

CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT

<u>Chester Public Utility District</u> <u>Ongoing Human Resources Consulting Services</u>

This Consulting Services Agreement (Agreement) is by and between Cooperative Personnel Services, dba CPS HR Consulting, a California Joint Powers Authority (CPS HR) and the Agency named in the signature block at the end of this Agreement (Agency, hereafter referred to as Client), and is effective as of August 12, 2025 (Effective Date). CPS HR and the Client shall be collectively referred to herein as the "Parties" and individually as a "Party."

- **A. Purpose.** This Agreement defines CPS HR consulting services, policies and procedures.
- B. Services. CPS HR will provide certain consulting services (Services) to Client as set forth in the Statements of Work (attached hereto as Exhibit ("A"). CPS HR shall perform only the Services requested by Client, at the times, dates, and locations specified by Client.
- C. Compensation.
 - 1. Payment. Client will compensate CPS HR for Services by paying certain fees as set forth in the Statement of Work. Client will reimburse CPS HR for business expenses as set forth in the Statement of Work. Client will pay all invoices within thirty (30) days from receipt of invoice.
 - 2. Funding. Client certifies that funding for compensation payable to CPS HR under this Agreement has been approved by Client's governing body, either as a part of the general operating budget or as a specific item. Client further certifies that it anticipates sufficient cash will be available for payment of compensation as required above.
 - **3. Late Payment.** Any invoices not paid within thirty (30) days may incur a service charge of the lesser of two percent (2%) or the maximum allowable by law per month on any outstanding overdue balances. In addition, reasonable collection costs may be added to any invoice not paid within ninety (90) days.
- D. Taxes. Except as expressly stated in the Statement of Work, the fees listed therein are in addition to, and not in lieu of, any additional fees, assessments, levies, taxes, etc.

assessed against the transactions contemplated herein (Taxes). With the exception of Taxes imposed on CPS HR's net income, all Taxes shall be Client's responsibility. Client shall pay any Taxes, which CPS HR may be required to collect and remit, upon invoice.

E. Term and Termination of Agreement.

- **1. Term.** The term of this Agreement is August 12, 2025 through June 30,2026.
- **2.** Immediate Termination upon Material Breach. Either Party may terminate this Agreement immediately upon any material breach by the other Party.
- **3. Termination without Cause.** Either Party may terminate the Agreement without cause upon thirty days written notice to the other Party.
- 4. Payment on Termination. Upon termination without cause, Client shall pay CPS HR for all work performed through the effective date of termination. For termination upon material breach, Client shall pay CPS HR for all work performed which is in compliance with the terms of the Statement of Work.

F. Limited Warranty.

- 1. Warranty. CPS HR represents and warrants that: (i) it has the authority to enter into this Agreement; (ii) it will comply with applicable law; and (iii) it will provide Services in a workmanlike manner consistent with industry standards.
- 2. Warranty Disclaimer. EXCEPT AS EXPRESSLY SET FORTH HEREIN, CPS HR EXPRESSLY DISCLAIMS ANY AND ALL WARRANTIES, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, ORAL OR WRITTEN, WITH RESPECT TO THE SERVICES AND THE WORK PRODUCT INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, ALL IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR ANY PARTICULAR PURPOSE OR IN RESPECT OF ANY THIRD-PARTY PRODUCTS OR SERVICES AND ALL WARRANTIES IMPLIED FROM ANY

COURSE OF DEALING AND NO REPRESENTATIVE OF CPS HR IS AUTHORIZED TO GIVE ANY ADDITIONAL WARRANTY.

G. Work Product.

- 1. Ownership. Upon CPS HR's receipt of fees due under the Agreement, all studies, reports, documents and other writings prepared by CPS HR and its subcontractors, produced as a result of CPS HR's work, or delivered by CPS HR to Client in the course of performing services (collectively, "Work Product") shall become the property of Client and Client shall have the right to use the materials without further compensation to CPS HR or its subcontractors.
- 2. Retention of Rights. Notwithstanding Client's ownership of the Work Product, Client acknowledges and agrees that: (i) CPS HR has the right to re-use any of its know-how, ideas, concepts, methods, processes, or similar information, however characterized, whether in tangible or intangible form, and whether used by CPS HR in the performance of Services or not, at any time and without limitation, and (ii) CPS HR retains ownership of any and all of its intellectual property rights that existed prior to the Effective Date including, but not limited to, all methods, concepts, designs, reports, programs, and templates as well as all training materials, testing or assessment products, exams, survey content, and copyrightable works.

