

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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FROM: Public Safety Enterprise Communication (PSEC) Project

SUBMITTAL DATE:
October 27, 2006

SUBJECT: CONTRACT EXTENSION WITH SONNENSCHN, NATH & ROSENTHAL

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

Approve the contract increase with the specialty outside counsel Sonnenschein, Nath & Rosenthal from \$200,000 to \$500,000 for the duration of the project.

BACKGROUND: The PSEC Team, which consists of representatives from RCIT, Sheriff, Purchasing, and the Fire Department, has been in negotiations since August with both MA/COM and Motorola and requires continued professional consulting and legal support for the critical contract negotiation phase.

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Purchasing: *[Signature]*
Director

FORM APPROVED
COUNTY COUNSEL

Departmental Concurrence

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BY: *[Signature]*

[Signature]
MATTHEW W. FRYMIRE
Chief Information Officer

FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 300,000	In Current Year Budget:	Yes
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0	Budget Adjustment:	No
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	06/07

SOURCE OF FUNDS: PSEC Operating Budget	Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Requires 4/5 Vote	<input type="checkbox"/>

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: **APPROVE**

County Executive Office Signature *[Signature]*

Dep't Recomm.: Consent Policy
Per Exec. Ofc.: Consent Policy

Prev. Agn. Ref.: 3.44b Dated 9/27/05 | **District:** All | **Agenda Number:**

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BACKGROUND (Continued)

Expert support is necessary to assist in the negotiation in a comprehensive final contract and system design; both of which are critical to the success of the PSEC Project. The firm of Sonnenschein, Nath & Rosenthal provides critical legal expertise needed for contract development and has led the contract development and negotiations on behalf of the County. This contract extension is increased due to the County's decision to conduct contract negotiations with both vendors.

PRICE REASONABLENESS

A contract increase is requested for the existing contract with Sonnenschein, Nath & Rosenthal, approved by the Board on September 27, 2005, Agenda Item 3.44b, to include the additional time and effort required to complete vendor negotiations and contract development at the contracted hourly rate.

Arthur Katz, legal attorney with Sonnenschein, Nath & Rosenthal has been involved with the PSEC Project for the past year. Mr. Katz is aware of the County's requirements to reach the best contract award. The time required finding, hiring, and getting up to speed another attorney with the level of experience and knowledge of the County's requirements would be a detriment to the established timeframe and negotiation process.