



Memo

To: Commissioners, First 5 Ventura County

From: Petra Puls, Acting Executive Director

Date: February 16, 2017

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

Background

In December 2013, the Commission approved a recommendation to select Persimmony International Inc. as the new vendor for First 5 Ventura County's program management and evaluation software system as part of a Southern California multi-county collaborative. This collaborative continues to focus on advancing a multi-county platform with common data elements and reporting functionality.

Persimmony collects and organizes data on participants, services, outcomes and expenditures. The system continues to meet our needs and provides increased functionality in terms of end user experience, training, support, and system output/reporting.

Persimmony International, Inc. supplied a pricing proposal for the next five years, for FY 2017 - 21. Consistent with the initial quote from 2013, the cost to maintain the software system continues to decline by approximately 2% per year and there is a discount for multiple southern county commissions utilizing the system.

A commitment to continue using Persimmony for an additional two years would align with the Commission's Strategic Plan and currently approved investments.

Recommendation

The recommended action would grant authority to the Acting Executive Director to continue contracting with Persimmony International, Inc. for FY 2017-19 for an amount not to exceed \$90,000 per fiscal year, for the Commission's program management and evaluation software system.