COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

DATE: December 9, 2001

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TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: Report on Countywide E-Government Initiative

RECOMMENDATION

Approve Countywide E-Government Initiative status report, time line and project

Background

Your Board approved at Budget Hearings an initiative to provide County services, from all County departments, over the Internet to the greatest degree possible. Your Board directed the Information Services Department (ISD) to work with departments to identify potential service concepts. Initial work on this effort started in September. ISD has worked with Supervisors Jacobs-Gibson and Hill, meeting in late September and early December to review the planned approach and proposed deliverables

A draft project plan with time lines and sample deliverables, included as Exhibit A, has been prepared and is guiding current project work. This plan includes the elements listed below.

- An overview briefing with each County department head and their division managers, followed by structured interviews with the managers of each major division and program office to identify practical candidate services for the Internet. Operational examples from other counties are used whenever possible.
- A survey of Internet services currently provided by and planned for the near future by other counties, including both California counties and comparable non-California counties.
- ▶ Preparation of an "inventory" of candidate services Most of this work will be completed in January, but additions will be made on an ongoing basis as they are discovered. The estimated number of such services is 200-300.

- A brief operational description and service concept will be prepared for each. Departmental recommendations regarding priorities will be included, ISD will provide technical recommendations, and a rough "order of magnitude" cost will be estimated
- A final report including the inventory, descriptions, recommendations and estimated costs will be submitted to your Board for the June Revisions of the Recommended County Budget for 2001-02 This report will include a summary of current County Internet services and selected brief case studies

A working draft of the Final Report is included as Exhibit B.

Discussion

Candidate services of several different "types" have been identified, "type" referring to the nature of interaction with the public, not the actual County service provided; all of the types apply to every County department. The major service types and comments on each are described below:

- Content is generally the simplest and first Internet service, although extensive or complex content in an understandable and usable form is a challenge to provide and implementation can be expensive. Contact information for County offices and programs is a simple example; retirement information provided by SamCERA is complex and extensive. The most difficult aspect of content is content management keeping it current and accurate.
- Frequently updated content may be simple or complex, but appropriate design of the update processes must be fully integrated into departmental operations, a challenging and expensive ongoing obligation. Board agenda packets and property parcel information, such as taxes due and paid, are examples
- Requestor-specific content is always at least moderately complex and expensive to implement because it is necessary to identify (correctly) the relevant characteristics of the requestor, then to respond accurately. A query about taxes due for a specific property parcel is a moderate example, information related to the geographic location of a parcel or street address is very complex and usually requires a full Geographic Information System (GIS).
- ► <u>Business transactions</u> conducted over the Internet require traditional "back end" online transactions systems to support them. While some traditional "legacy" systems such as property taxes and traffic tickets can be "front ended" for the Internet with moderate difficulty and cost, other proposed services such as self-directed eligibility determination do not currently have properly structured "back end" systems to build on; Internet services in these areas will be as expensive as traditional systems.
- <u>Email-enabled services</u> such as application processes and citizen input/comment will require new policies, and re-engineering of operational procedures, to meet the demand-

ing expectations of the public for responsiveness — people expect accurate and appropriate responses in Internet time, not 2-3 weeks, or even 2-3 days. Important generic capabilities implemented County wide can apply effective technology to help; commercial email analysis and response software is an example, work flow automation software is another.

- Foundational, or infrastructure, technology and services are essential to enable and facilitate the direct Internet services. Major upgrading of the County's Internet transaction processing and payment processing elements is needed Email analysis and response has been noted above. Work flow automation can streamline operations and contain ongoing costs. Electronic signature technology will be necessary for many services.
- ► <u>Location-oriented services</u> will require the County's new Geographic Information System (GIS), scheduled for operation in the first quarter of 2001-02 Effective support for Internet services will require adding the GIS Web extensions, implementing many additional GIS data categories, and full resolution of property situs addresses (street names and numbers) via an agreed master address index.
- <u>Carefully designed access</u> to Internet services is critical to success Portal technology (software) is likely to be necessary. Citizen surveys have proven helpful in designing access Web pages and presentations (Nevada County). Some expert services have dramatically improved some governmental Internet services (California DMV)

Fiscal Impact

The fiscal requirements for implementing the plan will be roughly estimated and included in the Final Report. Brief discussion with comparison counties suggests the total will range to several million dollars.

Attachments:

Exhibit A — Draft Project Plan
Exhibit B — Working Draft Final Report

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Project Status Report
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1) Overview

The Internet is changing business models for almost all industries. Businesses are finding opportunities to pare-down their service organizations without reducing service levels. New and innovative service delivery mechanisms are being developed; most of these innovations originate within California -- specifically in the Silicon Valley

The rate of acceptance – the speed with which people accept the changes, is also increasing Already, providing service over the 'net is no longer considered optional. Customers of most organizations expect, almost demand, service over the web, because this service delivery option provides 24 x 7 (around the clock) service levels for the customers.

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The County of San Mateo is currently engaged in research focused on direct services to the customers through the use of web technology. Electronic government, or eGov, to which it is widely referred, is the government's use of technology as an enabling strategy in improving service to the public and offers the government an opportunity to transform service delivery.

The Board of Supervisors has asked Information Services Department to conduct initial analysis for this project. The Board's idea is to transition the County toward greater reliance on the Internet as a service delivery medium. Results of the analysis will be a report that includes:

- Concepts and ideas for "webification" of services.
- Evaluation of using portal technologies.
- In addition, we will identify funding approaches and alternatives for enabling this transition on a countywide basis

2) How: Information Services Department Approach

In order to meet the planning needs of the Board, we will conduct analysis in multiple steps. The identified steps will be as follows:

- 1) Review of other counties and agencies.
- 2) Analysis of the County of San Mateo needs.
- 3) A technical analysis of County needs.
- 4) Case studies from within the County.

The final report is intended to be a very high level study. Also, the study is inherently slanted towards existing processes – processes that are based on current methods and systems that are familiar. When you take both these factors into account the following limitations arise

- New, potentially beneficial options could be missed.
 - The County of San Mateo is fortunate in having a significant number of visionaries working in the County However, the full potential of system often does not become apparent until implementation.
- Many ideas initially identified as potential targets for eGov initiative may not be implemented, due to department workload or project cost.

A high level report can only provide a high level analysis of costs and benefits The full costs of a project only become apparent once detailed analysis and planning is undertaken.

2.1 Review of other counties and agencies.

The first order of business is to build an e-portfolio of eGov services implemented by other agencies that have been aggressive with web-based services and are recognized as leaders in specific services. Currently these include:

- o Contra Costa County, CA
- o Miami-Dade County, Florida
- o Fairfax County, Virginia
- o Lincoln County, Nebraska
- o Los Angeles County, CA
- o Orange County, CA
- o Riverside County, CA
- o Sacramento County, CA
- o San Diego County, CA
- o Santa Clara County, CA
- o Ventura County, CA

In addition, other agencies are preparing for similar transitions. We intend to review any such reports that we can gain access to. To date, The County of Nevada, CA has provided us with a copy of their detailed analysis and report. We believe that reviewing reports by other agencies will provide us with valuable background information.

2.2 Analysis of County of San Mateo.

The major input for the analysis however, will be derived from meetings with departmental leadership. We intend to meet with the leadership in all of the departments of the County. In these meetings we will show them examples from their own specialty area (when possible) or from a closely allied discipline. We expect that follow-up discussions will identify the various services that are being provided to the customers. The source documents from the customers and the type of

service provided, including any reports, fees collected and existing system accessed will be identified. Each such separate case, where a department provides services to customers, is considered a potential target for eGov services and added to a list.

We will also encourage creative thinking about new services, and new service methods that the departments can use. However, we will not pursue these aspects exaustively.

The list of potential cases will then be further analyzed. The analysis will focus on "What does it take?" We will assess "readiness" of the departments in terms of internal resource availability, as well as readiness and availability of electronic systems and data. In addition, any further input from the departments will be considered.

Specifically, we will ask the departments to provide their recommendation on areas of focus. We expect the departmental recommendations to be based on their functional expertise as well as specific plans that they may already have for enhancing their web presence.

2.3 Technical Analysis.

We will formulate technical recommendations The ISD recommendations will be based upon the following factors:

- 1. Our analysis of "What does it take?"
- 2. Alignment with other planned and in-process projects
- 3. Published information about successes of other agencies.

2.4 Case Studies.

We will provide internal case studies by participating in detailed analysis of some projects. The criteria for selection are.

- Project already in advanced planning stage or
- Project already started
- Analysis phase of the project scheduled to be completed in time to be published with the final report.
- Availability of resources from our project to participate

3) When: Time lines for completing the analysis.

In order to monitor the progress of the project and report the status accurately, we have planned the following project milestones.

3.1 Review of other counties and agencies.

Target completion 12/11/2000 Status On Target

3.2 An initial (status) report to the Board of Supervisors.

Target Completion 1/9/2001 Status. This document.

3.3 Meetings with departmental leadership teams.

Target completion 2/15/2001. Status. See Section 5

3.4 Gather departmental management priorities.

Target completion 4/15/2001.

Status: Planned.

3.5 Review e-Government reports from other agencies.

Target Completion 4/15/2001.

Status On-going.

3.6 Case studies from County departments.

Target Completion 5/10/2001. Status 1 Department identified.

3.7 Final report to the Board of Supervisors.

Target Completion. 5/22/2001 Status: Preliminary Draft Started

4) What: Description of the final report.

The final report to the Board of Supervisors will be an inventory of potential services that could be provided over the Internet. Each item of the inventory will be accompanied by analysis that includes the following elements:

- 1. Description of the project including identification of the target customer population and evaluation of the benefits to the customers.
- 2. Estimated cost for implementing the identified concepts and type of service to be provided.

- 3 Estimates of activity levels expected.
- 4. Identification of system and process dependencies.
- 5. System interfaces which is a review of current state of data; i.e., is the data available in electronic form?
- 6 Department recommended priority and departmental project status.
- 7 Information Services Department recommended priority.

5) Status of Departmental Reviews.

This is a brief matrix of how far along we are in the process of canvassing the departments and divisions for this project.

5.1 Executive briefing to department heads and their division chiefs.

Department	Executive Briefing Status
Assessor - County Clerk-Recorder	Completed
Board of Supervisors	
Controller	Completed
Coroner	Completed
County Counsel	1/3/2001
County Managers Offices	Completed
Courts	
District Attorney	
Employee and Public Services	Completed
Environmental Services Agency	Completed
Health Services Agency	1/5/2001
Human Services Agency	Completed
Information Services Department	Completed
Probation	Completed
Public Works	1/8/2001
Retirement	
Sheriff's Office	
Tax Collector/Treasurer	Completed

5.2 Detailed meetings and discussions.

Department	Initial	Review
Division	Interviews	meetings
	Meetings	
Assessor - County Clerk-Recorder		
Board of Supervisors		
Controller's Office	12/19/2000	
Coroner	12/19/2000	
County Counsel		
County Managers Offices		
Courts		
Consolidated Courts		,
Jury Services		
Traffic Division		
District Attorney		
Criminal Division		
Public Administrator		
Family Support Division		
Employee and Public Services		
Human Resources	12/11/2000	
Public Safety Communications		
Purchasing	12/13/2000	
Revenue Services	1/10/2001	
Environmental Services Agency		
Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer		
Animal Control Services		
County Library	12/20/2000	
Fire Protection		
Fish and Game Propagation		
LAFCo		
Parks and Recreation	1/5/2001	
Planning	11/17/2000	
UC Co-operative Extension		
Health Services Agency		
Aging and Adult Services		
Community Health Clinics		
County General Hospital		

Department	Initial	Review
Division	Interviews	meetings
21,10101	Meetings	
North County Health Center		
Emergency Medical Services		
Food and Nutrition Services		
In-Home Supportive Services		
Public Health		
AIDS Program		
Correctional Health Services		
Environmental Health Services		
Human Services Agency		
Alcohol and Drug Services	12/6/2000	
Children and Family Services	12/6/2000	
County Programs	12/5/2000	
Economic Development		
Eligibility Determination		
Employment Services		
Office of Housing	12/4/2000	
Out-of-Home Placement		
Vocational Rehabilitation Services		
Welfare Aid Payment		
Information Services Department		
Probation		
Administrative Division		
Adult Services Division		
Juvenile Services Division		
Institutions Division		
Public Works		
Engineering Services		
Facilities Maintenance and Operations		
Airports		
Fleet Maintenance		
Landscape Maintenance		
Roads		
Special Districts		
Tower Road Construction		
Transportation Services		
Waste Management		
Environmental Services		
Retirement		

Department Division	Initial Interviews Meetings	Review meetings
Sheriff's Office		
Administrative Division		
Custody Division		
Detention Division		
Operations Division		
Tax Collector/Treasurer		
Tax Collection		
Treasurer		



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This report is a result of the analysis. The report is organized as follows:

- 1. Summary list of projects for consideration.
- 2. Countywide considerations.
- 3. Findings from reviewing other county web services.
- 4 Findings from reviewing similar reports from other agencies.
- 5. Exhibit detailing the projects summarized above.
- 6. Exhibit showing examples of other County pages.

