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August 14, 1992

Mr. Thomas D. Branan, Chairman Nassau County Board of County Commissioners P.O. Box 456 Fernandina Beach, FL 32034

# RE: # 0992-93 Contract # DZ005

Dear Mr. Branan:

Attached for your records are an executed copy of the above referenced contract and your signed copy of the Memorandum of Negotiation.

Please let me know if you have any questions concerning these documents.

Sincerely,

Jean B. Long

Jean B. Long Program Specialist

# HRS STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES

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May 21, 1992

Thomas D. Branan, Chairman Nassau County Board of County Commissioners P.O. Box 456 Fernandina Beach, Florida 32034

> RE: FY 92-93 Contract for Service of Process

Dear Mr. Branan:

As our current contract with the county is nearing an end, enclosed please find four (4) copies of the contract for Service of Process between the Department and the Nassau County Board of County Commissioners for fiscal year 1992-93. All four copies of the contract should be <u>signed and</u> <u>dated</u> by you. Also enclosed are two (2) copies of the Memorandum of Negotiation which should be <u>signed and dated</u> by the Sheriff or his designee. All six (6) of these signed and dated documents (<u>original signatures are required</u>) should be returned to this office. After they have been processed by the Department, a signed copy of each will be returned to you.

Since this contract is not effective until it has been signed and dated by <u>both parties</u>, the signed documents should be returned to this office as soon as possible to ensure that the 7/1/92, effective date is met.

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Jean B. Long

Jean B. Long Program Specialist



NASSAU COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS P.O. Box 1010 Fernandina Beach, Florida 32034

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> T.J. "Jerry" GREESON Ex-Officio Clerk

MICHAEL S. MULLIN **County Attorney** 

June 16, 1992

Ms. Jean B. Long Program Specialist Department of HRS Post Office Box 2417 Jacksonville, FL 32231-0083

Dear Ms. Long:

Enclosed please find four copies of the contract for Service of Process between the Department of HRS and Nassau County for FY 92-93. Also attached is the Memorandum of Negotiation signed by the Sheriff.

After said contract has been executed by the Department, please forward to us a fully executed copy for our files.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely

"Jerry" Greeson Officio Clerk Εx

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Enclosures

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# STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES STANDARD CONTRACT

THIS CONTRACT is entered into between the State of Florida, Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services, hereinafter referred to as the "department", and the Nassau County Board of County Commissioners

\_, hereinafter referred to as the "provider".

#### THE PARTIES AGREE:

- I. THE PROVIDER AGREES:
- A. To provide services according to the conditions specified in Attachment(s)  $\underline{I}$ .

#### **B. Federal Laws and Regulations**

- 1. If this contract contains federal funds, the provider shall comply with the provisions of 45 CFR, Part 74, and/or 45 CFR, Part 92, and other applicable regulations as specified in Attachment I.
- 2. If this contract contains federal funds and is over \$100,000, the provider shall comply with all applicable standards, orders, or regulations issued under Section 306 of the Clean Air Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1857(h) et seq.), Section 508 of the Clean Water Act, as amended (33 U.S.C. 1368 et seq.), Executive Order 11738, and Environmental Protection Agency regulations (40 CFR Part 15). The provider shall report any violations of the above to the department.
- 3. If this contract contains federal funding in excess of \$100,000, the provider must, prior to contract execution, complete the Certification Regarding Lobbying form, Attachment N/A. If a Disclosure of Lobbying Activities form, Standard Form LLL, is required, it may be obtained from the contract manager. All disclosure forms as required by the Certification Regarding Lobbying form must be completed and returned to the contract manager.

#### C. Audits and Records

- To maintain books, records, and documents (including electronic storage media) in accordance with generally accepted accounting procedures and practices which sufficiently and properly reflect all revenues and expenditures of funds provided by the department under this contract.
- To assure that these records shall be subject at all reasonable times to inspection, review, or audit by state personnel and other personnel duly authorized by the department, as well as by federal personnel.
- 3. To maintain and file with the department such progress, fiscal and inventory reports as specified in Attachment <u>I</u>, and other reports as the department may require within the period of this contract. Such reporting requirements must be reasonable given the scope and purpose of this contract.
- 4. To provide a financial and compliance audit to the department as specified in Attachment <u>II</u> and to ensure that all related party transactions are disclosed to the auditor. Additional audit requirements are specified in Attachment I, Special Provisions, Section N/A.
- 5. To include these aforementioned audit and record keeping requirements in all approved subcontracts and assignments.

