



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER**

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Auditor-Controller
Department No.: 061
For Agenda Of: March 4, 2014
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme: 0
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Robert W. Geis, Auditor-Controller (568-2101)
Director(s)
Contact Info: Theo Fallati, Assistant Auditor-Controller (568-2102)

SUBJECT: Amendment No. 1 to Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with Simpler Systems, Inc.

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 approve and authorize the Chair to execute the attached Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with Simpler Systems, Inc., extending the term of the Agreement by one year to June 30, 2015 increasing the previously approved not-to-exceed contract amount by an additional \$100,000 to \$350,000, and updating other provisions.

Background:

This Amendment No. 1 extends the term of the Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with Simpler Systems, Inc. to **June 30, 2015**. The County of Santa Barbara is on a critical path to implement a vendor purchased Property Tax system application. In 2010, the Board approved the Tax Collector's project to develop and implement a new property tax billing and collection system, then known as GRM and now known as Aumentum, to replace the 35 year old mainframe system.

This amendment request is to cover additional consulting work needed to finish the implementation of the new property tax system, Aumentum. When the contractual services

agreement was previously approved, the implementation was expected to be complete by June 30, 2014; however, there was a delay due to bugs found in the vendor system during user acceptance testing last summer, and the September 2013 go live date was rescheduled with Thomson Reuters to July 2014. Additional time is needed for data conversion changes, extended testing, additional reports development, documentation, and overall support for implementation. This work is expected to continue after go live through June 2015.

Summary Text:

Extending the Simpler Systems contract will greatly assist the County with the implementation of the Aumentum system by providing essential expertise, programming, technical support and reporting products.

The estimated cost is approximately an additional \$100,000; \$50,000 for this fiscal year and \$50,000 for FY 14-15 for a total contract amount of \$350,000.

Performance Measure:

N/A

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

The original \$250,000 contract with Simpler Systems was funded within the existing operating budget of the Auditor for FY 12-13 and FY 13-14. The additional \$100,000 needed to complete implementation will be funded by a combination of the department's salary savings and the release of a portion of the Auditor's Committed Fund Balance. Some portion of these costs will be recovered in future years through the property tax administration fee.

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund	\$ 183,618.05		\$ 350,000.00
State			
Federal			
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ 183,618.05	\$ -	\$ 350,000.00

Key Contract Risks:

The risk assessment has been completed. Simpler Systems does not have professional liability insurance. The County has yet to have a claim arise out of the performance of Simpler System contracts since it began contracting with the company back in the 1990's, That, of course, does not preclude a future claim, but it is an indication that the frequency of claims are low and we therefore believe that the contract risks are low.

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:

N/A

FTEs:

Special Instructions:

Please send a signed copy of the Amendment No. 1 to Elaina Thanasko, Auditor
Department Administrator

Attachments:

Amendment No. 1
Contract Summary Form
Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor

Authored by:

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cc: