



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
105 E. Anapamu Street, Suite 407
Santa Barbara, CA 93101
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Department Name: Probation
Department No.: 022
For Agenda Of: June 20, 2017
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from: N/A
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Director(s) Beverly A. Taylor, Acting Chief Probation Officer, 882-3652
Contact Info: Brian Swanson, Probation Manager, 739-8606

SUBJECT: Fiscal Year (FY) 2017-18 Agreement with Sentinel Offender Services, LLC., for Electronic Monitoring and Alcohol Testing Equipment for Monitoring Juvenile Offenders on Home Supervision.

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Select_Concurrence Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the attached Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with Sentinel Offender Services, LLC., to provide electronic monitoring (EM) and alcohol testing equipment and services for the Probation Department's Juvenile Division for FY 2017-18 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$140,000 (Attachment A); and
- B. Determine that the approval of the Agreement is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), finding that this activity is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment, and where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that this activity may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA, and direct staff to file a Notice of Exemption (Attachment B).

Summary Text:

Sentinel Offender Services, LLC., has provided EM services for the SMJH under the current bid since FY 2011-12. (At the time, the company operated as G4S Justice Services, LLC., until acquired by Sentinel Offender Services. An amendment was made in October of 2012 reflecting the change in company name.) Approving the attached contract would continue services through FY 2017-18 with a decrease in cost for one component (cellular home monitoring unit), an increase in cost for one component (alcohol testing unit), but no increase in the per year contract total cost.

Background:

The Probation Department operates a Home Supervision program that includes the use of EM for specified juvenile offenders. The use of EM provides the Juvenile Court with an alternative to detention and allows youth released from custody on EM to remain in their homes under certain conditions. It allows them to remain in school, participate in prosocial activities, and participate in treatment programs. Juvenile Institutions Officers assigned to the Home Supervision program regularly monitor the activities of those released on EM from program sites in Santa Maria and Santa Barbara for all areas. At any given time, there are approximately 30-40 youth on EM. The Probation Department uses services and technology provided by Sentinel Offender Services, LLC., to perform EM functions, including equipment and devices, and support.

Performance Measure:

Sentinel Offender services will make immediate notifications to the Probation Department of any instances of offender non-compliance discovered by them through their remote monitoring system 24 hours per day.

Sentinel Offender Services will provide and replace necessary monitoring units and equipment upon request, accounting for administrative processing and delivery times.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund		\$ 140,000.00	
State			
Federal			
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ -	\$ 140,000.00	\$ -

Narrative: Funds for this contract are included in the Probation Department’s FY 2017-18 adopted budget. Executing the contract will not increase the general revenue to the Probation Department.

Staffing Impacts:

<u>Legal Positions:</u>	<u>FTEs:</u>
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Special Instructions:

Please send one (1) fully executed original of the contract and one (1) minute order to:
Michael Cameron, Probation Department, 117 East Carrillo Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Attachments:

Attachment A: Sentinel Offender Services, LLC., FY 2017-18 Agreement
Attachment B: CEQA Notice of Exemption

Authored by:

Brian Swanson, Probation Manager

cc: