

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Kathy Gallagher, Director
Social Services Department

STAFF CONTACT: Trisha Faulkner
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SUBJECT: Annual Amendment to the Agreement between the California Case Data System Counties and Electronic Data Systems Corporation for maintenance of a Computerized Welfare Case Data System

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

Approve and authorize the Chair to execute Amendment #16 to the agreement between the California Case Data System (CDS) counties and Electronic Data Systems (EDS) Corporation, not a local vendor, for maintenance of a computerized welfare case data system. The cost of Santa Barbara County is \$389,082 for the period of 7/1/05 through 6/30/06.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

Maintenance of the computerized welfare case data system is primarily aligned with the Board's strategic plan goals numbers I: Efficient Government – An efficient government able to anticipate and respond effectively to the needs of the community; and 7: Families and Children – A community that fosters the safety and well-being of families and children.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

On 5/28/91 your Board approved an agreement between EDS and the CDS counties for maintenance of a computerized welfare case data system for a 3-year term beginning 7/1/91 and ending 6/30/94. The agreement provided for an annual review of service hours and of the billing rate.

This is the 16th amendment to the contract and is exercising the option to extend the term of the agreement for the period of 7/1/05 through 6/30/06. The annual service hours remain the same as last year at 69,700 as does the base billing rate of \$88.00 per hour. 69,700 hours at \$88.00 per hour equates to a total base rate of \$6,133,600. Additional

support services totaling \$480,800 will also be divided between the 17 participating counties. Based on the annual hours and rate, the total annual cost to provide maintenance of the system is \$6,614,400; Santa Barbara County's share of the total is \$389,082.

The EDS contract supports the Case Data Systems (eligibility programs) and the GAIN Information System. The eligibility programs that are impacted are California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs), Food Stamps, and Medi-Cal. In addition to computation of eligibility to and issuance of benefits for children, families and indigent adults, these systems ensure compliance with the mandates to track and control Federal and State time limits for CalWORKs cash benefits for adults. Employment, training and community service benefits are managed by the GAIN Information System.

The computerized welfare case data system improves the efficiency of the Department by providing reports and management tools used to track program compliance and gives us the data necessary for completion of State reports and claims. This in turn fosters the safety and well-being of families and children by assuring accurate and timely issuance of critical Social Service benefits.

Mandates and Service Levels:

Participation in the Case Data System is not mandated, however, these systems have allowed our staff to have higher caseloads than they would otherwise be able to carry and provides the Department with reports and management tools used to track program compliance and give us the data necessary for completion of State reports and claims.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

The \$389,082 cost of the EDS contract is included in the requested FY 2005/06 budget. This computer system supports various programs within the Department so the cost of it is spread to all cost centers based on its number of FTE's. Funding for this contract comes from the funding of the majority of our eligibility programs such as Medi-Cal, CalWORKs, Foster Care, Food Stamps etc. These programs are funded with a mixture of federal, state and county funds. As stated above, participation in the Case Data System, allows our staff to have higher caseloads than they would otherwise be able to carry and it provides the Department with reports and management tools used to track program compliance and caseload data.

Attachments:

- Welfare Case Data System Electronic Data Systems Corporation Contract Fiscal Year 2005/2006 (Summary)
- Amendment Sixteen to the Agreement Between The California Case Data System Counties and Electronic Data Systems Corporation for the Maintenance of a Computerized Case Data System

Special Instructions:

After execution by the Chair, please return two (2) originally signed Amendments, and one (1) copy of the minute order to the Department of Social Services, Attention: Diana Klopp. Social Services will forward original contracts to EDS for completion of the signature process and will return one (1) fully executed originally signed contract to the Clerk of the Board.

Concurrence:

Auditor-Controller
County Counsel