

**ACS / SWS Support Services Agreement for 2021**

AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BETWEEN

**LE SUEUR COUNTY**

(County)

and

TRIMIN SYSTEMS, INC.

This Agreement made by and between **LE SUEUR COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES**, hereinafter referred to as the "County" and TriMin Systems Inc., 2277 Highway 36 West, Suite 250, St. Paul, Minnesota, hereinafter referred to as "TriMin". Where the Agreement refers to "User Group", it is understood to mean all counties who are parties to this Agreement.

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, the County wishes to retain professional services to obtain computer programming and technical assistance for the maintenance and support of computer systems now in use by the County and a number of other counties; and

WHEREAS, the County has undertaken to retain professional services as described above as a member (or past member) of a group of Minnesota county welfare and human services agencies and other entities, previously known as Computer Management for Human Services (CMHS); and

WHEREAS, TriMin has and will be expected to render support services hereunder.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and agreements contained herein, and for other good and valuable consideration, the parties agree as follows:

I. Systems to be supported

TriMin agrees to provide computer programming, technical assistance, and related services to support and maintain the systems and systems components including, but not limited to:

- A. Agency Collection System (ACS)
- B. Social Welfare System (SWS)

## II. Support Definition

- A. Support: TriMin will provide remote application support for County via telephone and email. Support includes the following aspects:
1. Consultation and problem assistance, as scheduled
  2. New staff orientation/overview training, as scheduled
  3. Bug Fixes, as needed
  4. Mandated Modifications, per II-C below
  5. Invoicing of charges to the County
- B. Special Projects: "Special Projects" are those projects which the User Group (the group of counties using ACS and/or SWS) may authorize from time to time above the fixed annual amount for Support. A Special Project shall be initiated upon receipt of written notification from the User Group, with individual Counties each deciding to participate upon knowing the cost of the project and their expected contribution. Special project charges will only apply if a given county has agreed to said project and given approval to participate. Counties that do not participate would not receive the benefit of the project.
- C. Mandated Systems Modifications: "Mandated Systems Modifications" are those systems modifications necessitated by mandates or service program changes imposed by federal or state laws, rules, or regulations. TriMin agrees that Mandated Systems Modifications shall be undertaken without delay and with the understanding that, with respect to completion of the modifications, time is of the essence. Mandated Systems Modifications shall take precedence over any other project or maintenance service being performed pursuant to this Agreement.
- Mandated Systems Modifications services shall be included in the scope of this support agreement, provided that the estimated hours for any particular mandated modification is less than or equal to 40 hours of effort.
- In the event that a Mandated Systems Modification effort is deemed to be greater than 40 hours the Mandated Systems Modifications services shall be approved by the User Group and funded by Counties participating in the Annual Support for a given application (i.e. ACS or SWS).
- Mandated Systems Modifications shall be subject to the cost allocation billing rates and special conditions set forth in this Section and in Sections III. and IV. below.
- Mandated Systems Modifications shall be initiated upon receipt of authorization from the User Group. Counties not wishing to participate may opt out, but will not receive the system modification.
- D. Direct Support: "Direct Support" is that assistance provided to the County or to a group of counties at its/their request and is not Shared Support. Direct Support includes, but is not limited to, start-up services for the County, special seminars or training or modifications for a county or counties not requested by the User Group as a whole.

## III. Allocation of Charges and Costs

- A. Charges and costs for Support, Special Projects, and Mandated Systems Modifications, as defined in Section II-A, B, and C above, shall be billed to the County.
- B. Charges and costs for Direct Support, as defined in Section II-D, above, shall be chargeable to the County requesting such services, and TriMin shall bill the County for Direct Support. Direct support charges and costs shall be itemized according to type of services.

IV. Billings of Charges and Costs for Counties that submit signed agreement by December 11, 2020

- A. TriMin shall bill the County the charges and costs for Support services, as defined in Section II, above, at a flat rate as set forth below, and per the system(s) used and selected below by the county (per "x" in square(s) below):

**Annual Support for ACS, paid as one-time charge (one billing): \$1,200**

**Annual Support for SWS, paid as one-time charge (one billing): \$1,200**

- B. TriMin shall bill the County the charges and costs for Special Projects as defined in Section II-B, above, at the hourly rates, set forth in Section IV-D, below. Such billing shall identify the system being supported.
- C. Invoices pursuant to Section IV-A and IV-B above, shall be billed no more than 30 days in advance to the County, annually for charges in section IV-A above, and on a quarterly basis for charges related to Section IV-B (if any), and shall be paid by the county within forty-five (45) days of the date of the invoice.
- D. The hourly rates charged by TriMin during the duration of this Agreement shall be the following:
- \$175 per hour
- E. Non-payment and remedies of TriMin: In the event that the County does not pay TriMin, within forty-five (45) days of the date of the invoice, the amount due pursuant to the Annual invoice, TriMin shall have the option to terminate its obligation to render further services to the County upon fourteen (14) days written notice thereof.

V. Allowance for Cost of Additional Services

Special Projects and Mandated Systems Modifications, as defined in Sections II-B and II-C, above, may only be billed to County if approved by the User Group prior to commencement of services being performed on County's behalf. The actual expenditure of this allowance is only authorized as defined in Sections II-B and II-C above.

VI. Warranties of the Parties

- A. TriMin represents and warrants as follows:

1. TriMin represents and warrants that any modifications, enhancements, or related products furnished pursuant to Section I above are designed to and will meet the functional and performance specifications and standards to be agreed upon by the parties.
2. TriMin represents and warrants that the modifications or enhancements and related products are, or shall be when completed and delivered hereunder, original work products of TriMin and that neither the modifications, enhancements, and related products nor any of their elements nor the use thereof shall violate or infringe upon any patent, copyrights, or trade secret.

- B. The County represents and warrants as follows:

1. The County represents, warrants, and covenants that it will provide the cooperation and assistance of its personnel, as reasonably required, and as would be necessary for the completion of TriMin's services hereunder, to the extent that the services are being rendered for the County and for the County activity or system involved.
2. The County represents and warrants that it will make prompt and full disclosure to TriMin of any information regarding the government requirements and regulations related to the government program and that the system services.

## VII. Other Conditions

- A. Entire Agreement; Requirement of a Writing: Except where negotiations are otherwise authorized in the Agreement, it is understood and agreed that the entire agreement of the parties is contained herein, and that this Agreement supersedes all oral agreements and negotiations between the parties relating to the subject matter hereof, as well as any previous Agreement presently in effect between the parties relating to the subject matter hereof.

Any alterations, amendments, deletions, or waivers of the provisions of this Agreement shall be valid only when expressed in writing and duly signed by the authorized representatives of the parties.

- B. Non-Assignment: TriMin shall not assign any interest in the Agreement without the prior written consent of the County thereto, provided, however, that claims for money due or to become due to TriMin from the County under this Agreement may be assigned to a bank, trust company, or other financial institutions without such approval.
- C. Conflicts of Interest. TriMin covenants that it presently has no interest and shall not acquire any interest, direct or indirect, which would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance under this Agreement. TriMin further covenants that in the performance of this Agreement, no persons having any such conflicting interest shall be employed.
- D. Subcontracting. None of the work or services covered by this Agreement, and properly authorized by the User Group, shall be subcontracted without prior written approval of the User Group.

Said written consent shall not be unreasonably withheld in the event that TriMin shall reasonably request the authority to delegate or subcontract or consult regarding services to be provided hereunder and shall do so in writing except in the event of emergency, and shall request such authority only as to qualified personnel or entities, all of which shall be without any release of the responsibility of TriMin hereunder to the County for the services provided.

- E. Expenses Incurred: No Payment shall be made under this Agreement for any expenses incurred in a manner contrary to any provision contained herein or in a manner inconsistent with any federal, state, or local law, rule, or regulations.
- F. Independent Contractor: For the purpose of this Agreement, TriMin shall be deemed an independent contractor, and not an employee of the County or the User Group. Any and all employees, members, or associates of TriMin or other persons, while engaged in the work or services required to be performed by TriMin under this Agreement, shall not be considered employees of the County or the User Group; and any and all claims that may or might arise on behalf of said employees or other persons as a consequence of any act or omission on the part of said employees or TriMin, shall in no way be the obligation or responsibility of the County or the User Group.
- G. Liability: In recognition of the fact that the software covered by this agreement is not owned by TriMin, and that TriMin has no control of the use of the software by the County, TriMin's liability in performance of this Agreement shall be satisfied by its maintaining in full force and effect professional liability insurance as set forth in Section VII-I-4, below. In no event shall TriMin be liable for any consequential, indirect, special, punitive or incidental damages, whether foreseeable or unforeseeable. The limitations of damages does not apply to indemnification claims or data practice violations.
- H. Disclaimer of Warranties: Except as expressly provided in this Agreement, there are no warranties, express or implied, including but not limited to implied warranties of merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose.
- I. Indemnification: Each party shall be liable for its own acts to the extent provided by law and hereby agrees to indemnify, hold harmless and defend the other, its officers and employees against any and all liability, loss, costs, damages, expenses, claims or actions, including attorney's fees which the other, its officers and

employees may hereafter sustain, incur or be the party, its agents, servants or employees, in the execution or performance or failure to adequately perform its obligations pursuant to this Agreement.

- J. Insurance: TriMin, for the benefit of itself, the County, and the User Group, at all times during the term of this Agreement, shall maintain and keep in full force and effect the following.
1. A single limit, combined limit, or excess umbrella automobile liability insurance policy, if applicable, covering agency-owned, non-owned and hired vehicles used regularly in provision of services under this Agreement, in an amount of not less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000) per accident for combined single limit.
  2. A single limit or combined limit or excess umbrella general liability insurance policy of an amount of not less than two million dollars (\$2,000,000) for property damage arising from one (1) occurrences, two million dollars (\$2,000,000) for total bodily injury including death and/or damages arising from one (1) occurrence, and two million dollars (\$2,000,000) for total personal injury and/or damages arising from one (1) occurrence. Such policy shall also include contractual liability coverage.
  3. Statutory Workers' Compensation Insurance
  4. Professional liability (errors and omissions) insurance in an amount of not less than one million five hundred thousand and no/100th dollars (\$1,500,000.00).
  5. TriMin will provide the certificates of insurance as requested and provide that the insurance carrier will notify the User Group in writing at least thirty (30) days prior to any reduction, cancellation, or material alteration in TriMin's insurance coverage.
- K. Local Alterations: For each of the systems supported under this contract, the code maintained by TriMin shall be designated the "Base System". The parties to Agreement agree to accept the base system and modifications to the base system as approved by the User Group. TriMin shall not be liable for claims arising from local alterations. The term "Local Alterations" shall include, but not be limited to, any software modification, and any modification to system operations contrary to those specified in the system documentation.
- L. Data Practices: All data collected, created, received, maintained, disseminated or used for any purposes in the course of TriMin's performance of this Agreement is governed by the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, Minn. Stat. Chapter 13, and any other applicable state statutes and rules adopted to implement the Act as well as other state and federal laws on data privacy. TriMin agrees to abide by these statutes, rules and regulations currently in effect and as they may be amended. TriMin designates Joe McNiff, as its "responsible authority" pursuant to the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act for purposes of this Agreement, the individual responsible for the collection, reception, maintenance, dissemination, and use of any data on individuals and other government data including summary data.
- M. Force Majeure: TriMin shall not be held responsible for delay or failure to perform when such delay or failure is due to any of the following uncontrollable circumstances: fire, flood, epidemic, strikes, wars, acts of God, unusually severe weather, acts of public authorities, or delays or defaults caused by public carriers.
- N. Severability: The provisions of this Agreement are severable. If any paragraph, section, subdivision, sentence, clause, or other phrase of this Agreement is, for any reason, held to be contrary to the law or contrary to any rule or regulation having the force and effect of law, such decision shall not affect the remaining provisions of this Agreement.
- O. Governing Laws: The laws of the State of Minnesota shall govern as to the interpretation, validity, and effect of this Agreement.
- P. Non-Discrimination: In carrying out the terms of this Agreement, TriMin shall not discriminate against any employee, applicant for employment, or other person, supplier, or contractor, because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, national origin, disability, or public assistance.

- Q. Applicability of Uniform Commercial Code: Except to the extent the provisions of this Agreement are clearly inconsistent therewith, this Agreement shall be governed by the applicable provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code. To the extent this Agreement entails delivery or performance of services, such services shall be deemed "goods" within the meaning of the Uniform Commercial Code, except when deeming such services as "goods" would result in a clearly unreasonable interpretation.
- R. Whereas Clauses: The matters set forth in the "Whereas" clauses on page (1) hereof are incorporated into and made a part of this Agreement.
- S. Paragraph Headings: The paragraph and subparagraph headings used in this Agreement are for reference purposes only and shall not be deemed to be a part of this Agreement.
- T. Pursuant to Minn. Stat. §16C.05, Subd.5, the Contractor agrees that the County, the State Auditor, or any of their duly authorized representatives at any time during normal business hours and as often as they may reasonably deem necessary, shall have access to and the right to examine, audit, excerpt, and transcribe any books, documents, papers, records, etc., which are pertinent to the accounting practices and procedures of the Contractor and involve transactions relating to this Agreement. Contractor agrees to maintain these records for a period of six years from the date of termination of this Agreement.
- U. Liability of the County shall be governed by the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 466 (Tort Liability, Political Subdivisions) and other applicable law. This Agreement shall not constitute a waiver by the County of limitations on liability provided by Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 466 or other applicable laws.

V. Duration

The duration of this Agreement shall be January 1, 2021, to December 31, 2021, inclusive.

W. Cancellation

This Agreement is binding for the duration of the agreement (1 year) and may not be canceled by the County or by TriMin within the contract period.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this Agreement to be executed intending to be bound thereby.

Accepted and Agreed for:

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County: LE SUEUR

TriMin Systems, Inc.:

Signed By: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: STEVE ROHLFING

Name: Joe McNiff

Title: BOARD CHAIR

Title: Vice President

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_