



Memo

To: Commissioners, First 5 Ventura County

From: Petra Puls, Director of Program and Evaluation

Date: March 17, 2016

Re: Recommendation to Grant Authority to the Executive Director to Enter into a Contract with Persimmony for a Program Management and Evaluation Software System

Background

In December 2013, the Commission approved a recommendation to select Persimmony as the new vendor for First 5 Ventura County's program management and evaluation software system as part of a multi-county collaborative with Los Angeles, Riverside, and Orange Counties. The county collaborative workgroup now also includes other Southern California counties who have been using Persimmony for several years, including San Bernardino and San Diego. The workgroup continues to focus on creating a multi-county platform with common data elements and reporting functionality.

The contract with Persimmony International, Inc. is renewed on an annual basis. Persimmony collects and organizes data on participants, services, outcomes and expenditures and provides increased functionality in terms of end user experience, training, support, and system output/reporting.

Recommendation

The recommended action would grant authority to the Executive Director to enter into a contract with Persimmony International, Inc. for FY 2016-17 for an amount not to exceed \$95,000, for the Commission's program management and evaluation software system.