



Legislation Text

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Human Resources Department, Risk Management Division, recommending the Board approve and authorize Amendment I to Agreement 4136 with Christensen Hsu Sipes LLP for professional legal services to increase the total not-to-exceed by \$85,000 for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$145,000.

FUNDING: General Fund.

DISCUSSION / BACKGROUND

In accordance with Board Policy Number C-17, departments are required to obtain authorization from the Board of Supervisors to utilize any contract for services that exceed \$100,000. The Human Resources Department Risk Management Division is requesting the Board approve Amendment I with Christensen Hsu Sipes LLP to increase the total not-to-exceed by \$85,000 for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$145,000.

The contractor was engaged to provide professional legal services concerning a coverage dispute with General Reinsurance Corporation (GRC)/Genesis Management and Insurance Services relating to the reimbursement of a loss arising from a workers' compensation claim under GRC's excess insurance policy number X-14074, issued to the County, effective July 1, 1992 - July 1, 1995. The initial contract amount covered the evaluation of the viability of claims and litigation against GRC/Genesis and any other entities in this matter; because litigation has since been initiated, an increase to the contractual maximum is needed to cover the costs of such litigation.

ALTERNATIVES

The Board could choose not to approve the amendment and Risk Management could not pursue any action.

PRIOR BOARD ACTION

N/A

OTHER DEPARTMENT / AGENCY INVOLVEMENT

CAO, County Counsel, Procurement and Contracts

CAO RECOMMENDATION / COMMENTS

Approve as recommended.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Funding for the amendment is included in the Workers' Compensation Program Fund.

CLERK OF THE BOARD FOLLOW UP ACTIONS

Clerk of the Board to obtain the Board Chair's signature on Amendment I to Agreement 4136 and return a copy of the fully executed amendment to Purchasing and Contracts.

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