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COUNTY OF TULARE

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## AGENDA ITEM

**DATE:** March 28, 2005  
**SUBJECT:** Financial System Upgrade  
**REQUEST:** That your Board:

1. Approve the upgrade of Advantage Financial system from release 2.2 to release 3.5 or greater with CGI/AMS and approve the contract amendment.
2. Approve the purchase of additional third party software to run AFIN 3.5 or greater.
3. Approve the service enhancement request with ACS.
4. Approve the payment of back maintenance in order to receive the upgrade software free.
5. Authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign the amendment to the original agreement with CGI/AMS and the service enhancement request from ACS.

**SUMMARY & JUSTIFICATION:** In 1987 the County purchased AMS (American Management Systems) software titled LGFS (Local Government Financial System) release 7.0 for processing the County's financial data. Through the years the system has been upgraded and improved through release 14.0 of LGFS and renamed AFIN (Advantage Financial) through release 2.2. These have all been mainframe computer software packages. In 2001 AMS released AFIN 3.0 and is due to release AFIN 3.6 soon. The new software upgrade is web based and a complete rewrite of the software. Due to the initial high cost of the new software and the County's limited financial resources, the county decided to wait for better economic times to upgrade. In 2001 the County discontinued software maintenance support since AMS would not provide any updates to the outdated software. Recently AMS became CGI/AMS (Conseillers en gestion et informatique/American Management Systems and subsequently offered the County its latest software upgrade at no cost if the County renews and pays maintenance support retroactive to the date it was discontinued (\$218,000). Do to the complexity of the upgrade we will have to have consulting services from CGI/AMS as well as ACS (Affiliated Computer Services). There will also be additional equipment and software purchased to run the system.

**FINANCING:** The current capital projects budget includes funds to purchase the following: \$622,740 in new hardware and software to hold the Advantage software and data; up to \$330,000 in labor costs from ACS including a service enhancement request; up to \$836,000 in labor costs from CGI/AMS for installation work; up to \$125,850 in CGI/AMS travel expenses; back maintenance of \$218,000 on AFIN release 2.2 in order to receive the AFIN 3.5 software free; and current maintenance due April 1, 2006 of \$192,000. Total maximum cost is \$2,324,590 for the first year. Total maximum cost for five years is \$3,288,590 (see attached table for details).

**ALTERNATIVES:** Remain with AFIN release 2.2 and within a few years it will be unable to run on the computer systems available by computer vendors. If the current hardware were to break parts may not be available. If the SER does not go into effect, the county can proceed with the county in charge of the project.

**INVOLVEMENT OF OTHER DEPARTMENTS OR AGENCIES:** All departments and agencies will require training by county staff on the new software. Agencies will be billed for part of the cost of the upgrade.

### ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN OFF:

Jerry T. Messinger  
Auditor-Controller

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Cc: Vernon McDonald, Assistant Auditor-Controller  
Kathleen Bales-Lange, County Counsel

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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IN THE MATTER OF AFIN upgrade )  
from release 2.2 to release 3.5 or ) RESOLUTION NO.  
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UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR \_\_\_\_\_, SECONDED BY  
SUPERVISOR \_\_\_\_\_, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD \_\_\_\_\_, BY THE  
FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSTAIN:  
ABSENT:

ATTEST: C. Brian Haddix,  
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/CLERK  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

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Description	First Yr 2006	Sec Yr 2007	Third Yr 2008	Fourth Yr 2009	Fifth Yr 2010	Total Project
Hardware for AFIN & Data	188,623	21,500	21,500	21,500	21,500	274,623
Software for hardware	434,117					434,117
ACS labor	330,000	110,000				440,000
CGI/AMS labor	836,000					836,000
CGI/AMS travel expenses	125,850					125,850
Back maintenance	218,000					218,000
Current maintenance	192,000	192,000	192,000	192,000	192,000	960,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,324,590</b>	<b>323,500</b>	<b>213,500</b>	<b>213,500</b>	<b>213,500</b>	<b>3,288,590</b>