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ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 75-34

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS  
ALL COUNTY DATA PROCESSING MANAGERS

SUBJECT: MODEL MODULAR COUNTY EDP SYSTEMS TASK FORCE

REFERENCE:

It has been recognized that county welfare EDP systems in California are diverse and that duplication of development costs for new county systems is both expensive and wasteful.

In response to this problem, the Department of Benefit Payments, in conjunction with County Welfare and Data Processing Departments, organized the Model Modular County EDP Systems Task Force. The goal of the Task Force is to develop a total welfare systems concept.

In order to capitalize on previous county efforts to create comprehensive welfare systems, the Task Force decided to evaluate specific counties' systems and incorporate the best combination of existing welfare designs in the development of the total systems concept.

I. SELECTION METHODOLOGY

A three-step process was utilized to select the counties to be evaluated:

- A. A statistical analysis was conducted utilizing the completed county questionnaires submitted in response to All-County Letter #132. These questionnaires identified characteristics of existing and developmental welfare EDP systems.
- B. Recommendations from the Steering Committee regarding county selection were incorporated.
- C. The Task Force reviewed the list of counties and modules or systems selected.

In the statistical analysis of the completed questionnaires, scores for characteristics identified as Existing and Under Development

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were combined into total scores by module. The scores for each module were then summed to produce a total system score. The raw scores by modules and systems were next converted into percentiles. Finally, counties were ranked by both module and total system scores.

Each individual county questionnaire was also reviewed to make note of any attachments or remarks. Significant data was considered in the selection process.

## II. SUMMARY OF COUNTIES SELECTED FOR EVALUATION

A. Team A, which will be evaluating total systems including Central Index, Fiscal, Budget Computation, Management Reporting, EDP Application and Eligibility Determination, will visit the following counties:

1. Napa/Ventura
2. Riverside/San Bernardino
3. San Mateo
4. Santa Clara
5. Los Angeles

In addition, Sonoma's budget computation process will be evaluated by Team A.

B. Team B, which will be evaluating Central Index and Management Reporting, will visit the following counties:

1. Alameda (Central Index and Management Reporting)
2. Humboldt (Central Index)
3. San Diego (Central Index).

C. Team C, which will be evaluating Fiscal and Management Reporting, will visit the following counties:

1. Kern (Fiscal)
2. Monterey (Fiscal)
3. San Joaquin (Fiscal)
4. Stanislaus (Fiscal and Management Reporting)

D. Counties to be evaluated for other considerations:

1. Butte (5-county service center)
2. Contra Costa (agency interface)

It is recognized that modifications or enhancements may have taken place since the questionnaires were completed. If your county was not selected for evaluation, and it is felt that a unique component has not been considered, the Task Force will welcome a request for review.

The request should identify the module or component to be reviewed and a description of its unique characteristics.

Counties selected for evaluation will be contacted shortly to schedule the team visits.

If either an evaluation is desired or further information related to the county selections is needed, contact Mel Picanco at (916) 445-0180 as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "William J. Kurze".

WILLIAM J. KURZE  
Deputy Director

cc: CWDA