

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

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FROM: Larry W. Ward, Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder

SUBMITTAL DATE:
January 15, 2009

SUBJECT: Assessment Evaluation Services, Inc., Amendment

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

- 1) Approve and execute the First Amendment to the Agreement for Professional Services with Assessment Evaluation Services, Inc.
- 2) Authorize the Purchasing Agent to execute administrative amendments and exercise the options to renew ongoing costs for an additional 2 one year periods only to exceed the second year amount by the U.S. Department of Labor's December Consumer Price Index on behalf of the County.

BACKGROUND: This Amendment would allow the Assessor to acquire an Assessment Evaluation Services' proprietary software module for appeals that would integrate with the existing value reduction system. This will significantly increase the Assessor's efficiency and effectiveness of the Property Tax Appeals process. In January 2008, the Assessor acquired a sophisticated program to address the rampant property value reductions. As value reductions increase, the appeals of Assessor values increase as well. In Fiscal Year 2007-2008, tax payers filed more than 12,000 appeals. In Fiscal Years 2008-2009 and 2009-2010, the Assessor's office expects to receive 26,000 and 32,000, respectively. The highest amount on record occurred in the '90s, more than 26,000. There were just under 650,000 assessments in 1996. There are now almost 1,000,000 assessments in Riverside County.

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 85,000	In Current Year Budget:	Yes
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0	Budget Adjustment:	No
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 25,000	For Fiscal Year:	2008/09

SOURCE OF FUNDS: AB 818 Prop Tax Admin Program Fund Balance	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

BY:
Rob Rockwell

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

Prev. Agn. Ref.: January 8, 2008; #3.2 | **District:** | **Agenda Number:**

3.10

FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL ATTACHMENTS FILED WITH BY: NEAL R. KIPNIS DATE: (SEE CLERK OF THE BOARD)

Purchasing: Mark Seiler, Assistant Director

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Price Reasonableness:

The proposed purchase price of \$85,000 and annual maintenance of \$25,000 beginning the second year appears reasonable. The pricing is congruent with our research of similar purchases of this product statewide in various counties. The maintenance will increase with the Department of Labor's December Consumer Price Index, beginning the third year.



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Date: January 15, 2009
From: Larry W. Ward, Assessor Department/Agency: Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder
To: Board of Supervisors
Via: Purchasing Agent
Subject: Sole Source Procurement: Assessment Evaluation Services Amendment

Subject: Sole Source Procurement Request for: **Services Contract for Appeals Module Applications Development from Computer Ideas, Inc.**

Supply / Service being requested: **Install and integrate proprietary software module with existing value reduction system and provide on-going annual maintenance.**

Supplier being requested: **Assessment Evaluation Services, Inc.**

Alternative suppliers that can or might be able to provide supply / service: **None. This is proprietary software for an existing system. To integrate with an alternate system and new vendor would not be cost effective or efficient.**

Extent of market research conducted: **The Assessor's Department determined that knowledge of this custom created software system would not be available from other sources due to the proprietary nature of the software.**

Unique features of the supply/service being requested from this supplier which no alternative supplier can provide: **It is proprietary software that will integrate with the existing value reduction software.**

Reasons why my department requires these unique features and what benefit will accrue to the County:
The number of property value appeals filed in Riverside County is expected to triple by next year. During these poor economic times and budget cuts, the Assessor needs this module to address the increasing filed appeals with less resources and in a more efficient and effective manner.

Price Reasonableness: **The pricing is consistent with congruent programs procured by other California counties.**

Does moving forward on this product or service further obligate the County to future similar contractual arrangements: **No.**

1/15/2009
Department Head Signature Date

1-15-09
Purchasing Signature Date

Purchasing Department Comments

Approve Approve with Comments Disapprove