

CITY OF LOS ANGELES

INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION ON COMPLYING WITH CITY INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

(Share this information with your insurance agent or broker.)

1. **Agreement/Reference** All evidence of insurance must identify the nature of your business with the CITY. Clearly show any assigned number of a bid, contract, lease, permit, etc. or give the project name and the job site or street address to ensure that your submission will be properly credited. Provide the **types of coverage and minimum dollar amounts** specified on the Required Insurance and Minimum Limits sheet (Form Gen. 146) included in your CITY documents.

2. **When to submit** Normally, no work may begin until a CITY insurance certificate approval number ("CA number") has been obtained, so insurance documents should be submitted as early as practicable. For **As-needed Contracts**, insurance need not be submitted until a specific job has been awarded. **Design Professionals** coverage for new construction work may be submitted simultaneously with final plans and drawings, but before construction commences.

3. **Acceptable Evidence and Approval** Electronic submission is the preferred method of submitting your documents. **Track4LA™** is the CITY's online insurance compliance system and is designed to make the experience of submitting and retrieving insurance information quick and easy. The system is designed to be used primarily by insurance brokers and agents as they submit client insurance certificates directly to the City. It uses the standard insurance industry form known as the **ACORD 25 Certificate of Liability Insurance** in electronic format. Track4LA™ advantages include standardized, universally accepted forms, paperless approval transactions (24 hours, 7 days per week), and security checks and balances. The easiest and quickest way to obtain approval of your insurance is to have your insurance broker or agent access **Track4LA™** at <http://track4la.lacity.org> and follow the instructions to register and submit the appropriate proof of insurance on your behalf.

Insurance industry certificates other than the ACORD 25 may be accepted. **All** Certificates must provide a thirty (30) days' cancellation notice provision (ten (10) days for non-payment of premium) AND an Additional Insured Endorsement naming the CITY an additional insured completed by your insurance company or its designee. If the policy includes an automatic or blanket additional insured endorsement, the Certificate must state the CITY is an automatic or blanket additional insured. An endorsement naming the CITY an Additional Named Insured and Loss Payee as Its Interests May Appear is required on property policies. All evidence of insurance must be authorized by a person with authority to bind coverage, whether that is the authorized agent/broker or insurance underwriter.

Acceptable Alternatives to **Acord Certificates and other Insurance Certificates:**

- A **copy of the full insurance policy** which contains a thirty (30) days' cancellation notice provision (ten (10) days for non-payment of premium) and additional insured and/or loss-payee status, when appropriate, for the CITY.
- **Binders and Cover Notes** are also acceptable as interim evidence for up to 90 days from date of approval.

Additional Insured Endorsements DO NOT apply to the following:

- Indication of compliance with statute, such as Workers' Compensation Law.
- Professional Liability insurance.

Completed **Insurance Industry Certificates other than ACORD 25 Certificates** can be sent electronically (CAO.insurance.bonds@lacity.org) or faxed to the Office of the City Administrative Officer, Risk Management (213) 978-7616. **Please note that submissions other than through**

Track4LA™ will delay the insurance approval process as documents will have to be manually processed.

Verification of approved insurance and bonds may be obtained by checking **Track4LA™**, the CITY's online insurance compliance system, at <http://track4la.lacity.org>.

4. **Renewal** When an existing policy is renewed, have your insurance broker or agent submit a new Acord 25 Certificate through **Track4LA™** at <http://track4la.lacity.org> or submit an Insurance Industry Certificate or a renewal endorsement as outlined in Section 3 above. If your policy number changes you must also submit a new Additional Insured Endorsement with an Insurance Industry Certificate.

5. **Alternative Programs/Self-Insurance** Risk financing mechanisms such as Risk Retention Groups, Risk Purchasing Groups, off-shore carriers, captive insurance programs and self-insurance programs are subject to separate approval after the CITY has reviewed the relevant audited financial statements. To initiate a review of your program, you should complete the Applicant's Declaration of Self Insurance form (<http://cao.lacity.org/risk/InsuranceForms.htm>) to the Office of the City Administrative Officer, Risk Management for consideration.

6. **General Liability** insurance covering your operations (and products, where applicable) is required whenever the CITY is at risk of third-party claims which may arise out of your work or your presence or special event on City premises. **Sexual Misconduct** coverage is a required coverage when the work performed involves minors. **Fire Legal Liability** is required for persons occupying a portion of CITY premises. (Information on two CITY insurance programs, the SPARTA program, an optional source of low-cost insurance which meets the most minimum requirements, and the Special Events Liability Insurance Program, which provides liability coverage for short-term special events on CITY premises or streets, is available at (www.2sparta.com), or by calling (800) 420-0555.)

7. **Automobile Liability** insurance is required only when vehicles are used in performing the work of your Contract or when they are driven off-road on CITY premises; it is not required for simple commuting unless CITY is paying mileage. However, compliance with California law requiring auto liability insurance is a contractual requirement.

8. **Errors and Omissions** coverage will be specified on a project-by-project basis if you are working as a licensed or other professional. The length of the claims discovery period required will vary with the circumstances of the individual job.

9. **Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability** insurance are not required for single-person contractors. However, under state law these coverages (or a copy of the state's Consent To Self Insure) must be provided if you have any employees at any time during the period of this contract. Contractors with no employees must complete a Request for Waiver of Workers' Compensation Insurance Requirement (<http://cao.lacity.org/risk/InsuranceForms.htm>).

A Waiver of Subrogation on the coverage is required only for jobs where your employees are working on CITY premises under hazardous conditions, e.g., uneven terrain, scaffolding, caustic chemicals, toxic materials, power tools, etc. The Waiver of Subrogation waives the insurer's right to recover (from the CITY) any workers' compensation paid to an injured employee of the contractor.

10. **Property Insurance** is required for persons having exclusive use of premises or equipment owned or controlled by the CITY. **Builder's Risk/Course of Construction** is required during construction projects and should include building materials in transit and stored at the project site.

11. **Surety** coverage may be required to guarantee performance of work and payment to vendors and suppliers. A **Crime Policy** may be required to handle CITY funds or securities, and under certain other conditions. **Specialty coverages** may be needed for certain operations. For assistance in obtaining the CITY required bid, performance and payment surety bonds, please see the City of Los Angeles Bond Assistance Program website address at <http://cao.lacity.org/risk/BondAssistanceProgram.pdf> or call (213) 258-3000 for more information.