

**AGENDA**  
**KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**  
June 19, 2025  
6:30 P.M.

**PRIMARY MEETING LOCATION**  
**TELECONFERENCING AVAILABLE**

Kern Council of Governments  
Board Room  
1401 19<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 300  
Bakersfield, CA 93301

**SECONDARY MEETING LOCATIONS**

Ridgecrest City Hall  
Conference Room B  
100 W. California Avenue  
Ridgecrest, CA 93555

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- I. **ROLL CALL:** Ayon, Calderon, Couch, Espinoza, Gorman, Hawkins, Morse, Noerr, Reyna, Parlier, B. Smith, P. Smith, Solorio-Ruiz

Congestion Management Agency Ex-Officio Members: Carr, Gunn, Parra, Warney

- II. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons to address the Council on any matter not on this agenda but under the jurisdiction of the Council. Council members may respond briefly to statements made or questions posed. They may ask a question for clarification; make a referral to staff for factual information or request staff to report back to the Council at a later meeting. **SPEAKERS ARE LIMITED TO TWO MINUTES. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS FOR THE RECORD PRIOR TO MAKING A PRESENTATION.**

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- III. **CONSENT AGENDA/OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:** All items on the consent agenda are considered to be routine and non-controversial by Kern COG staff and will be approved by one motion if no member of the Council or public wishes to comment or ask questions. If comment or discussion is desired by anyone, the item will be removed from the consent agenda and will be considered in the listed sequence with an opportunity for any

member of the public to address the Council concerning the item before action is taken. **ROLL CALL VOTE.**

**A. Approval of Minutes May 15, 2025.** ROLL CALL VOTE.

**B. Concurrence in Actions of TPPC**

**C. Response to Public Comments**

**D. Land Use Model Consultant Contract Approval** (Davisson)

**Comment:** Requests for Proposals for updating Kern COG's Land Use Model was advertised and widely distributed. The consultant reviewing team selected Manhan Group, LLC. A contract was prepared with a total budget not to exceed \$40,000. County Counsel has reviewed this contract.

**Action:** Approve the consultant selection of Manhan Group LLC to develop the 2024-2050 Growth Forecast Update and authorize Chair to sign the contract. ROLL CALL VOTE.

**E. Local Clearinghouse:**

**Applicant: CSUB Auxiliary for Sponsored Programs Administration**

Address: 9001 Stockdale Highway  
Bakersfield, CA 93311-1022  
Contact: Daphne Evans

**Federal Agency: Geological Survey**

Funding Opportunity Number: 15.807

Title: USGS Earthquake Hazards Program External Research Support Announcement for Fiscal Year 2026

Description: Constraining Megathrust Coupling and Earthquake Behavior Near the Shumagin Gap

**Federal Funds:** \$57,547.00

**Total Funds:** \$57,547.00

**Applicant: County of Kern**

Address: 2700 M Street, Suite 250  
Bakersfield, CA 93301-2323  
Contact: Ms. Lorelei Oviatt

**Federal Agency: US Department of Housing and Urban Development**

Funding Opportunity Number: 14.218

Title: Community Development Block Grant

Description: Serving the unincorporated communities of the County of Kern and Co-operative Cities of California City, Ridgecrest, Shafter, and Tehachapi

**Federal Funds:** \$4,446,861.00

**Total Funds:** \$4,476,861.00

**Applicant: County of Kern**

Address: 2700 M Street, Suite 250  
Bakersfield, CA 93301-2323  
Contact: Ms. Lorelei Oviatt

**Federal Agency: US Department of Housing and Urban Development**

Funding Opportunity Number: 14.231  
Title: Emergency Solutions Grant  
Description: Serving the unincorporated communities of the County of Kern and Co-operative Cities of California City, Ridgecrest, Shafter, and Tehachapi

**Federal Funds:** \$398,675.00  
**Total Funds:** \$398,675.00

**Applicant: County of Kern**  
Address: 2700 M Street, Suite 250  
Bakersfield, CA 93301-2323  
Contact: Ms. Lorelei Oviatt

**Federal Agency: US Department of Housing and Urban Development**  
Funding Opportunity: 14.239  
Title: Home Investment Partnership Program  
Description: Serving the unincorporated communities of the County of Kern and Co-operative Cities of California City, Ridgecrest, Shafter, and Tehachapi

**Federal Funds:** \$1,722,748.92  
**Total Funds:** \$2,072,748.92

**Applicant: City of Wasco**  
Address: 764 E. Street  
Wasco, CA 93280-1930  
Contact: Maria Lara

**Federal Agency: Community Oriented Policing Services**  
Funding Opportunity: 16.068  
Title: COPS Hiring Program  
Description: City of Wasco 2025 COPS Hiring Program Grant

**Federal Funds:** \$750,000.00  
**Total Funds:** \$936,000.00

**\*\*\* END CONSENT CALENDAR - ROLL CALL VOTE \*\*\***

- IV. CONGESTION MANAGEMENT AGENCY: (None)**
- V. KERN MOTORIST AID AUTHORITY (None)**
- VI. MEETING REPORTS: (None)**
- VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: (Report on Programs and Projects in Progress)**
  - A. Timeline
- VIII. MEMBER STATEMENTS:** On their own initiative, Council members may make a brief announcement or brief report on their own activities. In addition, Council members may ask a question of staff or the public for clarification on any matter, provide a reference to staff or other resources for factual information, or request staff to report back to the Council at a later meeting concerning any matter. Furthermore, the Council, or any member thereof, may take action to direct staff to place a matter of business on a future agenda.
- IX. CLOSED SESSION: None.**
- X. ADJOURNMENT:** Next regularly scheduled meeting is July 17, 2025.

KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Minutes of the Meeting of May 15, 2025

KERN COG BOARD ROOM  
1401 19TH STREET, THIRD FLOOR  
BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA

THURSDAY  
May 15, 2025  
6:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Smith at 7:20 p.m.

**I. ROLL CALL:**

**Members Present:** Ayon, Calderon, Espinoza, Gorman, Hawkins, Noerr, Reyna, B Smith, P. Smith

**Congestion Management Agency Ex-Officio Members:** Gunn, Parra, Warney

**Members Absent:** Carr, Couch, Morse, Parlier, Solorio-Ruiz

**Others:** Rick Franz, Jay Schlosser

**Staff:** Hakimi, Napier, Romero-Valdivia, Ball, Enriquez, Valle, Pacheco, Invina-Jayasi, Van Wyk

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None.

- III. CONSENT AGENDA/OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:** All items on the consent agenda are considered to be routine and non-controversial by Kern COG staff and will be approved by one motion if no member of the Council or public wishes to comment or ask questions. If comment or discussion is desired by anyone, the item will be removed from the consent agenda and will be considered in the listed sequence with an opportunity for any member of the public to address the Council concerning the item before action is taken. **ROLL CALL VOTE.**

**A. Approval of Minutes – April 17, 2025**

**B. Concurrence in Actions of TPPC**

**C. Response to Public Comments**

**D. Agreement With the City of Bakersfield for Safety-Related Hazard and Obstruction Removal on State Highways (Napier)**

**Action:** Approve the Memorandum of Agreement between Kern Council of Governments, Acting as the Kern Motorist Aid Authority, and the City of Bakersfield and authorize the Chairman to sign the Agreement. ROLL CALL VOTE.

**E. Agreement With the County of Kern for Safety-Related Hazard and Obstruction Removal on State Highways (Napier)**

**Action:** Approve the Memorandum of Agreement between Kern Council of Governments, Acting as the Kern Motorist Aid Authority, and the County of Kern and authorize the Chairman to sign the Agreement. ROLL CALL VOTE.

**F. Local Clearinghouse:**

**Applicant: City of Delano**

Address: 1015 Eleventh Avenue  
Delano, CA 93215  
Contact: Mr. Pedro Nunez

**Federal Agency: US Department of Housing and Urban Development**

Funding Opportunity Number: 14.251

Title: Economic Development Initiative, Community Project Funding, and Miscellaneous Grants

**Federal Funds:** \$6,000,000.00

**Total Funds:** \$7,056,525.00

**\*\*\* END CONSENT CALENDAR - ROLL CALL VOTE \*\*\***

MOTION BY DIRECTOR REYNA TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS A THROUGH F AS AMENDED, SECOND BY DIRECTOR P. SMITH, MOTION CARRIED WITH A UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE.

**IV. FINAL KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (COG) FY 2025-2026 FINANCIAL PLAN (Napier)**

**OPEN PUBLIC HEARING      RECEIVE COMMENTS      CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING**

**Action:** Motion by Director Ayon to adopt the Final Kern COG FY 2025-26 Financial Plan, second by Director P. Smith, motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

**V. FINAL KERN MOTORIST AID AUTHORITY (KMAA) FY 2025-2026 FINANCIAL PLAN (Napier)**

**OPEN PUBLIC HEARING      RECEIVE COMMENTS      CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING**

**Action:** Motion by Direction P. Smith to adopt the Final KMAA FY 2025-2026 Financial Plan, second by Director Reyna, motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

**VI. CONGESTION MANAGEMENT AGENCY: (None)**

**VII. KERN MOTORIST AID AUTHORITY: (None)**

**VIII. MEETING REPORTS: (None)**

**IX. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Executive Director Hakimi made the following comments:

- Report on 5-12-25 Meeting at Edwards Air Force Base to discuss potential activities in California City – Ahron Hakimi, Jay Schlosser, Marquette Hawkins
- Board Folder Items

**X. MEMBER STATEMENTS:**

- Committee Member Parra discussed activities planned for Bike Month.

XI. **CLOSED SESSION:** None.

XII. **ADJOURNMENT:** Seeing no other comments, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m. - **NEXT MEETING – JUNE 19, 2025.**

Respectfully submitted,

ATTEST:

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Ahron Hakimi, Executive Director

\_\_\_\_\_  
Bob Smith, Chairman

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_



## III. D. COG

June 19, 2025

TO: Kern Council of Governments Board of Directors

FROM: AHRON HAKIMI,  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

By: Rob Ball, Deputy Director/Planning Director  
Ben Raymond, Regional Planner

SUBJECT: Kern Council of Governments Consent Agenda Item: III. D.  
LAND USE MODEL CONSULTANT CONTRACT APPROVAL

### DESCRIPTION:

Requests for Proposals for updating Kern COG's Land Use Model was advertised and widely distributed. The consultant reviewing team selected Manhan Group, LLC. A contract was prepared with a total budget not to exceed \$40,000. County Counsel has reviewed this contract.

### DISCUSSION:

Kern COG's regional Land Use Model is essential to many of Kern COG's planning efforts. Implementation of the updated Land Use Model will allow for Kern COG staff to forecast development patterns for planning assumptions in the SCS, including incorporation of the latest entitlements, resources areas and farmland.

Additionally, pursuant to Title 23 CFR § 450.316(a), an RTP is required to include visualization techniques such as GIS-based information, graphs, maps, charts, and other visual aids that are useable and understandable to the public. (See also Gov. Code § 14522.2.)

The Land Use Model forecast is also referenced by Kern COG's member agencies for a variety of planning related tasks, such as: environmental impact analysis/reports, transportation models/impacts, assessing impact fees, determining need for services/infrastructure/utilities, and numerous planning studies.

Kern COG solicited proposals and advertised a request for proposal for the update to Kern COG's Land Use Model. The consultant reviewing team was made up of staff from City of Bakersfield, along with Kern COG staff. The team selected Manhan Group, LLC from the submitted proposals with project completion by June 30th, 2026. Kern COG staff recommend approval of this contract.

### ACTION:

Approve the consultant selection of Manhan Group LLC to develop the 2024-2050 Growth Forecast Update and authorize Chair to sign the contract. ROLL CALL VOTE.

