



MAY 13, 2010

AGENDA ITEM # 5

AGREEMENT FOR INDEPENDENT AUDITING SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009-10

Action Requested: Authorize execution of agreement

Key Staff: Brian Williams, Executive Director

Recommendation

Authorize the Executive Director to execute an Agreement with Richardson & Company for independent auditing services for FY 2009-10.

Discussion

In Spring 2008, the STA executed an Agreement with Richardson & Company for independent auditing services of the Measure A sales tax program, the Sacramento Metropolitan Freeway Service Patrol (FSP) program, and STA and SAVSA administration during FY 2007-08. The Agreement included an option to extend for up to three years upon mutual agreement of both parties. Richardson & Company subsequently conducted the FY 2008-09 audit.

Last month, staff solicited a cost proposal from Richardson & Company to extend the Agreement for FY 2009-10. Their \$65,500 proposal provides for financial audits of the STA and SAVSA as well as compliance audits of the "Old" Measure A, **New** Measure A, and SAVSA entities. The proposal also includes a random test of transactions during the past ten years to verify the propriety of the expenditures to STA's administrative functions. Staff has been satisfied with the firm's thoroughness and professionalism during the past two audit cycles, and the FY 2009-10 audit cost proposal is unchanged from last year. The auditing tasks will be conducted from September to November. The proposed Agreement was reviewed by the Measure A oversight committee at its May 6, 2009 meeting.

Attachment