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Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council

Item ID:

32786

Agenda Number

23.

Meeting Date:

May 22, 2014

Department:

Purchasing

Subject

Authorize award and execution of a 12-month requirements supply contract ALERE, INC. dba. ALERE NORTH AMERICAN, LLC. to provide Rapid Diagnostic Human Immunodeficiency Virus Test Kits and Controls in an amount not to exceed \$200,000, with five 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 per option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,200,000.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$66,667 is available in the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Operating Budgets of Health and Human Services departments. Funding for the remaining 32 months of the original contract period and extension options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Fiscal Note

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing
Language:

Sole Source.

Prior Council
Action:For More
Information:

Sai Xoomsai Purcell, Senior Buyer Specialist, 512-972-4016

Boards and
Commission
Action:

MBE / WBE:

Related Items:

This contract will be awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9D (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this contract.

Additional Backup Information

This contract will provide the Rapid Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Test Kits for simultaneous detection of HIV-1 p24 antigen and antibodies to both HIV-1 and HIV-2 in human serum, plasma, and venous or fingerstick whole blood specimens for the Communicable Disease (CD) Unit of the Health and Human Services Department (HHSD).

Alere, Inc. dba. Alere North American, LLC. is the sole supplier, exclusively selling and distributing this product. The Rapid HIV Test Kits to be purchased under this contract will allow the CD Unit staff members to conduct HIV testing in community outreach settings. This test helps diagnose HIV infection at an earlier time, within 12 to 26 days after infection. Earlier diagnosis may help to reduce additional HIV transmission. Test results are available to patients within 20 minutes rather than the customary three-week period following the administration of tests in a clinic setting using outside laboratory services. Because these test results are available quickly, CD staff members can provide immediate health counseling and other medical services to patients who test positive for HIV.

HHSD operates a comprehensive Sexually Transmitted Disease and Tuberculosis Control program through the CD Unit. One component of this program is to provide surveillance, outreach, prevention, and intervention services for persons infected with or affected by HIV. HIV testing is offered to all clients accessing the CD Unit's services, according to best practices guidance in accordance with the Center for Disease Control and the Clinical Laboratory Improvements Amendments Act of 1988, and as mandated by grant contracts.