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# STAFF REPORT BOARD MEETING DATE: August 11, 2015

CM/ACM Finance Risk Mgt. HR Other

DATE: July 21, 2015

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Jacqueline Bryant, District Court Administrator and Clerk of Court (775) 328-3119, Jackie.bryant@washoecourts.us

SUBJECT: Request the Board of County Commissioners to approve the professional services agreement for facility planning and space programming for the Second Judicial District Court between the Second Judicial District Court and the National Center for State Courts in the amount of \$116,000, from August 2015 to January 2016. [All Commission Districts.]

# **SUMMARY**

Washoe County has been involved with court master planning since at least 2000. Washoe County funded an updated court master plan in 2007. In 2012, the Board of County Commissioners approved a court-restricted capital expansion account (Expansion Account) pilot project to support the long-term capital needs of the Second Judicial District Court (i.e., a new courthouse). Since that time, the funds in this account have accumulated in excess of \$5,000,000.

In May 2015, Chief Judge Hardy met with the National Center for State Courts (NCSC) to discuss the process by which a new building plan could be developed. Of particular interest is the size of a contemporaneous, technological, efficient, and safe courthouse that reflects current and future use trends. An equally important consideration is how the court master plan integrates with the City of Reno and related redevelopment goals. Subsequently, the Second Judicial District Court received the attached proposal to provide facility consultation services to the Second Judicial District Court for planning and programming District Court facilities. The scope of services includes:

- Preparing a long-term (40 year) court system development analysis for the District Court;
- Developing court functional space standards as the baseline for the design and construction of future court facilities;
- Developing building space program with phased implementation schedule over the next 40 years in 10-year intervals;



• Developing phased building implementation concepts and cost benefit analysis on two court-designated building sites.

The proposed budget for the NCSC consultation services is \$116,000, which includes \$100,000 for professional fees and an estimated \$16,000 for project expenses and travel. This money will come from the Court's existing budget.

County Priority supported by this item: Safe, secure and healthy communities.

# PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION

None.

# BACKGROUND

The 75 Court Street Courthouse was constructed in five phases over a period of 90 years (1873, 1911, 1946, 1949, 1963). It includes substantial unusable space that once housed Washoe County Jail inmates. Other space is not designed for a unified court that is the single courthouse occupant. The need for a new courthouse that improves citizen access and safety, allows for contemporary technology, integrates judicial services and departments, increases inmate transport efficiencies, allows for the development of a court martial infrastructure, and reduces operating/maintenance expenses was confirmed in the 1999 Courts Complex Master Plan and 2007 Courthouse Master Plan Update.

The National Center for State Courts is an industry leader in court improvement projects across the county. The Second Judicial District Court and other Nevada Judicial Districts have used the National Center for several successful outcomes in the past. The National Center has a demonstrated expertise over 30 years in courthouse design and financing. The cost of the proposed study is efficient when compared to the costs of previous court master plans.

## FISCAL IMPACT

The additional expense of \$116,000 will be charged against the Second Judicial District Court Administration professional services budget (Cost Center #120101- GL #710100). There is sufficient budget authority in the District Court's budget for this expense.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners approve the professional services agreement for facility planning and space programming for the Second Judicial District Court between the Second Judicial District Court and the National Center for State Courts in the amount of \$116,000, from August 2015 to January 2016.

## **POSSIBLE MOTION**

If the Board agrees with this request, move to approve the professional services agreement for facility planning and space programming for the Second Judicial District Court between the Second Judicial District Court and the National Center for State Courts in the amount of \$116,000, from August 2015 to January 2016.

Copy: Chief Judge David Hardy Second Judicial District Court Judges Heather Potts, Court Fiscal Services Administrator Joey Orduna Hastings, Assistant County Manager Keith Munro, Deputy District Attorney Mary Solorzano, Acting Comptroller Budget Agenda Coordinator Agenda Coordinator

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT ADMINISTRATION

This Agreement is made and entered into this \_\_\_\_ day of August 2015, by and between the Second Judicial District Court of Washoe County, hereinafter "Court," and the National Center for State Courts (NCSC), a Washington, D.C. based non-profit corporation, hereinafter "Contractor."

