

# BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA LETTER

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors 105 E. Anapamu Street, Suite 407 Santa Barbara, CA 93101 (805) 568-2240 Agenda Number:

Department Name: Public Health Dept.

Department No.: 041

For Agenda Of: March 01, 2011
Placement: Administrative

**Estimated Tme:** 

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If Yes, date from:

Vote Required: Majority

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Takashi Wada, MD, MPH, Director and Health Officer, Public

Director(s) Health Department

Contact Info: Dan Reid, MPH, Assistant Deputy Director

**SUBJECT:** Beckman Coulter Bid Waiver Request

<u>County Counsel Concurrence</u> <u>Auditor-Controller Concurrence</u>

As to form: N/A As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence: Purchasing

As to form: Yes

## **Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors authorize the Purchasing Manager to issue a change order increase for Beckman Coulter contract number BL03067 from \$10,000 to \$100,000 for laboratory supplies for Fiscal Years 2010-11 through 2012-13 without a competitive bid. The vendor is not a local vendor.

#### **Summary Text:**

County Code Section 2-39 states that the Purchasing Agent is obliged to purchase all materials, supplies, furnishings and equipment by using a formal competitive bidding process, unless the Board of Supervisors has waived competition under a particular set of circumstances. Due to "limitations in source or supply" pursuant to County Code Section 2-39, Public Health Department (PHD) is requesting your Board waive the requirement for a competitive bid for the purchase of laboratory reagents and supplies. The County Purchasing Department recommends that bid waiver requests be made for each applicable fiscal year. This bid waiver request is for FY 2010-11 through FY 2012-13.

#### Background:

On August 10, 2010, your Board authorized a bid waiver for Fisher Healthcare, in the amount of \$220,000 for laboratory supplies (reagents). Subsequent to that approval, Fisher Healthcare lost the ability to supply the required reagents for the PHD Clinical Laboratory's AU400 Analyzer. Beckman Coulter is now the sole source for supplying the AU400 reagents. Approval of this request will allow PHD to increase its existing Beckman Coulter contract for similar supplies to \$100,000 (up from \$10,000). A change order will also be submitted to the Purchasing Manager to decrease the Fisher Healthcare contract by \$100,000.

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The County is mandated to provide access to necessary medical care under California Administrative Code, Title 17, Chapter 3, Article2, Sections 1276, 2500, 2502, 2503, and 2505; California Administrative Code, Title 17, Chapter 3, Subchapter 1; and Section 17000 of the Welfare and Institutions Code. These laboratory supplies are necessary in order for PHD to deliver the necessary medical care.

## Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

# Fiscal Analysis:

The funding for this bid waiver request and the related appropriations are included in the Public Health Department's FY 2010-11 Adopted Budget and can all be found in the Santa Barbara County Operating Plan on page D-212 as part of the Family Health and Primary Care Cost Center.

This action will not result in the need for any additional facilities

## **Staffing Impacts:**

Legal Positions: FTEs:

There are no staffing impacts as a result of this action

### Special Instructions:

Please return an electronic copy of the Minute Order to PHD Contracts Unit at PHDcu@sbcphd.org and one copy of the minute order to Purchasing, Attn: Gloria Ness.

## **Authored by:**

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