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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
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Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

APPROVAL TO EXTEND CONTRACT WITH THE NEW ROADS SCHOOL TO PROVIDE AN ENHANCED EDUCATION TRANSITION SERVICES PROGRAM UNDER THE JUVENILE JUSTICE CRIME PREVENTION ACT

(3 VOTES, ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)

SUBJECT:

The County of Los Angeles Probation Department (Probation) is requesting approval to extend a contract with the New Roads School to provide an Enhanced Education Transition Services Program under the Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA).

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Authorize the Chief Probation Officer to extend a contract with the New Roads School (New Roads) to continue providing an enhanced education transition services program for Probation wards at Camp Gonzales in an amount not to exceed $400,000 fully offset by JJCPA funds, for a twelve-month period of April 1, 2009 through March 31, 2010, by delegating authority to the Chief Probation Officer to negotiate, finalize, and execute a contract modification after final approval by County Counsel.

2. Delegate authority to the Chief Probation Officer to prepare and execute modifications for any decreases or increases not to exceed 25% of the contract amount and/or 180 days to the period of performance pursuant to the terms

contained in the contracts, upon approval as to form by County Counsel. The Chief Probation Officer will notify the Chief Executive Office in writing within 10 business days after execution.

3. Delegate authority to the Chief Probation Officer to approve the addition or replacement of any agency subcontracting with New Roads and to execute a modification to extend the term of the contract for an additional 12-month period for an amount not to exceed $400,000 contingent on continued available funding and approval as to form by County Counsel.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

The purpose of the recommended actions is to obtain Board approval to extend a current contract with New Roads to continue providing an enhanced education transition services program for Probation wards at Camp Gonzales under the Comprehensive Multi-Agency Juvenile Justice Plan (Plan), authorized under JJCPA. The recommended contract extension will allow New Roads to continue providing instructional enrichment programs and linkages to community educational/vocational learning services to Probation wards. The contracted services include a variety of programs that are designed to challenge the participant's intellectual curiosity, cultivate their academic capabilities, and develop marketable skills. The target youth are directed towards individualized educational enrichment that stimulates learning and a desire for success through instructional methods that accelerate attainment of course credits, and lead to college, trade school, or military enrollment or eligibility, internships and/or employment.

On March 4, 2008 your Board approved a twelve-month extension to the contract to provide Probation time to assess the specific needs at Camp Gonzales and to develop a scope of work that best fit the needs of the Department and the JJCPA program. Due to substantial additional research and community input being gathered in anticipation of a future competitive Request for Proposals (RFP) process, the Department requires the requested extension of the existing New Roads agreement to develop a scope of work that is consistent with the Department's strategic direction as it relates to evidence-based programming and the lessons learned from the ongoing implementation of Camp Redesign. The proposed RFP will allow Probation to contract with CBOs to provide transition services to additional Probation camps. These transition services will ensure that programs and services, such as education and mental heath counseling, continue after the youth leaves the camp setting and returns to the community. The objective of these services is to reduce recidivism and ensure a continuum of care.

The proposed extension sustains services during this bridge period, and will provide Probation with additional opportunity to craft a statement of work for the competitive solicitation process that melds more effectively with camp transition planning and aftercare services.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended Board actions are consistent with the Countywide Strategic Plan Goal #1, Service Excellence, and Goal #5, Children and Families' Well-Being. Implementation of the recommendations will enable a continuum of service models for youth that encourage them to accept responsibility for their lives, make positive changes and take steps towards personal development.

FINANCIAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

The maximum contract amount is $400,000, fully funded by JJCPA. Funding for this contract is included in the FY 2008-2009 Adopted Budget. No additional NCC is required to fund the recommended contract. The contract includes provisions for non-appropriation of funds and budget reductions.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS:

The current contract includes all of the required terms and conditions, including debarment, jury service, GAIN/GROW, and non-responsibility.

The contract is Non-Prop A. Consequently, there are no departmental employee relations issues and the contract extension will not result in a reduction of County services.

Probation will not request the contractor to perform services that exceed the Board approved contract amount, scope of work, and/or contract dates.

CONTRACTING PROCESS:

On August 20, 2002, your Board approved a contract with Crossroads School for Arts and Science (Crossroads). The contract was awarded on a competitive basis as a result of an RFP process. On June 17, 2003, your Board approved the assignment of the same contract to New Roads School. On March 4, 2008, your Board approved a twelve-month extension to the existing contract. The current contract expires on March 31, 2009 and there are no extension options available. As such, Board approval is requested to extend the contract as ongoing efforts are finalized for a revised statement of work for a competitive solicitation process.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS):

Approval of the recommended actions will enable Probation to continue providing th enhanced education services as outlined in the JJCPA Plan.

CONCLUSION

Upon approval by your Board, it is requested that the Executive Officer/Clerk of the Board send the adopted Board Letter to:

Probation Department
Contracts and Grants Management Division
Attention: Tasha Howard, Director
9150 E. Imperial Hwy
Downey, CA 90242

Respectfully submitted,

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c: Chief Executive Office
County Counsel