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LEROY D. BACA, SHERIFF

August 7, 2007

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE AMENDMENT NUMBER ONE TO AGREEMENT NUMBER 27101 WITH THE AMER-I-CAN FOUNDATION TO PROVIDE DISTURBANCE MEDIATION TRAINING SERVICES (ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Approve and instruct the Chair to sign the attached Amendment Number One (Amendment One) to Agreement Number 27101 with the Amer-I-Can Foundation (Amer-I-Can) to extend the Agreement term for one year following the current expiration date of August 20, 2007.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of this recommended action is to allow Amer-I-Can to continue to provide recurring disturbance mediation training classes in the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (Department) jails under Agreement number 27101 (Agreement), which began August 21, 2006, for an initial term of one year.

The Department is responsible for ensuring the safety of each inmate who enters the jail system. The transient nature of inmates in the jail system necessitates the existence of an aggressive disturbance mediation training program. Amer-I-Can has been successful in implementing and maintaining the current training program.

Amendment One will enable Amer-I-Can to continue providing recurring disturbance mediation training classes to male inmates housed primarily at the North County Correctional Facility (NCCF). Amer-I-Can's goal is to assist the Department in reducing racial and gang-motivated jail violence.

The program is structured to demonstrate to the Department that inmates attending such classes will be less likely to become involved in racial or gang-related jail violence.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Amendment One supports the County's Strategic Goals for Service Excellence. Specifically, Amendment One allows Amer-I-Can to continue to provide disturbance mediation training to male inmates.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

This contract is funded by the Inmate Welfare Fund.

The maximum annual contract sum is not to exceed $300,000 for each twelve (12) month period effective August 21, 2006. The total maximum contract sum is not to exceed $1,500,000.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The Department has custodial facilities located throughout Los Angeles County. On average, the Department houses 18,300 male inmates on a daily basis, 4,200 of whom are housed at NCCF. The average length of stay for inmates in the County jail system is 45 days. Approximately 150,000 male inmates enter and leave the correctional system on an annual basis. During incarceration, educational classes, alcohol and drug prevention programs, life skills programs, and other services are offered to provide inmates an opportunity to rehabilitate and/or gain awareness towards living a better life.

Amendment One will allow adult training classes to continue and be administered in a classroom setting for adult male inmates housed primarily at NCCF, and any other County jail facility, at the discretion of the Department.

On February 21, 2006, your Board instructed the Department, in conjunction with the Auditor-Controller, to undertake the monitoring of this contract through its first year of implementation and to return to the Board for annual contract renewals. A complete audit report from the Auditor-Controller was sent to your Board on July 3, 2007, in which the Auditor-Controller reported that there are no deficiencies in the Department's administration of the Agreement, that Amer-I-Can has fully complied with its obligations to provide the services outlined in the Statement of Work, and further, that the Department's contract monitoring team remains actively engaged in the monitoring effort of this Agreement and all other agreements under the direction of the Department.

This Agreement is in compliance with all Board, Chief Executive Office, and County Counsel requirements, and has been approved as to form by County Counsel.

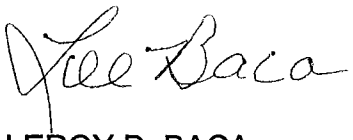
IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES

There will be no negative impact on current Department operations and services.

CONCLUSION

Upon approval by your Board, please return two (2) adopted copies of this action to the Sheriff's Department's Contracts Unit.

Sincerely,



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SHERIFF

AMENDMENT No. 1 to AGREEMENT No. 27101
BY AND BETWEEN THE AMER-I-CAN FOUNDATION
AND THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
FOR THE PROVISION OF DISTURBANCE MEDIATION TRAINING SERVICES

This Amendment Number 1 ("Amendment") is entered into by and between the County of Los Angeles (hereinafter "COUNTY") and the Amer-I-Can Foundation (hereinafter "CONTRACTOR"), effective August 21, 2007, based on the following recitals:

A. WHEREAS the Agreement currently expires on August 20, 2007; and

B. WHEREAS, the County Board of Supervisors is authorized to execute contract amendments and extensions to this agreement; and

C. WHEREAS, COUNTY AND CONTRACTOR desire to exercise the first annual extension option and extend this agreement beyond the current expiration date of August 20, 2007, for one (1) year.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing recitals, all of which are incorporated as part of this AGREEMENT, COUNTY and CONTRACTOR hereby further agree as follows:

I. The AGREEMENT shall be extended for an additional period of one (1) year, through and including August 20, 2008.

Except as expressly provided in this Amendment Number 1, and all other fully executed Amendments and Change Notices, all other provisions and conditions of the AGREEMENT shall remain the same and in full force and effect.

CONTRACTOR and the person executing the Amendment on behalf of CONTRACTOR hereby represent and warrant that the person executing this Amendment Number 1 for CONTRACTOR is an authorized agent who has actual authority to bind CONTRACTOR to each and every item, condition, and obligation of the AGREEMENT and that all requirements of CONTRACTOR have been fulfilled to provide such actual authority.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors has caused this AMENDMENT No. 1 to be executed on its behalf by its duly authorized officers.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

By _____
Chair, County of Los Angeles

ATTEST:
SACHI A. HAMAI
Executive Officer
Los Angeles County
Board of Supervisors

By _____
Deputy

The Amer-I-Can Foundation
Contractor
Signed: _____
Printed: _____
Title: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.
County Counsel

By _____
Gary Gross
Principal Deputy County Counsel