Agreement shall become the property of the County and shall be promptly delivered to the County. Upon termination, the Contractor may make and retain a copy of such materials. Subject to availability of funding, Contractor shall be entitled to receive payment for work/services provided prior to termination of the Agreement. Such payment shall be that portion of the full payment which is determined by comparing the work/services completed to the work/services required by the Agreement.

**5. Availability of Funds**

The County may terminate this Agreement or a portion of the services referenced in the Attachments and Exhibits based upon unavailability of Federal, State, or County funds, by providing written notice to Contractor as soon as is reasonably possible after the county learns of said unavailability of outside funding.

**6. Relationship of Parties**

Contractor agrees and understands that the work/services performed under this Agreement are performed as an independent Contractor and not as an employee of the County and that Contractor acquires none of the rights, privileges, powers, or advantages of County employees.

**7. Hold Harmless**

Contractor shall indemnify and save harmless County, its officers, agents, employees, and servants from all claims, suits, or actions of every name, kind, and description, brought for, or on account of: (A) injuries to or death of any person, including Contractor, or (B) damage to any property of any kind whatsoever and to whomsoever belonging, (C) any sanctions, penalties, or claims of damages resulting from Contractor's failure to comply with the requirements set forth in the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) and all Federal regulations promulgated thereunder, as amended, or (D) any other loss or cost, including but not limited to that caused by the concurrent active or passive negligence of County, its officers, agents, employees, or servants, resulting from the performance of any work required of Contractor or payments made pursuant to this Agreement, provided that this shall not apply to injuries or damage for which County has been found in a court of competent jurisdiction to be solely liable by reason of its own negligence or willful misconduct.

The duty of Contractor to indemnify and save harmless as set forth herein, shall include the duty to defend as set forth in Section 2778 of the California Civil Code.

**8. Assignability and Subcontracting**

Contractor shall not assign this Agreement or any portion thereof to a third party or subcontract with a third party to provide services required by contractor under this Agreement without the prior written consent of County. Any such assignment or subcontract without the County's prior written consent shall give County the right to automatically and immediately terminate this Agreement.

**9. Insurance**

The Contractor shall not commence work or be required to commence work under this Agreement unless and until all insurance required under this paragraph has been obtained and such insurance has been approved by Risk Management, and Contractor shall use diligence to obtain such insurance and to obtain such approval. The Contractor shall furnish the Department/Division with certificates of insurance evidencing the required coverage, and there shall be a specific contractual liability endorsement extending the Contractor's coverage to include the contractual liability assumed by the Contractor pursuant to this Agreement. These certificates shall specify or be endorsed to provide that thirty (30) days' notice must be given, in writing, to the Department/Division of any pending change in the limits of liability or of any cancellation or modification of the policy.

- (1) **Worker's Compensation and Employer's Liability Insurance** The Contractor shall have in effect during the entire life of this Agreement Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability Insurance providing full statutory coverage. In signing this Agreement, the Contractor certifies, as required by Section 1861 of the California Labor Code, that it is aware of the provisions of Section 3700 of the California Labor Code which requires every employer to be insured against liability for Worker's Compensation or to undertake self-insurance in accordance with the provisions of the Code, and will comply with such provisions before commencing the performance of the work of this Agreement.
- (2) **Liability Insurance** The Contractor shall take out and maintain during the life of this Agreement such Bodily Injury Liability and Property Damage Liability Insurance as shall protect him/her while performing work covered by this Agreement from any and all claims for damages for bodily injury, including accidental death, as well as any and all claims for property damage which may arise from contractors operations under this Agreement, whether such operations be by himself/herself or by any sub-contractor or by anyone directly or indirectly employed by either of them. Such insurance shall be combined single limit bodily injury and property damage for each occurrence and shall be not less than the amount specified below.

- Such insurance shall include:
- (a) Comprehensive General Liability . . . . . \$1,000,000  
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  - (b) Motor Vehicle Liability Insurance . . . . . \$1,000,000  
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  - (c) Professional Liability . . . . . \$1,000,000  
     . . .

