RESOLUTION No. 92-04B-4

Subject: Contracts & Procurement of Goods and Services - Contract Duration

WHEREAS, On [DATE OF ADOPTION], the Board of Administration of the California Public Employees’ Retirement System passed Resolution No. 92-04B-1, describing PERS’ policies regarding contracts for goods and services;

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 92-04B-1 requires that PERS’ contracts for goods and/or services be no more than five years, except when the Board has made an affirmative decision that a longer term is necessary to fulfill the Board’s duty to serve the interests of System members and beneficiaries, including the interest in defraying administrative expenses;

WHEREAS, The Public Contract Code (“PCC”) grants to the Department of General Services (“DGS”) the authority to restrict the duration of contracts awarded by State agencies; this DGS-imposed limitation is generally three years, with five years approved on an exceptional basis;

WHEREAS, PERS’ existing Contract Management Procedures governing contracts for goods and/or services are consistent with the above-described DGS limitation; and

WHEREAS, The Board has determined that, in some circumstances, such a five year duration limitation may run counter to the best interests of System members and beneficiaries (including the interest to defray reasonable administrative expenses).

RESOLVED, that, pursuant to the foregoing, the Board’s Policy Statement, Operational Guidelines and Contract Management Procedures concerning PERS’ contracts for goods and services shall be revised to permit the award of a contract for more than a five year term, under the following circumstances:

A. The Board affirmatively determines that such a longer term is necessary to fulfill Board’s duty to serve the interests of System members and beneficiaries, including the interest in defraying administrative expenses;
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B. Such a determination shall only be made after considering the following factors (among any others that the Board may deem prudent under the particular circumstances):

1. The impact of a longer term upon the System’s interests in obtaining quality services at a reasonable cost; and

2. The System’s ability to monitor the performance of contractors with such lengthy contract terms, and to take corrective action (including expeditious termination of the contract) if necessary to fulfill the Board’s fiduciary duties.

RESOLVED, that the Board hereby delegates to its Chief Executive Officer the authority and responsibility to implement the revisions and activities described above, provided such actions are regularly reported to the Board.

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption, and is cumulative to all other delegations to the Chief Executive Officer.

I hereby certify that on the 19th day of April, 1995, the Board of Administration of the California Public Employees’ Retirement System made and adopted the foregoing Resolution.

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WILLIAM DALE CRIST
President, Board of Administration
California Public Employees’ Retirement System

I understand and accept this delegation.

Dated: April 19, 1995

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JAMES E. BURTON
Chief Executive Officer
California Public Employees’ Retirement System