In the very next section, we first introduce a short list of recommendations. The recommendations suggest factors to be weighed in determining the final countywide, prioritized list of projects for implementation. Next, we provide a complete inventory of potential projects. The list is in a matrix form, ordered by Department/Division. The columns of the matrix provides information that we believe is most important for determining the relative merits of each project.

The section that follows reviews issues with infrastructure and preparedness. Before jumping ahead with implementing projects, the County will need to discuss and resolve most of these issues

Next we summarize the variety of services offered by other counties. The summarization identifies the level (content, transaction, portal), and type of services offered by counties that are on the forefront of this service delivery medium.

Following that, we have identified any significant findings from reviewing similar reports from other agencies. We have included items that may have relevance in the process of narrowing the list of potential projects to a list of projects for implementation.

In the exhibits, we have first detailed the various projects. Following that we have given samples of web sites of other counties.

II) Summary of projects.

II.1 Recommended approach -- next steps.

Material to be developed after the list is finalized.

II.2 Summary List of projects: Chart II

In the pages that follow is an exhaustive inventory of projects. The projects are listed as a matrix ordered by department and division where the idea originated The project is identified in brief. In the next column we have identified the order of magnitude for the expected cost; the cost range is identified by number of \$ symbols. e.g., \$,\$\$\$ means the expected cost is in the thousands but less than ten thousand.

The column following costs identified the type of service this project would provide. Following that, is a column identifying recommended priorities. First number identifies departmental recommendation for priority based on their expectation of usefulness to their customers. Separated by a '/" is the recommendation from Information Services Department. This is based upon our observations of departmental and systems readiness as well as alignment with other projects. The priorities are categorized as follows:

- ♦ Priority of '1 means this project is recommended for immediate consideration
- ♦ A priority of 2 means this project should be considered after proving feasibility using other projects.
- ♦ A priority of '3' means this project is visionary in nature, and should be reviewed for feasibility at a later date.

The projects identified are in a variety of planning and development stages, so the next column identified the stage that a project has achieved in the department Often times the County can leverage a technology for use within multiple projects and the next column, X-ref, identifies projects that are similar in nature. The last column provides page number, where the detailed description of a project can be found.

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	Division	of	Service	Priority	Project Status	ref.	Page
	Project	Magnitude		/ISD Priority			Num.
Asses	Assessor - County Clerk-Recorder						
1.	Ability to order vital records		Transaction		Vision		28
2.	Provide a unified means for clients to		Content		In planing		
ű.	Ability to record re conveyances		Transaction		In planning		
4	Provide a "Wedding Camera" service		Content		Vision		
5.	Ability to record building permits for		Transaction		In planing		
	assessment.						
9							
Boar	Board of Supervisors						
7.	Make agendas available on line		Content		Being Developed.		28
Cont	Controller						
∞.	Allow property owners to check status of tax refund request.	·	Content		Vision		
9.	Allow property owners to request tax refunds on line		Content		Vision		29
10.	Provide detailed explanation of tax bill items		Content		Vision		
=:	Provide a County wide tax FAQ page.		Content	,	Vision		
12.	Provide tax apportionment information.		Content		Vision		
13.	Provide electronic deposit of tax and levy apportionment		Content		Vision		
14.	Provide taxing districts and agencies		Content		Vision		

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with means to check status of payments.	Means to notify Audit of potential accounting irregularities	Means for other agencies to file mandated forms	Provide departments with County policies and accounting guide.	Ability for customers to provide feedback.	Customer satisfaction surveys.	Electronic copy of newsletter.	County financial reports	Departmental audit reports	Summaries	Departmental audit reports Details	Ability for Courts to file	At 14: to done from informations	to intranet access	Allow vendors to check status of	payments	Complete B2B e commerce with	larger vendors.	Departmental Budget and financial	information.
	15.	16.	17.	18.	19	20.	21.	22.		23.	24	36		26		27		28.	

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29.	Intranet: Allow employees to file status change forms	Tie	Transaction	Vision		
30.	Intranet: Provide commonly used employment/payroll forms for downloading	00	Content	Vision		
31.	Intranet: Provide a FAQ page for employees	CO	Content	Vision		
32	Intranet Provide employees with list of persons to call	o	Content	Vision		
દદ	Intranet Allow on line time entry and approval	Tra	Transaction	Vision		
34.	Intranet: Provide employees with e paystub	CO	Content	Vision	29	
35.	Intranet: Allow departments to request changes for system access.	တ	Content	Vision		
98	Intranet: Allow departments to make changes for system access.	Tra	Transaction	Vision		
37.	Intranet Provide an availability / status page for system status	သ	Content	Vision		
38.	Intranet: Provide system documentation.	O)	Content	Vision		
39.	Intranet: Provide on line training for departments.	သ	Content	Vision		
40.	Intranet: Provide ability for departments/vendors to provide invoice images.	O	Content	Vision		

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41							
Coroner	ner						
42.	Allow physicians to file Death certificates. (State project		Transaction		Vision		30
43.	Create a Home page for Coroner's office.		Content		In planning		
44.	Provide pamphlets for downloading		Content		In planning		
45.	Generate and provide planning information for elderly		Content		Vision		
Coun	County Counsel						
46.	Post County ordinance code		Content		Available		
47							
Coun	County Managers Offices						
48.	Build a home page	\$\$\$\$\$	Content		In planning		
49.	Provide Budget summaries		Content				
Courts	S1						
50							
Distri	District Attorney						
51.							
Empl	Employee and Public Services						
Er	Employee Relations						
52.	Publish MOU for other agencies and		Content		Vision		
7	County managers				h		
53.	Manager/Supervisor training		Content		Vision		

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	54.	Ensure all managers/supervisors have	<lu>lnfrastructure></lu>		
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	interest for future openings			
69	Provide departments immediate access to on line applications	Content	Vision	
70.	Provide "intelligent search" that is	Content/	Vision	
	functionally driven instead of	Portal		
	organizationally based.			
71.	Provide general directions to other	Portal	Vision	
	government services; including links			
	to pages			
72	Provide links to Mapquest (or	Portal	Vision	
	sımılar), for other government			
	agencies.			
73.	Easy to find, interactive information	Portal	Vision	
	about public services			
74.				
4	Human Resources/Benefits			
75.	Allow candidates to provide feedback	Content	Vision	
	about benefits levels			
76.				
1	Purchasing			
77.	Provide information about Vendor registration	Content	Vision	
78.	Allow potential vendors to register interest	Content	Vision	
79.	Allow complete vendor registration	Transaction	Vision	
80.	Post solicitation information	Content	Vision	

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81.	Allow vendors to download full	Content		Vision	
	solicitation.				
82.	Allow vendors to respond to bids/RFQ	Transaction	tion	Vision	
83.	Publish award information	Content		Vision	
84	Provide purchase order by e mail	Content		Vision	
85	Allow bill presentation; on line or by	Transaction	tion	Vision	
	e mail				
86.					
87.	Provide e auction capability for	Transaction	tion	Vision	
	surplus property warehouse				_
88	Allow auction winners to make	Transaction	tion	Vision	
	payments (e check)				
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90.	On intranet, publish customer guide	Content		Vision	
	for copy center				
91	On intranet, publish administrative	Content		Vision	
	memos				
92.	On intranet, publish County	Content		Vısion	
	procedures.				
93					
Envi	Environmental Services Agency				
P	Planning	:			
94.	Provide Internet reference notices	Content			
	sent to residents.				
95.	Upgrade permut planning system.	< nfrast	<infrastructure></infrastructure>	In planning	

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96	Issue routine building permits	\$\$\$,\$\$\$	Transaction	In planning	gu	32	
26	Make Planning Commission agendas		Content	Partially	Partially available. 7	33	
	available on line						
98.	Accept comments for public hearings		Transaction	Vision		34	
99.	Make status of Permits available on		Content	In planning	Пg		
	line.				<u> </u>		
001_	Accept applications for All permits		Transactional	Vision			
	on line.				_		
101	Make environmental impact		Content	Partially	Partially available.		
	documents available.						
102.	A "Chat room" information kiosk.		Portal	Concept			
			Alternative	-			
103.	Present customers with detailed		Content/Portal				
	planning data				•		
Healt	Health Services Agency						
104.	104. Allow customers to make		Content	Vision			
	appointments.						
105							
Hum	Human Services Agency			i			
106.	106. Allow Housing Aid applicants to		Content	In planning	gu		
	review their status						
107	Allow clients (Housing Aid,		Transactional/	In planning	gu		
	Financial Assistance,		Portal				
	Foster/Adoptive Parents etc) to					·	
	provide current contact information						
108.	Allow clients to provide status		Transactional/	In planning	gu	,	

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Portal	Transaction/ Portal	Content	Content	Content	Content	Content/GIS	Transaction	Content	Transaction	Transaction	Transaction
updates.	Allow clients to provide annual renewal information.	Allow clients to schedule/re schedule inspections and interviews	I .	Provide landlords with facility to list available property provide	List of Shelters and Referral Organizations		Allow application for rehabilitation assistance	Post bid requests for rehabilitation projects	Receive responses to bids for rehabilitation projects	Forward applications for privately funded rehabilitation, to appropriate agencies	Accept financial assistance
	109.	110	111.	112	113.	114.	115	116.	117.	118	119.

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based on zip code	Accept supplemental information for assistance qualification	Upload application information to Medi cal	Allow clients to schedule/re schedule appointments.	Link to "SMART Engine" for qualifying applicants on line	Provide e mail addresses to clients	Increase access points/service levels at libraries and CBOs.	Allow clients to review status of their application.	Provide support infrastructure for foster/adoptive families; like chat rooms and bulletin boards.	Publish detailed information for prospective foster/adoptive families	Provide concise links to CA resources for foster/adoptive families	Provide a means for prospective foster/adoptive families to register interest.	List server e mail distribution of newsletters
	121.	122.	123.	124	125.	126	127.	128.	129.	130.	131.	132.

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Allow referral from Courts on line (Alcohol and drug abuse prevention)

Allow on line registration for

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prevention programs

Provide complete services guide

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Links to State and Federal

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133.	Provide secured chat rooms for		Content		In planning		
	foster/adoptive parents to earn CEUs				,		
134	Maintain a "calendar of events", all		Content		In planning		
	divisions.						
135	Provide a means for registered		Content		Vision/		
	foster/adoptive parents to view/search				Available via		
	information on children (in County				private agencies		
	care).						
136.	Provide means to automatically		Transaction		Vision		
	update State systems when updating						
	local information like address etc.,						
137.	Allow foster/adoptive families to		Content		In planning		
	schedule interviews and inspections						
138.	Provide means for anonymous child		Transaction		Vision		
	abuse prevention tips						
139.	List of services, contacts and referral		Content		In planning		
	agencies						
140	Allow alcohol/drug abuse prevention		Transaction		Vision		
	program bid solicitation and response						

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145	Provide multi lingual capabilities for		Content		In planning		
146	Provide means/capability for clients to customize their view of County services ("MyCounty")		Portal		In planning		
147.	l l		Content		In planing		
148.	Create a repository of forms		Content		In planning		
149.	Accept scanned document images for supplemental information		Content		Vision		
150.	Provide scanning hardware at public access stations (libraries etc.)		<infrastructure></infrastructure>		Vision		
151.							
Infor	Information Services Department						
152.	Conduct town hall meetings on line		Content		Feasibility test	102	
153.	Conduct public hearings with 2 way web cast		Content		Feasibility test		38
154.	Mapquest data updates		<infrastructure></infrastructure>				
155.	Show government services, on a map, around a stated address or APN		Content				
156	Capture master street/address index: City/County/Post office coordination, 911 coordination		<infrastructure></infrastructure>		İ		
157.	Determine and list government services for an address		Portal				
158	List nearby mass transit options for		Portal				

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159.	List nearby parks (all agencies) for an address	Portal		
160.	List parcel information	Content/GIS		
161	Capture census information into GIS	<infrastructure></infrastructure>	\c>	
162.	Capture Transit routes into GIS	<infrastructure></infrastructure>	re>	
163.	Capture political jurisdictions into GIS	<infrastructure></infrastructure>	re>	
164.	Capture K 14 school information into GIS	<infrastructure></infrastructure>	\cdot \delta \de	
165.	List Census, school etc., data for an address or APN	Content		
166.				
Prob	Probation			
167.	167. Access to information about various providers, schools, service agencies, etc.	Content		
168.	Subscription to department of justice (State and federal) databases, e.g., cal gang	<infrastructure></infrastructure>	<	
169.	Provide officers access to intranet services using mobile technology	<infrastructure></infrastructure>	re>	
170.	Provide links to State and Federal statutes	Content		
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Publi	Public Works			

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172.	172. Allow citizens to report road hazards		Transaction		Vision		
173.							
Retir	Retirement						
174							
Sheri	Sheriff's Office						
175	175 Daily booking log		Content				
176	"Who's in Jail" interaction		Content				
177.							
Tax (Tax Collector/Treasurer						
178.	178. Allow customers to pay property taxes over the internet		Transaction		In Production		
179	Allow customers to check property taxes due and payment status		Content		In Production		
180	Special tax record access for title		Content				
	companies						

III) Countywide considerations.

Internet is changing business models in every industry. Accordingly, the County can expect to undergo some changes in their 'business model. This notion immediately runs into the wall of legal requirements, e.g., before issuing permits, the County is legally required to obtain the signature of the property owner. Normally the contractor makes the application for the permit On paper form, a knowledgeable contractor can have the owner sign before submitting. This process becomes cumbersome when attempting to model on the Internet

There are similar considerations with respect to technical background, customer and County management expectations, and funding

We have identified the following items that need to be considered:

- 1) Technical Infrastructure.
- 2) Process issues.
- 3) Access issues
- 4) Expected benefits
- 5) Funding issues.

These are further discussed below.

III.1 Technical Infrastructure.

This issue covers a number of aspects. Foremost in this category, would be the infrastructure that is normally considered as required for a 'web' business environment. The County has already invested heavily in these areas and has the following infrastructure in place.

- Multiple/redundant lines to Internet service providers.
- Scalable hardware environment.

The next aspect of technical infrastructure is the need for applications and data that are 'web-enabled'. In the section on projects, we have identified a number of infrastructure projects. These are projects that by themselves do not provide direct services to customers, instead, they provide a layer of support that can be leveraged by other projects to provide direct customer service.

The final area under technical infrastructure is the need for well-trained staff. The local economy has consistently been draining the human resources of the County; in some instances this could be a potential roadblock for timely and consistent development of projects.

III.2 Process Issues.

As new systems are introduced, the business processes need to be 're-engineered' to maximize the benefits to be derived from the system. The County will need to undertake a similar effort as Internet services are implemented, for example as we offer the ability for the customers to e-mail their questions/concerns, the expected response is in Internet time. People no longer consider a week or two to be an acceptable timeline for responding to queries -- the expectation has been raised to one or two hours. Clearly, the County will need to prepare for this customer expectation.

III.3 Access Issues.

Much has been reported about the great digital divide. This is a matter of grave importance in public policy. In setting priorities and funding levels, the Board needs to be cognizant of this issue. Human services agency has recently completed a survey of it's clients in order to prioritize their departmental plans. However, the findings of that survey will provide the Board with a good basis for understanding public need.

Following is an (unscientific) abstract of data gathered from the survey:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Count</u>
Total respondents:	1866
Have computer at home	559
Have PC at home and access Internet	260
If there is no computer at home, is there	
a computer you can use	526
All respondents who access Internet	411

Thus, a simplistic analysis would yield the following result:

Total number with computer access:

(559 + 526)/1866 = 58%

Internet access rate for home computers:

260/559 = 46.51%

Overall Internet access rate: 411/(559+526) = 38%

It must be <u>stressed</u> that this is not a scientific analysis. Knowledgeable analysts in Research and Planning division of Human Services Agency are in the process of analyzing the data and will publish the material separately. Future drafts of this reports will contain most current published data available.

III.4 Expected Benefits.

One clear benefit of delivering services over the Internet is improved service that is available on an around-the-clock basis. The general expectation however, is that this method of service delivery will save 'staff time'. This expectation is fostered by technical journals praising projects in private industry that have 'saved' the enterprise money

The reality however is that such savings, if any come from major changes in business structure and processes. The County will for the foreseeable future have to continue to provide personal "face-to-face' service required by regulations and statutes, and that the customers are used to. The Internet service delivery option will be an additional service medium -- the level and amount of preparatory work is not expected to diminish.

III.5 Funding Issues.

Covered under this item are two issues. Firstly, in order to make any significant progress in Internet service delivery, there need to be a number of projects undertaken. The cumulative amounts involved are fairly large and the County will need to come up with creative approaches to funding these.

Information Services Department manages these services ISD operates on a charge-back cost basis. There needs to be a discussion on charge-back methods for services that span multiple sponsoring departments.

IV) Comparison of our web services with other counties.

We have found that there are primarily three categories of services provided by the Internet:

- 1) content
- 2) transactions
- 3) web portals

Content refers to information, transactions refer to executable business functions and an eGov web portal offers a easy-to-use web site that seamlessly integrates federal, state and local government and makes good sense to a visitor to the site.

In the accompanying chart, we have compared the web site of County of San Mateo with web sites of counties that are clearly good examples to follow The chart, identifies the county, provides the "Universal Resource Locator" (URL) address for the starting web page. We have also included the date that the web site was reviewed.

The next column provides a list of services that we would categorize as Content". It is important to remember that not all 'content' is merely textual in nature. Some of the items that fall under "content' may very well require serious system development to support that information delivery. For example, Alameda County provides an ability for their customers to review property information; In order to supply this, there would have to be programming support to:

- 1. Receive the property location information from the customer,
- 2 Connect to the assessment information database.
- 3. Retrieve the information from the assessment database, and
- 4. Present the information in a form that the 'web-browser' can render.

Following the column listing various content features, is a column that lists services that would be considered as transactions. These are services where besides providing the customer with information, the web page also provides a means for the customer to respond, as they would when visiting the County offices. Thus, this type of service is often the hardest to visualize and has fewer numbers of services currently available.

The last column is our evaluation of how well a county home page serves in the capacity of a portal".

