RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2020-534

MEETING: September 1, 2020
TO: The Board of Supervisors
FROM: Eric Sergienko, Health Officer/Acting HHSA Director
RE: MLJT Employment Placement Services Contract 2020/21

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Approve an agreement with Mother Lode Job Training (MLJT) to provide employment placement services for individuals in the subsidized employment program in an amount not to exceed $100,000; and authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to sign the agreement.

The goal of this program is to place ten participants into work experience for 26 weeks at 29 hours per week. Ongoing placements continue to successfully prepare and train participants for employment opportunities. This program is fully funded by State and federal funds and has no impact to the County General Fund.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
The Board approved the Fiscal Year 2019/20 agreement on July 9, 2019 by Resolution 2019-395.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
The professional services of this agency would not be available to assist clients in job placement.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
This contract is incorporated in the FY20/21 budget for the Human Services Division. There is no impact to the General Fund.

ATTACHMENTS:
Vendor Assurance - MLJT ESE 2021 (PDF)
Mariposa DHS ESEP Contract BUDGET 07-2020 7-16-20 (PDF)
MLJT ESE Agreement 2021 - Wcsignature (PDF)
Vendor Service Detail Worksheet - Exh B.2 (PDF)
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RESULT: ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Merlin Jones, District II Supervisor
SECONDER: Rosemarie Smallcombe, District I Supervisor
AYES: Rosemarie Smallcombe, Merlin Jones, Marshall Long, Miles Menetrey
EXCUSED: Kevin Cann
AGREEMENT FOR EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

THIS AGREEMENT ("Agreement") is made and entered into this ___ day of Sept., 2020, by and between the County of Mariposa, a political subdivision of the State of California, ("County"), and Mother Lode Job Training ("Contractor"), pursuant to the following terms and conditions.

WITNESSETH:

1. TERM

The term of this Agreement shall commence on July 1, 2020 and terminate on June 30, 2021 unless extended as provided by this Agreement.

2. SERVICES

Contractor shall perform employment services as described in Exhibit A, "Scope of Work," which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. Contractor shall provide all staffing and materials necessary to perform the Scope of Work.

3. COMPENSATION

Contractor shall be compensated for services performed in an amount not to exceed $100,000. The Contractor’s rates are listed in Exhibit B, "Cost Proposal." The County shall pay Contractor within thirty (30) days of receipt of an approved invoice.

4. INSURANCE

Contractor shall procure and maintain for the duration of the agreement insurance against claims for injuries to persons or damages to property which may arise from or in connection with the performance of the work hereunder by the Contractor, its agents, representatives, or employees.

A. MINIMUM SCOPE AND LIMIT OF INSURANCE

Coverage shall be at least as broad as:

1. Commercial General Liability (CGL): Insurance Services Office (ISO) Form CG 00 01 covering CGL on an “occurrence” basis, including products and completed operations, property damage, bodily injury and personal and advertising injury with limits no less than $2,000,000 per occurrence. If a general aggregate limit applies, either the general aggregate limit shall apply separately to this project/location (ISO CG 25 03 or 25 04) or the general aggregate limit shall be twice the required occurrence limit.

2. Automobile Liability: ISO Form Number CA 00 01 covering any auto, (Code 1), or if Contractor has no owned autos, hired (Code 8) and non-owned autos (Code 9), with limits no less than $1,000,000 per accident for bodily injury and property damage.
(3) Workers’ Compensation insurance as required by the State of California, with Statutory Limits, and Employer’s Liability Insurance with limit of no less than $1,000,000 per accident for bodily injury or disease.

(4) Professional Liability (Errors and Omissions): Insurance appropriate to the Contractor’s profession, with limit no less than $2,000,000 per occurrence or claim, $2,000,000 aggregate.

If the Contractor maintains broader coverage and/or higher limits than the minimums shown above, the County requires and shall be entitled to the broader coverage and/or higher limits maintained by the Contractor. Any available insurance proceeds in excess of the specified minimum limits of insurance and coverage shall be available to the County.

B. OTHER INSURANCE PROVISIONS

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

(1) Additional Insured Status: The County, its officers, officials, employees, and volunteers are to be covered as additional insureds on the CGL policy with respect to liability arising out of work or operations performed by or on behalf of the Contractor including materials, parts, or equipment furnished in connection with such work or operations. General liability coverage can be provided in the form of an endorsement to the Contractor’s insurance (at least as broad as ISO Form CG 20 10 11 85 or if not available, through the addition of both CG 20 10 and CG 20 37 forms if a later edition is used).

(2) Primary Coverage: For any claims related to this Agreement, the Contractor’s insurance coverage shall be primary insurance as respects the County, its officers, officials, employees, and volunteers. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the County, its officers, officials, employees, or volunteers shall be excess of the Contractor’s insurance and shall not contribute with it.

(3) Notice of Cancellation: Each insurance policy required above shall state that coverage shall not be canceled, except with notice to the County.

(4) Waiver of Subrogation: Contractor hereby grants to County a waiver of any right to subrogation which any insurer of said Contractor may acquire against the County by virtue of the payment of any loss under such insurance. Contractor agrees to obtain any endorsement that may be necessary to affect this waiver of subrogation, but this provision applies regardless of whether or not the County has received a waiver of subrogation endorsement from the insurer.

(5) Deductibles and Self-Insured Retentions: Any deductibles or self-insured retentions must be declared to and approved by the County. The County may require the Contractor to purchase coverage with a lower deductible or retention or provide proof of ability to pay losses and related investigations, claim administration, and defense expenses within the retention.
(6) Acceptability of Insurers: Insurance is to be placed with insurers with a current A.M. Best’s rating of no less than A: VII, unless otherwise acceptable to the County.

(7) Verification of Coverage: Contractor shall furnish the County with original certificates and amendatory endorsements or copies of the applicable policy language effecting coverage required by this clause. All certificates and endorsements are to be received and approved by the County before work commences. However, failure to obtain the required documents prior to the work beginning shall not waive the Contractor’s obligation to provide them. The County reserves the right to require complete, certified copies of all required insurance policies, including endorsements required by these specifications, at any time.

(8) Subcontractors: Contractor shall require and verify that all subcontractors maintain insurance meeting all the requirements stated herein, and Contractor shall ensure that County is an additional insured on insurance required from subcontractors.

(9) Special Risks or Circumstances: County reserves the right to modify these requirements, including limits, based on the nature of the risk, prior experience, insurer, coverage, or other special circumstances.

5. HOLD HARMLESS/INDEMNIFICATION

Contractor shall hold harmless, defend and indemnify County and its officers, employees, agents, and volunteers, from and against any and all liability, loss, damage, expense, costs (including without limitation costs and fees of litigation) of every nature arising out of or in connection with Contractor’s performance of work hereunder or its failure to comply with any of its obligations contained in this Agreement, except such loss or damage which was caused by the sole negligence or willful misconduct of County.

6. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

It is the expressed intention of the parties that Contractor is an independent contractor and not an employee, agent, joint venturer or partner of County. Nothing in this Agreement shall be interpreted or construed as creating or establishing the relationship of employer and employee between County and Contractor or any employee or agent of Contractor. Both parties acknowledge that Contractor is not an employee for state or federal tax purposes. Contractor shall retain the right to perform services for others during the term of this Agreement.

7. PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (CALPERS)

In the event that Contractor or any employee, agent, or subcontractor of Contractor providing services under this Agreement is determined by a court of competent jurisdiction or the Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS) to be eligible for enrollment in CalPERS as an employee of the County, Contractor shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless County for the payment of any employee and/or employer contributions for CalPERS benefits on behalf of Contractor or its employees, agents, or subcontractors, as well as for the payment of any penalties and interest on such contributions, which would otherwise be the responsibility of County.
8. STATE AND FEDERAL TAXES

As Contractor is not County’s employee, Contractor is responsible for paying all required state and federal taxes. In particular:

a. County will not withhold FICA (Social Security) from Contractor’s payments;

b. County will not make state or federal unemployment insurance contributions on behalf of Contractor;

c. County will not withhold state or federal income tax from payment to Contractor;

d. County will not make disability insurance contributions on behalf of Contractor;

e. County will not obtain workers’ compensation insurance on behalf of Contractor.

9. ASSIGNMENT

It is understood and agreed that this Agreement contemplates personal performance by the Contractor and is based upon a determination of its unique personal competence and experience and upon its specialized personal knowledge. Assignments of any or all rights, duties or obligations of the Contractor under this Agreement will be permitted only with the express written consent of the County.

10. NOTICE

Any and all notices, reports or other communications to be given to County or Contractor shall be given to the persons representing the respective parties at the following addresses:

**CONTRACTOR:**
Mother Lode Job Training
197 Mono Way, Suite B
Sonora, CA 95370

**COUNTY:**
County of Mariposa
5362 Lemele Lane
P.O. Box 99
Mariposa, CA 95338
Fax: (209) 966-8251

11. COMPLIANCE

Contractor shall comply with all federal, state and local laws, codes, ordinance and regulations applicable to Contractor’s performance under this Agreement, including, but not limited to, laws related to prevailing wages. Specifically, Contractor shall not engage in unlawful employment discrimination, including, but not limited to, discrimination based upon a person’s race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, physical handicap, medical condition, marital status, gender, citizenship or sexual orientation, as prohibited by state or federal law.

