# SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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

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Department Name: Social Services

Department No.: 044
Agenda Date: 11/22/05
Placement: Administrative

**Estimate Time:** 

Continued Item: NO If Yes, date from:

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Kathy Gallagher

Social Services Department

**STAFF** Edna Terrell, Deputy Director

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**SUBJECT:** CONTRACT AMENDMENT TO PROVIDE THE CALIFORNIA WORK

OPPORTUNITY AND RESPONSIBILITY TO KIDS (CalWORKs) PROGRAM'S EMPLOYMENT SERVICES AND POST EMPLOYMENT / JOB RETENTION

SERVICES WITH AFFILIATED COMPUTER SERVICES (ACS), INC.

#### **Recommendation(s):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

Approve and authorize the Chair to execute a contract amendment with Affiliated Computer Services (ACS) Inc., to expand the contract in the areas of Client Pre-assessment evaluation and Client Orientation support by an additional \$105,000. Additional funding has become available through the recently received State CalWORKs allocation. This augmentation will raise the total cost of the contract to \$3,857,504.

# Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendation is primarily aligned with Goal No. 7. A Community that Fosters the Safety and Well-Being of Families and Children

# **Executive Summary and Discussion:**

CalWORKs caseloads in Santa Barbara County experienced a steady rise since July 2002 and throughout the period of the current contract. In spite of the rising caseloads funding for CalWORKs was reduce by the State over the past three years. Consequently the Department was forced to reduce some Welfare to Work activities and that directly related to reductions in contract funding. The result of these reductions meant that fewer clients were served and placed in unsubsidized employment. Job placements dropped from a high of 48% of the average monthly caseload in Fiscal Year 2001/02 to the rate of 29.2 % in early 2004. This reduction is directly related to the reductions we were forced to take in our Welfare to Work program. Last year the Governor initiated a rigorous program to re-emphasize Welfare to Work. This initiative and added funding allowed us to expand our Job Club/Job Services activities over the past year. Since these changes were implemented the number of Clients served by the contractor increased by 52%. Exercising the

contract expansion at this time will allow the contractor to assist line staff serve clients by continuing to conduct client orientations and monitoring and scoring pre-assessment testing throughout the fiscal year.

### **Mandates and Service Levels:**

The CalWORKs program is mandated by AB 1542, Statues of 1997. The level of Job Service is mandated for recipients who are not exempt from Welfare to Work. As part of our plan to help clients reach self-sufficiency our department has also elected to again offer these services to our applicant and volunteer populations. The Post-Employment/Job Retention Services are an additional option given to the County by AB 1542 and were included in our County Plan, approved by the Board of Supervisors on 12/16/97.

## **Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

The original contract amount is included in the Adopted FY 2005-2006 Budget. Funding for the original contract and contract expansion will come from a mixture of Federal and State Funds, with no increase in General Fund contribution required. The allotment for the original contract amount is included in the Cal-Works cost center of the Client Services and Benefits Division on Page D-220 of the Budget. As previously indicated in this Board item, approval of this contract expansion will assist us in meeting mandated level of Job Service for recipients who are not exempt from Welfare to Work.

### **Special Instructions:**

After execution by the Chair, please return one (1) originally signed agreement for the contractor, the Department copies of the agreements, and one (1) copy of the minute order, attention: Diana Klopp.

#### **Concurrence:**

Auditor-Controller County Counsel Risk Management

Contract Summary Form: Contract Number:BC98-459 Complete data below, print, obtain signature of authorized departmental representative, and submit this form (and attachments) to the Clerk of the Board (>\$25,000) or Purchasing (<\$25,000). See also "Contracts for Services" policy. Form not applicable to revenue contracts.	
D1. D2. D3. D4. D5. D6.	Fiscal Year
K1. K2. K3. K4. K5. K6.	Contract Type (check one): [X] Personal Service Brief Summary of Contract Description/Purpose  Extension of current contract pursuant to renewal clause contained within the original contact language for employment and posemployment/retention services to Welfare-to-Work participants.  Original Contract Amount
K7.	Seq#EffectiveDate ThisAmndtAmtCumAmndtToDate NewTotalAmtNewEndDate 1 7/1/02 \$,520,238 \$520,238 \$3,752,504 06/30/05 One-year extension  Department Project Number
B1. B2. B3. B4. B5. B6. B7.	Is this a Board Contract? (Yes/No)
F1. F2. F3. F4. F5. F6. F7. F8.	Encumbrance Transaction Code       1701         Current Year Encumbrance Amount       \$ 520,238 FY05/06         Fund Number       0055         Department Number       044         Program Number       Account Number         Org. Unit Number       Net 30
V1. V2. V3. V4. V5. V6. V7. V8. V9. V10. V11. V12. Institu	Vendor Numbers (A=uditor; P=urchasing): A Payee/Contractor Name
I certify: information complete and accurate; designated funds available; required concurrences evidenced on signature page.	
Date: Authorized Signature:	