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Marin County Board of Supervisors 3501 Civic Center Drive San Rafael, California 94903

Subject: Contract with Tiburon Technologies to transfer the County's Property Tax System from and IBM environment to a Microsoft environment.

Dear Board Members:

Recommendations: Approve contract with Tiburon Technologies to provide consulting services supporting the transfer of the property tax management system (TAPIS) from the IBM mainframe to Microsoft environment.

Summary:

The Information Services and Technology (IST) Department has worked with other County departments to modernize the County software infrastructure and eliminate expensive legacy computer systems. A significant part of this modernization involves eliminating the IBM mainframe hardware and its associated software. The County's Property Tax Assessment and Billing system resides primarily on the IBM mainframe hardware and thus needs to be transferred to a Microsoft Windows-based environment. IST has engaged a highly experienced consulting and data management organization, Tiburon Technology, to move the Property Tax system to the Microsoft environment without losing any business functionality or require any retraining of County users. The project will be completed in December 2007.

Moving the Property Tax system off the mainframe and into the Microsoft environment will provide new and better ways to support IST's internal and external customers. IST will no longer be reliant on hard-to-find mainframe hardware expertise. Having the Property Tax system on Microsoft Windows infrastructure will allow IST to be more responsive to user requests and enhancements.

Fiscal Impact:

The total amount of this contract is \$1,385,000. Funding for this contract is included in the IST's FY 2006-07 operating budget

Information Services Fund Center 3600013000 G/L Account 5210110 Alternative to recommend action: None				\$1,385,000
Reviewed by:	() (x) (x)	Human Resources County Counsel Auditor Controller		

Respectfully submitted,

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