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Health Care Accountability Ordinance (HCAO) Declaration

What the Ordinance Requires. The Health Care Accountability Ordinance (HCAO), which became effective July 1, 2001, requires Contractors that provide services to the City or enter into certain leases with the City, and certain Subcontractors, Subtenants and parties providing services to Tenants and Subtenants on City property, to provide health plan benefits to Covered Employees, or make payments to the City for use by the Department of Public Health (DPH), or, under limited circumstances, make payments directly to Employees.

The HCAO applies only to Contractors with at least \$25,000 (\$50,000 for non-profit organizations) in cumulative annual business with a City department(s) and have more than 20 Employees (50 Employees for non-profit organizations) including Employees of any parent or subsidiaries.

The City may require Contractors to submit reports on the number of Employees affected by the HCAO.

Effect on City Contracting. For contracts and amendments signed on or after July 1, 2001, the HCAO requires the following:

- Each contract must include terms ensuring that the Contractor will agree to abide by the HCAO and either to provide its employees with health plan benefits meeting the Minimum Standards set forth by the Director of Health or to make the payments required by the HCAO;
- All City Contractors must agree to comply with the requirements of the HCAO unless the Contracting Department has
 obtained an approved exemption or waiver under the HCAO from the Office of Labor Standards (OLSE).
- Contractors must require any Subcontractors subject to the HCAO to comply with the HCAO:

The Purpose of This Declaration. By submitting this declaration, you are providing assurances to the City that, beginning with the first City contract or amendment you receive after July 1, 2001 and until further notice, you will either provide the health plan benefits meeting the Minimum Standards to your covered employees or make the payments required by the HCAO, and will ensure that your Subcontractors also abide by these requirements. **If you cannot provide this assurance, do** *not* **return this form.**

To obtain more information regarding the HCAO, Visit our website, which includes links to the complete text of the HCAO, at www.sfgov.org/olse/hcao; send an e-mail to HCAO@sfgov.org; or call (415) 554-4791.

Where to Send this Form. Mail: Vendor File Support, City Hall, Room 484, San Francisco CA 94102. Fax: (415) 554-6261 Email: vendor.file.support@sfgov.org

Declaration

In order to be a certified vendor with the City and County of San Francisco, the company named below will either provide, if applicable, health benefits specified in the HCAO to our covered employees or make the payments required by the HCAO, and will ensure that our subcontractors that are subject to the HCAO also comply with these requirements, until further notice. The company named below will provide such notice as soon as possible.