



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Public Health
Department No.: 041
For Agenda Of: June 28, 2022
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Van Do-Reynoso, MPH, PhD, Director
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SUBJECT: First Amendment to the Quest Diagnostics Professional Services Agreement

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 consider the following recommendations:

- a) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute a First Amendment to the Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor Quest Diagnostics to continue providing clinical laboratory services for the Public Health Department, to expand the Scope of Work to include additional testing services for disease control and prevention and sexual assault response, to extend the period of performance an additional year with a revised period of performance from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023, and to increase the amount by \$350,000 for a revised total amount not to exceed \$700,000; 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 the action consists of the creation of a government funding mechanism or other government fiscal activities, which do 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 execute a First Amendment to the Agreement with Quest Diagnostics to provide clinical laboratory services for the Public Health Department (PHD) in accordance with the department’s policies and procedures. This First Amendment extends the term through June 30, 2023, increases the amount for the extended twelve-month period, and adds additional testing services for the PHD Community Health Division’s programs: Disease Control and Prevention and Sexual Assault Response Team (SART). This Agreement was competed for QuantiFERON-TB Gold Plus

(Quantiferon) testing in 2019 (Bid 305038), and PHD is open to negotiate and work with any vendor that is able to provide qualified laboratory services that meet the department’s needs.

Background:

Quest Diagnostics has provided diagnostic laboratory services laboratory services for PHD’s Health Care Center patients for over 20 years. Quest Diagnostics offers a wide range of diagnostic tests and expertise covering the of medical conditions and specialty areas served by the Health Care Centers.

Additionally, Quest Diagnostics has been providing Quantiferon testing for PHD Disease Control and Prevention, and is an integral part of tuberculosis (TB) control in Santa Barbara County. The use of Quantiferon testing has significantly enhanced public health TB prevention efforts by allowing for early identification and treatment of active and latent TB cases.

Due to the increasing rates of sexually transmitted infections and the need for more expedient public health interventions to prevent transmission, the PHD Disease Control and Prevention is looking to Quest Diagnostics to provide faster turn-around times of syphilis and HIV results. Quest Diagnostics is able to provide syphilis and HIV testing (7) days per week versus the Public Health Lab with capacity to test only (2) days per week.

This First Amendment will allow for additional testing services of Syphilis and HIV for the Disease Control and Prevention and SART programs.

Performance Measure:

N/A

Contract Renewals and Performance Outcomes:

This is an amendment to the current agreement for continued laboratory services with Quest Diagnostics. Quest Diagnostics has provided excellent laboratory services for PHD for many years.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current</u>		<u>Total Agreement</u>	
	<u>FY 2021-22 Cost:</u>	<u>FY 2022-23 Cost:</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Cost</u>
General Fund				
State				
Federal	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$	100,000.00
Patient Service Fees	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 300,000.00	\$	600,000.00
Total	\$ 350,000.00	\$ 350,000.00	\$	700,000.00

The funding for this Agreement is part of the Public Health Department’s Fiscal Year 2022-23 adopted budget. The funding is derived from a combination of federal funds for tuberculosis Quantiferon testing and generated patient service fees for other clinical laboratory testing.

Key Contract Risks

PHD has a long-standing relationship with Quest Diagnostics. Quest Diagnostics maintains an on-going Quality Assurance program that's acceptable to the County to ensure the reliability and accuracy of test results. Additionally, the Agreement has a termination for convenience clause to help mitigate risk.

Staffing Impacts

There are no staffing impacts.

Legal Positions:

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FTEs:

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Special Instructions:

Please execute two (2) original First Amendments to the Agreement with Quest Diagnostics and retain one (1) original Amendment and one (1) Minute Order for pick-up by the department. Please email PHDGROUPEContractsUnit@sbcphd.org when available for pickup.

Attachments:

- A. First Amendment to Quest Diagnostics Professional Services Agreement
- B. Quest Diagnostics Professional Services Agreement

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