

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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If Yes, date from:

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Kathy M. Gallagher, Director

STAFF CONTACT: Karin Traber
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SUBJECT: Amendment to the Sole Source Contract with Electronic Data Systems Corporation for Operational Processing of the Computerized Welfare Case Data System (WCDS) to the Welfare Case Data Center

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

Approve and authorize the Chair to execute Amendment No 2 to a sole source contract with Electronic Data Systems (EDS) Corporation (not a local vendor) for operational processing through the Welfare Case Data Center extending the term for the period December 1, 2005 through November 30, 2006 in the amount of \$520,932 for a total contract in the amount of \$2,757,235.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

Maintenance of the computerized WCDS is primarily aligned with the Board's strategic plan goals numbers I: Efficient Government – An efficient government able to anticipate and respond effectively to the needs of the community; and 7: Families and Children – A community that fosters the safety and well-being of families and children.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

WCDS improves the efficiency of the Department by providing reports and management tools to track program compliance and provides the data necessary for completion of State reports and claims. Migration of our case data system to the WCDS Data Center has provided a stable environment for conversion of the WCDS database to the new mandated CalWIN system.

This data conversion requires data cleansing using reports prepared by the EDS Consortium. We provide these reports to staff that are responsible for maintaining accurate case and client information.

On 4/3/03 your board approved the Department of Social Services to enter into a sole source contract for these services. Eligibility determination, notices of action and case file management is mandated by the State and Federal government. The Case Data System (CDS) presently provides this service by processing cash grant amounts and all client correspondence. All eighteen counties in the WCDS Consortium rely on CDS to maintain service level and meet the mandate for automated system. We are now requesting this annual contract be renewed with EDS in its normal existing capacity, \$81,631 monthly, until February 27, 2005 at which time, we will prepare for a complete transition to our new automated system (CalWIN). Beginning on March 1, 2006 until November 30, 2006, CDS will provide an environment for data access in read only mode as a reference system for case history. No batch jobs or printing will be done and the contract reflects a reduced cost for these limited services. The new monthly rate for these limited services will be \$30,671 monthly.

Mandates and Service Levels:

Participation in the Case Data System is not mandated, however, these systems allow staff to process higher caseloads than they would otherwise be able to carry, provides the Department with reports and management tools used to track program compliance, and gives us the data necessary for completion of State reports and claims. CalWIN is a State and Federally mandated program required by Chapter 303 of the California State Budget Act of 1995.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Appropriation for this amendment, December 1, 2005 –June 30, 2006 in the amount of \$367,577 are included in the approved 2005/2006 Department adopted budget and will have no additional impact on county funds. The majority of funding for this contract comes from the Department’s Temporary Aid for the Needy Family (TANF) allocation, Food Stamp Eligibility allocation and Medi-Cal eligibility allocation received from the State Department of Social Services and Health Services. The revenues and the appropriation for this contract are included in the Client Benefits and Services cost center shown on page D 220 of the budget.

Appropriation of \$153,355 for July 1, 2006 – November 30, 2006 will be included in the Department’s Fiscal Year 2006-2007 requested budget.

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