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LEROY D. BACA, SHERIFF

January 8, 2008

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

Dear Supervisors:

APPROVE AMENDMENT NUMBER 1 TO EXTEND AGREEMENT NUMBER 76014 WITH THE PACIFIC INSTITUTE FOR NEW DIRECTIONS TO SUCCESS REHABILITATIVE SERVICES (ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Approve and instruct the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to sign Amendment Number 1 to Agreement Number 76014 (Agreement) with the Pacific Institute to provide New Directions to Success Rehabilitative Services for inmates in the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's (Department) jails. This Amendment will extend the term for one year effective February 6, 2008.

2. Approve an annual contract sum of $97,200.

3. Authorize the Sheriff, or his designee, to execute applicable documents when the original contracting entity has merged, been purchased, or otherwise changed.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended actions is to extend the current Agreement, which expires on February 5, 2008, with the Pacific Institute to continue providing rehabilitative services to reduce street gang affiliation among street gang members that are incarcerated in the Los Angeles County (County) jails. This will allow the Department time to complete a formal solicitation without discontinuing the rehabilitative services program for inmates. On March 7, 2005, the Department posted a Request for

Letters of Interest, on the County's website, in an effort to determine what programs and services might exist from vendors addressing the following areas: education, vocational and job preparation training, counseling and treatment, assessment, homeless services, and recreation. From the list of potential vendors with viable programs, the Pacific Institute's New Directions to Success Rehabilitative Services was selected since it was cost effective, could be quickly implemented, and would provide a wide range of benefits to the inmate population.

The Department has determined that the program is a success based on observing classroom participation, attendance, and graduation. The student inmates are receptive to the discussion topics and are very responsive to the instructors. As of November 9, 2007, 400 student inmates were enrolled in the program; 305 graduated; 91 did not complete the course (due to transfers to other county jail facilities or release from custody); and 4 asked to be excused from the program. Additionally, program graduates are four times less likely to be involved in a jail disturbance than non-participants. Continuing this program while a formal solicitation is completed would increase the number of student inmates positively affected by this program.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The services provided under this Agreement support the County Strategic Goal 1, Service Excellence. Specifically, the Agreement will allow the Pacific Institute to provide rehabilitative services training courses for inmates with gang affiliation incarcerated in County jails.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

This contract is fully financed by the Inmate Welfare Fund.

The annual contract sum for the one-year extension of the Agreement shall not exceed $97,200. This is identical to the terms of the existing contract, and does not reflect any increase in cost.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

New Directions to Success Rehabilitative Services focuses on changing habits, attitudes, beliefs, and expectations of the inmates, by providing programs that include such topics as self-esteem building, self motivation, goal setting, accepting accountability, and shaping future habits.

Los Angeles County is considered the epicenter for the nation's gang crime and is home to the largest number of gang members compared to any single region in the nation. Almost half of all gang members residing throughout the State of California live

within Los Angeles County. For decades, law enforcement, social service agencies, schools, mental health agencies, community leaders, faith, and community-based organizations have made valiant efforts to reverse the multi-systemic factors involved in the epidemic of gang crime, violence, and membership. The terror of gang violence and the proliferation of gang membership is a continuing disaster that must be addressed in a coordinated, well funded effort.

By changing the way the student inmates think, the program teaches them positive life skills, which can be used to gain employment and lead socially responsible lives after their incarceration. Although the curricula taught by the Pacific Institute would benefit any segment of the inmate population, the program targets many of the cognitive behaviors associated with gang membership, instructing gang members how to step out of their comfort zones, how they may be influenced by others, and how to employ personal accountability to make life changes.

The Agreement requires the vendor to comply with all Board, Chief Executive Office, and County Counsel requirements, including Jury Service and the Safely Surrendered Baby Law.

The Agreement has been approved as to form by County Counsel.

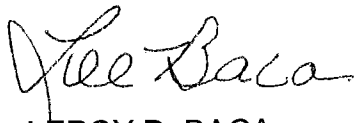
IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Your Board's approval of Amendment Number 1 will ensure uninterrupted rehabilitative services for inmates in the County jails.

CONCLUSION

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

Sincerely,



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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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This Amendment Number 1 ("AMENDMENT") is entered into by and between the County of Los Angeles Sheriff's Department (hereinafter "COUNTY") and Pacific Institute, (hereinafter "CONTRACTOR") effective as of February 6, 2008, based on the following recitals:

A. WHEREAS, on February 6, 2007, the COUNTY and the CONTRACTOR entered into COUNTY Agreement Number 76014 (hereinafter "AGREEMENT") to provide rehabilitative services to inmates incarcerated in Los Angeles County jails; and

B. WHEREAS, this AGREEMENT currently expires on February 5, 2008; and

C. WHEREAS, the COUNTY and the CONTRACTOR desire to extend the term of the AGREEMENT; and

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

The AGREEMENT shall be extended for an additional period of one (1) year, through and including February 5, 2009.

All other terms and conditions of the Agreement remain unchanged.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this AMENDMENT to be executed on its behalf by its duly authorized officers, effective as of February 6, 2008.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

By _____
Chair, Board of Supervisors

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

By _____
Deputy

By The Pacific Institute
Contractor
Signed: Kim Keeley
Printed: KIM KEELEY
Title: Sr. Director of Finance and Logistics

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

By _____
Gary Gross
Principal Deputy County Counsel