County and its officers, agents, employees and servants shall be named as additional insured on any such policies of insurance, which shall also contain a provision that the insurance afforded thereby to the County, its officers, agents, employees and servants shall be primary insurance to the full limits of liability of the policy, and that if the County or its officers and employees have other insurance against the loss covered by such a policy, such other insurance shall be excess insurance only.

In the event of the breach of any provision of this section, or in the event any notice is received which indicates any required insurance coverage will be diminished or canceled, the County of San Mateo at its option, may, notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement to the contrary, immediately declare a material breach of this Agreement and suspend all further work pursuant to this Agreement.

**10. Compliance with laws; payment of Permits/Licenses**

All services to be performed by Contractor pursuant to this Agreement shall be performed in accordance with all applicable Federal, State, County, and municipal laws, ordinances and regulations, including, but not limited to, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), and the Federal Regulations promulgated thereunder, as amended, and will comply with the Business Associate requirements set forth in Attachment “H,” and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended and attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein as Attachment “I,” which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicap in programs and activities receiving any Federal or County financial assistance. Such services shall also be performed in accordance with all applicable ordinances and regulations, including, but not limited to, appropriate licensure, certification regulations, provisions pertaining to confidentiality of records, and applicable quality assurance regulations. In the event of a conflict between the terms of this Agreement and State, Federal, County, or municipal law or regulations, the requirements of the applicable law will take precedence over the requirements set forth in this Agreement.

Contractor will timely and accurately complete, sign, and submit all necessary documentation of compliance.

**11. Non-Discrimination and Other Requirements**

- A. *Section 504 applies only to Contractors who are providing services to members of the public.* Contractor shall comply with § 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, which provides that no otherwise qualified handicapped individual shall, solely by

reason of a disability, be excluded from the participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination in the performance of this Agreement.

- B. *General non-discrimination.* No person shall, on the grounds of race, color, religion, ancestry, gender, age (over 40), national origin, medical condition (cancer), physical or mental disability, sexual orientation, pregnancy, childbirth or related medical condition, marital status, or political affiliation be denied any benefits or subject to discrimination under this Agreement.
- C. *Equal employment opportunity.* Contractor shall ensure equal employment opportunity based on objective standards of recruitment, classification, selection, promotion, compensation, performance evaluation, and management relations for all employees under this Agreement. Contractor's equal employment policies shall be made available to County of San Mateo upon request.
- D. *Violation of Non-discrimination provisions.* Violation of the non-discrimination provisions of this Agreement shall be considered a breach of this Agreement and subject the Contractor to penalties, to be determined by the County Manager, including but not limited to
  - i) termination of this Agreement;
  - ii) disqualification of the Contractor from bidding on or being awarded a County contract for a period of up to 3 years;
  - iii) liquidated damages of \$2,500 per violation;
  - iv) imposition of other appropriate contractual and civil remedies and sanctions, as determined by the County Manager.

To effectuate the provisions of this section, the County Manager shall have the authority to examine Contractor's employment records with respect to compliance with this paragraph and/or to set off all or any portion of the amount described in this paragraph against amounts due to Contractor under the Contract or any other Contract between Contractor and County.

Contractor shall report to the County Manager the filing by any person in any court of any complaint of discrimination or the filing by any person of any and all charges with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the Fair Employment and Housing Commission or any other entity charged with the investigation of allegations within 30 days of such filing, provided that within such 30 days such entity has not notified Contractor that such charges are dismissed or otherwise unfounded. Such notification shall include the name of the complainant, a copy of such complaint, and a description of the circumstance. Contractor shall provide County with a copy of their response to the Complaint when filed.

- E. *Compliance with Equal Benefits Ordinance.* With respect to the provision of employee benefits, Contractor shall comply with the County Ordinance which prohibits contractors from discriminating in the provision of employee benefits between an employee with a domestic partner and an employee with a spouse.
- F. The Contractor shall comply fully with the non-discrimination requirements required by 41 CFR 60-741.5(a), which is incorporated herein as if fully set forth.

**12. Compliance with Contractor Employee Jury Service Ordinance**

Contractor shall comply with the County Ordinance with respect to provision of jury duty pay to employees and have and adhere to a written policy that provides that its employees shall receive from the contractor, on an annual basis, no less than five days of regular pay for actual jury service in San Mateo County. The policy may provide that employees deposit any fees received for such jury service with the contractor or that the contractor deduct from the employees' regular pay the fees received for jury service.

**13. Retention of Records, Right to Monitor and Audit**

(a) CONTRACTOR shall maintain all required records for three (3) years after the COUNTY makes final payment and all other pending matters are closed, and shall be subject to the examination and/or audit of the County, a Federal grantor agency, and the State of California.

(b) Reporting and Record Keeping: CONTRACTOR shall comply with all program and fiscal reporting requirements set forth by appropriate Federal, State and local agencies, and as required by the COUNTY.

(c) CONTRACTOR agrees to provide to COUNTY, to any Federal or State department having monitoring or review authority, to COUNTY's authorized representatives, and/or their appropriate audit agencies upon reasonable notice, access to and the right to examine all records and documents necessary to determine compliance with relevant Federal, State, and local statutes, rules and regulations, and this Agreement, and to evaluate the quality, appropriateness and timeliness of services performed.

**14. Merger Clause**

This Agreement, including the Exhibits attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, constitutes the sole Agreement of the parties hereto and correctly states the rights, duties, and obligations of each party as of this document's date. In the event that any term, condition, provision, requirement or specification set forth in this body of the agreement conflicts with or is inconsistent with any term, condition, provision, requirement or specification in any exhibit and/or attachment to this agreement, the provisions of this body of the agreement shall prevail. Any prior agreement, promises, negotiations, or representations between the parties not expressly stated in this document are not binding. All subsequent modifications shall be in writing and signed by the parties.

**15. Controlling Law**

The validity of this Agreement and of its terms or provisions, as well as the rights and duties of the parties hereunder, the interpretation, and performance of this Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of California.

**16. Notices**

Any notice, request, demand, or other communication required or permitted hereunder shall be deemed to be properly given when deposited in the United State mail, postage prepaid, or when deposited with a public telegraph company for transmittal, charges prepaid, addressed to:

**In the case of County, to:**

San Mateo County AIDS Program  
AIDS Program Director  
225 37<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
San Mateo, CA 94403

**In the case of Contractor, to:**

Free at Last  
Executive Director  
1796 Bay Road  
East Palo Alto, CA 94303

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto, by their duly authorized representatives, have affixed their hands.

COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
President, Board of Supervisors, San Mateo  
County

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of Said Board

FREE AT LAST

\_\_\_\_\_  
Contractor's Signature

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Long Form Agreement/Business Associate v 6/28/06

EXHIBIT A  
FREE AT LAST  
July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009

I. SERVICES

The California Health and Safety Code Section 11364.7 provides that, “no public entity, its agents, or employees shall be subject to criminal prosecution for distribution of hypodermic needles or syringes to participants in clean needle and syringe exchange projects authorized by the public entity pursuant to a declaration of a local emergency due to the existence of a critical local health crisis”. The County of San Mateo is currently under a declaration by the Board of Supervisors that allows needle exchange to occur legally through County employees and independent contractors.

Utilizing harm reduction methods aimed at protecting drug users and the community from drug related harm, Contractor shall:

1. Provide needle exchange and related services in the areas of East Palo Alto, East Menlo Park and Redwood City.
2. Provide staff assigned to provide needle exchange services with training in the proper use and safe methods of transporting, dispensing and collecting syringes; and with ongoing training and updates on best needle exchange practices and risk-reduction techniques.
3. Review and update written protocols for needle stick; safe handling of syringes during distribution, collection and transportation; and safety of staff while providing these services.
4. Provide clients with risk reduction information and refer them to other County and community-based agencies as appropriate, encouraging them to seek treatment.
5. Maintain an active medical waste license pursuant to Section 118030, Chapter 6, Medical Haulers - Medical Waste Management Act, of the California Health and Safety Code.
6. Use appropriate procedures to dispose of biohazard materials.
7. Develop, publicize and distribute a monthly schedule of services, which includes dates, times and places where services will be provided. Update schedule as needed and send it to community-based agencies and County agencies serving the same target population.



