



Recommendation for Action

File #: 22-2436, **Agenda Item #:** 19.

9/1/2022

Posting Language

Authorize award of a contract with Recon Diagnostics Inc. to provide COVID-19 laboratory testing, for a term of five years in an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000.

(Note: This solicitation was reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9C Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program. For the services required for this solicitation, there were no subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established).

Lead Department

Financial Services Department.

Client Department(s)

Austin Public Health.

Fiscal Note

Funding for the contract term will be identified as needed in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Operating Budget of Austin Public Health. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Purchasing Language:

The Financial Services Department issued an Invitation for Bids (IFB) 9100 JRH1046 for these services. The solicitation was issued on January 31, 2022, and closed on March 3, 2022. Of the 22 offers received, the recommended contractor submitted the lowest responsive offer. A complete solicitation package, including a tabulation of the bids received, is available for viewing on the City's Financial Services website, Austin Finance Online. [Solicitation Documents](#)

https://financeonline.austintexas.gov/afo/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=136433.

For More Information:

Respondents to this solicitation, and their representatives, shall continue to direct inquiries to the solicitation's Authorized Contact Persons: John Hilbun, at 512-974-1054 or john.hilbun@austintexas.gov [<mailto:john.hilbun@austintexas.gov>](mailto:john.hilbun@austintexas.gov) or Richard Whipple, at 512-974-3349 or richard.whipple@austintexas.gov [<mailto:richard.whipple@austintexas.gov>](mailto:richard.whipple@austintexas.gov).

Additional Backup Information:

In the event of a possible COVID-19 surge, Austin Public Health (APH) will need resources to continue to provide COVID-19 testing services for the citizens in the Travis County area. These resources require a laboratory to process and provide results for Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) tests. This laboratory testing contract will work in conjunction with the contract for operation of COVID-19 testing sites. The City will provide tests to the testing sites contractor, who will administer the tests, and this laboratory testing contractor will

retrieve the tests, process them, and transmit the results via secure protocol.

This is a new contract that replaces an emergency contract that expires on September 30, 2022. The recommended contractor is not the current provider for these services. The resulting contract will operate on a contingency basis and will only be activated based upon community need should a substantial increase in cases occur, and at the discretion of the City and APH.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Health and Environment.