

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: General Services Department

Based on a preliminary review of the proposed action, the following activity is determined to be exempt from the environmental review requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) of 1970, as defined in the State and County Guidelines for the implementation of CEQA.

APN(s) N/A **Case No. File No.** N/A

LOCATION: County-wide

PROJECT TITLE: Services Contract for Job Order Contract Management Services

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The County’s General Services Department is recommending to the Board of Supervisors that the Board approve a Professional Services Agreement with The Gordian Group in a “Not-to-Exceed” amount of \$200,000, to provide Job Order Contracting (JOC) Program development, implementation, and management services, for an initial contract term of one (1) year. The service contract will assist in developing an indefinite quantity (subject to a BOS approved ‘Not- to-Exceed’ amount) contract known as a Job Order Contract (JOC), that will be competitively bid, then brought back to the Board for award to the lowest responsible bidder.

EXEMPT STATUS: (Check One)

- Ministerial
- Statutory
- X Categorical Exemption [Section 15378]
- Emergency Project
- No Possibility of Significant Effect

Cite specific CEQA Guideline Section: 15378. Project

Reasons to support exemption findings: As set forth in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, Section 15378 of the California Code of Regulations provides a definition of “Project” for purposes of CEQA. Subsection 15378(b) describes activities not considered to be projects for purposes of CEQA. Subsection 15378(b) (5) includes “Organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment” as activities that are not projects, and therefore not subject to further CEQA review. The recommended action of approving the Professional Services Agreement with the Gordian Group to assist with the development of a Job Order Contracting Program, which is an administrative activity that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes to the environment, and is therefore not a “project”; is exempt from further environmental review under CEQA.



Department/Division Representative

8/12/15

Date

NOTE: A copy of this document must be posted with the County’s Planning and Development Department at least 6 days prior to consideration of the activity by the decision-makers to comply with County CEQA guidelines, and a copy must be filed with the County Clerk of the Board after project approval.

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