

Contractor shall submit invoices in accordance with the following schedule:

District staff to check applicable box.

- Partial Payments.** Contractor shall invoice District on a monthly basis for work performed in the preceding month pursuant to this Agreement. A District Administrator will verify the invoice to ensure that all required Services have been satisfactorily performed.
- Scheduled Payments.** District shall submit payment to the Contractor per the schedule detailed in “**Exhibit A**” see **page 8 of this Agreement**. A District Administrator will verify the invoice to ensure that all required Services have been satisfactorily performed in accordance with the relevant timeline.
- Payment in Full.** Contractor shall invoice District on completion of the Services. A District Administrator will verify the invoice to ensure that all required Services have been satisfactorily performed.

4. **Term and Termination.**

- (a) **Term.** This Agreement will become effective on _____ and shall expire on _____, or when terminated as set forth below.
- (b) **Termination for Cause.** Should either party default in the performance of this Agreement or materially breach any of its provisions, the non-breaching party may terminate this Agreement by giving written notice to the breaching party. Termination shall be effective immediately on receipt of said notice. Upon termination of this Agreement, District will compensate Contractor only for services satisfactorily rendered to the date of termination.
- (c) **Termination for Convenience.** The District may terminate this Agreement at any time by giving thirty (30) days written notice to the Contractor. Termination shall be effective immediately on receipt of said notice. Upon termination of this Agreement, District will compensate Contractor only for services satisfactorily rendered to the date of termination.

5. **Relationship of the Parties.** Contractor enters into this Agreement as, and shall continue to be, an independent contractor. Under no circumstances shall Contractor be considered an employee of District within the meaning of any federal, state, or local law or regulation including, but not limited to, laws or regulations governing unemployment insurance, old age benefits, workers’ compensation, industrial illness or accident coverage, taxes, or labor and employment in general. Under no circumstances shall Contractor look to District as his/her employer, or as a partner, agent, or principal. Contractor shall not be entitled to any benefits accorded to District’s employees, including, without limitation, workers’ compensation, disability insurance, vacation, or sick pay. Contractor shall be responsible for providing, at Contractor’s expense, and in the Contractor’s name, disability, workers’ compensation or other insurance, as well as licenses and permits usual or necessary for conducting the Services hereunder.

Contractor shall pay, when and as due, any and all local, state and federal income or other taxes incurred as a result of Contractor’s compensation hereunder, including estimated taxes, and shall provide District with proof of said payments upon demand.

The parties agree that: (1) Contractor shall be responsible for the control and direction of its own employees and personnel in the performance of the Services under this Agreement; (2) the Contractor’s personnel shall only perform work that is outside the usual course of the District’s business; and (3) Contractor’s personnel shall be engaged in business independent of the District. Contractor shall defend and indemnify the District against any claim by any worker that it is actually an employee of the District.

- 6. **Fingerprinting and Criminal Records Check of Contractor’s Employees.** Contractor shall comply with the provisions of *California Education Code Section 45125.1* regarding the submission of fingerprints to the California Department of Justice and the completion of criminal background investigations of the Contractor and/or its employees. To the extent *Section 45125.1* is applicable, Contractor shall not permit any employee to have any contact with District pupils until such time as Contractor has verified in writing to the Board of Education of the District that such employee has not been convicted of a felony, as defined in *Section 45125.1*. If required by District, Contractor shall provide to District the fingerprinting certification attached hereto as **Exhibit B** prior to commencing work under this Agreement.
- 7. **Rules and Regulations.** All rules, policies, and regulations of the Mt. Diablo Unified School District Board of Education, including any rules and regulations related to COVID-19 or other global pandemics, and all federal, state, and local laws, ordinances and regulations are to be observed strictly by Contractor during the performance of Services pursuant to this Agreement.
- 8. **Indemnification.** Contractor shall hold harmless, defend and indemnify District and its officers, elected and appointed officials, employees, 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 the Services 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 the District.
- 9. **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 and the results of that work by the Contractor, its agents, representatives, employees or subcontractors. 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 District.

Coverage Minimums shall be at least as broad as:

District staff to check the appropriate boxes.

