



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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Department Name: Auditor-Controller  
Department No.: 061  
For Agenda Of: 2/6/07  
Placement: Administrative  
Estimated Tme:  
Continued Item: No  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Bob Geis, Auditor-Controller, X2102  
Director(s)  
Contact Info: Ralph Remick, AC Division Chief, X2127

**SUBJECT: Authorization to purchase computer equipment without requiring a bid**

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: No

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence:**

Purchasing Manager

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors authorize the Purchasing Manager to acquire certain computer equipment on behalf of the Auditor-Controller's office without being required to conduct a formal bid process.

**Summary Text:**

To purchase 2 enterprise class computer servers and disk storage network, rack and controllers, that will replace older multiple servers that are growing obsolete. This will provide a high-level of computing redundancy by eliminating single-points of failure, and use virtual machine technologies to provide flexibility when adding new services without buying additional hardware. It will allow us to develop off-site resources in Santa Maria to provide quick disaster recovery for business resumption and continuity.

County's contracted computer supplier is unable to fulfill this request. To get what we need, we must deal directly with Hewlett-Packard who needs to assemble and test the ordered components at their factory before shipping. HP has a proven track record and time is of the essence.

**Background:**

As part of its long-term Information Technology strategy to provide reliable services to a variety of customers, the Auditor's Office is implementing a planned upgrade to its servers. These servers run Countywide applications such as FIN, Payroll, Salary Model, and various budgetary systems as well as storing data used by those applications. The new equipment will provide faster processing, greater storage, and improved disaster and data recovery capabilities. The purchase of this equipment will enable the Auditor-Controller to retire aging servers, resulting in decreased rack and floor space, less maintenance overhead, lower risk of hardware failure, and reduced staff time.

**Performance Measure:**

To make timely payroll disbursements to about 4800 employees every two weeks.  
To make timely payments to approximately 5500 vendors a month.  
To apportion taxes of \$600 million to over 100 funds and agencies.  
To provide on-line financial services to departments, districts, employees and vendors.  
To provide quick disaster recovery and business resumption for continuity of government.

**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	\$ 85,117.16	\$ -	\$ -
State			
Federal			
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ 85,117.16	\$ -	\$ -

**Narrative:**

The source for this new equipment is the Auditor's Automation Designation which has been transferred to the current budget in line account 8300.

**Staffing Impacts:**

**Legal Positions:**

**FTEs:**

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**Special Instructions:**

Clerk of the Board: Send copy of Minute Order to Purchasing Manager.

**Attachments:**

N/A

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