



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

**Clerk of the Board of Supervisors**  
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Submitted on:  
(COB Stamp)

**Department Name:** Information Technology  
**Department No.:** 067  
**Agenda Date:** February 3, 2026  
**Placement:** Administrative Agenda  
**Estimated Time:**  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** 4/5

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Director(s): Chris Chirgwin, Chief Information Officer (CIO)  
Contact: Andre Monostori, Deputy CIO  
**SUBJECT:** First Amendment to the Agreement with NICE Systems Inc., for Digital Evidence Management System Services

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence:** Risk Management

As to form: Yes

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve and authorize the Chief Information Officer to execute the First Amendment (Amendment) to the Agreement with NICE Systems Inc. for Digital Evidence Management System Services (Agreement) (Board Contract No. 214208) to replace Exhibit B of the Agreement to modify the annual amounts in the payment schedule at no net increase;
- b) Approve and authorize Budget Revision Request No. 0010951, increasing appropriations of \$283,000 in District Attorney General Fund for other charges funded by revenue from a Federal grant and increasing appropriations of \$283,000 in Information Technology IT Services Fund for capital assets funded by charges for services; and
- c) Determine that the above recommended action is a government funding mechanism or other government fiscal activity, which does not involve any commitment to any specific project that may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment and is therefore not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to section 15378(b)(4) of the CEQA Guidelines.

**Summary Text:**

In December 2024, the Board approved an Agreement with Nice Systems for a Digital Evidence Management System (DEMS) in the amount not to exceed \$1,554,550 over a five year period, with two additional option years. The Agreement is structured so that the Year 1 payment becomes payable when certain conditions are met, which is expected to occur during FY 2025-26. This amendment adjusts the amounts of the annual payments due in the first three years of the Agreement so that the District Attorney may utilize \$385,000 of eligible Federal Department of Justice (DOJ) grant funding towards their share of the DEMS costs before the grants funds expire on September 30, 2026. A budget revision between the Information Technology Department (ITD) and District Attorney is necessary to align the FY 2025-26 budgets with the revised payment schedule. There is no overall change in the total amount of payments due over the term of the agreement or each department's 50/50 share of the total contract costs.

**Discussion:**

As the DEMS is a multi-department software platform to be used by both the District Attorney and Sheriff, ITD is responsible for administering the Agreement, including making all subscription payments to NICE through the IT Shared Services Fund and collecting reimbursement from the participating departments. The County's primary funding source for the DEMS Agreement is \$1,313,700 of General Fund dollars set aside in the Technology Innovation Fund (TIF) fund balance for the DEMS. The District Attorney was also awarded \$385,000 of Federal DOJ grant funds which may be applied towards the District Attorney's share of DEMS costs if utilized by September 30, 2026. Approval of this amendment will allow the District Attorney to fully utilize the available Federal grant funding towards the Year 1 payment before the grant expires, thereby reducing the amount of additional General Fund dollars needed beyond what is set aside in the TIF to cover the costs in future years.

**Background:**

The Board approved the release of a Request for Proposals for a digital evidence management system (DEMS) on May 2, 2023. NICE Systems Inc. (NICE) was selected as the top-scoring applicant by a scoring committee consisting of County representatives. The District Attorney's Office, the Public Defender's Office, Sheriff's Office, the Probation Department, and the Information Technology Department collaboratively developed the original Board-approved contract to procure licensing and implementation services for a cloud-based solution aligned with the Renew Initiative. This effort included extensive research on the DEMS marketplace through third-party literature reviews, Gartner services, and consultations with counties that use DEMS solutions. The DEMS contract was presented to the Executive Information Technology Council (EITC) and approved on December 6, 2024. The Board formally approved the five-year agreement with NICE December 17, 2024. On September 27, 2023, the District Attorney's Office was awarded a \$385,000 grant from the Federal Department of Justice under a funding opportunity entitled 2023 BJA FY 23 Smart Prosecution – Innovative Prosecution Solutions. The grant funding may be applied toward the DEMS for eligible costs incurred by September 30, 2026.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

The First Amendment will increase the payment in Fiscal Year 2025-26 due to the need to align the payment schedule with the timing for using eligible grant funding available to the District Attorney's office. Payments for Fiscal Years 2026-27 and 2027-28 will decrease to offset the increase in costs in Fiscal Year 2025-26 so there is no net increase in total contract cost. The attached budget revision increases appropriations for District Attorney's charges for IT services to adjust ITD's appropriations to accommodate the Fiscal Year 2025-26 payment to NICE as amended. The amended payment

amounts for future years will be included in future year budgets. While payments to NICE are made by ITD through the IT Shared Services Fund, the payments are funded by charges by ITD to District Attorney and Sheriff so that each department contributes 50% of the total cost over the term of the agreement. Departments will utilize \$1,313,700 of Technology Innovation Fund (TIF) monies set aside for the DEMS until those funds are fully consumed over the term of the Agreement. Upon utilizing all DOJ grant funds and TIF monies set aside, an additional \$616,307 of funding would be needed across FY 2030-31 and FY 2031-32 to cover the \$760,457 of payments due in optional years 6 and 7, if exercised by the County. If these optional years are not exercised, there would be \$144,450 of unutilized TIF monies remaining after year 5.

**Fiscal Analysis:**

Funding Source	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	FY 2027-28	FY 2028-29	FY 2029-30	FY 2030-31*	FY 2031-32*	Total
<b>Fund 1915 – ISF Operating Budget</b>								
Original Agreement	\$203,900	\$302,000	\$331,550	\$349,550	\$367,550	\$378,432	\$382,025	<b>\$2,315,007</b>
Amendment No. 1	283,050	(151,000)	(132,050)	0	0	0	0	0
Amended Agreement	<b>486,950</b>	<b>151,000</b>	<b>199,500</b>	<b>349,550</b>	<b>367,550</b>	<b>378,432</b>	<b>382,025</b>	<b>2,315,007</b>

\* Denotes optional years exercisable by the County for FY 2030-31 (Year 6) and FY 2031-32 (Year 7)

**Special Instructions:**

Please email a copy of the executed minute order to Onelia Rodriguez ([onrodriguez@countyofsb.org](mailto:onrodriguez@countyofsb.org)) and Jason Womack ([jwomack@countyofsb.org](mailto:jwomack@countyofsb.org)) with the Information Technology Department.

**Attachments:**

**Attachment A** – First Amendment to the Agreement with NICE Systems

**Attachment B** – Original Agreement with NICE Systems

**Attachment C** – Budget Revision Request No. 0010951

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**CC:**

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Bill Brown, Sheriff-Coroner

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