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Services on the County of San Mateo web site:

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CA	pages for most departments.	2 Library membership, sign up.	departmental structure
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12/19/2000 3.	. Links to community libraries.		
4	4. Library catalogues and databases.		
5	. Planning commission agendas and		
	calendars		
9	6. Voter registration confirmation		
7	. Courts tentative rulings on law		
	and motions.		
8	. Job Opportunities.		
6	9 General County information.		
	10 Computation of estimated		
	retirement benefits.		
	11. Jury reporting information		
	12. Civil service ordinance.		
1	13. County ordinance code,		

County	Content	Transactions	Portal
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Services on web sites for other counties:

1 Conta pages 2. Board calent	Contact information and home pages for all departments. Board of Supervisors agendas and calendars. Planning commission	 Traffic citation payments Requests for vital records. Job applications – apply on line. 	Most services and information can be reached quickly; in a few clicks.
County General County Downle Job Opl Propert Informa Court C Jury rep Bid soli Find yo sample results. Links te	3. County budget information 4. General County information. 5. County News 6 Downloadable forms of every kind 7. Job Opportunities 8 Property tax, use and assessment information 9 Court Calendars; links to case information 10. Court case summaries 11 Jury reporting information 12. Bid solicitation listings 13. Find your polling place; view your sample ballot; find the election results. 14 Links to related sites. 15 Search of County sites.		

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County of San Mateo Internet Service Delivery Project

County	Content	Transactions	Portal
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Contra Costa, CA	1. Economic Data. 2 Links to cities within the County.	1. Library membership transactions. 2. Employment applications.	None.
	3 Budget Summary4. Demographic and Census		
	Information		
	7. Planning Commission(s) agendas		
	8 General Plan and maps		
	9 Contact information for all		
	departments.		
	10. County ordinances and code.		
	11 Purchasing Bid Information		_
	12 Architectural/Construction Bid		
	Information.		
	13. Library Catalog Information		
Los Angeles, CA	1. Economic Data	1. Traffic Citation payment	Easy to navigate site.
www.co la.ca.us	2. Links to other agencies and cities	2. Order vital records.	
	within the County		
	3. Budget Summaries.		
	4 Demographic and Census		
	summaries.		-
	5 BOS Agendas and supporting		
	documents		
	6. Agendas of planning commission		
	and other commissions of the		
	County		

Compty	Content	Transactions	Portal
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	7. Ability to search various planning		
	documents by a variety of factors.		
	8 Sheriffs booking log		
	9 Contact information for all		
	departments		
	10. Vendor registration and Bid		
	information.		
	11 Links to other government sites.		
	12 Property assessment and tax		
	ınformation		
	13. County souvenits catalog.		
	14. County code.		
	15. Civil Service code		
	16. Numerous forms for downloading.		
	17. Election information Where is		
	my booth?		
	18 Library Catalog Search		

V) Findings from review of reports from other agencies.

Among other public agencies viewing this option, Nevada County, California, has recently completed a similar report. We have gathered numerous ideas from that report to share with the departmental leadership.

Two of the more interesting observation however, are worth sharing with the Board. The first observation is the need to conduct a formal survey of County customers. This will assist the County to organize it's web pages in a manner that the customers can relate to

Another observation that is interesting is the 'different view that is taken in evaluating the benefit side of the cost-benefit equation. In their view, the benefits to residents can be measured in terms of reduction in auto emissions that is possible by saving the residents a trip to county offices. This analysis also opens the door for grant funding from the local Air Quality Management District.

Exhibits

A) Detailed Descriptions of Projects.

I. Assessor, County clerk-recorder.

1. Ability to order vital records.

<u>Description:</u> The public at large, regularly requires certified copies of vital records -- Birth, Death and Marriage certificates. This project will allow the customers to order the records from the Assessors web site

Estimated Activity Level:

Advantages: This will reduce postal delays for the client requests to reach us.

Disadvantages: None.

<u>Dependencies:</u> This requires electronic payment capturing ability, the County already has that in place

System Interfaces: None.

<u>Identified concerns:</u> Credit card processing needs to be performed using secure transactions.

II. Board of Supervisors.

1. Make agendas available on-line.

<u>Description:</u> Agendas for Board meetings are public documents. They are made available in advance of the meetings. The supporting documents for all agenda items together makes a large packet. This project will allow concerned citizens to review the agenda and 'click their way to relevant supporting documents for specific items of interest.

Estimated Activity Level:

Advantages: This project will make it easier for the concerned citizens to focus on items of interest to them. The County will be more environmentally friendly by only printing a limited numbers of full agenda packets.

Disadvantages: None.

<u>Dependencies:</u> We require to implement an electronic agenda management software

System Interfaces: New software to be implemented.

Identified concerns: None.

III. Controller.

1. Allow owners to request tax refunds on-line.

Description: Often there are overpayments made against the tax bill The owner has a right to be refunded the excess tax paid. This project will allow the public to request their refund via the internet.

Estimated Activity Level:

Advantages: This will reduce postal delays for the client requests to reach us

Disadvantages: None.

Dependencies:

System Interfaces: Checks are created via the IFAS system. This system will need to be 'web-enabled'.

<u>Identified concerns:</u> The law requires a signature from the person requesting the refund

2. Intranet: Provide employees with e-paystub.

Description: The statement of earnings and deductions that is provided to employees is small and hard to re-create. Thus it is at once, likely to be lost while being difficult to reproduce. This project will allow employees to review and print their pay-stubs via the web.

Estimated Activity Level: Approximately 5000/2 weeks

Advantages: Allow employees to review their paystub history. Additionally, the larger space afforded by the web page will allow better communication to the employees

Disadvantages: None

Dependencies: The PIPS system is not presently 'web-enabled .

System Interfaces: Checks are produced by PIPS

<u>Identified concerns:</u> State law requires the employers to provide the employee with some documentation of the payroll.

IV. Coroner

1. Allow physicians to file death certificates on-line.

<u>Description:</u> The State of California is planning a project to permit physicians to file death certificates on-line. This project will allow the Coroner of the County of San Mateo to participate in that project.

Estimated Activity Level:

Advantages: This will streamline the process of filing death certificates and make necessary documentation available to be eaved families in a timely manner.

Disadvantages: None.

Dependencies: State of California project.

System Interfaces: The certificates are filed in the Recorder's systems. These systems will need to be web-enabled.

<u>Identified concerns:</u> The present process is requires multiple steps before the document is completed and ready to be filed. Streamlining the process will take some creative thinking

V. Employee and Public Services - Employee Relations

1. Manager/Supervisor Training.

<u>Description:</u> Employee Relations division provides training to managers and supervisors in the County. Most of the material could be provided as a Computer Based Training (CBT) module over the web

Estimated Activity Level:

Advantages: This will allow departments and division to schedule training for their managers and supervisors depending on the workload.

Disadvantages: None

Dependencies: Need CBT software

System Interfaces: None.

Identified concerns: None.

VI. Employee and Public Services - Human Resources

1. Accept applications for open positions.

<u>Description:</u> The County requires an application to be filed by the applicant. This project will allow applicants to review open positions and file applications for positions of interest.

Estimated Activity Level:

Advantages: This project will save time and postage for applicants

Disadvantages: None

<u>Dependencies:</u> Some of the procedures and processes will need to be reengineered.

System Interfaces: The County has an 'Applicant Tracking system. It will need to be web-enabled.

Identified concerns: None.

VII. Employee and Public Services - Purchasing

1. Provide information about vendor registration.

<u>Description:</u> The County allows potential vendors to register their interest in conducting business with the County. This project will provide all of the background information to the potential vendors.

Estimated Activity Level:

Advantages: This project will improve County's responsiveness to potential vendors.

Disadvantages: None.

Dependencies: None.

System Interfaces: None.

Identified concerns: None

VIII. Environmental Services Department - Planning.

1. "Simple" building permits.

<u>Description:</u> In order to protect residents from poor workmanship, the County provides Inspection, of certain types of home improvement work. In order for the County to provide this service, residents or their contractors acting as agents, are required to receive a permit. Currently the permit applicant has to drive to the County Center, pay permit fees and wait for the Permit to be typed. In Internet service delivery mode, the applicant will make the payment using a credit card and receive the permit with a verification number over the web. The only person-to-person contact between a County employee and the customer will be when the inspector visits the location for inspection.

Estimated Activity Level: Approximately 1000 permits/year.

Advantages: The customers will save at least one trip to the County offices This will also reduce the foot traffic" to the department and workload of dealing with the customers.

Disadvantages: None

<u>Dependencies:</u> The existing permit-planning system needs to be upgraded The upgraded version does allow for web transactions

<u>System Interfaces</u>: The enhanced, upgrade of the permit-planning system provides interfaces required for service delivery over the Internet Payment collection interfaces have already been established and proven in the County by the tax collector.

<u>Identified Concerns:</u> The basic data store and the web environment should be secured from accidental (or otherwise) updates to the permit/planning records.

2. Planning Commission Agendas.

Description: The agenda of the planning commission are public documents. In addition there are notification requirements -- where the County is required to notify neighbors of any planning action items that affect the neighborhood. Today, if a resident is interested in being better informed about a specific agenda item, they call the planner associated with the project. The planner then has to prepare a packet of all relevant documents and this packet is mailed to the interested party. This service will provide on-line informational links to all the analytical information presented to the commission.

Advantages: Residents and other interested agencies will have immediate access to the documents County will save on staff time in preparation and mailing of document packets.

Estimated Activity Levels: Not available

Disadvantages: None

Dependencies: An agenda publication and management system will need to be installed in the County.

System Interfaces: New Application.

3. On-line comments for commission hearings.

IX. Human Services Agency.

1. Allow Housing Aid applicants to review their status.

<u>Description</u>: The County has a large number of applicants who are waiting for housing aid. This project will allow those applicants to check the status of their application.

Estimated Activity Level:

Advantages: This project will improve County's responsiveness to applicants for aid.

Disadvantages: None

Dependencies: None

System Interfaces: The current database of applicants will need to be webenabled.

Identified concerns: None.

2. Allow clients to provide current contact information.

<u>Description:</u> Clients of various assistance programs need to keep the Agency informed of their whereabouts This project will permit the clients to provide the information over the web.

Estimated Activity Level:

Advantages: This project will allow the clients to provide the information once for all the programs

Disadvantages: None

Dependencies: None

System Interfaces: There are a number of State and Consortium systems that will need to be web enabled.

Identified concerns: None.

3. Allow clients to schedule/re-schedule inspections and interviews.

Description: The Agency is required to interview prospective applicants as well as provide inspections on an on-going basis (for some of the programs) This project will enable the clients/prospective clients to schedule these activities to times that are convenient

Estimated Activity Level:

Advantages: This project will save the clients any frustration of waiting for an analyst to be available. It will also allow the Agency to better balance workload and schedule staff times.

Disadvantages: None

Dependencies: None.

System Interfaces: None.

Identified concerns: None

X. Information Services Department

1. Public Hearing -- 2 way Web-cast.

<u>Description:</u> Meetings of the Board of Supervisors are Web-cast -- broadcast over the Internet. However, this does not allow for public input to be received and disseminated over the Internet. This project would allow for active public participation over the internet.

Estimated Activity Level: ??

Advantages: This will enable greater citizen participation in County governance.

Disadvantages: Web-casting uses a large amount of available bandwidth

Dependencies: None

System Interfaces: None

<u>Identified concerns:</u> This method of communicating with the Board requires a high bandwidth for the client; thus making it less available to the digitally challenged.

2. Show government services, on a map, around a stated address.

Description: Often times the citizens are unaware about where to turn for a specific type of government service. This project will enable the residents and businesses within the County to find the correct Government Service Provider' for most of the commonly required services, for any address within the County.

Estimated Activity Level:

Advantages: This project will save the clients any frustration of dealing with numerous government agencies. e.g., for a building permit, should a resident approach their City or the County office?

Disadvantages: None

Dependencies: This project will need the GIS project to be completed

System Interfaces: Requires a GIS

Identified concerns: None.

XI. Probation Department

1. Access to information about various providers.

<u>Description:</u> The department officers often field inquiries from other agencies about options and providers of various services e.g., Services for at risk youth have numerous providers in common with juvenile probation. This project will make the relevant information available to all interested agencies.

Estimated Activity Level:

<u>Advantages:</u> Concerned citizens as well as other public agencies will have a common reference.

Disadvantages: None.

Dependencies: None.

System Interfaces: None

Identified concerns: None

XII. Public Works

1. Allow citizens to report road hazards.

<u>Description:</u> The public at large is often the first to notice road hazards. This project will allow the public to report road hazards to the County.

Estimated Activity Level:

Advantages: This project will reduce the amount of time before the public works responds to an existing road hazard condition

Disadvantages: None

Dependencies: None

System Interfaces: None

Identified concerns: None.

XIII. Sheriff's office

1. Daily Booking Log

<u>Description:</u> Local newspapers publish 'Police Blotter" columns. This

Estimated Activity Level:

Advantages: This project will save the clients any frustration of waiting for an analyst to be available. It will also allow the Agency to better balance workload and schedule staff times.

Disadvantages: None

Dependencies: None

System Interfaces: None.

Identified concerns: None.

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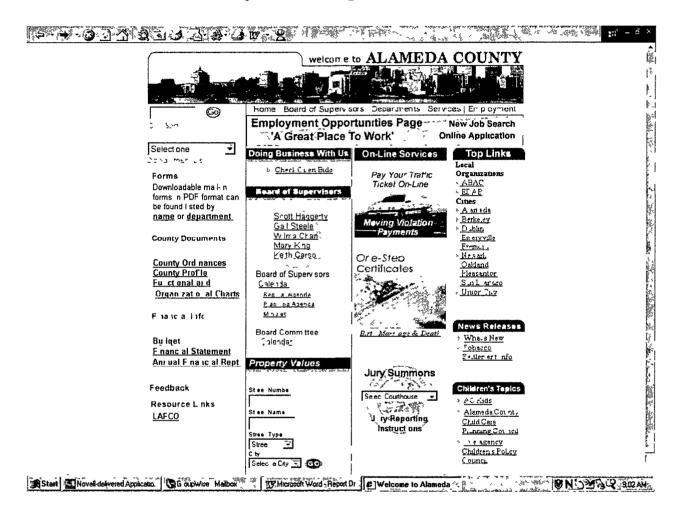
Dependencies: None.

System Interfaces: None

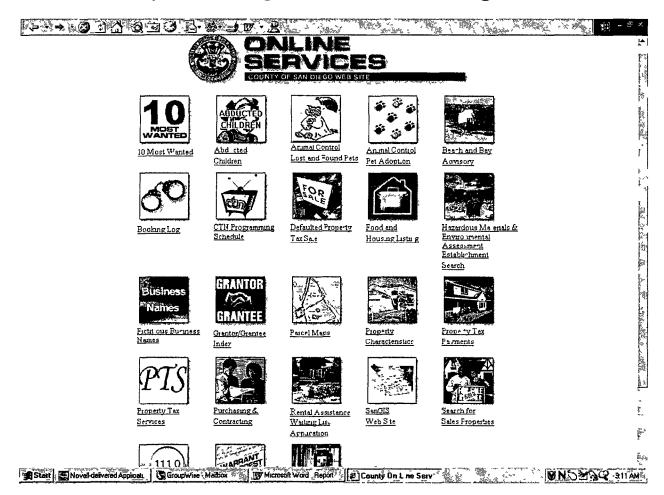
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B)Sample Web Screens from other Counties.

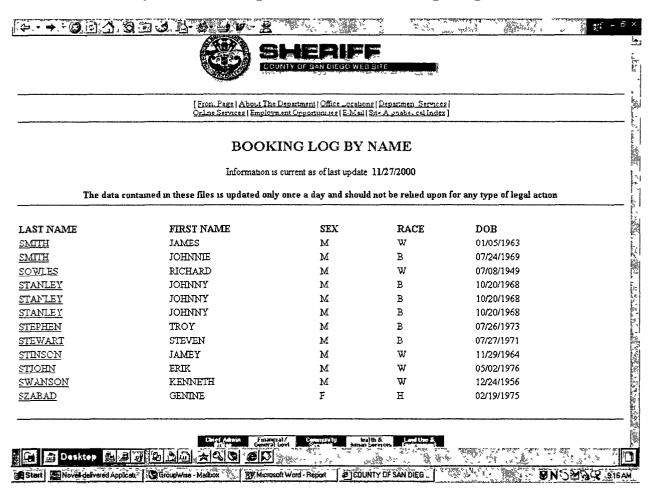
a. Alameda County Home Page.



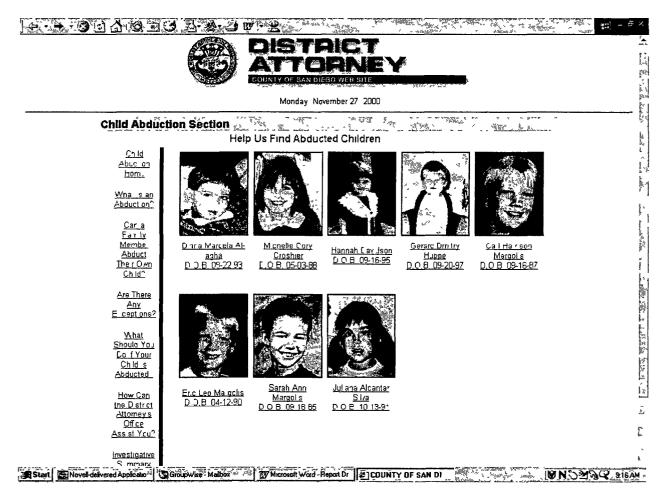
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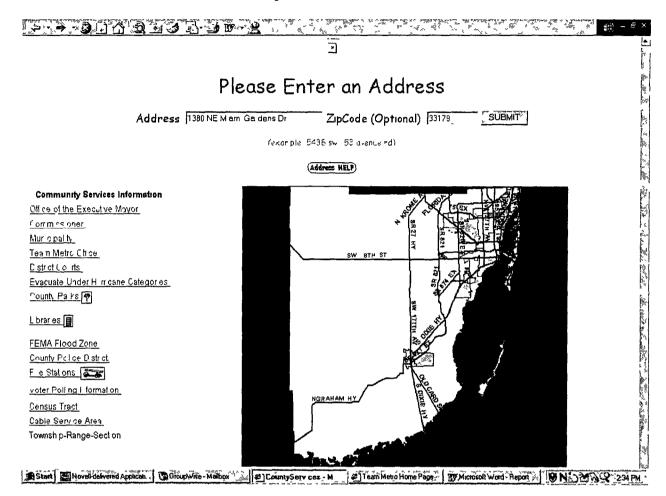
c. County of San Diego: Sheriffs Booking Log



d. County of San Diego: Abducted Children Page.



e. Miami-Dade County, Florida - Address based Portal:



f. Miami-Dade County, Florida - Portal Response:

