

CALIFORNIA EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES AUTHORITY
Gilbert Accountancy Corporation Audit Contract

Information Item

The California Educational Facilities Authority (CEFA), is required by Section 94155 of the Education Code to make an annual report including a complete operating and financial statement and an audit of books and accounts by a certified public account. CEFA anticipates entering into a three-year contract with Gilbert Accountancy Corporation to prepare audited financial statements relevant to the assets of the two program funds which exist within CEFA: The Educational Facilities Authority Fund (EFAF) and the Student Loan Authority Fund (SLAF).

Gilbert Accountancy Corporation, a Certified Small Business and a certified DVBE firm, has performed the audits for CEFA over the last three years. Due to the complexity of the Student Loan Programs and the extensive review of all components and parties to the various agreements, there has been a steep learning curve for the auditors. With the issuance of the second Cal Loan series and the enhancements incorporated into the program, it is critical to have prior experience for a timely completion of the audit.

Because Gilbert Accountancy Corporation has the expertise from the prior three-year contract, the Authority requested a three-year sole source approval from the Department of General Services, which was approved. Staff is currently in the process of preparing a three-year contract for the audit of fiscal years 00/01, 01/02, and 02/03 with Gilbert Accountancy Corporation, not to exceed a total amount of \$100,000.

Staff is presenting this as an informational item only. Resolution 1999-03 (copy attached) authorized the Executive Director of the Authority to enter into interagency agreements and contracts for amounts not to exceed \$250,000 on behalf of the Authority.