#### **D. Retention of Records**

- To retain all client records, financial records, supporting documents, statistical records, and any other documents (including electronic storage media) pertinent to this contract for a period of five (5) years after termination of this contract, or if an audit has been initiated and audit findings have not been resolved at the end of five (5) years, the records shall be retained until resolution of the audit findings.
- Persons duly authorized by the department and federal auditors, pursuant to 45 CFR, Part 92.42(e)(1) and (2), shall have full access to and the right to examine any of said records and documents during said retention period or as long as records are retained, whichever is later.
- E Monitoring
  - To provide reports as specified in Attachment <u>I</u>, These reports will be used for monitoring progress or performance of the contractual services as specified in Attachment <u>I</u>.

- 2. To permit persons duly authorized by the department to inspect any records, papers, documents, facilities, goods and services of the provider which are relevant to this contract, and/or interview any clients and employees of the provider to be assured of satisfactory performance of the terms and conditions of this contract. Following such inspection the department will deliver to the provider a list of its comments with regard to the manner in which said goods or services are being provided. The provider will rectify all noted deficiencies provided by the department within the specified period of time set forth in the comments, or provide the department with a reasonable and acceptable justification for not correcting the noted shortcomings. The provider's failure to correct or justify within a reasonable time as specified by the department may result in the withholding of payments, being deemed in breach or default, or termination of this contract.
- F. Indemnification
  - 1. The provider agrees to be liable for all claims, suits, judgments, or damages, including court costs and attorney's fees, arising out of the negligent or intentional acts or omissions of the provider, and its agents, subcontractors, and employees, in the course of the operation of this contract. Further, the provider agrees to indemnify the department against all claims, suits, judgments, or damages, including court costs and attorney's fees, arising out of the negligent or intentional acts or omissions of the provider, and its agents, subcontractors, and employees, in the course of the operation of this contract. Also, the provider agrees to defend the department, upon receiving timely written notification from the department, against all claims, suits, judgments, or damages, including costs and attorney's fees, arising out of the negligent or intentional acts or omissions of the provider and its agents, subcontractors, and employees, in the course of the operation of this contract. Where the provider and the department commit joint negligent acts, the provider shall not be liable for nor have any obligation to defend the department with respect to that part of the joint negligent act committed by the department. In no event shall the provider be liable for or have any obligation to defend the department against such claims, suits, judgements, or damages, including costs and attorney's fees, arising out of the sole negligent acts of the department.
  - 2. Any provider who is a state agency or subdivision, as defined in section 768.28, Florida Statutes, agrees to be fully responsible for its negligent acts or omissions or intentional tortious acts which result in claims or suits against the department, and agrees to be liable for any damages proximately caused by said acts or omissions. Nothing herein is intended to serve as a waiver of sovereign immunity by any provider to which sovereign immunity applies. Nothing herein shall be construed as consent by a state agency or subdivision of the State of Florida to be sued by third parties in any matter arising out of any contract. The provider agrees that it is an independent contractor of the department and not an agent or employee.
- G. Insurance
  - 1. To provide adequate liability insurance coverage on a comprehensive basis and to hold such liability insurance at all times during the existence of this contract. The provider accepts full responsibility for identifying and determining the type(s) and extent of liability insurance necessary to provide reasonable financial protections for the provider and the clients to be served under this contract. Upon the execution of this contract, the provider shall furnish the department written verification supporting both the determination and existence of such insurance coverage. Such coverage may be provided by a self-insurance program established and operating under the laws of the State of Florida. The department reserves the right to require additional insurance as specified in Attachment N/A where appropriate.

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- 2. If the provider is a state agency or subdivision as defined by section 768.28, Florida Statutes, the provider shall furnish the department, upon request, written verification of liability protection in accordance with section 768.28, Florida Statutes. Nothing herein shall be construed to extend any party's liability beyond that provided in section 768.28, Florida Statutes.
- H. Safeguarding information

Not to use or disclose any information concerning a recipient of services under this contract for any purpose not in conformity with the state regulations and federal regulations (45 CFR, Part 205.50), except upon written consent of the recipient, or his responsible parent or guardian when authorized by law.

I. Client Information

To submit management, program, and client identifiable data, as specified by the department in Attachment  $N/A_{-}$ .

J. Assignments and Subcontracts

To neither assign the responsibility of this contract to another party nor subcontract for any of the work contemplated under this contract without prior written approval of the department. No such approval by the department of any assignment or subcontract shall be deemed in any event or in any manner to provide for the incurrence of any obligation of the department in addition to the total dollar amount agreed upon in this contract. All such assignments or subcontracts shall be subject to the conditions of this contract (except Section I, Paragraph O.1.) and to any conditions of approval that the department shall deem necessary.

K. Financial Reports

To provide financial reports to the department as specified in Attachment  $\underline{I}$ .

- L Return of Funds
  - 1. To return to the department any overpayments due to unearned funds or funds disallowed pursuant to the terms of this contract that were disbursed to the provider by the department. The provider shall return any overpayment to the department within forty (40) calendar days after either discovery by the provider, or notification by the department, of the overpayment. In the event that the provider or its independent auditor discovers an overpayment has been made, the provider shall repay said overpayment within forty (40) calendar days without prior notification from the department. In the event that the department first discovers an overpayment has been made, the department first discovers an overpayment has been made, the department will notify the provider by letter of such a finding. Should repayment not be made in a timely manner, the department will charge interest of one (1) percent per month compounded on the outstanding balance after forty (40) calendar days after the date of notification or discovery.
  - For state universities, should repayment not be made within forty (40) calendar days after the date of notification, the department will notify the State Comptroller's Office who will then enact a transfer of the amounts owed from the state university's account to the account of HRS.

### M. Incident Reporting

1. Client Risk Prevention

If services to clients will be provided under this contract, the provider and any subcontractors shall, in accordance with the client risk prevention system, report those reportable situations listed in HRSR 215-6, Paragraph 5, in the manner prescribed in HRSR 215-6 or district operating procedures.

2. Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation Reporting

In compliance with Chapter 415, Florida Statutes, an employee of the provider who knows, or has reasonable cause to suspect, that a child, aged person or disabled adult is or has been abused, neglected, or exploited, shall immediately report such knowledge or suspicion to the central abuse registry and tracking system of the department on the single statewide toil-free telephone number (1-800-96ABUSE).

#### N. Transportation Disadvantaged

If clients are to be transported under this contract, the provider will subcontract with a designated Community Transportation Coordinator, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 427, Florida Statutes, and Rule Chapter 41-2, Florida Administrative Code. The provider shall submit to the department the reports required pursuant to Volume 10, Chapter 27, HRS Accounting Procedures Manual.

#### O. Purchasing 1. PRIDE

It is expressly understood and agreed that any articles which are the subject of, or are required to carry out this contract shall be purchased from Prison Rehabilitative Industries and Diversified Enterprises, Inc. (PRIDE) Identified under Chapter 946, Florida Statutes, in the same manner and under the procedures set forth in subsections 946.515(2) and (4), Florida Statutes. For purposes of this contract, the person, firm, or other business entity carrying out the provisions of this contract shall be deemed to be substituted for the department insofar as dealings with PRIDE. This clause is not applicable to any subcontractors, unless otherwise required by law. An abbreviated list of products/services available from PRIDE may be obtained by contacting PRIDE'S Tallahassee branch office at (904) 487-3774 or SunCom 277-3774.

#### 2. Procurement of Products or Materials with Recycled Content

Additionally, it is expressly understood and agreed that any products or materials which are the subject of, or are required to carry out this contract shall be procured in accordance with the provisions of section 403.7065, Fionda Statutes.

#### P. Civil Rights Certification

 The provider gives this assurance in consideration of and for the purpose of obtaining federal grants, loans, contracts (except contracts of insurance or guaranty), property, discounts, or other federal financial assistance to programs or activities receiving or benefiting from federal financial assistance. The provider agrees to complete the Civil Rights Compliance Questionnaire, HRS Forms 946 A and B, If so requested by the department.

- 2. The provider assures that it will comply with:
  - a. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 2000d et seq., which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, or national origin in programs and activities receiving or benefiting from federal financial assistance.
  - b. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, 29 U.S.C. 794, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicap in programs and activities receiving or benefiting from federal financial assistance.
  - c. Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended, 20 U.S.C. 1681 et seq., which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in education programs and activities receiving or benefiting from federal financial assistance.
  - d. The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 6101 et seq., which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age in programs or activities receiving or benefiting from federal financial assistance.
  - a. Section 654 of the Ornnibus Budget Reconcillation Act of 1981, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 9849, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, handicap, political affiliation or beliefs in programs and activities receiving or benefiting from federal financial assistance.
  - f. All regulations, guidelines, and standards as are now or may be lawfully adopted under the above statutes.
- 3. The provider agrees that compliance with this assurance constitutes a condition of continued receipt of or benefit from federal financial assistance, and that it is binding upon the provider, its successors, transferees, and assignees for the period during which such assistance is provided. The provider further assures that all contractors, subcontractors, subgrantees, or others with whom it arranges to provide services or benefits to participants or employees in connection with any of its programs and activities are not discriminating against those participants or employees in violation of the above statutes, regulations, guidelines, and standards. In the event of failure to comply, the provider understands that the Grantor may, at its discretion, seek a court order requiring compliance with the terms of this assurance or seek other appropriate judicial or administrative relief, to include assistance being terminated and further assistance being denied.

#### Q. Requirements of Section 287.058, Florida Statutes

 To submit bills for fees or other compensation for services or expenses in sufficient detail for a proper pre-audit and post-audit thereof.

- .inemysq 3. To provide units of deliverables, including reports, findings, and disfits as specified in  $\frac{\Delta L \pm \Delta Chinch L}{\Delta L}$  to be received and accepted by the contract manager prior to
- Paragraph A.2. of this contract. be met for completion of this contract as specified in Section III, 4. To comply with the criteria and final date by which such criteria must
- DIBBCH OF CONURCL. provider's refusal to comply with this provision shall constitute a contract. It is expressly understood that substantial evidence of the materials subject to the provisions of Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, and made or received by the provider in conjunction with this 5. To allow public access to all documents, papers, letters, or other

# R. Withholdings and Other Benefits

- .egniblordings. 1. The provider is responsible for Social Security and Income Tax
- except where the provider is a state agency. 2. The provider is not entitled to state retirement or leave benefits
- to career service employees. telephone service, secretarial, or clerical support) normally available Attachment I, Special Provisions, Section  $\underline{N}/\underline{A}$ , the department will not furnish services of support (e.g., office space, office supplies, 3. Unless justified by the provider and agreed to by the department in

#### S. Sponsorahlp

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necessary adjustments thereto, have been approved by the department. contract may be withheld until all reports due from the provider, and sint to ameet entire out the the payment due under the terms of this and the department will not honor any requests submitted atter the terminated; If the provider fails to do so, all right to payment is forteited, days after the contract ends or is The provider must submit the final invoice for payment to the

V. Use Of Funds For Lobbying Prohibited

lobbying the Legislature or a state agency. which prohibits the expenditure of contract funds for the purpose of To comply with the provisions of section 216.347, Florida Statutes,

- II. THE DEPARTMENT AGREES:
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reimbursement under this contract. appropriation by the Legislature. The costs of services paid under any other contract or from any other source are not eligible for and obligation to pay under this contract is contingent upon an annual To pay for contracted services according to the conditions of Attachment I in an amount not to exceed \$ 4,562,00 , subject to the availability of funds. The State of Florida's performance

B. Contract Payment

unavailability of funds to make a timely payment due for goods or time that the warrant is issued to the provider. The temporary defined in Rule Chapter 3A-24, Florida Administrative Code, until such (40) day period, or thirty-five (35) day period for health care providers as a daily basis on the unpaid balance from the expiration of such tony the invoice, interest at a rate of one (1) percent per month calculated on to the department shall pay to the provider, in addition to the amount of invoice and receipt, inspection, and approval of the goods and services, Rule Chapter 3A-24, Florida Administrative Code, after the receipt of the (04) days, or thirty-five (35) days for health care providers as defined in provider. If a warrant in payment of an invoice is not issued within forty working day that payment is available for delivery or malling to the under this contract. A payment is deemed to be issued on the first bessions to levorge lenit a stutizno ton seob bna stnemysq specifies otherwise. Such approval is for the purpose of authorizing working days unless the bid specifications, purchase order or contract and inspection of goods or services shall take no longer than five (5) Ronda Administrative Code, is provided to the department. Approval until a property completed invoice, as defined in Rule Chapter 3A-24, tists ton ob atnementingen the invoice payment requirements do not start returned to a vendor because of vendor preparation errors will result in a ed of even holds which have department. Involces which have to be is deemed received is the date on which a proper involce is first received payment only in the amount not disputed. The date on which an invoice echoritus and etuquib ent to themetate a niatmoo lians reduce ent of the goods of services, except that in the case of a bone fide dispute the date a proper invoice is received or receipt, inspection and approval the State Comptroller not later than twenty (20) days from the latter of drive beint ed itade thematageb ent of betrimdue epievni na to memyag Pursuant to section 215.422, Florida Statutes, the voucher authorizing

# C. Vendor Ombudaman interest penalties.

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# III. THE PROVIDER AND DEPARTMENT MUTUALLY AGREE:

- A. Effective Date
- whichever is later. on the date on which the contact has been signed by both parties, 1. This contract shall begin on JULY L, 1992 10
- This contract shall end on June 30, 1993
- B. Termination
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delivery. by certified mail, return receipt requested, or in person with proof of mutually agreed upon by both parties. Said notice shall be delivered thirty (30) calendar days notice, without cause, unless a lesser time is This contract may be terminated by either party upon no less than

abnut to this availability of tunda. person with proof of delivery. The department shall be the final shall be delivered by certified mall, return receipt requested, or in twenty-tour (24) hours notice in writing to the provider. Said notice department may terminate the contract upon no less than In the event funds to finance this contract become unavailable, the 2. Termination Because of Lack of Funds

#### 3. Termination for Breach

remedies at law or to damages. contract. The provisions herein do not limit the department's right to sint to smiet but to notisofficiation a ed of beutance ed fon lishs contract shall not be deemed to be a waiver of any other breach and employ the default provisions in Chapter 13A-1, Florida Administrative Code. Waiver of breach of any provisions of this person with proof of delivery. If applicable, the department may anall be delivered by certified mail, return receipt requested, or in contract upon no less than twenty-four (24) hours notice. Said notice the department may, by written notice to the provider, terminate this Unless the provider's breach is waived by the department in writing,

Contract No.

C. Notice and Contact

the department for this contract is: 1. The name, address and telephone number of the contract manager for

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said notification attached to originals of this contract. new representative will be rendered in writing to the other party and after execution of this contract, notice of the name and address of the 3. In the event that different representatives are designated by either party

D. Renegotistion or Modification

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retroactively to reflect price level increases and changes in the rate of 2. The rate of payment and the total dollar amount may be adjusted

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contain all the terms and conditions agreed upon by the parties.

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The name of the contact person and street address where financial and

realing address of the official payse to whom the payment shall be 1. The name (provider name as shown on page 1 of this contract) and

process and subsequently identified in the department's operating

payment when these have been established through the appropriation:

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Cathy Lewis, Finance Director

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F. Ali Terms and Conditions Included

416 Centre Street

P. O. Box 456

P. O. Box 1010

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E. Name, Mailing and Street Address of Payses

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... page contract to be executed by their undersigned officials as duly authorized. IN WITNESS THEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this

FEDERAL ID NUMBER (or SS Number for an Individual): \_:ETAG -26-3-9 \_\_:3\_TTT Сраттыал L: BMAN Thomas D. Branan SIGNED BY: CONTLY COMMISSIONERS Nassau County Board of STATE OF FLORIDA, DEPARTMENT OF PROVIDER

STATE AGENCY 29 DIGIT SAMAS CODE:

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PROVIDER FISCAL YEAR ENDING DATE:

September 30th

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CONTRACT IS NOT VALID UNTIL SIGNED AND DATED BY BOTH PARTIES

CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT CONTRACT FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS WITH SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

#### ATTACHMENT I

## A. Services to be Provided

Under this contract the county agrees:

# <u>Services</u>

1. The sheriff shall promptly attempt service on all Title IV-D child support enforcement actions that are referred by the department, or an agent thereof, and which are identified as Title IV-D cases. If service is not perfected on the initial attempt, additional attempts shall be made until service is successful or the sheriff is convinced that service is not possible, pursuant to Section 30.231, F.S.

2. The sheriff shall promptly provide the department or its designee with a copy of the sheriff's return indicating whether service of process has been perfected. Where service of process has not been perfected, the sheriff must specifically state on the return why service of process has not been perfected.

3. The sheriff is to maintain sufficient staff, facilities and equipment to deliver the agreed upon services or to notify the department whenever the sheriff is unable, or is going to be unable to provide the required quality or quantity of services.

4. Under the provisions of the law and the terms of this contract, the sheriff is required to serve and will only be reimbursed for the following:

- a. Summonses and complaints
- b. Subpoenas except witness subpoenas
- c. Contempt notice to appear

d. Orders (when personal service is required by the court)

e. Notice to absent parent for deemed Income Deduction Order

# B. Manner of Service Provisions

1. The sheriff shall attempt to serve process within five working days of receipt of the request.

2. The sheriff shall attempt to serve process on respondent during employment hours at the respondent's place of employment.

3. The sheriff shall attempt to serve process on respondent at respondent's residence, outside employment hours, when resident's address is given.

C. Method of Payment - Fixed Rate/Contract for Service of Process with Local Government

Subject to the terms of this contract and the 1. provisions of 45 CFR, Part 74, the department shall reimburse the county for no more than a total dollar amount of \$4,562.00 for expenditures made in accordance with the attached Reimbursement Flow Chart (Attachment 1, Exhibit A), subject to the availability of funds. Reimbursement shall be made on the basis of a monthly itemized report of requests to serve original service of process. The request for reimbursement shall be made on a form provided by the department or an equivalent form developed by the sheriff containing a listing of all Title IV-D cases submitted to the sheriff during the reporting period with a certification by the sheriff that services have been attempted and/or perfected. The county will only be reimbursed at the prevailing rate of Federal Financial Participation (FFP) of the \$ 12.00 fee it pays the sheriff for original service of process in IV-D cases.

2. Request for reimbursement shall be made monthly by the county with an accompanying certification that a total payment of the  $\frac{12.00}{12.00}$  fee for each request of service by the sheriff has been paid to the sheriff Service of Process Fee Account.

3. If the court orders the absent parent to pay for the service, the payment should be to the county who will retain the prevailing local match rate (34%), of the payment and use the remaining match rate (66%), to reduce the total service of process bill to the department for the month in which the absent parent actually made the payment. The bill must show the names of all individuals who made payments so that costs records can be updated by district Child Support Enforcement units.

4. Any payment due for services under this contract shall be submitted in detail for a proper preaudit and postaudit.

5. The sheriff shall maintain copies of the request for service as required for postaudit.

## D. Special Provisions

#### 1. <u>Area of Service</u>

The services required of the county and sheriff pursuant to this contract shall be provided in <u>Nassau</u> County.

# 2. <u>Severability</u>

If any provision herein or the application thereof is held invalid for any reason, such invalidity shall not affect the validity of other provisions or applications thereof, which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application. To this end, the provisions of this contract are declared to be severable.

# 3. <u>Modification of Contract due to an increase or decrease</u> <u>in Federal Financial Participation (FFP)</u>

That in the event FFP funding is increased or decreased during the term of this contract all parties agree that reimbursement by the department shall be at the new prevailing rate of FFP. Notification of the change of FFP and its effective date will be reduced to writing and said notification shall be attached to the original contract.

# 4. <u>Services to be performed by the Department</u>

a. To clearly identify all Title IV-D child support enforcement cases referred to the sheriff for which service of process is requested.

b. To provide to the sheriff the best known address where the person may be served.

c. To promptly reimburse the sheriff for service of process services.

# 5. <u>Project Independence</u>

a. The department has implemented Project Independence, an initiative to assist public assistance recipients to enter and remain in gainful employment. Employment of Project Independence participants is a mutually beneficial goal for the provider and the department in that it provides qualified entry level employees needed by many providers and provides substantial savings to the citizens of Florida.

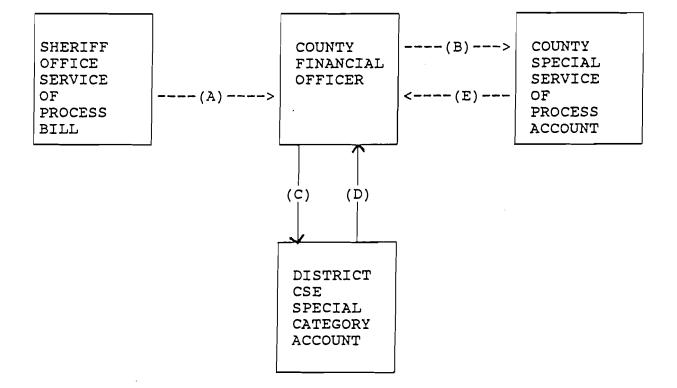
b. The provider or its agent agree to notify the department of entry level employment opportunities associated with this contract which require a high school education or less. The department will provide information to the provider identifying Project Independence clients who are referred to the provider. In the event that the provider or its agent employs a person who was referred by the department's Project Independence office, the provider will notify the department.

### 6. Performance Standard

Where service of process has not been perfected, the sheriff must specifically state on the return in at least 95% of the cases why service of process has not been perfected.

#### EXHIBIT A

# FLOW CHART DEPICTING THE COUNTY BILLING PROCESS REQUIRED TO CREATE THE NECESSARY RECORDS FOR AUDITING PURPOSES TO SHOW COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL REGULATIONS IN USING FEDERAL FUNDS TO PAY FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS FEES PURSUANT TO SECTION 409.257, FLORIDA STATUTE



(A) On a monthly basis the sheriff will certify and forward the bill for service of process fees to the appropriate county financial officer.

(B) The county financial officers will effect a budget transfer to a "Service of Process" special account in an amount equal to 100% of the bill provided by the sheriff. An audit trail of this transaction must be maintained.

(C) The county financial officers will certify that the bill has been paid and forward it to the district child support enforcement program administrator requesting that the prevailing rate of Federal Financial Participation of the total cost be reimbursed.

(D) The district child support enforcement program administrator will process the bill and forward same to the district administrative services officer who will cause an amount equal to the prevailing rate of federal financial participation of the total cost to be paid to the county financial officer.

(E) The county financial officer, subsequent to the processing of the bill to the department, may withdraw the money previously paid into the service of process special account and utilize the funds any time, as seen fit by the county. Additionally, after payment of the prevailing rate of federal financial participation of the total bill by the department, these funds may also be used as desired by the county.

## FINANCIAL AND COMPLIANCE AUDITS ATTACHMENT \_\_\_\_\_\_

This attachment is applicable if the provider or grantee, hereinafter referred to as provider, is a local government, university, hospital or other nonprofit entity. The requirements of this attachment shall not apply if the total of all funds received from the department during the provider's fiscal year is less than \$25,000.00. The provider has "received" funds when it has obtained cash from the department or when it has incurred expenses which will be reimbursed by the department.

The provider agrees to have an annual financial and compliance audit performed by independent auditors in accordance with the current <u>Government Auditing Standards</u> ("Yellow Book") issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Local governments shall comply with <u>Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-128</u>, <u>Audits of State and Local Governments</u>. Universities, hospitals and other nonprofit providers receiving federal funds passed through the department shall comply with the audit requirements contained in <u>OMB Circular A-133</u>, <u>Audits of Institutions of Hicker</u> <u>Learning and Other Nonprofit Institutions</u>, except as modified herein. Such audits shall cover the entire organization for the organization's fiscal year, not to exceed 12 months. The scope of audits performed shall include only the financial audit requirements of the "Yellow Book," and must include reports on internal control and compliance. An audit performed by the Florida Auditor General shall satisfy the requirements of this attachment.

Compliance findings related to contracts with the department shall be based on the contract requirements, including any rules, regulations, or statutes referenced in the contract. Liabilities due to the department, because of unexpended funds or because funds were not expended in accordance with contract terms, shall be calculated and fully disclosed in the audit report. All questioned costs, with a reference to any department contract involved, shall be reported. These requirements do not expand the scope of the audit as prescribed by the "Yellow Book."

Audit reports of audits performed by independent auditors shall include, in addition to the basic financial statements, a detailed schedule of all revenues identified by source, such as individual contracts by contract number, client fees, and private donations. Where applicable, the audit report shall include a computation showing whether or not matching requirements were met.

Copies of the financial and compliance audit report, management letter, and all other correspondence, if any, related to audits performed by independent auditors, other than the Florida Auditor General, shall be submitted within 120 days after the end of the provider's fiscal year, unless otherwise required by Florida Statutes, to both:

- A. Office of Audit and Quality Control Services
  1317 Winewood Boulevard, Building 5, Room 116
  Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0700
- B. Contract Manager for the department

The provider shall ensure that audit working papers are made available to the department, or its designee, upon request for a period of five years from the date the audit report is issued, unless extended in writing by the department.

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