(a) **Commercial General Liability (CGL):**

- Agreements under \$25,000. Insurance Services Office Form CG 0001 covering CGL on an “occurrence” basis, including products and completed operations, property damage, bodily injury and personal & advertising injury with limits no less than **\$1,000,000** per occurrence. If a general aggregate limit applies, either the general aggregate limit shall apply separately to this project/location or the general aggregate limit shall be twice the required occurrence limit (with aggregate limit no less than **\$2,000,000**).
- Agreements of \$25,000 or more. Insurance Services Office Form CG 0001 covering CGL on an “occurrence” basis, including products and completed operations, property damage, bodily injury and personal & 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 or the general aggregate limit shall be twice the required occurrence limit (with aggregate limit no less than **\$4,000,000**).

(b) **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 a limit no less than **\$1,000,000** per accident for bodily injury and property damage.
- For sole proprietors and small businesses** using personal vehicles, evidence of personal auto insurance may be accepted by the District as an alternative provided that such personal auto insurance provides coverage for business uses of the insured vehicle.

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- 10. **Originality; Ownership of Designs and Plans.** Except as to standard generic details, Contractor agrees that all technologies, formulae, procedures, processes, methods, writings, ideas, dialogue, compositions, recordings, teleplays and video productions prepared for, written for, or submitted to the District and/or used in connection with this Agreement, shall be wholly original to Contractor and shall not be copied in whole or in part from any other source, except that submitted to Contractor by District as a basis for such services. Contractor agrees that all designs, plans, reports, specifications, drawings, schematics, prototypes, models, inventions and all other information and items made during the course of this Agreement and arising from the Services shall be owned by and assigned to District as its sole and exclusive property.

- 11. **Disputes.** In the event of a dispute between the parties as to performance of the Services, the interpretation of this Agreement, or payment or nonpayment for work performed or not performed, the parties shall attempt to resolve the dispute in good faith. Pending resolution of the dispute, Contractor agrees it will neither rescind the Agreement nor stop the performance of the Services, but will allow determination by the court of the State of California, in the county in which the District’s administration office is located, having competent jurisdiction of the dispute. Disputes may be determined by mediation if mutually agreeable, otherwise by litigation. Notice of the demand for mediation of a dispute shall be filed in writing with the other party to the Agreement. The demand for mediation shall be made within a reasonable time after written notice of the dispute has been provided to the other party, but in no case longer than ninety (90) days after initial written notice. If a claim, or any portion thereof, remains in dispute upon satisfaction of all applicable dispute resolution requirements, the Contractor shall comply with all claims presentation requirements as provided in *Chapter 1* (commencing with *Section 900*) and *Chapter 2* (commencing with *Section 910*) of *Part 3 of Division 3.6 of Title 1 of Government Code* as a condition precedent to the Contractor’s right to bring a civil action against the District. For purposes of those provisions, the running of the time within which a claim must be presented to the District shall be tolled from the time the Contractor submits its written claim until the time the claim is denied, including any time utilized by any applicable meet and confer process.

- 12. **Limitation of District Liability.** Other than as provided in this Agreement, District’s financial obligations under this Agreement shall be limited to the payment of the compensation provided in this Agreement. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, in no event, shall District be liable, regardless of whether any claim is based on Agreement or tort, for any special, consequential, indirect or incidental damages, including, but not limited to, lost profits or revenue, arising out of or in connection with this Agreement for the Services performed in connection with this Agreement.

- 13. **Notice.** Any notice required or permitted to be given under this Agreement shall be deemed to have been given, served and received if given in writing and either personally delivered or deposited in the United States mail, registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, return receipt required, or sent by telegram, overnight delivery service, or facsimile transmission, addressed as follows:
 - i. Any notice personally given or sent by facsimile transmission shall be effective upon receipt. Any notice sent by overnight delivery service shall be effective the next business day following delivery thereof to the overnight delivery service. Any notice given by mail shall be effective three (3) days after deposit in the United States mail.

