



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: April 20, 2021
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: Conversion of Purchase Contract CN23608 to a Board Contract with Quest
Diagnostics for COVID-19 Testing in Santa Barbara County

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors consider the following recommendations:

- 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 (Attachment A) from April 28, 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 funding by \$695,000 for a revised total amount not to exceed \$775,000, inclusive of \$80,000 under Purchase Contract CN23608, but which otherwise cancels, nullifies, and supersedes Purchase Contract CN23608 (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 Public Health Department (PHD) has a current Purchase Order (No. CN23608) with Quest Diagnostics in the amount not to exceed \$80,000 for COVID-19 testing from

April 28, 2020 through December 31, 2021. Due to continuing service needs, PHD is requesting to enter into this agreement for a total contract maximum not to exceed \$775,000, inclusive of the \$80,000 under Purchase Order CN23608, but which otherwise cancels, nullifies, and supersedes Purchase Order CN23608. Approval of the recommended action will allow PHD 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 \$775,000 exceeds the \$200,000 Purchasing threshold and therefore requires Board approval. This agreement was not competed because 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 laboratory services for PHD for over 20 years. As part of the County’s response to stop the spread of the Coronavirus, PHD contracted with Quest Diagnostics to provide SARS-CoV-2 specimen collection kits and conduct COVID-19 testing for community members in the County. This Agreement converts a Purchase Contract to a Board Contract and increases funding by \$695,000 for a revised total amount not to exceed \$775,000, inclusive of \$80,000 under Purchase Contract CN23608, but which otherwise cancels, nullifies, and supersedes Purchase Contract CN23608.

Performance Measure:

N/A

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Additional</u>	<u>Total Agreement</u>
	<u>FY 2020-21 Cost:</u>	<u>Projected</u>	<u>Cost</u>
		<u>FY 2020-21 Cost:</u>	
General Fund			
State			
Federal	\$ 68,800.00	\$ 695,000.00	\$ 775,000.00
Patient Service Fees			
Total	\$ 68,800.00	\$ 695,000.00	\$ 775,000.00

The conversion of the Purchase Contract to a Board Contract will allow for the Public Health Department to continue to use Quest Diagnostics for the testing of COVID-19 specimens until test kit and processing alternatives are available through the new State-sponsored PerkinElmer laboratory. Funding for this contract is available through the use of County federal CARES Act funds and the use of Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity (ELC) grant funding, made available from the federal Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act.

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.

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 Agreements with Quest Diagnostics and retain one (1) original Agreement and one (1) Minute Order for pick-up by the department. Please email Kelly.Lazarus@sbcphd.org when available for pickup.

Attachments:

- A. Quest Diagnostics Professional Services Agreement
- B. Purchasing Contract (CN23608)

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