H. Release of Information to Third Parties.

Each Party understands that information provided to government entities may be subject to disclosure under a public records or freedom of information act. Each Party hereto (each, a Recipient) shall protect and keep confidential all non-public information disclosed to Recipient by the other Party (each, a Discloser) and identified as confidential by Discloser, and shall not, except as may be authorized by Discloser in writing, use or disclose any such Confidential Information during and after the term of this Agreement. If CPS HR or Client receives a request for disclosure of Confidential Materials, such as a subpoena or a public records or freedom of information request, that Party shall immediately notify the other Party of the request. Upon request, Client or CPS HR shall maintain the confidentiality of the Confidential Materials pending the grant or denial of a protective order or the decision of a court or administrative body as to whether the requested materials must be disclosed under the applicable public records statute. Client and CPS HR shall cooperate

with each other in seeking any relief necessary to maintain the confidentiality of the Confidential Materials. Each Party shall defend, indemnify and hold the other harmless from any claim or administrative appeal, including costs, expenses, and any attorney fees, related to that Party pursuing protection of the Confidential Materials from disclosure.

Indemnification. CPS HR agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold Client, its agents, officers, employees and volunteers harmless from and against loss or damage (including reasonable attorney's fees) arising from or related to a claim of bodily injury or property damage resulting from CPS HR's willful misconduct or negligent performance of this Agreement; provided that, Client notifies CPS HR in a commercially reasonable time, in writing of any such claim and gives CPS HR (at CPS HR's expense) sole control of the defense of same and all negotiations for its settlement or compromise. CPS HR's liability to indemnify Client shall be reduced to the extent that such loss or damage was caused or contributed to by the act, omission, direction or negligence of Client, its agents, officers, employees and volunteers over which CPS HR does not have direct control.

J. Limitation of Liability.

NOTWITHSTANDING ANYTHING TO THE CONTRARY CONTAINED HEREIN, NEITHER PARTY HERETO SHALL HAVE ANY LIABILITY OR RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY INDIRECT, INCIDENTAL, EXEMPLARY, SPECIAL OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES (INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, DAMAGES ARISING FROM LOSS OF PROFITS OR DATA), EVEN IF ADVISED OF THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH DAMAGES. CPS HR' LIABILITY FOR DAMAGES HEREUNDER SHALL NOT EXCEED THE AMOUNT OF FEES PAID BY CLIENT TO CPS HR.

K. Miscellaneous.

1. Notices. Any notice to the parties required or permitted under this Agreement shall be given in writing and shall be sent to the persons listed in the Statement of Work.

2. Dispute Resolution; Remedies.

- (a) In the event of a dispute, the parties may agree to pursue mediation or either binding or nonbinding arbitration to resolve their dispute, under such rules as the parties may agree.
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breach of this Agreement may result in irreparable harm to CPS HR for which damages would be an inadequate remedy and, therefore, CPS HR shall be entitled to seek equitable relief, including injunction.

- 3. Attorneys Fees. If any legal action or arbitration or other proceeding is brought to enforce or construe the term of this Agreement or because of an alleged dispute, breach or default in connection with any provision of this Agreement, the successful or prevailing Party shall be entitled to recover reasonable attorneys fees and other costs incurred in that action, arbitration or proceeding in addition to any other relief to which it may be entitled.
- **4. Governing Law.** This Agreement will be governed by the laws of the State of California without regard to its rules concerning conflict of laws.
- **5. Force Majeure.** Neither Party shall be liable for delays caused by fire, accident, labor dispute, war, insurrection, riot, act of government, superior force, or any other cause reasonably beyond its control.
- **6. Waiver.** The failure of any Party at any time or times to require performance of any provision of this Agreement shall in no manner affect its right to enforce that provision at a later time. Nor shall the waiver by either Party of a breach of any provision of this Agreement be taken or held to be a waiver of the provision itself. No waiver shall

be enforceable unless made in writing and signed by the Party granting the waiver.

