



Bryce Yokomizo
Director

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TO: Each Supervisor

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FROM: Bryce Yokomizo, Director

SUBJECT: LA FAIR CONTRACT EXTENSION

This is to advise your Board of our intent to extend the Los Angeles County Food Stamp Automated Issuance and Reporting System (LA FAIR) contract with Affiliated Computer Services (ACS) State & Local Solutions, Inc. as well as the contracts with all 25 Benefit Issuance Agents. These contracts are currently scheduled to terminate May 31, 2003.

The LA FAIR system is the primary issuance and reporting system for Food Stamps, CalWORKs and General Relief benefits. In order to ensure continuity of benefit issuance services until Los Angeles County implements the Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) system, it is necessary to extend the LA FAIR Benefit Issuance Agents contracts for two more years with up to one additional year of month to month extensions. Due to delays in the implementation of Statewide EBT, Los Angeles County is now scheduled to fully implement EBT in April-June 2005.

Based on the relatively short time remaining prior to EBT implementation, the cost and resources required to release a Request For Proposal (RFP), select a vendor, and transfer the system to a new vendor would be prohibitive. We anticipate submitting the contract amendment to your Board in April 2003.

We will keep your Board informed of our progress in this matter.

BY: bg

c: Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
Chief Administrative Officer
Chief Information Officer
County Counsel
Auditor-Controller