# CONTRACT

## CONTRACT BETWEEN THE KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS AND

Manhan Group, LLC

THIS CONTRACT, made and entered into this 19 day of June, 2025, by and between the Kern Council of Governments, hereinafter referred to as "Kern COG," and, Manhan Group, LLC hereinafter referred to as "Consultant."

### RECITALS:

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Joint Powers Agreement of November 4, 1970, creating Kern COG and the amended Joint Powers Agreement of May 1, 1982, Kern COG is authorized and empowered to employ consultants and specialists in the performance of its duties and functions; and

WHEREAS, Consultant represents it is qualified and willing to provide such services pursuant to the terms and conditions of this contract;

### AGREEMENT:

#### I. Contract Organization and Content

This contract is fully comprised of these terms and the attached exhibits: Exhibit "A"; Scope of Work, Exhibit "B"; Schedule, Exhibit "C" Budget/Cost Proposal; and Exhibit "D" Debarment and Suspension Certification; all of which are incorporated herein by this reference.

#### II. Statement of Work

The work to be conducted by Consultant is specified in Scope of Work identified in the Consultant's proposal, dated May 22, 2025, for the delivery of products as specified in the Scope of Work, attached hereto as Exhibit "A," according to the Schedule, attached hereto as Exhibit "B," and Budget/Cost Proposal, attached hereto as Exhibit "C." During the performance of this contract, the representative project managers for Kern COG and Consultant will be:

Kern COG: Karl Davisson  
Consultant: Colby Brown

#### III. Term

Time is of the essence in this contract. The term of this contract is June 19, 2025 through June 30, 2026 unless an extension of time is granted in writing by Kern COG. The various phases involved in this project shall be completed as indicated in Exhibit "B," Schedule.

Consultant services and reimbursements beyond June 30, 2026 are subject to the inclusion and funding agency approval of this project in Kern COG's 2024-25 fiscal year Overall Work Program (OWP). If the project or OWP is not approved, this contract is terminated, effective the ending date of the last approved Kern COG OWP.

#### IV. Assignability

Consultant shall not assign any interest in this contract, and shall not transfer the same, without the prior written consent of Kern COG.

#### V. Contract Changes

No alteration or deviation of the terms of this contract shall be valid unless made in writing and signed by the parties. No oral understanding or agreement not incorporated herein, shall be binding on any of the parties.

Kern COG may request, at any time, amendments to this contract and will notify Consultant in writing regarding changes. Upon a minimum of ten (10) days notice, Consultant shall determine the impact on both time and compensation of such changes and notify Kern COG in writing. Upon agreement between Kern COG and Consultant as to the extent of these impacts on time and compensation, an amendment to this contract shall be prepared describing such changes. Such amendments shall be binding on the parties if signed by Kern COG and Consultant, and shall be effective as of the date of the amending document, unless otherwise indicated.

#### VI. Contract Costs and Reimbursements

##### A. Maximum Contract Amount/Budget Amendments:

For services rendered, Consultant may bill and receive up to \$40,000, to be billed in accordance with Exhibit "C," Costs. The total sum billed under this contract may not exceed the specified amount, including all costs, overhead, and fixed fee expenses. Such billings, up to the specified amount, shall constitute full and complete compensation for Consultant's services. Any amendments to the individual categories within the budget must be approved in writing in advance by Kern COG.

##### B. Progress Payments and Reports:

Progress payments are authorized under this contract. Progress billings in arrears may be submitted as often as monthly. Written progress reports shall accompany each billing and shall specify, by task, the percentage of contract work completed to date and since the date of the preceding billing, if any. Consultant shall be paid within 30 days following the receipt and approval of each billing by Kern COG. If Kern COG disputes any portion of a request for payment, Kern COG shall pay the undisputed portion of such request as provided herein and shall promptly notify Consultant of the amount in dispute and the reason therefore.

##### C. Billing Format and Content:

Requisitions for payment shall refer to Work Element number **604.1** as identified on the FY **2024-25** Overall Work Program, or as may be specified in a written notice by Kern COG. Specific budget category details are given below:

1. Direct Labor and Fringe Benefits: All direct labor charges should be billed by class of employee, rate per hour and number of hours. (Anticipated personnel cost-of-living or merit increase, if any, should be reflected in the budget).
2. Other Direct Costs: All direct costs billed must be specifically identified. Any travel costs may not exceed the per diem (\$65/day meals; \$225/day accommodations) and mileage rates shall be reimbursed at the IRS established standard mileage rate. Any other direct costs not specifically identified in the contract budget cannot be reimbursed.

##### D. Contract Completion Retainer:

Ten (10) percent shall be retained from each contract billing until the completion of the contract. This retention will be released to Consultant upon completion of contract and contract deliverables to the satisfaction of Kern COG.

E. Allowable Costs and Documentation:

All costs charged to this contract by Consultant shall be supported by properly executed payrolls, time records, invoices, and vouchers, evidencing in proper detail the nature and propriety of the charges, and shall be costs allowable as determined by Title 48 Code of Federal Regulations, Chapter 1, Part 31 (Contract Cost Principles and Procedures), Subpart 31.2 (Contracts with Commercial Organizations), as modified by Subpart 31.103. Consultant shall also comply with Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 18, (Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments) in the procurement of services, supplies or equipment.

VII. Progress Reports

Consultant shall submit progress reports, as described in Exhibit "A" and Paragraph VI-B. above. The purpose of the reports is to allow Kern COG to determine if Consultant is completing the activities identified in the Work Program in accordance with the agreed upon schedule, and to afford occasions for airing difficulties or special problems encountered so remedies can be developed.

Consultant's Project Manager shall meet with Kern COG's Project Manager, as identified under Section II, as needed to discuss work progress.

VIII. Inspection of Work

Consultant, and any subcontractors, shall permit Kern COG, Caltrans and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and other participating agencies, the opportunity to review and inspect the project activities at all reasonable times during the performance period of this contract, including review and inspection on a daily basis.

IX. Staffing

There shall be no change in Consultant's Project Manager, or members of the project team, without prior written approval by Executive Director of Kern COG. The Project Manager shall be responsible for keeping Kern COG informed of the progress of the work and shall be available for no less than four (4) meetings with Kern COG.

X. Subcontracting

Consultant shall perform the work with resources available within its own organization, unless otherwise specified in this contract. No portion of the work included in this contract shall be subcontracted without written authorization by Kern COG. In no event shall Consultant subcontract for work in excess of fifty (50) percent of the contract amount, excluding specialized services. Specialized services are those items not ordinarily furnished by a consultant performing this particular type of work. All authorized subcontracts shall contain the same applicable provisions specified in this contract.

XI. Termination of Contract

A. Termination for Convenience of Kern COG:

Kern COG may terminate this contract at any time by giving notice to Consultant of such termination, and the effective termination date, at least thirty (30) days before the effective date of such termination. In such event, all finished or unfinished documents and other

materials shall, at the option of Kern COG, become its property. If this contract is terminated by Kern COG, as provided herein, Consultant shall be reimbursed for expenses incurred prior to the termination date, in accordance with the cost provisions of this contract. Consultant will also be allowed a proportion of any fixed fee that is equal to the same proportion of the project completed by Consultant on the date of termination of this contract.

B. Termination for Cause:

If through any cause, Consultant shall fail to fulfill in a timely and proper manner its obligations under this contract, or if Consultant violates any of the covenants, agreements, or stipulations of this contract, Kern COG shall thereupon have the right to immediately terminate the contract by giving written notice to Consultant of the intent to terminate and specifying the effective date thereof. Kern COG shall provide an opportunity for consultation with Consultant and a ten-day cure period prior to termination. In such an event, all finished or unfinished documents, data, studies, surveys, drawings, maps, models, photographs, reports or other materials prepared by Consultant under this contract shall, at the option of Kern COG, become the property of Kern COG. Consultant shall be entitled to receive compensation for all satisfactory work completed prior to the effective date of termination.

XII. Compliance with Laws, Rules and Regulations

All services performed by the Consultant pursuant to this contract shall be performed in accordance and full compliance with all applicable federal, state or local statutes, rules, and regulations.

XIII. Conflict of Interest

- A. Consultant, and the agents and employees of Consultant, shall act in an independent capacity in the performance of this contract, and not as officers, employees or agents of Kern COG.
- B. No officer, member, or employee of Kern COG or other public official of the governing body of the locality or localities in which the work pursuant to this contract is being carried out, who exercises any functions or responsibilities in the review or approval of the undertaking or carrying out of the aforesaid work shall:
1. Participate in any decision relating to this contract which affects his personal interest or the interest of any corporation, partnership, or association in which he has, directly or indirectly, any interest; or
  2. Have any interest, direct or indirect, in this contract or the proceeds thereof during his tenure or for one year thereafter.

Consultant hereby covenants that it has, at the time of the execution of this contract, no interest, and that it shall not acquire any interest in the future, direct or indirect, which would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of services required to be performed pursuant to this contract. Consultant further covenants that in the performance of this work, no person having any such interest shall be employed.

XIV. Contingency Fees

Consultant warrants, by execution of this contract, that no person or selling agency has been employed or retained to solicit or secure this contract upon an agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingency fee, excepting bona fide employees or bona fide established commercial or selling agencies maintained by Consultant for the purpose of

securing business. For breach or violation of this warranty, Kern COG has the right to terminate this contract without liability, allowing payment only for the value of the work actually performed, or to deduct from the contract price, or otherwise recover, the full amount of such commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingency fee.

#### XV. Copyrights

Consultant shall be free to copyright material developed under this contract with the provision that Kern COG reserve a royalty-free, nonexclusive and irrevocable license to reproduce, publish, or otherwise use, distribute, and to authorize others to use, and distribute for fee or otherwise, the work for any purpose. Consultant is subject to the duties of agency relating to rights in data and copyrights as set forth in 48 CFR 52.227-14.

#### XVI. Publication

- A. No report, information, or other data given to or prepared or assembled by Consultant pursuant to this contract, shall be made available to any individual or organization by Consultant without the prior written approval of Kern COG.
- B. The following acknowledgment of FTA's participation must appear on the cover or title page of all final products:

“The preparation of this report has been financed, in part, through a grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration, under the authority of the 49 USC Chapter 43 #5313(b) of the Federal Transit Laws.”

#### XVII. Disputes

Except as otherwise provided in this contract, any dispute concerning a question of fact which is not disposed of by mutual agreement, shall be decided by a court of competent jurisdiction.

#### XVIII. Hold Harmless

Consultant agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless Kern COG and Kern COG's agents, board members, elected and appointed officials and officers, employees, volunteers and authorized representatives from any and all losses, liabilities, charges, damages, claims, liens, causes of action, awards, judgments, costs, and expenses (including, but not limited to, reasonable attorneys' fees of County Counsel and other counsel retained by Kern COG, expert fees, costs of staff time, and investigation costs) of whatever kind or nature, which arise out of or are in any way connected with any act or omission of Consultant or Consultant's officers, agents, employees, independent contractors, sub-contractors of any tier, or authorized representatives. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the same shall include bodily and personal injury or death to any person or persons; damage to any property, regardless of where located, including the property of Kern COG; and any workers' compensation claim or suit arising from or connected with any services performed pursuant to this Agreement on behalf of Consultant by any person or entity.