## $\underline{W} \underline{I} \underline{T} \underline{N} \underline{E} \underline{S} \underline{S} \underline{E} \underline{T} \underline{H}$ :

WHEREAS, Court desires to obtain a project work plan of facility programming and space programming; and

WHEREAS, Contractor possesses the necessary licenses, skills, education and experience to provide professional services required by Court and has agreed to perform such services for the Court pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth herein;

NOW THEREFORE, and in consideration of the mutual promises provided herein and subject to the terms and conditions as provided below, Contractor and Court agree as follows:

## ARTICLE I

#### SCOPE OF SERVICES

The National Center for State Courts (NCSC) proposes to provide facility consultation services to the Second Judicial District Court (Court) for planning and programming Court facilities in the County of Washoe, Reno, Nevada. The scope of services that the NCSC will perform includes the following:

- 1. Preparation of a long-term (40 years) court system development analysis for the Court. The long-term court system development profile will feature projected future court involvements, service enhancement initiatives, and the resulting court judgeship/staffing projection. The projection of future court system evolvements will be substantiated by supporting statistical models of court case filings and related demographical data along with consideration of best practices of modern court operational practices and visions of advanced technology utilization.
- 2. Development of Court functional space standards as the baseline for the design and construction of future Court facilities. The square footage space standards with graphical configuration diagram for the identified Court functions and office operations will be prepared with reference to applicable courthouse design standards observed in other states and the courthouse design guidelines developed by the NCSC.

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- 3. Development of building space program with phased implementation schedule over the next 40 years in 10-year intervals. The Court space program will include Court functional space requirement estimates for respective courthouse occupants, major Court functional areas, courthouse ancillary space, building support areas, and parking. The space program concepts will tabulate respective functional areas and offices by the space standards identified and the required number of functional units assigned. Conceptual Court functional space blocking diagrams and building space stacking diagrams to illustrate the functional space adjacency relationship and building circulations between major Court functional elements will be developed.
- 4. Development of phased building implementation concepts and cost benefit analysis on two Court-designated building sites. The development of conceptual building schemes will facilitate the Court's identification of future site development capacity and the phased construction/occupancy requirements for the respective building sites considered.

The NCSC has developed the following task plan to address the project requirements and the project deliverables. The NCSC project team will produce and organize its findings in the Facility Master Plan of the Second Judicial District Court of Nevada.

## Work Plan

## Phase I – Data Collection and Projection of Requirements

#### Task 1: Work Plan Refinement and Data Collection Tool Development

This task represents the initial data collection effort of the project and will focus on developing a clear understanding of current system operations and gathering historic caseload, workload, and staffing data that will be used to generate projections of future Court system evolvements and space requirements. The NCSC project team will conduct a space requirements survey to receive input from representatives of the current and proposed facility user groups, including the judiciary of general division and the family division, departments of Court administration, Court security unit of the Washoe County Sheriff's office, and other Court designated offices, about their concerns and needs for their present and future work environments. Highlighted facility issues and users' requirements will be incorporated into the facility needs projection and functional space programming in the latter phases of the project.

#### Task 2: Court Operations Survey and User Interviews

The NCSC project team will tour and analyze the Court building, including the family division facility from an operational perspective, observe the current use of the facilities, and interview representatives of the Court-designated facility user groups. An understanding of existing Court operations, as well as physical constraints, will allow the NCSC project team to identify opportunities for improvement of future Court operations and their space implication. Attention will be directed to specific facility-related Court operations such as utilization of courtrooms,

hearing rooms, jury facilities, prisoner movement and security, public access to Court services, public traffic patterns in the facilities, jury management, Court office and public counter operations, use of technologies, Court record processing/storage, and judges' chambers and their support requirements. Court-related agencies that provide services in the Court buildings, with specific space needs in the courthouse, will also be included in the survey and interview process. The NCSC project team will prepare a list of information requests for relevant planning studies or documents, previously conducted by Washoe County (County) and/or the Court, and the existing Court building plans for the Court project manager to gather prior to the facility tours.

