



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Sheriff
Department No.: 032
For Agenda Of: May 18, 2021
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Bill Brown, Sheriff-Coroner
Director(s)
Contact Info: Ryan Sullivan, Custody Commander, Sheriff's Office x14091

SUBJECT: Conversion of Blanket Purchase Order BL04981 to a Board Contract with Quest Diagnostics for COVID-19 Testing at Santa Barbara County Jail

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve, ratify, and authorize the Chair to execute an Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor Quest Diagnostics to continue providing COVID-19 test kits and testing for COVID-19 response in the County Jail (Attachment A) from April 21, 2020 through December 31, 2021. This Agreement converts a Purchase Contract to a Board Contract, extends the term for an additional six months, and increases the total amount by \$1,100,000 for a revised total amount not to exceed \$1,300,000, inclusive of \$200,000 under Blanket Purchase Order BL04981, but which otherwise cancels, nullifies, and supersedes Blanket Purchase Order BL04981 (Attachment B); and
- b) Determine that the proposed action does not constitute a "Project" within the meaning of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to Section 15378(b)(4) of the CEQA Guidelines, because it consists of the creation of a government funding mechanism or other government fiscal activities, which does not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant impact on the environment.

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda to authorize the Chair to ratify and execute an Agreement with Quest Diagnostics to provide for SARS-CoV-2 specimen collection kits and testing as part of the County’s COVID-19 response efforts. The Sheriff’s Office has a current Purchase Order (No. BL04981) with Quest Diagnostics in the amount not to exceed \$200,000 for COVID-19 testing from April 21, 2020 through June 30, 2021. Due to continuing service needs, the Sheriff’s Office is requesting to enter into this agreement for a total contract maximum not to exceed \$1,300,000, inclusive of the \$200,000 under Purchase Order, but which otherwise cancels, nullifies, and supersedes Blanket Purchase Order BL04981. Approval of the recommended action will allow the Sheriff’s Office to continue to contract with Quest Diagnostics to provide SARS-CoV-2 specimen collection kits and conduct COVID-19 testing as part of the County’s COVID-19 response efforts. When combined with existing contracts throughout other County departments for similar services, this contract for \$1,300,000 exceeds the \$200,000 Purchasing threshold and therefore requires Board approval. This agreement was not competitively bid because the Sheriff’s Office is open to negotiate and work with any vendor that is able to provide qualified laboratory services that meet the department’s needs.

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and its impacts on congregate living facilities (to include correctional facilities) nationwide, the Sheriff’s Office in consultation with County Public Health have implemented testing for COVID-19 to all staff and visitors on a routine basis. This has resulted in ensuring that the Sheriff’s Office is keeping staff, visitors and inmates as safe as possible during this pandemic.

Background:

During this pandemic, the Sheriff’s Office has had dozens of inmates and staff infected with COVID-19 (SARS COV2). This infection spreads easily and is difficult to contain once it enters congregate living facilities such as correctional facilities.

The Sheriff’s Office began testing staff and inmates for COVID-19 in April 2020 and subsequently implemented weekly testing of all Custody staff, to include contractors in June 2020 based on Public Health’s recommendations. Approximately two-hundred and seventy-five employees and contractors are tested every week for COVID-19 infection. During this pandemic, the Sheriff’s Office has twice offered COVID-19 testing to all inmates housed within the jail due to suspected outbreaks. In each instance, over four-hundred and fifty inmates were tested.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: No

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Additional Projected Cost:</u>	<u>Total Agreement Cost:</u>
General Fund	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 1,100,000.00	\$ 1,300,000.00
State			
Federal			
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 1,100,000.00	\$ 1,300,000.00

Narrative:

The Sheriff's Office has expended approximately \$133,000.00 per month conducting testing of all custody staff, contractors and several inmates during the height of the pandemic. There are approximately three hundred (300) staff and contractors that are routinely tested. Twice during this pandemic, the Sheriff's Office has offered testing to all inmates within the jail due to small outbreaks of COVID-19 within the jail facility. In each instance, over four hundred (400) inmates were tested within a few day period. Each COVID-19 test performed by Quest Diagnostics currently costs \$100.00 in accordance with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) guidelines.

Special Instructions:

Clerk of the Board: Please provide two (2) fully executed copies of this contract to Custody Commander Ryan Sullivan, Sheriff's Office;

Attachments:

- A) Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with Quest Diagnostics;
- B) Blanket Purchasing Contract (BL04981);
- C) Board Contract Summary Form

Authored by:

Ryan Sullivan, Custody Commander, Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office