



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Employee and Public Services

DATE: June 17, 2004

BOARD MEETING DATE: June 29, 2004

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: *MW* Mary Welch, Employee and Public Services Director
Girdie Bernard, Revenue Services Manager

SUBJECT: *GB* **Agreement with the State Employment Development
Department to Provide Wage and Employment History Data**

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution authorizing the President of the Board to execute an amendment to the Agreement with the State Employment Development Department (EDD) to provide Revenue Services with wage and employment history data on debtors to the County through June 30, 2006.

BACKGROUND:

In June 2003 the County and the State EDD entered into a three-year agreement to provide employment information to assist Revenue Services with the collection of outstanding debts from the Cal Works program, medical assistance and Food Stamp overpayments for the Human Services Agency. This agreement extended a relationship that had existed for fourteen years. This information has been very valuable and cost effective in recovering such debt.

DISCUSSION:

As the EDD employment information has aided the County in collecting debt owed to the Human Services Agency, in January, 2004 Revenue Services began

discussions with EDD to expand use of this information to other types of County debt such as accounts with the Medical Center and the Courts. The recommended revised contract would permit the County to receive employment and earnings information on additional debtors. The additional areas covered are:

County expenditures for medical services

Restitution, fines, penalties, assessments and fees owed to the County who has been directed by state mandate or court order

The addition of these categories will enhance the ability of the Revenue Services Division to collect debts and return funds to our client departments.

VISION ALIGNMENT:

This item keeps the commitment of responsive, effective and collaborative government through goal number 20: Government decisions are based on careful consideration of future impact, rather than temporary relief or immediate gain.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The contract cost is \$31 per 1,000 inquires. The maximum amount of this agreement is \$5,500 which has been recommended in the FY 2004-05 budget.

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COUNTY MANAGER