



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
105 E. Anapamu Street, Suite 407  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101  
(805) 568-2240

**Department Name:** Treasurer-Tax  
Collector-Public  
Administrator  
**Department No.:** 065  
**For Agenda Of:** May 14, 2024  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Time:**  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Department Harry E. Hagen, CPA, CPFA, CPFO, CFIP, CGIP, ACPFIM  
Director(s) Treasurer-Tax Collector-Public Administrator  
(805) 568-2490  
Contact Info: Bryan Fiebert  
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**SUBJECT:** Property Tax System Software Contract Extension for Maintenance

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Risk Management Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Recommended Actions:**

- a. Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the attached Schedules amending the existing Master Agreement for Licensed Software, Hardware, and Services with Manatron, Inc. for an additional amount not to exceed \$1,249,373 for maintenance, and extending the Agreement for a period of five fiscal years beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2029; and
- b. Determine that the above actions are not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15378(b)(4) of the CEQA Guidelines, because they consist of the creation of government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

**Summary Text:**

The County has been working with Manatron, Inc. initially to modernize the County’s property tax system by migrating operations from the mainframe to a new hardware and software system, called Aumentum Technologies. Since going live in August of 2014, the Tax Collector and Auditor have been using the new system, which mitigated the risks of the mainframe. The Tax Collector is on track to collect 99% percent of the \$1.2 billion annual secured property tax roll this year for the County, schools, and special districts.

Approval of this contract extension will allow the Auditor-Controller and Treasurer-Tax Collector to continue to perform their statutorily mandated property taxation functions, ensuring that effective systems are in place to collect property taxes.

**Background:**

The original agreement with Manatron, Inc., was approved on May 25, 2010. The Auditor-Controller and Treasurer-Tax Collector went live with the new property tax system in August of 2014. The new system interfaces with the Assessor’s systems, receiving valuation and other property attributes to successfully facilitate taxation.

The maintenance on the Agreement will expire on June 30, 2024. The purpose of the Schedules is to extend the maintenance for an additional five years. The annual maintenance fees are within industry standards, and have a fixed annual increase of less than five percent.

Since the original Agreement was approved by the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors in May of 2010, Riverside County has gone live with Manatron’s Aumentum property tax system for the Assessor, Auditor, and Treasurer-Tax Collector. Several other California counties are live with the system or at various stages of implementation.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes, 70% General Fund, 20% Tax Administration Fee, 10% Treasury Administration Fee .

**Fiscal Analysis:**

<b>ONGOING FEES</b>	
Description	Annual Price
SOFTWARE SUPPORT SERVICES - 7.1.2024 - 6.30.2025	\$ 226,105.00
SOFTWARE SUPPORT SERVICES - 7.1.2025 - 6.30.2026	\$ 237,410.00
SOFTWARE SUPPORT SERVICES - 7.1.2026 - 6.30.2027	\$ 249,281.00
SOFTWARE SUPPORT SERVICES - 7.1.2027 - 6.30.2028	\$ 261,745.00
SOFTWARE SUPPORT SERVICES - 7.1.2028 - 6.30.2029	\$ 274,832.00
<b>Total Ongoing Fees for the 60-Month Term listed above:</b>	<b>\$ 1,249,373.00</b>

The annual maintenance is included as part of the Treasurer-Tax Collector’s 2024-2025 requested budget.

**Special Instructions:**

Please send an original and a copy of the signed Schedules and a copy of the Minute Order to:

Bryan Fiebert, Operations Manager, Treasurer-Tax Collector-Public Administrator

**Attachments:**

- 1) Attachment A: Schedules for Master Agreement for Licensed Software, Hardware, and Services - 2024
- 2) Attachment B: Schedules for Master Agreement for Licensed Software, Hardware, and Services - 2019
- 3) Attachment C: Master Agreement for Licensed Software, Hardware, and Services (not including change orders.)

**Authored by:**

Bryan Fiebert, Operations Manager