8. Attend quarterly meetings with the Program Coordinator, subcontractors and other departments providing needle exchange services.
9. Comply with the quarterly AIDS Program technical review and also with the annual monitoring site visit.
10. Establish working relationships with other agencies providing services to injection drug users in San Mateo County to ensure a coordinated delivery of services.
11. Provide Training and educational presentations related to needle exchange to local government staff, County Sheriff's Department and City officials as needed.

## II. MEASURABLE OBJECTIVES

Contractor shall develop a quality assurance plan to evaluate the effectiveness of services provided. Plan shall include at minimum, program policies related to operations and implementation, evaluative outcome measures that are qualitative and quantifiable, a customer satisfaction survey, and mechanisms to use in establishing annual review and priorities to meet client's needs and trends.

### A. PROCESS OBJECTIVES

For the purpose of this Agreement, a Unit of Service (UOS) shall be defined as a client contact with an Injection Drug User (IDU) for a minimum duration time of five (5) minutes in which the outreach worker provides client with risk-reduction education on sharing syringes or utilizing syringes used by someone else; information on HIV/HCV referrals and testing; and referrals for wound care, substance abuse treatment, wound care, general medical treatment and social services.

1. Contractor shall provide a minimum of two thousand (2,000) client contacts to one hundred and fifty (150) unduplicated (UDC) clients.
2. Contractor shall distribute a minimum of twenty thousand (20,000) syringes to primary exchangers.
3. Contractor shall distribute a minimum of eleven thousand (11,000) syringes to secondary exchangers.
4. Contractor shall refer one hundred (100) clients to medical or social services.
5. Contractor shall conduct two client surveys, which include the HIV Risk-taking Behavior Scale information during the period of the

contract: one during the month of August 2008 and one during the month of February 2009.

6. Contractor shall provide services a minimum of seven (7) times a week in the areas of East Palo Alto, East Menlo Park and Redwood City.
7. Contractor shall perform ongoing ethnographic outreach, and use it in combination with the results of the forms completed during the needle exchange sessions, to find the best sites to provide services and to ensure that locations of service sites are following the migration and moves of clients.
8. Contractor shall refer sixty-five percent (65%) of clients for HIV/HCV testing.

#### B. IMPACT OBJECTIVES

1. Fifty-five percent (55%) of syringes used by clients who received new syringes will be returned.
2. Twenty percent (20%) of clients who received risk-reduction education shall report a reduction in the number of times they utilize or share used syringes, as measured by the baseline and second surveys administered.

### III. PROGRAM REPORTING

Contractor shall submit quarterly reports, within ten (10) calendar days after the end of each quarter on October 10, 2008, January 10, 2009, April 10, 2009 and July 10, 2009. Reports shall include progress in the services provided, impact objectives and a summary of results.

Results of the surveys shall be reported with the first and third quarterly reports. The quality assurance plan shall be submitted with the second quarterly report.

### IV. GENERAL

1. Contractor shall participate in County's "AIDS Program County-Wide Client Needs and Satisfaction Survey," if such participation is requested by County.
2. Contractor is required to send a representative to all AIDS Program Partnership Roundtable meetings.

3. Contractor shall have appropriate procedures to prevent unauthorized disclosure of confidential information. Personally identifying information developed or acquired by Contractor shall be confidential and shall not be disclosed, except as otherwise provided by law for public health purposes by court order, or pursuant to written authorization by the person who is the subject of the record or by his or her guardian or conservator. Contractor is responsible for complying with all applicable state and federal statutes regarding confidentiality and HIV/AIDS, including responsibility for assuring the security and confidentiality of all electronically transmitted patient material.
4. Contractor agrees to acknowledge in all materials produced pursuant to this Agreement, the contribution in whole or in part, of County, State, and Federal funding sources as applicable. In addition, any copyrighted or copyrightable works developed under this agreement shall be subject to royalty free, non-exclusive and irrevocable license to the government to reproduce, publish or otherwise use them and to authorize others to do so for Federal, State and County government purposes. Income earned from any copyrightable work developed under this grant must be used as program income.
5. Contractor certifies that to the best of his knowledge and belief i) no County, State or Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any federal contract, the making of any federal grant, the making of any federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative Agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative Agreement; ii) If any funds other than County, State or Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative Agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.
6. By signing the contract, Contractor certifies to the best of his or her knowledge and belief that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any federal department

or agency. If Contractor is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this agreement. (Required by NNA Amendment 1, Exhibit B, Paragraph 1).

7. Contractor shall not claim reimbursement from County or apply sums received from County with respect to that portion of its obligations which has been paid by another source of revenue. Contractor shall not charge County for services which clients were entitled to receive regardless of this Agreement. Contractor shall submit no claim to, demand, or otherwise collect reimbursement from, individuals served under this contract (or persons acting on their behalf) for any services reimbursed in whole or in part under this contract, except to collect co-payment, or share of cost as allowed by regulations specific to funding sources.
8. Contractor shall make all reasonable efforts to ensure that no conflict of interest exists for its officers, agents, or employees. Contractor shall prevent employees, consultants, or members of governing bodies from using their position for purposes that are or give the appearance of being motivated by a desire for private gain for themselves or others, such as those with whom they have family business or other ties. If the County determines that a conflict of interest situation exists, any increase in costs associated with the conflict of interest may be disallowed and recovered by the County or the Department of Health and any such conflict may constitute grounds for termination of this contract.
9. Contractor shall retain any property acquired with funds under this Agreement as long as there is a need for the property to accomplish the purpose of the program. For disposition of equipment or furniture with a unit cost of FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500) or more and a life expectancy of one or more years, Contractor shall request disposition instructions from County.
10. In the event Contractor claims or receives payment from County for a service, reimbursement which is later disallowed by the County, the State of California, or the United States Government, then Contractor shall promptly refund the disallowed amount to County upon request, or, at its option, County may offset the amount disallowed from any payment due or become due to Contractor under this Agreement or any other Agreement.
11. Contractor certifies that it has appropriate systems and controls in place to ensure that County funds will not be used in performance of this Agreement for the acquisition, operation, or maintenance of computer software in violation of copyright laws.

EXHIBIT B  
FREE AT LAST  
July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009

PAYMENTS

In full consideration of the services provided by Contractor pursuant to this Agreement, County shall pay Contractor as follows:

Contractor shall submit monthly invoices for services provided for County under this Agreement by the fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) day following the end of the invoiced month. The AIDS Program Director or his/her designee shall review and approve all invoices prior to processing for payment. Invoices shall be based upon actual expenditures in line with the approved budget and upon demonstrated progress through required progress reports.

The total amount that County shall be obligated to pay for services rendered under this Agreement shall not exceed ONE HUNDRED TWO THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY-EIGHT DOLLARS (\$102,488), for the contract term.

**Attachment H**  
**Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)**  
**Business Associate Requirements**

Definitions

Terms used, but not otherwise defined, in this Schedule shall have the same meaning as those terms are defined in 45 Code of Federal Regulations section 160.103 164.304 and 164.501. (All regulatory references in this Schedule are to Title 45 of the Code of Federal Regulations unless otherwise specified.)

- a. *Designated Record Set.* “Designated Record Set” shall have the same meaning as the term “designated record set” in Section 164.501.
- b. *Electronic Protected Health Information.* “Electronic Protected Health Information” (“EPHI”) means individually identifiable health information that is transmitted or maintained in electronic media, limited to the information created, received, maintained or transmitted by Business Associate from or on behalf of Covered Entity.
- c. *Individual.* “Individual” shall have the same meaning as the term “individual” in Section 164.501 and shall include a person who qualifies as a personal representative in accordance with Section 164.502(g).
- d. *Privacy Rule.* “Privacy Rule” shall mean the Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information at 45 Code of Federal Regulations Part 160 and Part 164, Subparts A and E.
- e. *Protected Health Information.* “Protected Health Information” shall have the same meaning as the term “protected health information” in Section 164.501 and is limited to the information created or received by Contractor from or on behalf of County.
- f. *Required By Law.* “Required by law” shall have the same meaning as the term “required by law” in Section 164.501.
- g. *Secretary.* “Secretary” shall mean the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services or his or her designee.
- h. *Security Incident.* “Security Incident” shall mean the attempted or successful unauthorized access, use, disclosure, modification, or destruction of information or interference with systems operations in an information system, but does not include minor incidents that occur on a daily basis, such as scans, “pings”, or unsuccessful random attempts to penetrate computer networks or servers maintained by Business Associate
- i. *Security Rule.* “Security Rule” shall mean the Standards for the Protection of Electronic Protected Health Information at 45 CFR Part 160 and Part 164, Subparts A and C.

Obligations and Activities of Contractor

- a. Contractor agrees to not use or further disclose Protected Health Information other than as permitted or required by the Agreement or as required by law.

- b. Contractor agrees to use appropriate safeguards to prevent the use or disclosure of the Protected Health Information other than as provided for by this Agreement.
- c. Contractor agrees to mitigate, to the extent practicable, any harmful effect that is known to Contractor of a use or disclosure of Protected Health Information by Contractor in violation of the requirements of this Agreement.
- d. Contractor agrees to report to County any use or disclosure of the Protected Health Information not provided for by this Agreement.
- e. Contractor agrees to ensure that any agent, including a subcontractor, to whom it provides Protected Health Information received from, or created or received by Contractor on behalf of County, agrees to the same restrictions and conditions that apply through this Agreement to Contractor with respect to such information.
- f. If Contractor has protected health information in a designated record set, Contractor agrees to provide access, at the request of County, and in the time and manner designated by County, to Protected Health Information in a Designated Record Set, to County or, as directed by County, to an Individual in order to meet the requirements under Section 164.524.
- g. If Contractor has protected health information in a designated record set, Contractor agrees to make any amendment(s) to Protected Health Information in a Designated Record Set that the County directs or agrees to make pursuant to Section 164.526 at the request of County or an Individual, and in the time and manner designed by County.
- h. Contractor agrees to make internal practices, books, and records relating to the use and disclosure of Protected Health Information received from, or created or received by Contractor on behalf of, County available to the County, or at the request of the County to the Secretary, in a time and manner designated by the County or the Secretary, for purposes of the Secretary determining County's compliance with the Privacy Rule.
- i. Contractor agrees to document such disclosures of Protected Health Information and information related to such disclosures as would be required for County to respond to a request by an Individual for an accounting of disclosures of Protected Health Information in accordance with Section 164.528.
- j. Contractor agrees to provide to County or an Individual in the time and manner designated by County, information collected in accordance with Section (i) of this Schedule, to permit County to respond to a request by an Individual for an accounting of disclosures of Protected Health Information in accordance with Section 164.528.
- k. Contractor shall implement administrative, physical, and technical safeguards that reasonably and appropriately protect the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of EPHI that Contractor creates, receives, maintains, or transmits on behalf of County.
- l. Contractor shall conform to generally accepted system security principles and the requirements of the final HIPAA rule pertaining to the security of health information.
- m. Contractor shall ensure that any agent to whom it provides EPHI, including a subcontractor, agrees to implement reasonable and appropriate safeguards to protect such EPHI.

- n. Contractor shall report to County any Security Incident within 5 business days of becoming aware of such incident.
- o. Contractor shall make its policies, procedures, and documentation relating to the security and privacy of protected health information, including EPHI, available to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and, at County's request, to the County for purposes of the Secretary determining County's compliance with the HIPAA privacy and security regulations.

#### Permitted Uses and Disclosures by Contractor

Except as otherwise limited in this Schedule, Contractor may use or disclose Protected Health Information to perform functions, activities, or services for, or on behalf of, County as specified in the Agreement; provided that such use or disclosure would not violate the Privacy Rule if done by County.

#### Obligations of County

- a. County shall provide Contractor with the notice of privacy practices that County produces in accordance with Section 164.520, as well as any changes to such notice.
- b. County shall provide Contractor with any changes in, or revocation of, permission by Individual to use or disclose Protected Health Information, if such changes affect Contractor's permitted or required uses and disclosures.
- c. County shall notify Contractor of any restriction to the use or disclosure of Protected Health Information that County has agreed to in accordance with Section 164.522.

#### Permissible Requests by County

County shall not request Contractor to use or disclose Protected Health Information in any manner that would not be permissible under the Privacy Rule if done by County, unless the Contractor will use or disclose Protected Health Information for, and if the Agreement provides for, data aggregation or management and administrative activities of Contractor.

#### Duties Upon Termination of Agreement

- a. Upon termination of the Agreement, for any reason, Contractor shall return or destroy all Protected Health Information received from County, or created or received by Contractor on behalf of County. This provision shall apply to Protected Health Information that is in the possession of subcontractors or agents of Contractor. Contractor shall retain no copies of the Protected Health Information.



- b. In the event that Contractor determines that returning or destroying Protected Health Information is infeasible, Contractor shall provide to County notification of the conditions that make return or destruction infeasible. Upon mutual agreement of the Parties that return or destruction of Protected Health Information is infeasible, Contractor shall extend the protections of the Agreement to such Protected Health Information and limit further uses and disclosures of such Protected Health Information to those purposes that make the return or destruction infeasible, for so long as Contractor maintains such Protection Health Information.

#### Miscellaneous

- a. *Regulatory References.* A reference in this Schedule to a section in the Privacy Rule means the section as in effect or as amended, and for which compliance is required.
- b. *Amendment.* The Parties agree to take such action as is necessary to amend this Schedule from time to time as is necessary for County to comply with the requirements of the Privacy Rule and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, Public Law 104-191.
- c. *Survival.* The respective rights and obligations of Contractor under this Schedule shall survive the termination of the Agreement.
- d. *Interpretation.* Any ambiguity in this Schedule shall be resolved in favor of a meaning that permits County to comply with the Privacy Rule.
- e. *Reservation of Right to Monitor Activities.* County reserves the right to monitor the security policies and procedures of Contractor

Attachment I

**(Required only from Contractors who provide services directly to the Public on County's behalf.)**

Assurance of Compliance with Section 504 of the  
Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as Amended

The undersigned (hereinafter called the "Contractor(s)") hereby agrees that it will comply with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, all requirements imposed by the applicable DHHS regulation, and all guidelines and interpretations issued pursuant thereto.

The Contractor(s) gives/give this assurance in consideration of and for the purpose of obtaining contracts after the date of this assurance. The Contractor(s) recognizes/recognize and agrees/agree that contracts will be extended in reliance on the representations and agreements made in this assurance. This assurance is binding on the Contractor(s), its successors, transferees, and assignees, and the person or persons whose signatures appear below are authorized to sign this assurance on behalf of the Contractor(s).

The Contractor(s): (Check a or b)

- a.    (    )    employs fewer than 15 persons.
- b.    (    )    employs 15 or more persons and, pursuant to Section 84.7 (a) of the regulation (45 C.F.R. 84.7 (a)), has designated the following person(s) to coordinate its efforts to comply with the DHHS regulation.

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Name of 504 Person - Type or Print

Free at Last	1796 Bay Road	
_____ Name of Contractor(s) - Type or Print	_____ Street Address or PO Box	
East Palo Alto	CA	94303
City	State	Zip Code

I certify that the above information is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge.

_____ Date	_____ Signature and Title of Authorized Official
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\*Exception: DHHS regulations state that:

"If a recipient with fewer than 15 employees finds that, after consultation with a handicapped person seeking its services, there is no method of complying with (the facility accessibility regulations)...other than making a significant alteration in its existing facilities, the recipient may, as an alternative, refer the handicapped person to other providers of those services that are accessible."