- 7. Entire Agreement; Modifications. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties regarding the subject matter hereof and supersedes all other agreements, representations and warranties. All modifications and supplements to this Agreement must be in writing and signed by both parties.
- 8. Counterparts; Facsimile Signature; Electronic Signature. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts. If this Agreement or any counterpart is signed and then faxed or e-mailed by PDF or otherwise, the faxed or e-mailed copy bearing the signature shall be as good as the original, wet-ink signed copy for all intents and purposes.
- **9.** Authority to Sign. The person signing this Agreement on behalf of the Client (the Principal Signer) represents that he or she is the head of the agency or is otherwise duly authorized to sign this Agreement and to bind the Client.
- **10. Ambiguities.** As this Agreement has been voluntarily and freely negotiated by both parties, the rule that ambiguous contractual provisions are construed against the drafter of the provision shall be inapplicable to this Agreement.

Chester Public Utility District P.O. Box 503 Chester, CA 96029

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CPS HR Con	sultina		

2450 Del Paso Rd. Ste 220, Sacramento, CA 95834

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Ву:	By:
Authorized Signature	Authorized Signature
Name:	Name:
Title·	Title

Exhibit A Statement of Work

All changes to this SOW must be mutually agreed to and executed in writing by duly authorized representatives of both parties as an amendment to this SOW. Capitalized terms used herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Agreement.

1. SERVICES: CPS HR will provide Human Resource Consulting Services as detailed in the CPS HR proposal dated July 8, 2025 and included herein as Attachment 1 Exhibit A.

2. CLIENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

- a. Client must timely perform all those Client roles and responsibilities set forth in this SOW. Successful completion of this project within the time specified depends largely upon an effective working relationship between Client and CPS HR project staff. For this reason, CPS HR requests that Client designate an individual to coordinate communication, meetings, interview schedules, and review of products with the project team.
- b. Any work products developed during the activities described above will be submitted to Client's Project Representative for review, comment and/or approval. This is a critical step to ensure accurate, reliable, and valid products.

3. CPS HR PROJECT MANAGER: Debbie Gutman dgutman@cpshr.us

4. CLIENT MANAGER: Bonnie Mullaney bmullaney@chesterpud.org

5. SERVICE FEES: Not-to-exceed amount of \$5,000.00

- a. All Services provided to Client by CPS HR hereunder are priced on a TIME AND MATERIALS basis. Any estimates provided by CPS HR to Client, whether written herein or given orally, shall not be binding on CPS HR or convert this SOW into a fixed price engagement with respect to such Services. Any such estimates are for informational purposes only, and the actual fees payable by Client may be higher or lower than such estimates.
- b. <u>Hourly Rates</u>. CPS HR will invoice Client at the following hourly rates:

Project Team Roles and Hourly Rate			
CPS HR Staff Classification	Hourly Rate		
Project Manager	\$180/hour		
Principal Consultant/Technical Expert	\$150/hour		
Senior Consultant	\$130/hour		
HR Consultant	\$120/hour		
Administrative Support	\$100/hour		

- c. <u>Expenses</u>. CPS HR assumes that the majority of the work being requested can be provided remotely through phone, e-mail, and web conferencing. However, if the Client requires provision of these services onsite, travel time (over 30 miles) will be billed at half the hourly bill rate and applicable mileage, hotel, per diem, and parking expenses will be billed at the current government rates.
- d. <u>Invoicing</u>. Invoices will be submitted for payment on a monthly basis. Client will pay CPS HR within thirty (30) days following receipt of invoice.

6.	In the event the project is terminated early, CPS HR will be paid such amount as is due for professional services
	performed and out-of-pocket expenses incurred up to and including the effective date of termination.