12. PUBLIC RECORDS ACT

Contractor is aware that this Agreement and any documents provided to the County may be subject to the California Public Records Act and may be disclosed to members of the public upon request. It is the responsibility of the Contractor to clearly identify information in those documents that it considers to be confidential under the California Public Records Act. To the
extent that the County agrees with that designation, such information will be held in confidence whenever possible. All other information will be considered public.

13. ENTIRE AGREEMENT AND MODIFICATION

This Agreement contains the entire agreement of the parties relating to the subject matter of this Agreement and supersedes all prior agreements and representations with respect to the subject matter hereof. This Agreement may only be modified by a written amendment hereto, executed by both parties; however, matters concerning the scope of services which do not affect the agreed price may be modified by mutual written consent of the Contractor and County of Mariposa Health and Human Services Agency. If there are exhibits attached hereto, and a conflict exists between the terms of this Agreement and any exhibit, the terms of this Agreement shall control.

14. ENFORCEABILITY AND SEVERABILITY

The invalidity or enforceability of any term or provisions of this Agreement shall not, unless otherwise specified, affect the validity or enforceability of any other term or provision, which shall remain in full force and effect.

15. TERMINATION AND RIGHTS UPON TERMINATION

A. This Agreement may be terminated upon mutual written consent of the parties, or as a remedy available at law or in equity. In the event of the termination of this Agreement, Contractor shall immediately be paid all fees earned as of the effective date of termination.

B. Either party may terminate this Agreement for convenience upon 30 calendar days’ written notice to the other party. Upon termination for convenience, Contractor shall be entitled to compensation for services performed acceptably up to the effective date of termination, as set forth in Exhibit B.

C. Should Contractor default in the performance of this Agreement or materially breach any of its provisions, County, at its option, may terminate this Agreement by giving written notification to Contractor. The termination date shall be the effective date of the notice. For the purposes of this subsection, default or material breach of this Agreement shall include, but not be limited to, any of the following: failure to perform required services in a timely manner, willful destruction of County property, dishonesty, or theft.

16. NO WAIVER

The failure to exercise any right to enforce any remedy contained in this Agreement shall not operate as to be construed to be a waiver or relinquishment of the exercise of such right or remedy, or of any other right or remedy herein contained.

17. DISPUTES

Should it become necessary for a party to this Agreement to bring an action in connection with this Agreement, the prevailing party in any claim or action shall be entitled to reimbursement for all expenses so incurred, including reasonable attorney’s fees.
It is agreed by the parties hereto that unless otherwise expressly waived by them, any action brought to enforce any of the provisions hereof or for declaratory relief hereunder shall be filed and remain in a court of competent jurisdiction in the County of Mariposa, State of California.

18. CAPTIONS

The captions of this Agreement are for convenience in reference only and the words contained therein shall in no way be held to explain, modify, amplify or aid in the interpretation, construction or meaning of the provisions of this Agreement.

19. NUMBER AND GENDER

In this Agreement, the neutral gender includes the feminine and masculine, the singular includes the plural, and the word “person” includes corporations, partnerships, firms or associations, wherever the context so requires.

20. MANDATORY AND PERMISSIVE

“Shall” is mandatory. “May” is permissive.

21. SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS

All representations, covenants and warranties specifically set forth in this Agreement, by or on behalf of, or for the benefit of any or all of the parties hereto, shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of such party, its successors and assigns.

22. COUNTERPARTS

This Agreement may be executed simultaneously and in several counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

23. OTHER DOCUMENTS

The parties agree that they shall cooperate in good faith to accomplish the object of this Agreement and, to that end, agree to execute and deliver such other and further instruments and documents as may be necessary and convenient to the fulfillment of these purposes.

24. CONTROLLING LAW

The validity, interpretation and performance of this Agreement shall be controlled by and construed under the laws of the State of California.

25. AUTHORITY

Each party and each party’s signatory warrant and represent that each has full authority and capacity to enter into this Agreement in accordance with all requirements of law. The parties also warrant that any signed amendment or modification to the agreement shall comply with all requirements of law, including capacity and authority to amend or modify the Agreement.
26. NEGOTIATED AGREEMENT

This Agreement has been arrived at through negotiation between the parties. Neither party is to be deemed the party which prepared this Agreement within the meaning of California Civil Code section 1654. Each party represents and warrants that in executing this Agreement it does so with full knowledge of the rights and duties it may have with respect to the other party. Each party also warrants and represents that it has received independent legal advice from its attorney with respect to the matters set forth in this Agreement and the rights and duties arising out of this Agreement, or that such party willingly foregoes any such consultation.

