

# SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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**Agenda Number:**  
**Prepared on:** 6/2/05  
**Department Name:** Sheriff's Department  
**Department No.:** 032  
**Agenda Date:** 6/21/05  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimate Time:**  
**Continued Item:** NO  
**If Yes, date from:**

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Sheriff Jim Anderson  
Sheriff's Department

**STAFF CONTACT:** Lt. Diana Stetson  
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**SUBJECT:** Approve Contract for Professional Services with DSSI, Inc. for a Jail Management System.

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## **Recommendation(s):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

Approve and execute a contract with DSSI, Inc, not a local vendor, to procure an automated Jail Management System (JMS) for the Santa Barbara Sheriff's Department for an amount not to exceed \$713,702.

## **Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:**

The recommendation(s) are primarily aligned with Goal No. 2. A Safe and Healthy Community in Which to Live, Work, and Visit, and aligned with Goal No. 1. An Efficient Government Able to Respond Effectively to the Needs of the Community.

## **Executive Summary and Discussion:**

This system will replace the aging system currently in place, Subject-in-Custody Automated Management (SAM). Mandates and administrative needs have grown to exceed the scope of the current SAM. The proper tracking of those housed in custody requires a state-of-the-art computer system which will provide the Department the ability to conduct accurate "real-time" inmate counts, input sentence information, and maintain the tracking of all inmate movement, thus reducing liability and maintain research capabilities. The current SAM system provides minimal capabilities in only some of the mandated services on an outdated mainframe platform. The JMS from DSSI, Inc. provides the software solution needed to meet all of the data and inmate management needs and will also integrate with other Sheriff's Department computer systems such as Sheriff's Records Management System (RMS), Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) and Department of

Justice (DOJ). This system will provide for tracking and reporting for State and Federal mandates such as Social Security and the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP). A new state-of-the-art system will also enable us to integrate for inmate information with other Law Enforcement agencies within Santa Barbara should the need arise.

In 1996, the Sheriff's Department realized that the SAM system would no longer be able to meet the increasing needs of Custody Operations and the Department as a whole. By utilizing a comprehensive Needs Assessment document, the Sheriff's Department initiated a lengthy and detailed process to research and explore Jail Management Systems that could meet or exceed the Department's needs. A vendor was chosen in 2000; however, in February 2003, during contract negotiations and tailoring of the system, the vendor was acquired by another company. Negotiations were subsequently terminated due to the failure of the new vendor to complete the transaction as agreed to. In 2003, a decision was made to formulate a new, detailed RFI for vendor response. The RFI was disseminated in October 2003 and a total of nineteen (19) vendors responded to the pre-bid process, with only ten (10) submitting formal responses. Six (6) of the vendors were invited to demonstrate their systems. A process of conducting reference checks, site visits and detailed demonstrations were performed during 2004. After RFI response examinations and completing a comprehensive scoring system, DSSI, Inc. has been chosen as the vendor most capable of providing the Sheriff's Department with a fully integrated Jail Management System. The Sheriff's Department has negotiated a contract with DSSI, Inc. for a Jail Management System that would enable the Sheriff's Department to move forward in replacing the aging SAM system.

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

Providing custody facilities for those that are incarcerated by the courts is a mandated function of the Sheriff's Department. (Reference Penal Code Section 4000)

#### **Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

The cost of the contract includes a base amount of \$523,396 plus the cost of selected options (MS SQL Server and Inmate Money Tracking Interface) totaling \$21,556 and 5 years of annual maintenance and support at \$33,750 per year for a total of \$713,702. Along with the DSSI contract cost, it is estimated that an estimated additional \$167,000 will be incurred for related consulting and hardware costs to be paid to other vendors. The funds for this contract have been designated and are available in Department 032, Fund 0030, Program 1929, Project 2220.

#### **Special Instructions:**

Clerk of the Board: Please send a copy of the signed minute order to Lt. Diana Stetson, Sheriff's Department

#### **Concurrence:**

Auditor Controller  
County Counsel