7. This SOW covers work requested and performed prior to the commencement of this SOW.



STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

Chester Public Utility District

HR Consulting Services

July 8, 2025

Submitted by:

Christina Batorski Peacock

Manager, Talent Acquisition and HR Services

CPS HR Consulting, 2450 Del Paso Road, Suite 220, Sacramento, CA 95834

P: (916) 471-3426, cbpeacock@cpshr.us

Tax ID: 68-0067209

July 8, 2025

Bonnie Mullaney, General Manager Chester Public Utility District PO Box 503 Chester, CA 96029-0503

Submitted via email to bmullaney@chesterpud.org

Subject: HR Consultation Services

Dear Bonnie,

CPS HR Consulting ("CPS HR") is pleased to have the opportunity to submit a proposal to assist the Chester Public Utility District ("District") with HR Consulting Services to provide support for your District's HR needs. We are uniquely qualified to undertake this effort as we have vast experience assisting public agencies for decades.

We can assist with any of your Human Resources functions as well as providing strategic HR consultation to support the day-to-day HR function as needed and on-demand. With a rich history of assisting government agencies with a full range of human resources services, we at CPS HR are confident that together we can provide expert solutions to meet your needs in a cost-effective manner.

We have a deep bench of experts in a broad array of human resources disciplines, long-term experience providing services within the public sector, and an emphasis on quality and value that can be confirmed by our current and past clients.

CPS HR also delivers personalized results-oriented service, utilizing best practice methods and strategies from our team of experts. You will find that:

- We provide exemplary and responsive service for a variety of HR services. CPS HR has held many contracts with local government agencies, so we know how to be responsive to your unique needs. We have the staff, expertise, and resources to provide top-notch professional audit and review services and we are also full-service HR practitioners.
- We bring an in-depth understanding of all local government operations, programs, and services. CPS HR has been helping public agencies meet their human resource needs for 40 years. Our team of experts includes a variety of professionals with the credentials and direct public agency experience necessary to deliver technically accurate content in an innovative and engaging manner.
- We have a local presence and commitment to maintaining open communications with the District. Our project team will focus on integrating with your team and maintaining

open communication with your staff to ensure that every activity is completed in a quality manner and adheres to the timeline and budget.

Thank you for the opportunity to be considered for this assignment. Should you have questions or comments about the information presented in this proposal, please contact me at cbpeacock@cpshr.us or (916) 471-3426.

Sincerely,

Christina Batorski Peacock

Manager, Talent Acquisition & HR Services

About CPS HR Consulting

ORGANIZATION IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION			
Legal Name and DBA	Cooperative Personnel Services dba CPS HR Consulting		
Headquarters	Physical: 2450 Del Paso Road, Suite 220, Sacramento, CA 95834 Mailing: 2450 Del Paso Road, Suite 160, Sacramento, CA 95834		
Main Phone	(800) 822-4277		
Regional Offices	20211 Guadalupe Street, Suite 260, Austin, TX 78705 7350 E Progress Place, Greenwood Village, CO 80111 1968 S. Coast Hwy # 961, Laguna Beach, CA 92651 2014 Champions Gateway, 3rd Floor, Canton, OH 44708		
Year Established	1985		
# of FTEs	110		
Type of Organization	Joint Powers Authority		
Website	www.cpshr.us		

CPS HR Consulting (CPS HR) is an innovative, client-centered human resources and management consulting firm specializing in solving the unique problems and challenges faced by government and non-profit agencies. As a self-supporting public agency, we understand the needs of public sector clients and have served as a trusted advisor to our clients since 1985. CPS HR occupies a unique position among its competitors in the field of government consulting; as a Joint Powers Authority, whose charter mandates that we serve only public sector clients, we actively serve all government sectors including Federal, State, Local, Special Districts, Higher Education, and Non-Profit Organizations. This singular position provides CPS HR with a systemic and extensive understanding of how each government sector is inter-connected to each other and to their communities.

With more than 108 full-time employees, as well as 100+ project consultants and technical experts nationwide, CPS HR delivers solutions that help public sector organizations to positively impact their communities. CPS HR is headquartered in Sacramento, California with regional offices located in Texas, Colorado, and Southern California. We have a wide range of project consultants located throughout Southern California.

