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LEROY D. BACA, SHERIFF

July 29, 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 TWO
TO AGREEMENT NUMBER 27101 WITH THE AMER-I-CAN FOUNDATION
TO PROVIDE DISTURBANCE MEDIATION TRAINING SERVICES
(ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Approve an Amendment to extend the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's (Department) Agreement with the Amer-I-Can Foundation.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Approve and instruct the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to sign and execute the attached Amendment Number Two (Amendment Two) to Agreement Number 27101 (Agreement) 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, 2008.

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 County jails under Agreement Number 27101, which began August 21, 2006.

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. Inmates

are constantly entering and exiting the jail system, which creates a burden on Department staff to maintain security to resident inmates and staff.

Amendment Two 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 racially or gang-related jail violence.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Amendment Two supports the County's Strategic Goals for Service Excellence. Specifically, the proposed Amendment 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 $1.5 million.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The Department has jail 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.

Under Amendment Two, training classes will continue to be administered in a classroom setting to adult male inmates housed primarily at NCCF or any other County jail facility at the discretion of the Sheriff.

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

The Department's administration and monitoring efforts of this Agreement continue without interruption. A Department audit of the contract, completed on June 4, 2008, revealed that Amer-I-Can is in compliance with all contract work and administrative requirements.

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. The Department is requesting that your Board execute Amendment Two.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

On February 21, 2006, the Department requested authorization from your Board to enter into an Agreement with Amer-I-Can. The contract was executed on August 21, 2006.

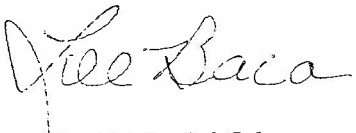
IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

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 Department's Contracts Unit.

Sincerely,



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SHERIFF

AMENDMENT No. 2 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 2 ("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, 2008, based on the following recitals:

A. WHEREAS the Agreement currently expires on August 20, 2008; 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 second annual extension option and extend this Agreement beyond the current expiration date of August 20, 2008, 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, 2009.

Except as expressly provided in this Amendment Number 2, 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 2 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 Number 2 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: Jim Brown
Printed: Jim Brown
Title: Chairman

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

By _____
Gary Gross
Principal Deputy County Counsel