

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



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TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Roger E. Heroux, Director
Public Health Department

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SUBJECT: Public Health Laboratory Upgrade - Bioterrorism Response

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Authorize the Chair to award and execute a construction agreement with J.W. Bailey Construction Company, a local contractor, in the amount of \$116,653 subject to the provisions as set forth in the plans and specifications, and as required by California Law.
- B. Authorize the Director of General Services to approve change orders in the aggregate amount of 10% of the contract amount.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendations are primarily aligned with Goal No. 2. Ensure the Public Health and Safety and Provide essential Infrastructure.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

Public Health laboratories are the focal point of the response to potential bioterrorist threats. Well-equipped laboratories, staffed by appropriately trained personnel, are essential to protecting the public safety. Local health departments are the early warning system in the defense against bioterrorism. Public Health laboratories provide critical support to local law enforcement, fire departments, and HAZMAT teams at the local level responding to potential threats.

On November 10, 2001 your Board authorized the purchase of testing equipment and a waiver of competitive bid for design and build contract for the heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) system with Budlong & Associates for \$130,000. The molecular testing equipment has been purchased and installed. After reviewing the scope of the project, General Services required that a bid process for construction be done. The project involves the upgrade of the HVAC system, new casework, and windows in

the existing preparation room. The project went out for a bid, and a local contractor, J.W. Bailey Construction Company was the lowest responsive bidder (four construction companies bid on the project). J.W. Bailey Construction Company has been deemed to be a responsible company capable of performing the contract.

Mandates and Service Levels:

This is a non-mandated service. Santa Barbara County Public Health Laboratory is not mandated to become a Level B Laboratory.

Public Health Laboratories are mandated under the Code of Federal Regulation Title 20, Section 405.1312 (b) and the California Health and Safety Code sections 321.2 (e), 208, 1111, and 1130 as well as the Administrative Code Title 17, Sections 1075, 1076-1084, 1255, 1276(f), 1302, 2550, 6802, and 2612.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Approval of these recommendations does not increase the use of General Fund contribution or the use of Public Health Department special revenue funds.

The upgrade of the Public Health Laboratory and related casework was incorporated into the Public Health Department's adopted Fiscal Year 2002-03 budget and can be found in the County's Operating Plan document in the Disease Control and Prevention Cost Center on page D-176.

These actions will not create a need for additional facilities.

Special Instructions:

Upon approval and execution by the Board, the Clerk should distribute as follows:

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| 1. Original executed contract | Board's Official File |
| 2. All other orig signature contracts & Minute Order | Attn: Robert Ooley, County Architect |
| 3. Minute Order | Attn: Samuale Negash, Public Health |

Concurrence:

General Services – Capital Project