CPS HR offers clients a comprehensive range of competitively priced services, all of which can be customized to meet your organization's specific needs. We are committed to supporting and

developing strategic organizational leadership and human resource management in the public sector. We offer expertise in the areas of classification and compensation, organizational strategy, recruitment and selection, and training and development.

Core Services

CPS HR believes in an integrated, systems-based approach to talent management and provides consulting in all the key areas listed below.



CORE SERVICES

Comprehensive HR solutions for advanced organizational performance.



TALENT MANAGEMENT

- Classification & Compensation
- HR Consultation / Outsourcing
- HR Membership Subscription
- Recruitment Solutions
- Organizational Assessment
- Succession Planning



HR COMPLIANCE

- Audits
- Policies & Procedures
- Complaint Investigation



TESTING & SELECTION

- Assessment Center Services
- Employment Testing/Test Rental
- Job Analysis
- Selection Tools Development
- Test Administration



ORGANIZATIONAL CULTURE

- Diversity Equity Inclusion (DEI)
- Employee Engagement



LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT

- Training
- Executive Coaching
- Performance Management
- 360° Feedback



LICENSING & CERTIFICATION

- Accreditation
- Applicant/Candidate Management
- Credential Program Management
- Testing Services

Joint Powers Authority

Cooperative Personnel Services, doing business as CPS HR Consulting, is a national firm and is a governmental Joint Powers Authority (JPA) of the State of California. A JPA is a public agency created pursuant to the Joint Exercise of Powers Act (Government Code 6500 et seq). This Act allows two or more government agencies to establish a new public entity authorized to exercise those powers jointly held. A JPA is an instrumentality of a state or a political subdivision of a state and is not a registered corporation of any state. Cooperative Personnel Services was established under a "Joint Powers Agreement" by the State Personnel Board of the State of California, the counties of Sacramento and Sonoma, the Hayward Unified School District, the City of Anaheim, and the East Bay Municipal Utility District, and its purpose is to provide the opportunity for the joint powers "to



discuss, study and solve common or similar problems with respect to modern human resource and related management processes."

Our Chief Executive Officer (CEO) reports to a Board of Directors representing diverse public sector agencies across the nation. The Board members are listed below.



Approach to Providing Outstanding Customer Service

CPS HR uses a comprehensive approach for planning, organizing, directing, and controlling consulting engagements. At CPS HR Consulting, our philosophy for delivering outstanding customer service is deeply rooted in our commitment to client satisfaction and success. We understand that every client is unique, and we tailor our approach to meet their specific needs and objectives. Our core principles for exceptional customer service include:

- Client-Centric Approach: We prioritize the client's goals and vision, ensuring that our solutions align with their objectives. By actively listening and engaging with our clients, we develop a comprehensive understanding of their challenges, allowing us to provide tailored and effective solutions.
- **Open Communication:** We believe in transparent and open communication throughout the project lifecycle. Our dedicated project managers maintain regular contact with clients, providing updates, addressing concerns, and seeking feedback to ensure



alignment and satisfaction.

- **Responsive and Accessible:** Our team is readily available to address client inquiries and concerns promptly. Whether through scheduled meetings, e-mail, or phone calls, we maintain accessibility to support our clients whenever needed.
- Expertise and Innovation: Our consultants bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to each project. We stay current with industry best practices and innovative approaches to deliver solutions that drive success.

HR Consultation

Our Understanding of the Scope of Work

We understand that the District is currently looking for a professional consulting firm to provide a human resources consultant to supplement your human resources services and support your District's ongoing HR needs. We are committed to providing the District with public sector HR Consultants that are significantly experienced and able to meet the level of effort to respond and satisfy the needs and requirements of your District. We are committed to responding in a timely manner to all requests.

Value Added Service

VALUE PROPOSITION

We deliver comprehensive HR solutions built on unparalleled government expertise to meet our clients' unique needs. Our experienced HR advisors bring an unmatched perspective.

We help clients succeed by:

- **Understanding Their Goals:** We listen to your needs, understand your business, and focus on achieving your desired outcomes.
- **Unlocking New Perspectives:** Together we explore new ideas, expand possibilities, and consider the broader impact on those you serve.
- **Bringing Solutions to Life:** We put plans into action, making strategies operational and effective.
- **Empowering Their Growth:** Provide you with the tools and knowledge to elevate performance and expand capabilities for your organization and those you serve.

HR Consulting Services

Our standard approach includes providing human resources expertise, advice, and consultation to ensure appropriate research, analysis, and professional HR guidance are utilized for all assigned duties and responsibilities. These duties would include delivery of HR services as well



as providing best practice recommendations and assistance with implementation in the requested service areas.

CPS HR staff assigned would work remotely and can assist with a specific project or provide operational or strategic HR consultation to support the day-to-day HR function as needed and on-demand. We will comply with any confidentiality and system requirements the District has determined are necessary to maintain the integrity and confidentiality of its data.

HR Support and Consultation: CPS HR can provide the District with **virtual** HR consultation inclusive of these primary areas below. Some typical tasks listed below:

HR Administrative Services (policy development and review, compliance audits, etc.)

- Assist with the review and interpretation of current, revised, and/or new HR-related laws, policies, and/or procedures
- Write new policies, as needed, or requested
- Periodically audit HR records and practices for compliance
- Recommend best practices for ongoing compliance
- Leave management administration

Recruitment, Examination, and Selection

- Work with hiring managers to develop job postings and ideal candidate profiles
- Devise a recruitment strategy and timeline
- Develop recruitment flyers or brochures, if needed
- Create and post advertising in appropriate channels
- Perform outreach to build awareness of the position and attract diverse candidate pools
- Review application materials
- Conduct scoring and screening processes
- Conduct reference and background checks, if requested (background checks incur a cost per candidate)

Benefits Administration

- Field employee questions
- Process benefit enrollments, changes, and terminations
- Work with third party providers
- Assist with open enrollment activities

Employee Relations (investigations, mediation, etc.)

 Provide advice, counsel, recommendations, and training to ensure a positive and productive work environment



- Provide direction for employee related matters such as time-off, medical leave, formal and informal employee complaints, discipline, termination of employees, and unemployment
- Prepare and implement strategies to prevent and resolve employee problems or disputes
- Provide mediation or investigative services if needed (and at an additional cost/higher pay rate)

Labor Relations

- Ensure compliance with MOUs or other bargaining agreements
- Policy creation relative to MOUs
- Respond to grievances
- Union communications

Classification and Compensation Studies

- Draft or revise job descriptions
- Perform single classification studies
- Conduct market rate base salary compensation studies

Performance Management

- Review performance management processes, procedures, tools, and resources and update, if needed.
- Ensure performance management schedule is updated and communicated to employees and supervisors.
- Facilitate training of performance management process with new employees and supervisors.
- Ensure all required documentation is submitted for the employee's personnel file at the completion of the performance period.

Additional HR Tasks*

- Benefit Audits
- Processing personal action forms
- Review and processing of Merit step increases
- Other HR duties related to recruitment, compliance, training, and personnel processing.

*We are not able, however, to assist with payroll processing.



Human Resources Consulting Experience

CPS HR frequently works with government organizations to assist with day-to-day human resources activities which include but are not limited to recruitment and selection, policy review or development, employee relations and performance evaluations, progressive discipline, and PIPs, processing new hires and personnel record administration, classification/compensation, and providing analysis and consultation and correspondence on a variety of human resource related policies and procedures. Some examples include:

HR Consulting - Sample Client List	
Arcata Fire District, CA	Phelan Pinion Hills Community Services District, CA
■ Beaumont-Cherry Valley Recreation & Park Dist., CA	Riverside Community College District, CA
CA Horse Racing Info Mgmt System (CHRIMS), CA	Sacramento Public Library, CA
California ReLeaf, CA	San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District, CA
Castro Valley Sanitation District, CA	San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation Dist., CA
City of Cathedral City, CA	San Joaquin Regional Transit District, CA
City of Claremont, CA	Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District, CA
City of Glendora, CA	South Bay Council of Governments, CA
City of Hawaiian Gardens, CA	Town of Corte Madera, CA
City of Jurupa Valley, CA	■ Trabuco Canyon Water District, CA
City of La Verne, CA	Truckee Donner Public Utilities District, CA
City of Menlo Park, CA	University of the West, CA
City of Moreno Valley, CA	■ Ventura County Transportation Commission, CA
City of Novato, CA	■ Water Emergency Transportation Authority, CA
City of Oakland, CA	West Bay Sanitary District, CA
City of Ontario, CA	Yuba Water Agency, CA
City of Salinas, CA	Castle Pines Metropolitan District, CO
City of Santa Rosa, CA	City of Englewood, CO
City of Turlock, CA	City of Sheridan, CO
City of Union City, CA	City of Victor, CO
Central Marin Fire Authority, CA	Douglas County, CO
Contra Costa Youth Services Board, CA	Morgan County, CO
Contra Costa Community College District, CA	Mt. Crested Butte Water and Sanitation District, CO
■ Democracy at Work Institute, CA	Park County, CO
First 5 Mendocino, CA	Pueblo Regional Building Department, CO
Foothills Municipal Water District, CA	Town of Eaton, CO
Inland Empire Resource Conservation District, CA	Town of Mead, CO
Jurupa Area Recreation and Parks District, CA	County of Allegheny, PA
Los Angeles County West Vector Control Dist., CA	Brazoria Drainage District No. 4, TX
Las Gallinas Valley Sanitation District, CA	City of Frisco, TX
Marin County Housing Authority, CA	Denton County Transportation Authority, TX
Mendocino County Resource Conservation Dist., CA	Fort Bend Water Control & Improvement Dist. No. 2, TX



Pricing Structure

CPS HR proposes a time and materials contract with a <u>not-to-exceed amount of \$5,000</u> for labor and expenses related to HR Consulting services. At any time by mutual agreement the District may extend the NTE amount for ongoing HR Consulting services if needed. Roles and hourly rates at each staffing level are listed below. CPS HR will invoice the District on a monthly basis for actual hours worked and expenses incurred.

In the event the District no longer needs HR Consulting Services, there is no obligation to expend the NTE amount set forth in the Agreement. CPS HR assumes that the majority of the work being requested can be provided remotely through phone, e-mail, and web conferencing. However, if the District requires provision of these services onsite, travel time (over 30 miles) will be billed at half the hourly bill rate and applicable mileage, hotel, per diem, and parking expenses will be billed at the current IRS rates.

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CPS HR is open to discussing alternative work plans which may alter the cost of the project. The methods, approach, and timelines described in this proposal, as well as the cost estimate, have been prepared as accurately as possible based upon the services requested and objectives described in the information provided to CPS HR. The total cost reflects the steps and time necessary to conduct the services in a sound, thorough, and sustainable manner. If changes or additional services are required, we will be happy to discuss changes to the project activities, schedule, and/or cost estimates.

Project Team

Key Personnel

Project Manager

We have assembled a strong project team, with each member selected for their specific expertise, experience working in the public sector, and professionalism. We have selected *Ms. Debbie Gutman M.A.*, SPHR, PHR-CA to be the Project Manager for this assignment because of her strong project management skills. She will serve as the main point of contact for the District coordinating all aspects of the project including the project staff, finalizing project plans and deliverables, organizing and securing resources, managing communications, monitoring project progress, resolving any problems, and ensuring timely and successful completion of the engagement.

Ms. Gutman has over 25 years of comprehensive experience in Human Resources, including both public and private sector. She has a knowledge and understanding of federal and state labor laws, full-cycle recruiting, employee relations, compensation, training, budget administration, and policy development.

Project Team

The specific project team will be based on team member availability and expertise at the time of contract execution. We have included an organizational chart of the team that will be supporting this scope of work.

All our project staff have extensive experience working with public agencies and are skilled in using the Microsoft Office Suite programs.

CPS HR CONSULTING