27. NO RELIANCE ON REPRESENTATIONS

Each party warrants and represents that it is not relying and has not relied upon any representation or statement made by the other party with respect to the facts involved or its rights or duties. Each party understands and agrees that the facts relevant, or believed to be relevant to this Agreement, have been independently verified. Each party further understands that it is responsible for verifying the representations of law or fact provided by the other party.

28. WARRANTY

County has relied upon the professional ability and training of Contractor as a material inducement to enter into this Agreement. Contractor hereby warrants that all work shall be performed in accordance with generally accepted professional practices and standards as well as the requirements of applicable federal, state and local laws, it being understood that acceptance of Contractor’s work by County shall not operate as a waiver or release.

29. FUNDING AVAILABILITY

It is mutually agreed that if the County budget of the current fiscal year and/or any subsequent fiscal years covered under this Agreement does not appropriate sufficient funds for this Agreement, this Agreement shall terminate and be of no further force and effect upon the day notice is provided by County to Contractor of such event. Upon termination of this Agreement, the County shall have no liability to pay any funds whatsoever to Contractor or to furnish any other considerations under this Agreement except for services rendered prior to such termination and Contractor shall not be obligated to perform any provisions of this Agreement. Contractor’s assumption of risk of possible non-appropriation is part of the consideration for this Agreement. County budget decisions are subject to the discretion of the Board of Supervisors.

If funding for any fiscal year is reduced or deleted by the County budget for purposes of this Agreement, the County shall have the option to either cancel this Agreement with no liability occurring to the County, except County must reimburse Contractor for services rendered prior to such reduction or modification of the County budget, or offer an Agreement amendment to Contractor to reflect the reduced amount.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement as of the day and year first written above.

COUNTY OF MARIPOSA

[Signature]
Kevin Cann, Chair
Marshall Long, Vice-Chair
Board of Supervisors

CONTRACTOR

[Signature]
(David Choeury)

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Rene LaRoche
Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

[Signature]
Steven W. Dahlem
County Counsel
Exhibit A
SCOPE OF WORK

A. Mariposa County Health and Human Services Agency Human Services (HS) Division shall:

1. Refer Welfare to Work (WTW) clients to MLJT who meet the criteria for placement in Expanded Subsidized Employment (ESE)

2. Collaborate with MLJT to develop and provide ESE placements within the private or public employment sector for WTW referred clients; collaborate monitoring of the activity placements with MLJT staff once they have begun.

3. Mutually agree with MLJT to establish satisfactory methods for the exchange of information, as may be necessary, to ensure that each party may perform its duties and functions under this Agreement. Procedures shall be instituted to ensure that all information is safeguarded from improper disclosure in accordance with applicable State and Federal laws and regulations.

4. Pay invoices submitted by MLJT for services rendered on a monthly basis.

B. MLJT shall:

1. Support and coordinate with HS staff to provide referred WTW clients with work readiness training and ESE placement oversight.

2. Provide operational support for the delivery of employment related services for WTW clients, including but not limited to, guidance and coaching for job search and employment related activities, use of computer based labor market information and labor exchange systems, resume development and job search skills.

3. Provide outreach to employers to create job placement and development opportunities for ESE participants.

4. Provide six (6) ESE placements within private, public and non-profit employment sector, and collaborate monitoring of the placements with HS staff once they have begun. Placements will be subject to a six (6) month limit. MLJT will provide monthly detailed narratives describing the progress for each ESE placement.

5. Apart from the Vendor Detailed Worksheet, provide monthly reports (within 10 days of the prior month ending) including employment progress and hours worked, hours of attendance in work readiness training, client successes and services provided.

6. Mutually agree with HS to establish satisfactory methods for the exchange of information, as may be necessary, to ensure that each party may perform its duties.
and functions under this Agreement. Procedures shall be instituted to ensure that all information is safeguarded from improper disclosure in accordance with applicable State and Federal laws and regulations.

7. Reimburse the HS for any and all sums received by MLJT as payment of services, where those services are not rendered by MLJT prior to the end of fiscal year 2020/2021.
Exhibit B  
COST PROPOSAL

The maximum compensation under this contract shall not exceed **$100,000**, subject to availability of government funding (see Contract Article 7.04). MLJT shall submit monthly invoices for services rendered. Mariposa County Health and Human Services Agency Human Services (HS) Division shall review monthly invoices and issue payments for allowable costs listed below.

1) Up Front Costs: **$5,400** for worksite outreach, development, and administration for establishing 6 worksites.  
2) Pre Placement Costs: up to **$5,400** for work readiness training and placement oversight over 26 weeks.  
3) Placement Administrative Costs: up to **$2,400** (24 hours @ $100 per hour) for administrative costs associated with the placements.  
4) Wages and Benefits: up to **$53,141.65** for 6 workers 29 hours per week @$13/$14 per hour for 26 weeks, FICA, and Worker’s Compensation Coverage.  
5) Payroll Services: up to **$5,314.17** (10% of Wages and Benefits above) to manage the payroll process, audit costs, and to monitor sick leave hours.  
6) Support Services: Up to **$744.18** support services for participants  
7) The current minimum wage is **$13.00 per hour** and will increase to **$14.00 per hour** on January 1, 2021.  
8) The amount of working hours is not to exceed **29 per week**.

Please refer to Exhibit B.1 for detailed budget information in tabular form.

MLJT shall bill HS monthly for actual services rendered reflecting the total cost for each eligible CalWORKs client using the Vendor Service Detail Worksheet (Exhibit B.2). The invoice shall include an itemization of the total cost for each client served, incorporating the service cost, administration costs, and salaries and benefits. In addition, the invoice shall include ESE wages, FICA taxes and benefits, and direct support service costs (i.e. vocational training).

MLJT shall reimburse HS for any and all sums received by MLJT as payment of services, where those services are not rendered by MLJT prior to the end of fiscal year 2020/2021.
Exhibit B.1

****See MLJT Spreadsheet from Sonora****
VENDOR ASSURANCE OF COMPLIANCE WITH

THE MARIPOSA COUNTY
WELFARE DEPARTMENT

****See Separate Sheet****
VENDOR ASSURANCE OF COMPLIANCE WITH
THE MARIPOSA COUNTY
WELFARE DEPARTMENT

NONDISCRIMINATION IN STATE AND FEDERALLY ASSISTED PROGRAMS

NAME OF VENDOR/RECIPIENT: MOTHER LOCODE JOB TRAINING

HEREBY AGRESS THAT it will comply with Title VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 as amended; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended; the Age discrimination Act of 1975 as amended; the Food Stamp Act of 1977, as amended and in particular section 272.6; Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990; California Civil Code Section 51 et seq. as amended; California Government Code section 11135-11139.5, as amended; California Government Code section 12940 ©, (h) (1), (i), and (j); California Government Code section 4450; Title 22, California Code of Regulations section 98000-98413; (California Government Code Section 7290-7299.8); Section 1808 of the Removal of Barriers to Interethic Adoption Act of 1996; and other applicable federal and state laws, as well as their implementing regulations including 45 Code of Federal Regulation (CFR) Parts 80, 84, and 91, 7 CFR Part 15, and 28 CFR Part 42), by ensuring that employment practices and the administration of public assistance and social services programs are nondiscriminatory, to the effect that no person shall because of ethnic group identification, age, sex, color, disability, medical condition, national origin, race, ancestry, marital status, religion, religious creed or political belief be excluded from participation in or be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subject to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal or state financial assistance; and HEREBY GIVE ASSURANCE THAT it will immediately take any measures necessary to effectuate this agreement.

THIS ASSURANCE is given in consideration of and for the purpose of obtaining any and all federal and state assistance; and THE VENDOR/RECIPIENT HEREBY GIVES ASSURANCE THAT administrative methods/procedures which have the effect of subjecting individuals to discrimination or defeating the objectives of the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) Manual of Policies and Procedures (MPP) Chapter 21, will be prohibited.

BY ACCEPTING THIS ASSURANCE, the vendor/recipient agrees to compile data, maintain records and submit reports as required, to permit effective enforcement of the aforementioned laws, rules and regulations and permit authorized CDSS and/or federal government personnel, during normal work hours, to review such records, books and accounts as needed to ascertain compliance. If there are any violations of this assurance, CDSS shall have the right to invoke fiscal sanctions or other legal remedies in accordance with Welfare and Institutions Code section 10605, or Government Code section 11135-11139.5, or any other laws, or the issue may be referred to the appropriate federal agency for further compliance action and enforcement of this assurance.

THIS ASSURANCE is binding on the vendor/recipient directly or through contract, license, or other provider services, as long as it receives federal or state assistance.

DATE
8-17-2020

DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE

ADDRESS OF VENDOR/RECIPIENT
197 Mono Way, Suite B
Sonora, CA 95370

CR50-Vendor Assurance of Compliance