

**CONTRACT TO PROVIDE  
PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING SERVICES TO  
MARSHALL COUNTY, IOWA**

This Contract entered into this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023, and effective immediately by and between **Cost Advisory Services, Inc.** (hereinafter called the “**Consultant**”) and **Marshall County, Iowa** (hereinafter called the “**County**”) witnesseth that:

**Whereas** the County performs programs that it operates with outside funding, and

**Whereas** the County supports these programs with central services that are paid from the County’s general funds, and

**Whereas** federal and other outside users of county central services will typically pay a fair share of these costs if supported by an appropriate cost allocation plan, and

**Whereas** the Consultant is staffed with personnel knowledgeable and experienced in the requirements of developing, negotiating, and implementing such governmental cost allocation plans, and

**Whereas** the County desires to engage the Consultant to assist in developing cost allocation plans that conform to federal and state requirements and will be approved by their representatives.

**Now Therefore**, the County agrees to engage the Consultant and the Consultant hereby agrees to perform the following services.

1. Scope of Services. The Consultant shall do, perform, and carry out in a good and professional manner the following services:

- A. Develop annual central service cost allocation plans based on actual costs incurred for fiscal years 2023, 2024, and 2025 that appropriately document the various costs expended by the County to support and administer general fund and non-general fund programs. Each year’s plan will contain a determination of the allowable costs of providing each supporting service in accordance with the provisions of 2 CFR Part 200. The types of services to be included in each plan shall include items such as accounting, payroll, purchasing, IT, human resources, and legal services; building occupancy costs; and other central service and centrally budgeted items such as insurance costs, dues and memberships, annual audit fees, etc. The consultant will analyze all required data, perform all cost allocation calculations, and complete each cost allocation plan in the required form to be submitted for federal and/or state approval. County staff involvement will be limited to locating and providing access to accounting, payroll, and other

financial records; answering brief questions to enable the Consultant to appropriately interpret County records; and participating in brief interviews of selected personnel to enable the Consultant to determine the appropriate methods of allocating costs across all benefited County programs.

- B. Provide copies of each year's completed cost allocation plan to the County Board of Supervisors and the County Auditor.
  - C. File each completed cost allocation plan with the central office of the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and negotiate the completed cost allocation plans, as necessary, with the appropriate federal and state representatives.
  - D. Provide guidance to local representatives of DHHS in making quarterly Local Administrative Expense (LAE) claims for eligible indirect costs incurred by the County.
  - E. Monitor the status of LAE claims to ensure that the County receives all recoveries due it.
  - F. If necessary, and as requested by an in-house program at the County, compute an indirect cost rate that will provide the basis for the County to recover eligible indirect costs that are expended in support of this program.
2. Time of Performance. The services to be performed hereunder by the Consultant shall be undertaken and completed in such sequence as to assure their expeditious completion and best carry out the purposes of the Contract, as determined by the County.
3. Term of Contract. It is expressly understood and agreed that the effective date of this Contract shall be the date first written above and shall continue in full force and effect for a period of three years. It is further understood and agreed that the results of the completed cost allocation plan for any given fiscal year shall be implemented for DHHS indirect cost recovery purposes in the second succeeding fiscal year. For example, the results of the FY 2023 cost allocation plan shall be used to determine the amounts of eligible indirect cost recoveries for FY 2025.
4. Compensation. The County agrees to pay the Consultant an amount not to exceed Six Thousand Five Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$6,580.00) for each annual cost allocation plan. This amount shall include reimbursement for all expenses to be incurred by the Consultant.
5. Method of Payment. The County shall pay the amount stated in paragraph 4 above upon delivery to the Board of Supervisors of each year's completed cost allocation plan, and other schedules if so required.