#### Task 3: Assessment of Long-Term Needs

In order to anticipate future space needs, it is necessary to project judicial and personnel, who will be located in the proposed Court facility. The forecast will factor in relevant trends in the Nevada judicial system, as well as, future trends of the justice system from a national perspective. Utilizing geographical population data and demographic information from the County and the surrounding broader planning district, and the historical Court caseload and staffing data, the NCSC project team will conduct a historic Court case filing trend analysis to simulate future evolvements of Court filing levels of major types of Court cases. A preliminary range of projections of caseload/workload will be developed. The Court case filing projection models will later be referred to interpret the feasible personnel requirements for both judicial and administrative support functions. The forecast will factor in relevant trends in the Nevada judicial system as well as future trends of the criminal justice system from a national perspective. These projections will be prepared for the next 40 years in 10-year intervals. The projected judicial position and personnel requirements will be used as the basis for planning of future facility needs as well as the specific space program of the proposed new facility.

**Deliverable:** The delivery process for the Long-term Court System Evolvement Strategy Document requires close coordination and teamwork between the NCSC project team and the client. During the course of data compilation, analysis, and the projection/assessment process, the Court project manager will participate in the process and work with the consultants to verify, confirm, and accept the findings and conclusions on the scheduled regular project meetings. This process is estimated to take the first 10 weeks of the project to conclude. A summary of the Phase I findings and the study projection will be delivered to the Court for approval at the end of the twelfth week. The Court's review and revision will take an additional two weeks to complete. The NCSC will integrate the Court's comments and changes along with the Phase I summary findings to establish the Court system requirement and facility planning strategy.

# Phase II - Development of Facility Master Plan Report

# Task 4: Analyze Operational Issues Impacting Space and Establish Court Space Standards

The planning of a long-term facilities solution affords an opportunity to streamline operations in the remodeled or new environments. The NCSC court operation specialist will work with the

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Court to prepare a list of Court operational issues for the NCSC project team to study and incorporate the findings in the facility space requirements. The NCSC project team will analyze existing and future court operations in order to achieve the best use of space. Issues to be assessed may include the impact of using new technologies or new Court service initiatives that will affect Court space planning; proposed improvements to the workflow and the resulting impacts to Court functional adjacency requirements, improvements or enhancements of public access to Court service with streamlining public/Court interface and accommodation; and access control and space separation of Court participants and in-custody prisoners/witnesses in the Court facilities. References to best practices on various Court operational subject matters applicable to the Court and its justice partners will provide guidance to the planning of the physical work environment. The analysis of operational impact on space will ensure efficient and effective space allocation planning that meets the modern court needs. Conclusions resulting from the analysis will be incorporated in the space standards and the facility program.

Although subject to future refinements in the future building design project, which is not within the scope proposed herein, preliminary space standards for the needs analysis and master plan will be developed. The program will identify Court functional space elements with square footage estimate, based on an analysis of current and future operational practices. Current space standards recommended in publications such as *The American Courthouse* and *The Courthouse Planning and Design Guidelines* developed by the NCSC, as well as office space standards adopted by Washoe County and Nevada judicial system will be utilized, where applicable. The space standards determined will form the basis for projecting future space needs.

#### Task 5: Project Future Space Requirements and Adjacency Study

In conjunction with the prescribed Court functionality and the corresponding space standards set for each function units and workstations, the NCSC project team will develop space estimate for departmental space requirements and building configuration concepts. Based on the forecast of future Court operations and caseloads, as well as the resulting judicial position requirement, this task will apply ratios of required space to anticipated judicial and non-judicial personnel needs in order to project long-term space needs. The accepted space standards developed in Task 4 will be applied in the development of the net square footage requirement for individual functional spaces within the Court and the ancillary space to be accessed by the associated justice agencies. In conjunction with the net space requirements of individual functional areas projected, appropriate building grossing factors and departmental circulation factors, based on the projected activities to be accommodated within the space, will be applied during the development of the total space need estimate.

The NCSC project team will identify and define the inter-office and intra-office functional relationships between major Court functional areas. Maintaining appropriate adjacency among functional areas and regulating access by various Court users will be critical to efficient and secure Court buildings. The NCSC project team will define vertical and horizontal circulation requirements for the public, Court employees, witnesses and prisoners; proximity relationships

between courtrooms and judges' chambers; separation between the jurors and the witnesses; appropriate building access control; and regulated public access to private areas. In addition, requirements for public access, proximity to the Court, and the internal office circulation will be analyzed and documented. A space adjacency relationship matrix will be developed and included in the space requirement document. The space needs projection will be established with the planning horizon of the next 40 years.

#### **Task 6: Alternative Development**

Based on the findings and analysis of Court operational adjacency requirements and projected space requirements, the NCSC project team will develop a Court functional space allocation concept and/or expansion/implementation strategies in consideration of existing buildings renovation/expansion and new construction at potential sites designated by the Court. The building schematic concepts and site analysis are to address Court space standards and building design requirements prescribed in the Court space program. The graphic diagrams could illustrate building schemes, which would facilitate officers of the Court to vision space arrangements and rationale implementation alternatives. The conceptual diagrams should illustrate the building placement on respective site, building stacking and blocking schemes, and the floor layouts arrangements, in terms of appropriate functional space adjacency relationships, separate floor circulation systems, effective building access control, and security arrangements.

The NCSC project team will integrate the space allocation concepts with reference to various site options to formulate implementation alternatives. The alternatives should address phase implementation requirements given the physical site and facilities considerations, the Court system growth, and the optimal court facilities occupancy schedules.

The NCSC project team will prepare alternative scenario recommendations to address implementation of future space needs. These options could include (1) on-site, in-building retrofitting; (2) on site, in-building retrofitting and building additions; and/or (3) new construction at a new site identified by the Court. Each alternative will be presented with building stacking and blocking concepts, phased implementation plans, and conceptual cost estimate.

The NCSC project team will prepare a cost benefit analysis of each option studied. The cost benefit analysis will factor in consideration of such issues as project construction cost, impact and disruption to continue Court and office operation during the construction interim, urban planning consideration, and levels of impact and disruption to courts service and facilities management. This will enable the Court to make a well-informed decision with regard to growth options and the potential cost implication.

**Deliverable:** The development of the Facility Planning Report will take the bulk of the project effort and time schedule. It is expected that the report development may consume 10 to 12 weeks, the bulk of the project time span scheduled for the project. It will allow for adequate time for the

NCSC project team and the Court to fully review and determine feasible planning alternatives and cost implications. The draft document is scheduled for delivery at the end of the twelfth week along with a team presentation and project meeting. The Court will review the document and return its comments to the NCSC project team within two weeks. The NCSC project team will include the comments and changes in the final report and submit the final report within two weeks.

#### **Project Communication and Management**

The successful delivery such planning service requires comprehensive knowledge and expertise from the consultants and effective teamwork between the NCSC project team and the Court. The NCSC project team will thoroughly and openly communicate with the judiciary and Court designated project manager to provide a direct line of communication for information sharing and brainstorming creative ideas. The NCSC project team proposes regular meeting schedules and project status communication during the data collection, needs assessment, and master planning phases. Clear understanding of data collected and how the data will be used will facilitate the developments of the data analysis and projection models for the long-term requirements. Timely feedbacks and comments from the user groups to the NCSC project team in the meetings will provide clear guidance to the work development and avoid misunderstanding or mistakes. The NCSC project team will present various data collected for user confirmation and approval in the data collection and projection phase of the project. Space standards and the space adjacency requirements to be adopted for major court functional areas will be presented to the court users with graphical illustration to allow for group discussion, comments, and/or modification. This proactive project approach, featuring regular meetings for data confirmation and status report, as well as on-site planning charrettes for solution development, will encourage participation of concerned parties and enable the effective communication through the master planning efforts.

# Planning document and reference information to be provided to the NCSC project team by the District Court:

- A. Building studies and documents:
  - 1. Previous Court master plan.
  - 2. County Master Plan, if available.
  - 3. Set of building plans for the existing Court facilities, including the family division building.
  - 4. County owned surrounding land maps with property lines.
  - 5. County standards for space planning.
- B. Court statistical data and operation information:
  - 1. Historical Court case filing data (15 years).

- 2. Information of current Court calendars and Court operational documents.
- 3. Staffing levels and office organizational charts of the existing courthouse occupants/departments.
- 4. County population and demographic planning data.

## **Project Schedule**

Timeliness is a critical element in terms of coordination of work development efforts and management of the project. The NCSC has developed a series of manageable tasks and work schedule, which are practical and realistic. Adequate user reviews have been built in the project timeframe to encourage user review and feedback on study products. The entire project including tasks listed in the Project Plan should be completed in **26 weeks**.

## ARTICLE II

## **CONTRACTOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES**

- 1. <u>Quality of Services</u>: Contractor shall be responsible for the professional quality, technical accuracy, timely completion, and coordination of all services furnished by Contractor, its subcontractors and their principals, officers, employees and agents under this Agreement. Contractor agrees to follow practices consistent with generally accepted professional and technical standards for drug treatment.
- 2. <u>Replacement of Personnel</u>: Should any subcontractor, officer, employee or agent under this Agreement be unable to complete his/her responsibility for any reason, the Contractor will replace that individual with a qualified person immediately. If Contractor fails to make the required replacement within 30 days, Court may terminate this Agreement for default.

## ARTICLE III

#### COURT'S RESPONSIBILITIES

<u>Contract Administrator</u>: Court designates the Court Administrator of the Second Judicial District Court as the individual who will be responsible for the contract administration. Contract administration will include the review of all reports, billing verification, the coordination of all meetings, and response to all questions of Contractor.

1. <u>Provision of Information</u>: Court/County agrees to provide to Contractor all available information to complete services required by this Agreement.

#### ARTICLE IV

#### FEES FOR SERVICES

The proposed budget for NCSC consultation services on the Courthouse Facility Needs Analysis and Space Program is \$116,000, which includes \$100,000 for professional fees and an estimated \$16,000 for project expenses and travel.

#### ARTICLE V

#### **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

<u>Standard of Performance</u>: Contractor shall perform services in connection with this Agreement in accordance with generally accepted professional standards.

1. <u>Independent Contractor Status and Certification:</u> Contractor is an independent contractor, not a County or Court employee. Contractor's employees or contract personnel are not County or Court employees. Contractor and County/Court agree to the following rights consistent with an independent contractor relationship:

a. Contractor has the right to perform services for others during the term of this Agreement.

b. Contractor has the sole right to control and direct the means, manner and method by which the services required by this Agreement will be performed.

c. Contractor shall not be assigned a work location on County premises, and Contractor has the right to perform the services required by this Agreement at any place, location or time.

d. Contractor will furnish all equipment and materials used to provide the services required by this Agreement.

e. Contractor has the right to hire assistants as subcontractors or to use Contractor's employees to provide the services required by this Agreement.

f. Contractor or Contractor's employees or contract personnel shall perform the services required by this Agreement and Contractor agrees to the faithful performance and delivery of described services in accordance with the time frames contained herein. Neither County nor Court shall hire, supervise or pay any assistants to help Contractor.

g. Neither Contractor nor Contractor's employees or contract personnel shall receive any training from County in the skills necessary to perform the services required by this

## Agreement.

h. Neither County nor Court shall require Contractor or Contractor's employees or contract personnel to devote full time to performing the services required by this Agreement.

Further, Contractor hereby certifies:

i. That Contractor is not an employee of County or Court and thereby Contractor waives any and all claims to benefits otherwise provided to employees of the County or Court, including, but not limited to: medical, dental, or other personal insurance, retirement benefits, unemployment benefits, and liability or worker's compensation insurance.

j. Contractor must provide Federal Tax or Social Security Number on required Form W-9 OR Contractor is not licensed as Contractor and is exempt because

k. That Contractor understands that he/she is solely responsible, individually for federal taxes and social security payments applicable to money received for services herein provided. Contractor understands that an IRS Form 1099 will be filed by the County for all payments received.

1. That Contractor agrees, as a precondition to the performance of any work under this Agreement and as a precondition to any obligation of the County to make any payment under this Agreement, to provide County with a certificate issued by an insurer in accordance with NRS 616B.627 and NRS 617.210.

- 2. <u>Indemnification/Insurance</u>: Washoe County has established specific indemnification and insurance requirements for contracts/agreements with contractors/consultants to help ensure that reasonable insurance coverage is maintained. Indemnification and hold harmless clauses are intended to ensure that contractors/consultants are aware of and accept the responsibility for losses or liabilities related to their activities.
- 3. <u>Discrimination</u>: In connection with the performance of all of the obligations under this Agreement, the Contractor shall not discriminate against any person referred to Contractor for services because of race, religion, color, sex, sexual orientation, age, disability, or national origin.
- 4. <u>Governing Law</u>: This Agreement shall be deemed to be entered into in the County of Washoe, State of Nevada, and shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Nevada.
- 5. <u>Entire Agreement</u>: This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties

and supersedes all other proposals and representations, both oral and in writing covering the subject matter hereof.

6. <u>Notice</u>: When by terms of this Agreement written notice is required to be sent, such notice shall be deemed sufficient if sent by regular mail, postage prepaid to the parties at the addresses appearing below. Notice shall be deemed received 3 days following mailing.

To Second Judicial District Court:

Jackie Bryant, Court Administrator Second Judicial District Court 75 Court St. Reno, Nevada 89501

To Contractor:

National Center for State Courts Court Consulting Services 707 Seventeenth Street, Suite 2900 Denver, Colorado 80202-3429

7. <u>Headings Not Controlling</u>: The headings of the articles and sections of this Agreement are inserted only as a matter of convenience and for reference and in no way define, limit or describe the scope of intent of any provision of this Agreement and shall not be construed to affect in any manner the terms and provisions hereof or the interpretation or construction thereof.

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In witness wherefore, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement on the day and in the year first written above.

# SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

By \_\_\_\_\_\_ Jackie Bryant, Court Administrator

# CONTRACTOR

By \_\_\_\_\_ National Center for State Courts

## Exhibit B

#### INSURANCE/HOLD HARMLESS REQUIREMENTS FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

#### INTRODUCTION

Washoe County has established specific insurance and indemnification requirements for CONTRACTORs contracting with the Court and/or County to provide services, use County facilities and property, or receive funding. Indemnification and hold harmless clauses and insurance requirements are intended to assure that a CONTRACTOR accepts and is able to pay for a loss or liability related to its activities.

ATTENTION IS DIRECTED TO THE INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS BELOW. IT IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED THAT CONTRACTORS CONFER WITH THEIR RESPECTIVE INSURANCE CARRIERS OR BROKERS TO DETERMINE THE AVAILABILITY OF INSURANCE CERTIFICATES AND ENDORSEMENTS AS PRESCRIBED AND PROVIDED HEREIN. IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THESE INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE AGENT/BROKER CONTACT THE COUNTY RISK MANAGER DIRECTLY AT (775) 328-2071.

#### **INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT**

CONTRACTOR agrees to hold harmless, indemnify, and defend Court and/or COUNTY, its officers, agents, employees, and volunteers from any loss or liability, financial or otherwise resulting from any claim, demand, suit, action, or cause of action based on bodily injury including death or property damage, including damage to CONTRACTOR'S property, caused by any negligent act, omission, or failure to act, on the part of CONTRACTOR, its employees, agents, representatives, or Subcontractors arising out of the performance of work under this Agreement by CONTRACTOR, or by others under the direction or supervision of CONTRACTOR.

In the event of a lawsuit against the Court and/or COUNTY arising out of the activities of CONTRACTOR, should CONTRACTOR be unable to defend Court and/or COUNTY due to the nature of the allegations involved, CONTRACTOR shall reimburse Court and/or COUNTY, its officers, agents, and employees for cost of Court and/or COUNTY personnel in defending such actions at its conclusion should it be determined that the basis for the action was in fact the negligent acts, errors or omissions of CONTRACTOR.

#### GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

CONTRACTOR shall purchase Industrial Insurance, General Liability, and Automobile Liability as described below. The cost of such insurance shall be borne by CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR may be required to purchase Professional Liability coverage based upon the nature of the service agreement.

#### INDUSTRIAL INSURANCE

It is understood and agreed that there shall be no Industrial Insurance coverage provided for CONTRACTOR or any Sub-consultant by Court or COUNTY. CONTRACTOR agrees, as a precondition to the performance of any work under this Agreement and as a precondition to any obligation of the Court

or COUNTY to make any payment under this Agreement, to provide the Court and COUNTY with a certificate issued by an insurer in accordance with NRS 616B.627 and with a certificate of an insurer showing coverage pursuant to NRS 617.210 for CONTRACTOR and any sub-consultants used pursuant to this Agreement.

If CONTRACTOR or Subcontractor is a sole proprietor, coverage for the sole proprietor must be purchased and evidence of coverage must appear on the Certificate of Insurance. Such requirement may be waived for a sole proprietor who does not use the services of any employees, Subcontractors, or independent contractors and completes an Affirmation of Compliance pursuant to NRS 616B.627.

Should CONTRACTOR be self-funded for Industrial Insurance, CONTRACTOR shall so notify the Court and COUNTY in writing prior to the signing of this Agreement. The Court and COUNTY reserve the right to approve said retentions and may request additional documentation financial or otherwise for review prior to the signing of this Agreement.

It is further understood and agreed by and between the Court and CONTRACTOR that CONTRACTOR shall procure, pay for, and maintain the above-mentioned industrial insurance coverage at CONTRACTOR'S sole cost and expense.

#### MINIMUM LIMITS OF INSURANCE

CONTRACTOR shall maintain limits no less than:

- 1. General Liability: \$1,000,000 combined single limit per occurrence for bodily injury, personal injury, and property damage. If Commercial General Liability Insurance or other form with a general aggregate limit is used, the general aggregate limit shall be increased to equal twice the required occurrence limit or revised to apply separately to each project or location.
- 2. Automobile Liability: \$1,000,000 combined single limit per accident for bodily injury and property damage. No aggregate limits may apply.
- 3. Professional Liability: \$1,000,000 per claim and as an annual aggregate.

#### DEDUCTIBLES AND SELF-INSURED RETENTIONS

Any deductibles or self-insured retentions must be declared to and approved by the COUNTY Risk Management Division. The Court and COUNTY reserves the right to request additional documentation, financial or otherwise, prior to giving its approval of the deductibles and self-insured retention and prior to executing the underlying agreement. Any changes to the deductibles or self-insured retentions made during the term of this Agreement or during the term of any policy, must be approved by the COUNTY Risk Manager prior to the change taking effect.

## **OTHER INSURANCE PROVISIONS**

The policies are to contain, or be endorsed to contain, the following provisions:

1. The Court, COUNTY, its officers, employees and volunteers are to be covered as insureds as

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respects: liability arising out of activities performed by or on behalf of CONTRACTOR, including the Court's and COUNTY'S general supervision of CONTRACTOR; products and completed operations of CONTRACTOR; premises owned, occupied or used by CONTRACTOR; or automobiles owned, leased, hired, or borrowed by CONTRACTOR. The coverage shall contain no special limitations on the scope of protection afforded to the Court, COUNTY, its officers, employees or volunteers.

- 2. CONTRACTOR'S insurance coverage shall be primary insurance as respects the Court and COUNTY, its officers, employees and volunteers. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by COUNTY, its officers, employees or volunteers shall be excess of CONTRACTOR'S insurance and shall not contribute with it in any way.
- 3. Any failure to comply with reporting provisions of the policies shall not affect coverage provided to the Court, COUNTY, its officers, employees or volunteers.
- 4. CONTRACTOR'S insurance shall apply separately to each insured against whom claim is made or suit is brought, except with respect to the limits of the insurer's liability.
- 5. Each insurance policy required by this clause shall be endorsed to state that coverage shall not be suspended, voided, canceled or non-renewed by either party, reduced in coverage or in limits except after thirty (30) days' prior written notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, has been given to COUNTY except for nonpayment of premium.

#### ACCEPTABILITY OF INSURERS

Insurance is to be placed with insurers with a Best's rating of no less than A-: VII. COUNTY, with the approval of the Risk Manager, may accept coverage with carriers having lower Best's Ratings upon review of financial information concerning CONTRACTOR and insurance carrier. The Court and COUNTY reserves the right to require that CONTRACTOR'S insurer be a licensed and admitted insurer in the State of Nevada, or on the Insurance Commissioner's approved but not admitted list.

#### **VERIFICATION OF COVERAGE**

CONTRACTOR shall furnish the Court and COUNTY with certificates of insurance and with original endorsements affecting coverage required by this exhibit. The certificates and endorsements for each insurance policy are to be signed by a person authorized by that insurer to bind coverage on its behalf. All certificates and endorsements are to be addressed to the Court and be received and approved by the Court and COUNTY before work commences. The Court and COUNTY reserves the right to require complete, certified copies of all required insurance policies, at any time.

#### SUBCONTRACTORS

CONTRACTOR shall include all Subcontractors as insureds under its policies or shall furnish separate certificates and endorsements for each Subcontractor. All coverages for Subcontractors shall be subject to all of the requirements stated herein.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS CONDITIONS**

- 1. CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for and remedy all damage or loss to any property, including property of the Court or COUNTY, caused in whole or in part by CONTRACTOR, any Subcontractor, or anyone employed, directed or supervised by CONTRACTOR.
- 2. Nothing herein contained shall be construed as limiting in any way the extent to which the CONTRACTOR may be held responsible for payment of damages to persons or property resulting from its operations or the operations of any Subcontractor under it.
- 3. In addition to any other remedies the Court or COUNTY may have if CONTRACTOR fails to provide or maintain any insurance policies or policy endorsements to the extent and within the time herein required, the Court or COUNTY may, at its sole option:
  - a. Order CONTRACTOR to stop work under this Agreement and/or withhold any payments which become due CONTRACTOR hereunder until CONTRACTOR demonstrates compliance with the requirements hereof;
  - b. Purchase such insurance to cover any risk for which the Court or COUNTY may be liable through the operations of CONTRACTOR if under this Agreement and deduct or retain the amount of the premiums for such insurance from any sums due under the Agreement;
  - c. Terminate the Agreement.

#### WASHOE COUNTY SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE REQUEST FORM

This form must accompany a purchase requisition when sole source approval is requested for equipment, supplies or services exceeding \$25,000.

 DEPARTMENT Second Judicial District Court
 LOCATION 75 Court Street Reno Nevada 89501

 REQUESTOR'S NAME Jackie Bryant, J.D. District Court Administrator
 TELEPHONE # 775.328.3119

 REQUISITION NUMBER TBD
 DATE
 July 15,2015

 ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF THE CONTRACT
 \$116,000

 RECOMMENDED SOLE SOURCE SUPPLIER
 National Center for State Courts (NCSC)

DESCRIPTION OF GOOD OR SERVICE REQUESTED <u>NCSC will provide a Courthouse Facility Needs</u> <u>Analysis and Space Program</u>

I have read and understand the Policies and Procedures of the Board of County Commissioners with regard to sole source procurements. I understand that competition is the preeminent consideration in the expenditure of County funds, and I acknowledge the County's commitment to the principle of fairness to any vendor who would like to do business with the County. After observing these principles and considerations, I hereby submit that the goods, services, and/or vendor specified in the accompanying requisition fit the County's sole source criteria for the following reasons: Please provide sufficient detail to clearly identify the reason(s) for this sole source procurement request. Attach additional information if necessary.

() 1. The product is unique in design and/or features that are required for a specific application. List the unique features and explain why they are needed for the application the product will be used for.

() 2. The product being purchased must be compatible with existing equipment. Identify the existing equipment.

() 3. The product requested is one which the user has had specialized training for. Identify who the user of this product will be and provide a description of the previous training.

() 4. The product or service is available only from the manufacturer or their authorized representative. Identify the manufacturer or authorized representative, and provide telephone number and address information.

() 5. Consultants/Subcontractors: The individual/company is the most suitable to provide the service requested and the selection process is based on the following:

() There is evidence that the assistance to be provided is essential and cannot be provided by persons receiving salary support within Washoe County.

() A selection process was utilized to select the most qualified person.

() The consulting charges are appropriate considering the qualifications of the consultant or company based on past experience and the nature of the work to be performed.

(X) 6. Other. Please explain the specific circumstances and/or requirements that warrant the goods or services request to be procured from a sole source.

The National Center for State Courts (NCSC) will provide a facility consultation service to the Second Judicial District Court for planning and programming District Court facilities in the County of Washoe, Reno, Nevada. NCSC is a non-profit corporation headquartered in Williamsburg, Virginia, dedicated to the modernization of the nation's courts. The Court Consulting Services division contains a unit that is nationally known for court facility and court security planning and has conducted over 150 facility projects. NCSC, being considered subject matter experts in this area, coupled with NRS 332.115 1. B, which excludes professional services from the competitive bidding process, is justification for sole source procurement.

() 7. The following provides justification as to reasonableness of price:

I understand that I may be required to justify this sole source procurement before the appropriate authority, including the Board of County Commissioners, and that my signing this document knowing any of it to be false may subject me to administrative action.

Signature of Requestor

Department Head Approval

Print Name

I, \_\_\_\_

, authorized Buyer, recommend the following:

() Sole source justification is adequate and purchase is authorized without competitive bidding.

() Sole source justification is inadequate and requisition is returned to department for additional justification, instructions on whether to seek competitive bids for the goods or services requested, or to withdraw the order.

Buyer

Purchasing & Contracts Manager

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Date