



Recommendation for Action

File #: 20-2953, **Agenda Item #:** 23.

10/1/2020

Posting Language

Authorize award of a contract with Abbott Rapid Dx North America, LLC, to provide Rapid Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) test kits and controls, for a term of five years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$800,000.

(Note: Sole source contracts are exempt from the City Code Chapter 2-9D Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established.)

Lead Department

Purchasing Office.

Client Department(s)

Austin Public Health.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$26,666 is available in the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Operating Budget of Austin Public Health. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Purchasing Language:

Sole Source.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

The 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 of fingerstick whole blood specimens for the Communicable Diseases Unit (CDU) of Austin Public Health.

Abbott Rapid Dx North America, 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 CDU staff members to conduct HIV testing in community outreach and clinic settings. This test helps diagnose HIV infection at an earlier stage, within 12 to 26 days after infection. Earlier diagnosis helps reduce additional HIV transmission and improves early linkage to HIV medical care. Test results are available to patients within 20 minutes rather than the 48-72 hours period following the administration of tests in a clinic setting using outside laboratory services. Because these test results are available quickly, CDU staff members can provide immediate health counseling and other medical services to patients who test positive for HIV.

Austin Public Health operates a comprehensive Sexually Transmitted Diseases and Tuberculosis Control program through the CDU. 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 CDU's services, according to best practices guidance of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and as mandated by Federal and State of Texas authorities.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Health and Environment.