



Agenda Date: 12/6/2005
Agenda Placement: 6S

NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Bennett Wilson - Director of Information Technology Services
Communications
REPORT BY: Eric Parks, Communications Manager, 299-1300
SUBJECT: Long Distance Telephone Contract

RECOMMENDATION

Communications Manager requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign an agreement with Telekenex for \$0.032 per minute for the term December 1, 2005 through November 30, 2006 for long distance telephone service.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Under this agreement Telekenex will provide vital long distance telephone service for all County telephone users.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	Yes
Where is it budgeted?	Communications
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Discretionary
Discretionary Justification:	This agreement provides vital telephone long distance service for the County.
Is the general fund affected?	Yes
Future fiscal impact:	Long distance telephone service will be an ongoing expense and will be budgeted accordingly in future years.
Consequences if not approved:	Vital long distance telephone communications, including 24-hour phone service for Sheriff's and Corrections's departments, would be unavailable at a fiscally responsible rate.

Additional Information: None

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

The County currently is using Telekenex for all of their Intralata, Interstate, International, Inbound 800, and Calling Card services. After reviewing competitive offers from Telekenex and the other major long distance carrier (SBC), the Telekenex offer constitutes the lowest cost contract for these services. Telekenex has been the provider of these services to the county since September 2001, and have been timely, knowledgeable, courteous, and proactive in their service to the County.

The new contract from Telekenex contains an overall reduction in rates of 42.56%. Current County cost for these services average \$2000 month. Savings will average \$800 per month, or \$9600 annually. These average figures are taken from current long distance bills, and are rounded off because of the nature of fluctuation of long distance usage month to month.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Andrew Carey