DISTRICT

Mt. Diablo Unified School District
1936 Carlotta Drive
Concord, CA 94519-1397
Attn: Superintendent

CONTRACTOR

Bus. Name: _____
Attn: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
Fax: _____
Email: _____

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14. **Entire Agreement of Parties.** This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties and supersedes all prior discussions, negotiations and agreements, whether oral or written. This Agreement may be amended or modified only by a written instrument executed by both parties.
15. **California Law.** This Agreement shall be governed by and the rights, duties and obligations of the parties shall be determined and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of California. The parties further agree that any action or proceeding brought to enforce the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall be maintained in Contra Costa County, California.
16. **Waiver.** The waiver by either party of any breach of any term, covenant, or condition herein contained shall not be deemed to be a waiver of such term, covenant, condition, or any subsequent breach of the same or any other term, covenant, or condition herein contained.
17. **Equal Employment Opportunity.** It is the policy of the District that, in connection with all work performed under District agreements, there shall be no discrimination against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religious creed, national origin, ancestry, marital status, sex, sexual orientation, age, disability or medical condition and therefore the Contractor agrees to comply with applicable federal and state laws. In addition, the Contractor agrees to require like compliance by all subcontractors employed on the work.
18. **No Rights in Third Parties.** This Agreement does not create any rights in, or inure to the benefit of, any third party except as expressly provided herein. The obligations of the Contractor pursuant to this Agreement shall not be assigned by the Contractor.
19. **Severability.** If any term, condition or provision of this Agreement is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void or unenforceable, the remaining provisions will nevertheless continue in full force and effect, and shall not be affected, impaired or invalidated in any way.
20. **Incorporation of Recitals and Exhibits.** The recitals and exhibits attached hereto are hereby incorporated herein by reference.
21. **Provisions Required By Law Deemed Inserted.** Each and every provision of law and clause required by law to be inserted in this Agreement shall be deemed to be inserted herein and this Agreement shall be read and enforced as though it were included therein.
22. **Conflicts of Interest.** Contractor covenants that it presently has no interest, and shall not have any interest, direct or indirect, which would conflict in any manner with the performance of the Services under this Agreement. Contractor is aware of *Government Code Section 1090* and the *Political Reform Act* and will disclose any potential conflicts and/or submit a Form 700 as applicable.
23. **Required Documents.** Prior to the commencement of the Services, Contractor shall provide to District evidence of the required insurance coverages as set forth above, a W-9 Form, and executed copies of the following Exhibits:
 - (a) **Exhibit A** – Description of Services, Timelines, and Partial Payment Schedule
 - (b) **Exhibit B** – Fingerprinting Certification
 - (c) **Exhibit C** – Workers’ Compensation Certification
 - (d) **Exhibit D** – Data Privacy Addendum (if applicable)

The District reserves the right to require the Contractor to provide additional documents that may be necessary or desirable in light of the nature of the Services.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement on the date last written below.

MT. DIABLO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Nichols Strategies

Company/Organization Name or Independent Contractor/Consultant

By: _____
Signature of Principal/Budget Administrator Date

By: Stephen Nichols
Signature of Contractor/Consultant Date

Title: _____
Print Name and Title

Title: Stephen K Nichols, CEO
Print Name and Title

By: _____
Signature of District Administrator (if applicable) Date

Title: _____
Print Name and Title

THIS AGREEMENT IS AUTHORIZED AND APPROVED:

By: _____
Signature of Superintendent or Designee Date

Title: Adam Clark, Ed.D, Superintendent
Print Name and Title

AGREEMENT ORIGINATOR. Prior to commencement of the Services, sign and forward completed original contract packet to Purchasing.

By: Laura Juranek 5/20/24
Originator's Signature Date

Superintendent
Site/Department Originating this Contract

Laura Juranek, Executive Assistant
Print Name of Originator and Title

Billing Address if reimbursed by outside agency—i.e. ASB, PTA, PFC:

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EXHIBIT A
**DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES, TIMELINES,
AND PARTIAL PAYMENT SCHEDULE (if applicable)**
(Note that all payments are generated from an invoice.)

EXHIBIT B
FINGERPRINTING AND CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK CERTIFICATION

(Contractor REQUIRED to complete.)

One of the boxes below **must** be checked, and an executed copy of this form must be attached to the Independent Contractor Agreement (“Agreement”). Contractor certifies that:

Contractor’s employees or subcontractors will have CONTACT or interaction with District pupils outside of the immediate supervision and control of the pupil’s parent or guardian or a school employee. *“Contractor certifies that the it has complied with the fingerprinting and criminal background investigation requirements of Education Code Section 45125.1 with respect to all Contractor’s employees, subcontractors, agents, and subcontractors’ employees or agents regardless of whether those Employees are paid or unpaid, concurrently employed by the District, or acting as independent contractors of the Contractor, and the California Department of Justice has determined that none of those Employees has been convicted of a felony, as that term is defined in Education Code section 45122.1.*

List or attach, all Employee name(s) that have successfully completed the fingerprinting and criminal background check clearance in accordance with law: _____

--OR--

Contractor’s employees or subcontractors will have NO CONTACT or interaction with District pupils outside of the immediate supervision and control of the pupil’s parent or guardian or a school employee. Accordingly, the fingerprinting and criminal background investigation requirements of *Education Code section 45125.1* shall not apply to Contractor’s services under this Agreement.

WHEN CONTRACTOR PERFORMS A CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK, IT SHALL IMMEDIATELY PROVIDE ANY SUBSEQUENT ARREST AND CONVICTION INFORMATION IT RECEIVES TO ANY LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCY THAT IT IS CONTRACTING WITH PURSUANT TO THE SUBSEQUENT ARREST SERVICE.

Megan’s Law (Sex Offenders). Contractor shall verify and continue to verify that the employees of Contractor that will be on the project site and the employees of the subcontractor(s) that will be on the project site are **not** listed on California’s “Megan’s Law” Website (<http://www.meganslaw.ca.gov/>).

MUST BE COMPLETED BY CONTRACTOR’S AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE:

By signing below I certify under penalty of perjury that the information contained on this certification form and attached employee list(s) is accurate. I understand that it is the Contractor’s sole responsibility to maintain, update, and provide the District with current “Fingerprint and Criminal Background Check Certification,” along with the employee list, throughout the duration of Contractor provided services.

CONTRACTOR

Nichols Strategies

By: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: 5/21/2024

EXHIBIT C

WORKERS' COMPENSATION CERTIFICATION

(Contractor REQUIRED to complete.)

Labor Code Section 3700 (workers' compensation and insurance) in relevant part provides:

Every employer except the State shall secure the payment of compensation in one or more of the following ways:

- a) By being insured against liability to pay compensation by one or more insurers duly authorized to write compensation insurance in this state.
- b) By securing from the Director of Industrial Relations a certificate of consent to self-insure, which may be given upon furnishing proof satisfactory to the Director of Industrial Relations of ability to self-insure and to pay any compensation that may become due to his employees.

I am aware of the provisions of *Section 3700* of the *Labor Code* which require every employer to be insured against liability for workers' compensation or to undertake self-insurance in accordance with the provisions of that code.

I certify I will comply with all California workers' compensation insurance requirements before commencing the performance of the Services of this Contract.

--OR--

I certify that I am a sole proprietor, have no employees, and am self-insured.

I understand the District will not obtain workers' compensation insurance on my behalf or on behalf of my employees or subcontractors.

MUST BE COMPLETED BY CONTRACTOR'S AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE:

I am a representative of the Contractor entering into this Agreement with the District and I am familiar with the facts herein certified and am authorized and qualified to execute this certificate on behalf of Contractor.

CONTRACTOR

By: Nichols Strategies

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: 5/21/2024

In accordance with Article 5 - commencing at section 1860, chapter 1, part 7, division 2 of the Labor Code, the above certificate must be signed and filed with the District prior to performing any Services under this Contract.

EXHIBIT D

DATA PRIVACY ADDENDUM

(Contractor REQUIRED to Complete; Applicable when AGREEMENT involves access to Pupil/Employee Data.)

This Data Privacy Addendum (“**Data Privacy Addendum**”) to the Agreement Between Mt. Diablo Unified School District and Independent Contractor (“Independent Contractor Agreement”) is entered into by and between Contractor and Mt. Diablo Unified School District (“**District**”). To the extent that any term or condition set forth in this Addendum conflicts with the Independent Contractor Agreement, the provisions of this Addendum will control.

WHEREAS, in order to provide the services described in the Agreement, the Contractor may receive or create, and the District may provide documents or data related to students (“Student Data”) that are covered by several state and federal privacy laws, including: the *Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)*, the *Children’s Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA)*, *Education Code section 49073.1*, and the *Student Online Personal Information Protection Act (SOPIPA)*. The District and Contractor desire to ensure compliance with applicable state and federal laws, school policies, procedures and regulations.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the above premises, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, intending to be legally bound, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. **Use.** Contractor shall not use any information in a Student Data¹ for any purpose other than those required or specifically permitted by the Independent Contractor Agreement, and shall comply with all applicable state and federal laws pertaining to Student Data privacy and security. Contractor shall require all employees and agents who have access to Student Data to comply with all applicable provisions of this Data Privacy Addendum. Contractor shall not sell or otherwise derive a benefit from sharing information in a Student Data with a third party. Contractor shall enter into written agreements with all subcontractors performing functions pursuant to the Independent Contractor Agreement, whereby the subcontractors agree to protect Student Data in manner consistent with the terms of this Data Privacy Addendum.
2. **Ownership.** All Student Data obtained by Contractor from District continues to be the property of and under the control of the District. The District retains exclusive control over student and staff data, including determining who may access data and how it may be used for legitimate authorized purposes.
3. **Export.** Contractor shall provide a means by which its employees, when so authorized, can search and export Student Data through reasonable procedures such that the District can respond to a parent, legal guardian or eligible student who seeks to review personally identifiable information on the pupil’s records or correct erroneous information.
4. **Disposition.** The Contractor agrees that upon expiration or termination of services under this Agreement, Contractor shall dispose or delete all Student Data obtained under the Independent Contractor Agreement. Disposition shall include (1) the shredding of any hard copies of any Student Data; (2) Erasing; or (3) Otherwise modifying the personal information in those records to make it unreadable or indecipherable by human or digital means. Nothing in the Independent Contractor Agreement authorizes Contractor to maintain Student Data obtained under the Independent Contractor Agreement beyond the time period reasonably needed to complete the disposition.
5. **Security.** Contractor shall maintain adequate administrative, physical, and technical data security measures, consistent with industry standards and technology best practices, to protect Student Data from unauthorized access, disclosure or acquisition by unauthorized persons, and shall not copy, reproduce or transmit data

¹ “Student Data” includes any information directly related to a pupil that is maintained by the District or acquired directly from the pupil. Pupil Records do not include de-identified information (information that cannot be used to identify an individual pupil) used: (1) to improve educational products for adaptive learning purposes and for customized pupil learning; (2) to demonstrate the effectiveness of the operator’s products in the marketing of those products; or (3) for the development and improvement of educational sites, services, or applications.

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obtained pursuant to the Agreement except as necessary to fulfill the purpose of the Agreement. Where applicable, the Contractor will require unique account identifiers, usernames and passwords that must be entered each time a client or user signs on.

- 6. Prohibited Use.** Contractor shall not use Student Data, or any data derived from Student Data, to perform or deliver targeted advertising to students, and is prohibited from selling or providing Student Data to third parties for any purpose without District’s written consent.
- 7. Breach Protocol.** Upon becoming aware of any unlawful or unauthorized access to Student Data stored on equipment used by Contractor or in facilities used by Contractor, Contractor will take the following measures:
 - (a) promptly notify the District of the suspected or actual incident within a reasonable amount of time of the incident, not to exceed forty-eight hours, and shall present the information under the following headings: “What Happened,” “What Information was Involved,” “What We are Doing,” “What You Can Do,” and “Persons to Contact for More Information”; and
 - (b) promptly investigate the incident and provide District with detailed information regarding the incident, including the identity of affected users; and
 - (c) assist the District in notifying affected users, affected parents, legal guardians of commercially reasonable steps to mitigate the effects and to minimize any damage resulting from the incident. Upon request from District, Contractor shall notify affected parties or reimburse District for actual costs associated with notifying affected parties.
- 8. Entire Agreement.** This Data Privacy Addendum constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties with respect to the subject matter herein. It supersedes, and the terms of this Data Privacy Addendum govern, any and all previous oral and written communications between the parties, their Affiliates, and their respective employees and representatives regarding these matters.
- 9. Successors Bound.** This Data Privacy Addendum is and shall be binding upon the respective successors in interest to Contractor in the event of a merger, acquisition, consolidation or other business reorganization or sale of all or substantially all of the assets of such business.

MUST BE COMPLETED BY CONTRACTOR’S AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE:

I am a representative of the Contractor entering into this Agreement with the District and I am familiar with the facts herein certified and am authorized and qualified to execute this Data Privacy Addendum on behalf of Contractor.

CONTRACTOR

By: Nichols Strategies

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: 5/21/2024