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## NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** John Alexander for Dan Cunningham - Director  
Corrections  
**REPORT BY:** Dan Cunningham, Director of Corrections, 253-4613  
**SUBJECT:** Professional Services Contract

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

Director of Corrections requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign a revenue agreement with Leaders in Community Alternatives, Inc. for the term September 13, 2005 through June 30, 2007 to provide electronic technology services to select individuals for 24-hour monitoring including equipment, installations and removal of equipment, collection of client fees, on sites and other fieldwork associated with client accountability.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Leaders in Community Alternatives (LCA) is a company that provides Home Electronic Monitoring for inmates selected by Napa County Department of Corrections (NCDC). If an inmate meets specific criteria developed by NCDC, they are allowed to reside at home to complete their sentence and are monitored 24 hour a day. Electronic monitoring of inmates insures they are home, at work or school when scheduled. If an inmate is found to be out of compliance, a violation notification is immediately issued to NCDC who determines the disposition and if necessary returned to custody. The Director is requesting that this contract be signed allowing NCDC to place more inmates in the program.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	Yes
Where is it budgeted?	Revenue is included in the fiscal year 2005-06 Department of Corrections budget. All inmates under this agreement on the Home Electronic Leash Program are monitored by LCA and all fees related to the program are paid to LCA. LCA will reimburse Napa County at the rate of \$3 per inmate per day.
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Mandatory

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Is the general fund affected?	Yes
Future fiscal impact:	Future revenue projections will be based on annual average participation by inmates. Napa County will receive a reimbursement of \$3 per day, per inmate from LCA. This is designed to help reimburse NCDC for expenses related to administering the program.
Consequences if not approved:	Napa County will be left with no Home Electronic Leash Program. Electronic Monitoring is an industry accepted community corrections approach that is a legitimate alternative to incarceration.
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**

Home Electronic Leash Program is a viable alternative to incarceration. With the exception of indigent inmates, inmates pay all fees connected with the program to the contractor. Inmates are screened for acceptability by NCDC. Criminal history, current offense, behavior, ability to assimilate into the community are all considered. Once approved by NCDC, LCA will set these inmates up and monitor their adherence to a pre-agreed upon schedule, documenting when they are at home and when they are not. Inmates found to be out of compliance will be reported to NCDC and NCDC will properly deal with each inmate that violates. The technology used is based upon radio frequency signals between the bracelet an inmate wears while enrolled and a receiver located at the inmate's home. Violations are noted electronically and transmitted via phone line to LCA. A violation report will be generated immediately and sent to NCDC who will respond according to programs.

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Helene Franchi