


COUNTY OF EL DORADO
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Terri Daly, Chief Administrative Officer 

DATE: May 2, 2011

SUBJECT: CAO Notes Meeting of May 3, 2011: Microsoft Select Agreement

The County is currently enrolled in a Software Licensing Program through the Microsoft "Select" Volume Licensing contract. "Select" is a contract negotiated by the State of California and Microsoft. California cities and counties may participate in the Select Program and purchase software at a substantial discount by enrolling in the program with a reseller.

The State's current "Select" agreement expired on 01/31/2011 but was extended via amendment for an additional three years to expire on 01/31/2014. The amendment automatically renews the County's enrollment with Dell as a reseller.

In November, 2007, the Board approved and signed the County's current enrollment under the program with Dell as our authorized reseller. Because our enrollment is automatically renewed per the State's contract amendment, there is no action required by the Board to continue using the program; however, because this item was brought to the Board initially, at which time the Board was told the enrollment period would be for three years, staff felt it would be appropriate to notify the Board of the automatic enrollment renewal. The Purchasing Agent will issue a blanket purchase order to Dell for the purchase of software licenses, under the authority granted her by Resolution #142-2001.

It should be noted that although software licenses are exempt from competitive bidding, participating in this State program allows the County to purchase software at an optimum discount level. The "Select" agreement represents a substantial savings to the County when compared to purchasing through retail.

Submitted by CAO
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At Board Hearing of 5/3/11