6. Warranty of Benefit to County. The Consultant warrants to the County that its annual fee for preparation of each cost allocation plan shall not exceed 50 percent of the actual reimbursements that are to be obtained for the County as a direct result of preparing the cost allocation plan. In the event annual payment to the Consultant exceeds 50 percent of the related indirect cost reimbursements to the County, then the difference will be promptly refunded to the County. It is also expressly understood and agreed that should the County recover more than double the Consultant's fees in any year, then the excess recoveries will belong solely to the County and no additional fee is due to the Consultant.
7. Changes. The County may, from time to time, require changes in the scope of services to be performed by the Consultant under this Contract. Such changes that are mutually agreed upon by the County and Consultant shall be incorporated in a written amendment to this Contract.
8. Services and Materials to be Furnished by County. The Consultant shall provide guidance to the County in determining the data that is required to complete each cost allocation plan. The County agrees to respond to all reasonable requests for data in a timely manner and shall provide adequate liaison between the Consultant and other agencies of the County government.
9. Termination of Contract for Cause. If, through any cause, the Consultant shall fail to fulfill in timely and proper manner its material obligation under this Contract, the County shall thereupon have the right to terminate this Contract by giving written notice via U.S. Post Office Certified Mail – Return Receipt Requested – to the Consultant of such termination and specifying the effective date thereof postmarked at least fifteen (15) days before the effective date of such termination. Provided however, prior to termination for default, the County will provide adequate written notice to the Consultant affording it the opportunity to cure the deficiencies or to submit a specific plan to resolve the deficiencies within ten (10) days (or the period specified in the notice) after receipt of the notice. Failure to adequately cure the deficiency shall result in termination action. The Consultant shall be compensated for services satisfactorily rendered and expenses incurred through the effective date of termination hereunder.

10. Special Termination. Either party may, at its option, cancel any year of the plan preparation by giving the other party notice by June 30 of the year on which the plan will be based. For example, the County may cancel the work to be done for FY 2024 by giving the Consultant notice on or before June 30, 2024. The County may terminate this Contract at any time without cause by giving the Consultant written notice via Certified Mail. Under this provision, the Consultant shall be entitled to full compensation as specified in paragraph 4 above for any cost allocation plan for which work has already begun.
11. Termination Due to Lack of Funds. The Consultant shall have the right to terminate this contract without penalty by giving fifteen (15) days written notice to the County if adequate funds are not available from Federal Agencies or other outside users to reimburse the County.
12. Information and Reports. The Consultant shall furnish the County, upon request, with copies of all documents and other materials prepared or developed in relation with or as part of the project.
13. Records and Inspection. The Consultant shall maintain full and accurate records with respect to all matters covered under this Contract. The County shall have free access at all proper times to such records, and the right to examine and audit the same and to make transcripts therefrom, and to inspect all program data, documents, proceedings, and activities.
14. Provisions Concerning Certain Waivers. Subject to applicable law, any right or remedy that the County may have under this contract may be waived in writing by the County through a formal waiver, if in the judgment of the County, this contract, as so modified, will still conform to the terms and requirements of pertinent laws.
15. Matters to be Disregarded. The titles of the several sections, sub-sections, and paragraphs set forth in this contract are inserted for convenience of reference only and shall be disregarded in construing or interpreting any of the provisions of this contract.
16. Completeness of Contract. This contract and any additional or supplementary document or documents incorporated herein by specific reference contain all the terms and conditions agreed upon by the parties hereto, and no other agreements, oral or otherwise, regarding the subject matter of this contract or any part thereof shall have any validity or bind any of the parties hereto.
17. County Not Obligated to Third Parties. The County and the Consultant are the only parties to this Contract and are the only parties entitled to enforce its terms. Nothing in this Contract gives, is intended to give, or shall be construed to give or provide, any right or benefit, whether directly or indirectly or otherwise, to third persons.

18. When Rights and Remedies Not Waived. In no event shall the making by the County of any payment to the Consultant constitute or be construed as a waiver by the County of any breach of covenant, or any default which may then exist on the part of the Consultant, and the making of any such payment by the County while any such breach or default exists shall in no way impair or prejudice any right or remedy available to the County with respect to such breach or default.
19. Personnel. The Consultant represents that it has, or will secure at its own expense, all personnel required to perform the services under this Contract. Such personnel shall not be employees of or have any contractual relationship with the County. All the services required hereunder shall be performed by the Consultant or under its supervision, and all personnel engaged in the work shall be fully qualified to perform such services.
20. Consultant Liability if Audited. The Consultant will assume all financial and statistical information provided to the Consultant by the County's employees or representatives is accurate and complete. The County shall be solely responsible for any disallowance of funds paid to the County under the plan resulting from inaccurate or incomplete information provided by the County. The Consultant shall provide assistance to the County in the event that an audit is undertaken of County indirect cost recoveries.
21. Applicable Law. Iowa law shall govern the terms and performance under this Contract.
22. Indemnification. Each party shall be responsible for its own acts and will be responsible for all damages, costs, fees, and expenses that arise out of the performance of this Contract, and which are due to that party's own negligence, tortious acts, and other unlawful conduct and the negligence, tortious acts, and other unlawful conduct of its respective agents, officers, and employees.
23. Delays. The Consultant shall not be liable for delays in performance that are caused in whole or in part by the County, third parties, or forces beyond its control. The period of performance shall be extended by the time period of any delays that are not the fault of the Consultant.
24. Assignment. The Consultant agrees not to assign, convey, or transfer its interest in this Contract to any other entity without the prior written consent of the County which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld. Provided, however, the Consultant may assign, convey, or transfer its interest in this Contract to an entity that succeeds to substantially all of the business of the Consultant by merger or otherwise.
25. Notices. Notices shall be effective upon receipt. Any notices, bills, invoices, or reports required by this Contract shall be sufficient if sent by either party hereto in the United States mail, postage paid, to the addresses stated below:

**For the County:**

Board of Supervisors  
Marshall County Courthouse  
1 E Main  
Marshalltown, IA, 50158

**For the Consultant:**

Cost Advisory Services, Inc.  
P.O. Box 755  
Johnston, Iowa 50131

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the County and the Consultant have executed this Contract as of the date first written above.

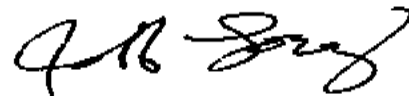
**MARSHALL COUNTY, IOWA:**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
(County Official)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Title)

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

**COST ADVISORY SERVICES, INC.:**



By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jeff Lorenz, President

***PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PROVIDED TO  
IOWA COUNTIES  
BY COST ADVISORY SERVICES, INC.***

Cost Advisory Services, Inc. (CASI) was incorporated in the State of Iowa in 2004. The company currently provides annual cost allocation services to 93 Iowa counties, three Iowa cities, and the Iowa Workforce Development, the Iowa Department of Public Health and five Community Colleges.

The primary objective in developing cost allocation plans is to assist county governments in obtaining reimbursements for indirect costs expended on behalf of the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). Indirect costs typically include items such as audit fees, insurance costs, building space costs that are not otherwise treated as direct costs, accounting and payroll services, and eligible legal services provided by county attorney offices, among others. Once documented in annual cost allocation plans, the indirect costs are claimed on quarterly Local Administrative Expense (LAE) reports that are prepared for counties by staff at local DHHS offices. These claims are then reimbursed from federal funds based on a formula developed by the central office of DHHS. Currently, the reimbursement is approximately one-third of the total direct and indirect costs that are claimed. Because the reimbursements are entirely from federal funds, a basic condition for eligibility is that an annual cost allocation plan be prepared in accordance with the procedures and regulations contained in 2 CFR, Part 200. CASI possesses both the expertise to deal with these regulations as well as a propriety cost allocation software program that enhances the cost allocation process.

While LAE reimbursements are the main objective for preparing cost allocation plans for county governments, there are other uses that may benefit individual counties. Some counties utilize their cost allocation plans to claim reimbursement of indirect costs that are expended in support of Title XIX (Medicaid) programs at local health departments. Again, because federal Title XIX funds are involved in indirect cost reimbursements from these programs, an annual cost allocation plan is required that conforms to 2 CFR, Part 200. Still another use of cost allocation plans by some of the larger counties is in recovering indirect costs that are expended in support of enterprise funds.

CASI staff welcomes the opportunity to discuss and explain the professional services that we provide to our current and prospective clients. We can be reached at the following:

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