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

Dear Supervisors:

APPROVAL OF A SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT WITH SOLEDAD ENRICHMENT ACTION, INC. TO PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL AND SUPPORT SERVICES FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES PROBATION DEPARTMENT

(1st SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

Approval of a sole source contract with Soledad Enrichment Action, Inc. to provide educational and support services to at risk youth between the ages of 14-18 for the County of Los Angeles Probation Department.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Approve and instruct the Chairman to sign the attached sole source contract (Attachment I) with Soledad Enrichment Action, Inc. (SEA) to provide educational and support services for an estimated annual amount of $300,000 commencing May 1, 2014 through April 30, 2015.

2. Delegate authority to the Chief Probation Officer to prepare and execute contract amendments to extend the contract term for up to four (4) additional 12-month periods, upon approval as to form by County Counsel.

3. Delegate authority to the Chief Probation Officer to prepare and execute amendments to the contract for any decrease or increase not to exceed ten percent (10%) of the contract sum and/or

180 days to the period of performance pursuant to the terms of the contract, upon approval as to form by County Counsel.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended actions is to obtain approval of the attached sole source contract (Attachment I) with SEA to provide educational and support services to at risk youth between the ages of 14-18 for the County of Los Angeles Probation Department (Probation). The services are intended to reduce recidivism, ensure successful community reconnection and reduce criminal activity. The services will be provided at SEA's facility which will serve as a Juvenile Day Reporting Center (JDRC) in Supervisorial District One.

The attached sole source contract will allow Probation to comply with Paragraph 73.5 of the Department of Justice (DOJ) Settlement Agreement which requires that educational and support services be provided in a community-based setting as an alternative to incarceration. For the past several years, Probation has made a concerted effort to reduce our reliance on costly juvenile halls, group homes and residential treatment and services (camps). Probation has reduced the number of youth in out-of-home placements by nearly 50% in the last five years. With the implementation of a JDRC, Probation is positioning itself to reduce these numbers further by offering more effective safe community based services for eligible medium and high risk youth that may have been sent to out-of-home placements.

Below is a cost analysis for a youth that is serviced by a JDRC versus the cost of being placed in juvenile hall, group home care or camp.

Assumptions:

A JDRC has the capacity to service up to 60 youth at one time. This population will be fluid as each youth does not enter at the same time or need the same length of services. JDRC program outcomes are measured by program participation, pre and post quality assurance questionnaires, increased school attendance, credit recovery, high school graduation rates, decreased rates of recidivism and decreased number of youth placed in detention. Probation estimates that the JDRC will service approximately 100-120 youth annually.

Based on 110 youth served by the JDRC annually; the following is the projected cost analysis and potential savings.

- Cost of the JDRC =$1.15 million dollars annually.
- $1.15 million dollars/110 youth served annually = $10,454 annually per youth or $28.64 dollars a day to keep a youth in the community based JDRC.

Cost Comparison:

- Cost of a JDRC is $28.64 dollars a day.
- Cost of detention (Juvenile Hall) per youth per day is $701.44 a day.
- Cost of camp is $490.43 dollars a day.
- Cost of a level 12 Group home is $283.33 dollars a day.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions are consistent with the Countywide Strategic Plan, Goal #1 Operational Effectiveness, and Goal #3 Integrated Services Delivery. Implementation of the recommendations will enable Probation to provide education and support services to at risk youth between the ages of 14-18.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The estimated annual cost of the contract is $300,000. The contract is fully funded by net County cost (NCC).

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The initial term of this contract shall be effective May 1, 2014 through April 30, 2015. There is no departmental employee relations impact since this is not a Proposition A contract. Probation has evaluated and determined that the Living Wage Program (County Code Chapter 2.201) does not apply to the recommended contract.

The contract contains the Board's required contract provisions; including those pertaining to consideration of qualified county employees targeted for layoffs, as well as qualified GAIN/GROW participants for employment openings, compliance with Jury Services Ordinance, Safely Surrendered Baby law and the Child Support Program. In accordance with the Chief Executive Office memorandum dated July 19, 2002, the proposed contractor has been instructed to register on WebVen.

The County will not request the Contractor to perform services that exceed the Board approved contract amount, scope of work or contract term.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the proposed contract as to form.

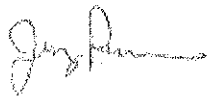
CONTRACTING PROCESS

The proposed contract is recommended on a sole source basis (Attachment II) due to a critical need for Probation to comply with Paragraph 73.5 of the DOJ Settlement Agreement which requires that educational and support services be provided in a community-based setting as an alternative to incarceration in Supervisorial District One.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

This contract will allow Probation to comply with Paragraph 73.5 of the DOJ Settlement Agreement.

Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosures

c: Executive Officer/Clerk of the Board
County Counsel
Chief Executive Office