#### XIX. Insurance

Consultant, in order to protect Kern COG and its board members, officials, agents, officers, and employees against all claims and liability for death, injury, loss and damage as a result of Consultant's actions in connection with the performance of Consultant's obligations, as required in this Agreement, shall secure and maintain insurance as described below. Consultant shall not perform any work under this Agreement until Consultant has obtained all insurance required under this section and the required certificates of insurance and all required endorsements have been filed with Kern COG's authorized insurance representative. Receipt of evidence of insurance that does not comply with all applicable insurance requirements shall not constitute a waiver of the

insurance requirements set forth herein. The required documents must be signed by the authorized representative of the insurance company shown on the certificate. Upon request, Consultant shall supply proof that such person is an authorized representative thereof, and is authorized to bind the named underwriter(s) and their company to the coverage, limits and termination provisions shown thereon. Consultant shall promptly deliver Kern COG a certificate of insurance, and all required endorsements, with respect to each renewal policy, as necessary to demonstrate the maintenance of the required insurance coverage for the term specified herein. Such certificates and endorsements shall be delivered to Kern COG not less than 30 days prior to the expiration date of any policy and bear a notation evidencing payment of the premium thereof if so requested. Consultant shall immediately pay any deductibles and self-insured retentions under all required insurance policies upon the submission of any claim by Consultant or Kern COG as an additional insured.

Without limiting Kern COG's right to obtain indemnification from the consultant or any third parties, the consultant, at its sole expense, shall maintain in full force and affect the following insurance policies throughout the term of the contract:

- A. Comprehensive general liability insurance with coverage of not less than \$2,000,000 combined single limit per occurrence for bodily injury, personal injury, and property damage. Comprehensive general liability insurance policies shall name Kern COG, its officers, agents, and employees, individually and collectively, as additional insured, but only insofar as the operations under the terms of the contract are concerned. Such coverage for additional insured shall apply as primary insurance or self-insurance and any other insurance, maintained by Kern COG, its officers, agents, and employees, shall be given excess only and not contributing with insurance provided under the consultant's policies herein.
- B. Comprehensive automobile liability insurance against claims of Personal Injury (including bodily injury and death) and Property Damage covering any vehicle and/or all owned, leased, hired, and non-owned vehicles used in the performance of services pursuant to this Agreement with coverage equal to the policy limits, which shall be at least one million dollars (\$1,000,000) each occurrence.
- C. Professional liability insurance of at least one million dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence and two million dollars (\$2,000,000) aggregate.
- D. Worker's compensation insurance as required by law.

This insurance shall not be canceled or changed without a minimum of thirty (30) days advance written notice given to Kern COG. The consultant shall provide certification of said insurance to Kern COG within twenty-one (21) days of the date of the execution of the contract. Such certification shall show, to Kern COG's satisfaction, that such insurance coverages have been obtained and are in full force; that Kern COG, its officers, agents, and employees will not be responsible for any premiums on the policies; that as and if required such insurance names Kern COG, its officers, agents, and employees individually and collectively as additional insured (comprehensive and general liability only), but only insofar as the operations under the contract are concerned; that such coverage for additional insured shall apply as primary insurance and any other insurance, or self-insurance, maintained by Kern COG, its officers, agents, and employees, shall be excess only and not contributing with insurance provided under the consultant's policies herein; and that this insurance shall not be canceled or changed without a minimum of thirty (days) advance, written notice given to Kern COG.

In the event the consultant fails to keep in effect at all times insurance coverage as herein provided, Kern COG may, in addition to other remedies it may have, suspend or terminate the contract upon the occurrence of such event.

Consultant shall require any sub-contractors to provide workers' compensation for all of the sub-contractors' employees, unless the sub-contractors' employees are covered by the insurance

afforded by Consultant. If any class of employees engaged in work or services performed under this Agreement is not covered by Labor Code section 3700, Consultant shall provide and/or require each sub-contractor to provide adequate insurance for the coverage of employees not otherwise covered.

- A. The Commercial General Liability and Automobile Liability Insurance required in subparagraph A and B. shall include an endorsement naming Kern COG and Kern COG's board members, officials, officers, agents and employees as additional insureds for liability arising out of this Agreement and any operations related thereto. Said endorsement shall be provided on ISO form CG 20 10 Edition date 11/85 or such other forms which provide coverage at least equal to or better than form CG 20 10 11 85.
- B. Any self-insured retentions in excess of \$10,000 must be declared on the Certificate of Insurance or other documentation provided to Kern COG and must be approved by Kern COG.
- C. If any of the insurance coverages required under this Agreement is written on a claims-made basis, Consultant, at Consultant's option, shall either (i) maintain said coverage for at least three (3) years following the termination of this Agreement with coverage extending back to the effective date of this Agreement; (ii) purchase an extended reporting period of not less than three (3) years following the termination of this Agreement; or (iii) acquire a full prior acts provision on any renewal or replacement policy.
- D. Cancellation of Insurance -- The above stated insurance coverages required to be maintained by Consultant shall be maintained until the completion of all of Consultant's obligations under this Agreement except as otherwise indicated herein. Each insurance policy supplied by the Consultant must be endorsed to provide that the coverage shall not be suspended, voided, cancelled or reduced in coverage or in limits except after ten (10) days written notice in the case of non-payment of premiums, or thirty (30) days written notice in all other cases. Such notice shall be by certified mail, return receipt requested. This notice requirement does not waive the insurance requirements stated herein. Consultant shall immediately obtain replacement coverage for any insurance policy that is terminated, canceled, non-renewed, or whose policy limits have been exhausted or upon insolvency of the insurer that issued the policy.
- E. All insurance shall be issued by a company or companies admitted to do business in California and listed in the current "Best's Key Rating Guide" publication with a minimum of a "A-;VII" rating. Any exception to these requirements must be approved by the Kern COG.
- F. If Consultant is, or becomes during the term of this Agreement, self-insured or a member of a self-insurance pool, Consultant shall provide coverage equivalent to the insurance coverages and endorsements required above. The Kern COG will not accept such coverage unless Kern COG determines, in its sole discretion and by written acceptance, that the coverage proposed to be provided by Consultant is equivalent to the above-required coverages.
- G. All insurance afforded by Consultant pursuant to this Agreement shall be primary to and not contributing to all insurance or self-insurance maintained by Kern COG. An endorsement shall be provided on all policies, except professional liability/errors and omissions, which shall waive any right of recovery (waiver of subrogation) against Kern COG.
- H. Insurance coverages in the minimum amounts set forth herein shall not be construed to relieve Consultant for any liability, whether within, outside, or in excess of such coverage, and regardless of solvency or insolvency of the insurer that issues the coverage; nor shall it preclude Kern COG from taking such other actions as are available to it under any other

provision of this Agreement or otherwise in law.

- I. Failure by Consultant to maintain all such insurance in effect at all times required by this Agreement shall be a material breach of this Agreement by Consultant. Kern COG, at its sole option, may terminate this Agreement and obtain damages from Consultant resulting from said breach. Alternatively, Kern COG may purchase such required insurance coverage, and without further notice to Consultant, Kern COG shall deduct from sums due to Consultant any premiums and associated costs advanced or paid by Kern COG for such insurance. If the balance of monies obligated to Consultant pursuant to this Agreement are insufficient to reimburse Kern COG for the premiums and any associated costs, Consultant agrees to reimburse Kern COG for the premiums and pay for all costs associated with the purchase of said insurance. Any failure by Kern COG to take this alternative action shall not relieve Consultant of its obligation to obtain and maintain the insurance coverages required by this Agreement.

#### XX. Equal Employment Opportunity/Nondiscrimination

Consultant shall comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, and with the provisions contained in 49 CFR 21 through Appendix C and 23 CFR 170.405(b). During the performance of this contract, Consultant, for itself, its assignees and successors in interest, agrees as follows:

- A. Compliance with Regulations: Consultant shall comply with the regulations relative to nondiscrimination in federally-assisted programs of the Department of Transportation (hereinafter DOT) Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 21, as they may be amended from time to time (hereinafter referred to as the Regulations), which are herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this contract.

Prior to any performance under this agreement, Consultant must review, sign and return to Kern COG a copy of the Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 29 Debarment and Suspension Certifications ("Certifications") attached and incorporated here as Exhibit D, "Debarment and Suspension Certification." The signed copy of the Certifications shall be incorporated by this reference into the Agreement as if set forth in full herein.

- B. Nondiscrimination: Consultant, with regard to the work performed by it during the contract, shall not discriminate on the grounds of race, religion, color, sex, age or national origin in the selection or retention of subcontractors, including the procurement of materials and leases of equipment. Consultant shall not participate either directly or indirectly in the discrimination prohibited by Section 21.5 of the Regulations, including employment practices when the contract covers a program set forth in Appendix B of the Regulations.
- C. Solicitations for Subcontractors, including Procurements of Materials and Equipment: In all solicitations, either by competitive bidding or negotiations made by Consultant for work to be performed under a subcontract, including the procurement of materials or leases of equipment, each potential subcontractor or supplier shall be notified by Consultant of Consultant's obligations under this contract, and the Regulations relative to nondiscrimination on the grounds of race, religion, color, sex, age or national origin.
- D. Information and Reports: Consultant shall provide all information and reports required by the Regulations or directives issued pursuant thereto, and shall permit access to its books, records, accounts, other sources of information, and its facilities as may be determined by Kern COG, Caltrans, FTA, or FHWA to be pertinent to ascertain compliance with such Regulations, orders and instructions. Where any information required of Consultant is in the exclusive possession of another who fails or refuses to furnish this information,

Consultant shall so certify to Kern COG, Caltrans, FTA, or FHWA, as appropriate, and shall set forth what efforts it has made to obtain the information.

E. Sanctions for Noncompliance: In the event of Consultant's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination provisions of this contract, Kern COG shall impose such contract sanctions as it, Caltrans, FTA, or FHWA may determine to be appropriate, including, but not limited to:

1) Withholding of payments to Consultant under this contract until Consultant complies; and/or 2) Cancellation, termination or suspension of the contract, in whole or in part.

F. Incorporation of Provisions: Consultant shall include the provisions of Paragraphs A through F of this Section XX in every subcontract, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment, unless exempt from the regulations, or directives issued pursuant thereto. Consultant shall take such action with respect to any subcontract or procurement as Kern COG, Caltrans, FTA, or FHWA may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for noncompliance. However, in the event Consultant becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or supplier as a result of such direction, Consultant may request Kern COG to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of Kern COG, and in addition, Consultant may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

#### XXI. Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE)

It is the policy of Kern COG, the California State Department of Transportation and the U.S. Department of Transportation, that Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs), as defined in 49 CFR Part 26, shall have the maximum opportunity to participate in the performance of contracts financed in whole or in part with local, state or federal funds.

The Caltrans annual DBE Program goal is 4.8 percent with a split of 3.7% race-neutral and 1.1% race-conscious for Federal Transit Administration (FTA) fund recipients. Failure to comply with the DBE Program may result in the suspension or termination of federal funds until deficiencies are remedied as discussed in Title 49 CFR Part 26.101 and the MFTA Article IV, Section 2.

Title 49 CFR, Part 26, entitled, Participation by DBEs in Department of Transportation Financial Assistance Programs, describes a race neutral measure or program as one that is, or can be, used to assist all small businesses. Race-neutral includes gender-neutrality. On the other hand, a race-conscious measure or program is one that is focused specifically on assisting only DBEs, including women-owned DBEs.

The contractor, subrecipient, or subcontractor shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the performance of this contract. The contractor shall carry out applicable requirements of 49 CFR Part 26 in the award and administration of United States Department of Transportation assisted contracts. Failure by the contractor to carry out these requirements is a material breach of this contract, which may result in the termination of this contract or such other remedy, as recipient deems appropriate, which may include but is not limited to:

- Withholding monthly progress payments.
- Assessing sanctions.
- Liquidated damages.
- Disqualifying the contractor from future bidding as non-responsible.

The contractor must make available to the Caltrans contract manager a copy of all DBE subcontracts upon request.

The contractor must utilize the specific DBEs listed to perform the work and supply the materials for which each is listed unless the contractor obtains authorization from Caltrans. Unless the Department provides prior authorization approving a request for termination or substitution of a listed DBE, the Contractor shall not be entitled to any payment for work or materials unless it is performed or supplied by the listed DBEs.

### **Prompt Payment Clauses**

**Prompt Progress Payment to Subcontractors** – The Local Agency shall require contractors and subcontractors to pay their subcontractors within seven (7) days for construction contracts, and within fifteen (15) days for consultant contracts, after receiving each progress payment. Any delay or postponement of payment may take place only for good cause and with the Local Agency's prior written approval. Any violation of these provisions shall subject the violating contractor or subcontractor to the penalties, sanctions and remedies specified in Section 7108.5 of the CBPC and Section 10262 of the CPCC for construction contract, and Section 3321 of the CCC for consultant contract. This requirement shall not be construed to limit or impair any contractual, administrative, or judicial remedies, otherwise available to the contractor or subcontractor in the event of a dispute involving late payment or nonpayment by the contractor, deficient subcontractor performance, and/or noncompliance by a subcontractor. This clause applies to both DBE and non-DBE subcontractors.

**Prompt Payment of Withheld Funds to Subcontractors** – The Local Agency shall ensure prompt and full payment of retainage from the prime contractor to the subcontractor within seven (7) days for construction contracts, or within fifteen (15) days for consultant contracts after the subcontractor's work is satisfactorily completed and accepted. This shall be accompanied by including; either (1), (2), or (3) of the following provisions [Local Agency equivalent will need Caltrans approval] in their federal-aid contracts to ensure prompt and full payment of retainage [withheld funds] to subcontractors in compliance with 49 CFR 26.29.

1. No retainage will be held by the Local Agency from progress payments due to the prime contractor. Prime contractors and subcontractors are prohibited from holding retainage from subcontractors. Any delay or postponement of payment may take place only for good cause and with the Local Agency's prior written approval. Any violation of these provisions shall subject the violating contractor or subcontractor to the penalties, sanctions, and other remedies specified in Section 7108.5 of the CBPC and Section 10262 of the CPCC for construction contracts, and Section 3321 of the CCC for consultant contracts. This requirement shall not be construed to limit or impair any contractual, administrative, or judicial remedies, otherwise available to the contractor or subcontractor in the event of a dispute involving late payment or nonpayment by the contractor, deficient subcontractor performance, and/or noncompliance by a subcontractor. This clause applies to both DBE and non-DBE subcontractors.

2. No retainage will be held by the Local Agency from progress payments due to the prime contractor. Any retainage kept by the prime contractor or by a subcontractor must be paid in full to the earning subcontractor within seven (7) days for construction contracts, or within fifteen (15) days for consultant contracts after the subcontractor's work is satisfactorily completed. Any delay or postponement of payment may take place only for good cause and with the Local Agency's prior written approval. Any violation of these provisions shall subject the violating contractor or subcontractor to the penalties, sanctions, and remedies specified in Section 7108.5 of the CBPC and Section 10262 of the CPCC for construction contracts, and Section 3321 of the CCC for consultant contracts. This requirement shall not be construed to limit or impair any contractual, administrative, or

judicial remedies, otherwise available to the contractor or subcontractor in the event of a dispute involving late payment or nonpayment by the contractor, deficient subcontractor performance, and/or noncompliance by a subcontractor. This clause applies to both DBE and non-DBE subcontractors.

3. The Local Agency shall hold retainage from the prime contractor and shall make prompt and regular incremental acceptances of portions, as determined by the Local Agency of the contract work and pay retainage to the prime contractor based on these acceptances. The prime contractor or subcontractor shall return all monies withheld in retention from all subcontractors within seven (7) days for construction contracts, or within fifteen (15) days for consultant contracts after receiving payment for work satisfactorily completed and accepted including incremental acceptances of portions of the contract work by the Local Agency. Any delay or postponement of payment may take place only for good cause and with the Local Agency's prior written approval. Any violation of these provisions shall subject the violating prime contractor to the penalties, sanctions, and other remedies specified in Section 7108.5 of the CBPC and Section 10262 of the CPCC for construction contracts, and Section 3321 of the CCC for consultant contracts. This requirement shall not be construed to limit or impair any contractual, administrative, or judicial remedies, otherwise available to the contractor or subcontractor in the event of: a dispute involving late payment or nonpayment by the contractor; deficient subcontractor performance; and/or noncompliance by a subcontractor. This clause applies to both DBE and non-DBE subcontractors.

Any violation of these provisions shall subject the violating prime contractor or subcontractor to the penalties, sanctions and other remedies specified therein. These requirements shall not be construed to limit or impair any contractual, administrative, or judicial remedies otherwise available to the prime contractor or subcontractor in the event of a dispute involving late payment or nonpayment by the prime contractor, deficient subcontract performance, or noncompliance by a subcontractor

## XXII. Audits

At any time during normal business hours, and as often as Kern COG, Kern COG's participating agencies, the California Department of Transportation, the Federal Transit Administration, the Federal Highway Administration, the Department of Labor, the Comptroller General of the United States, or other appropriate state and federal agencies, or any duly authorized representatives may deem necessary, Consultant shall make available for examination all of its records with respect to all matters covered by this contract for purposes of audit, examination, or to make copies or transcripts of such records, including, but not limited to, contracts, invoices, payrolls, personnel records, conditions of employment and other data relating to all matters covered by this contract. Project costs are subject to audit and approval for payment according to the eligibility requirements of the funding agencies. However, Kern COG shall not have the right to audit Consultant's fixed rates or fees, percentage multipliers, or standard charges. All project records shall be retained and access to the facilities and premises of Consultant shall be made available during the period of performance of this contract, and for three years after Kern COG makes final payment under this contract.

## XXIII. Clean Air Act/Clean Water Act Requirements

Consultant, in carrying out the requirements of this contract, shall comply with all applicable standards, orders, or requirements issued under Section 306 of the Clean Air Act (42 USC 1857[h]), Section 508 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1368), Presidential Executive Order 11738, and those Environmental Protection Agency regulations contained in 40 CFR Part 15.

XXIV. Notice

Any notice or notices required or permitted to be given pursuant to this contract may be personally served on the other party by the party giving such notice, or may be served by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the following addresses:

Mr. Ahron Hakimi,  
Executive Director  
Kern Council of Governments (Kern COG)  
1401 19th Street, Suite 300  
Bakersfield, California 93301

OR

Colby Brown  
CEO / Managing Partner  
Manhan Group, LLC  
27 Manhan Rd.  
Southampton, MA 01073

XXV. Venue

If any party to this contract initiates any legal or equitable action to enforce the terms of this contract, to declare the rights of the parties under this contract or which relates to this contract in any manner, Kern COG and Consultant agree that the proper venue for any such action is the Superior Court of the State of California of and for the County of Kern.

XXVI. California Law

Kern COG and Consultant agree that the provisions of this contract will be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of California.

XXVII. No Authority to Bind Kern COG

It is understood that Consultant, in its performance of any and all duties under this contract, has no authority to bind Kern COG to any agreements or undertakings with respect to any and all persons or entities with whom Consultant deals in the course of its business.

XXVIII. Nonwaiver

No covenant or condition of this contract to be performed by Consultant can be waived except by the written consent of Kern COG. Forbearance or indulgence by Kern COG in any regard whatsoever shall not constitute a waiver of any covenant or condition to be performed by Consultant. Kern COG shall be entitled to invoke any remedy available to it under this contract or by law or in equity despite any such forbearance or indulgence.

XXIX. Independent Contractor

Nothing in this contract shall be construed or interpreted to make Consultant, its officers, agents, employees or representatives anything but independent contractors and in all their activities and operations pursuant to this contract, Consultant, its officers, agents, employees and representatives shall for no purposes be considered employees or agents of Kern COG.

XXX. Partial Invalidity

Should any part, term, portion, or provision of this contract be finally decided to be in conflict with any law of the United States or the State of California, or otherwise be unenforceable or ineffectual, the validity of the remaining parts, terms, portions, or provisions shall be deemed severable and shall not be effected thereby, provided such remaining portions or provisions can be construed in substance to constitute the agreement which the parties intended to enter into in the first instance.

XXXI. Signature Authority

Each person executing this contract on behalf of Consultant represents and warrants that he or she is authorized by Consultant to execute and deliver this contract on behalf of Consultant and that this contract is binding on Consultant in accordance with the terms.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Kern Council of Governments and Consultant have executed this agreement as of the date first above written.

RECOMMENDED AND APPROVED  
AS TO CONTENT:

KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

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Ahron Hakimi, Executive Director  
Kern Council of Governments

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

\_\_\_\_\_  
XXXXXX, Chair  
Kern COG

Manhan Group, LLC

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Brian Van Wyk, Deputy  
Kern County Counsel

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Consultant

# Exhibit “B”

## Schedule

Task	Consulting Team Hours by Month						Total	Cost
	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25		
1 Project kick-off	12	-	-	-	-	-	12	\$ 2,200.00
2 Data acquisition	22	10	-	-	-	-	32	\$ 5,600.00
3 Procurement	-	10	-	-	-	-	10	\$ 1,900.00
4 Integration	-	-	44	40	40	-	124	\$23,400.00
5 Staff Training	-	-	-	-	2	20	22	\$ 4,100.00
6 Testing & Application	-	-	-	-	-	16	16	\$ 2,800.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>\$40,000.00</b>

*Figure 1. Total team hours by month*

# Exhibit “C”

Task Name	Costs by Staff Member		
	Brown	Hightower	Total
1 Project kick-off	\$ 1,900	\$ 300	\$ 2,200
2 Data acquisition	\$ 3,800	\$ 1,800	\$ 5,600
3 Procurement	\$ 1,900	\$ -	\$ 1,900
4 Integration	\$ 22,800	\$ 600	\$ 23,400
5 Staff Training	\$ 3,800	\$ 300	\$ 4,100
6 Testing & Application	\$ 1,900	\$ 900	\$ 2,800
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 36,100</b>	<b>\$ 3,900</b>	<b>\$ 40,000</b>

**Figure 2.** Labor costs by task and team member

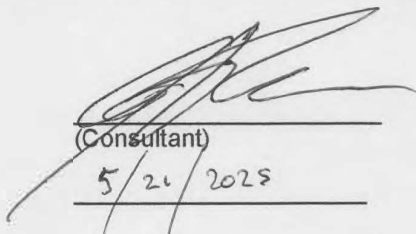
**ATTACHMENT D**

**TITLE 49, CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, PART 29  
DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION CERTIFICATION**

- 1) The Consultant certifies, to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it and its contractors, subcontractors and subrecipients:
  - a) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal department or agency;
  - b) Have not, within the three (3) year period preceding this certification, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, state, or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction, violation of Federal or state antitrust statutes, or commission of embezzlement, theft forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
  - c) Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, state, or local) with commission of any of the offenses listed in sub paragraph (1)(b) of this certification; and
  - d) Have not, within the three (3) year period preceding this certification, had one or more public transactions (federal, state, or local) terminated for cause or default.
  
- 2) The Applicant also certifies that, if Applicant later becomes aware of any information contradicting the statements of paragraph (1) above, it will promptly provide that information to Kern Council of Governments.

If there are any exceptions to this certification, insert the exceptions in the following space.

Exceptions will not necessarily result in denial of award, but will be considered in determining bidder responsibility. For any exception noted above, indicate below to whom it applies, initiating agency, and dates of action.

  
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(Consultant)

5/21/2025  
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