

**CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
INTERDEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM
PURCHASING & GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

CONSENT AGENDA

ITEM NO. 8

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Janie B. Cantu, Director of Purchasing & General Services

THROUGH: Terry M. Brechtel, City Manager

COPIES: Travis M. Bishop, Assistant City Manager;
Dr. Fernando Guerra, Director of Health;
File

SUBJECT: Laboratory Identification Systems Equipment

DATE: March 27, 2003

SUMMARY & RECOMMENDATION:

This ordinance authorizes the Purchasing & General Services Department to accept and ratify the bid from Bio-Rad Laboratories and BioMerieux, Inc. to provide laboratory identification systems equipment on an emergency basis for the Health Department. Staff recommends approval of this ordinance.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Submitted for council consideration and action is an ordinance accepting and ratifying the bid from Bio-Rad Laboratories, Item 1; and BioMerieux, Inc., Item 2 to provide the City of San Antonio Health Department with laboratory identification systems.

The San Antonio Metropolitan Health District Laboratory currently does not have automated equipment for the identification of clinical pathogens and fingerprinting of microorganisms. This equipment will automate much of the laboratory tasks in order to comply with the demand of infectious disease outbreak and the rapid detection of biological weapons of mass destruction. In addition, this instrumentation will be utilized in the Bioterrorism Foodborne Illness Section in providing epidemiological information related to infectious disease outbreaks. This technology has been utilized for many years in several State Health Department Laboratories across the United States. Due to technological research and advances, this equipment is estimated to last ten years and will upgrade the City's capability to help prevent the spread of disease.

The City of San Antonio Purchasing Department advertises bids in the Daily Commercial Recorder, La Prensa, the San Antonio Observer and the San Antonio Express News. This office also advertises bids on Public Access Channel 21, the Purchasing Website and utilizes the services of Demandstar.com to notify registered vendors of City bids.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

This contract will provide the City of San Antonio Health Department with two automated laboratory identification systems equipment on an emergency basis to be utilized for epidemiological investigations, fingerprinting of microorganisms and providing rapid identification of clinical pathogens.

This equipment is required as part of the City's emergency preparation plan and this purchase was made to ensure its availability by expediting delivery.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:


The total cost of this contract is \$95,514.00. Funding will be from the Grants in Aid Trust Fund. All expenditures will be in accordance with the FY02-03 Budget approved by City Council.

COORDINATION


This ordinance has been coordinated with the City of San Antonio Health Department.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

This contract was developed utilizing the formal competitive bid process, therefore an Ethics Disclosure Form is not required.


Janie B. Cantu, C.P.M., Director
Purchasing & General Services

Approved:


Travis M. Bishop, Assistant City Manager
City Manager's Office


Terry M. Brechtel
City Manager

City of San Antonio Bid Tabulation

Opened: January 31, 2003		BioMerieux, Inc.	Bio-Rad Laboratories
For: Laboratory Identification Systems Equipment		100 Rodolphe Street	2000 Alfred Nobel Drive
03-033	JH/rm	Durham NC 27712	Hercules CA 94547
ITEM	DESCRIPTION		
1	1 Each - CHEF Mapper XA Chiller System	No Bid	
	Price Total		\$20,514.00*
	Manufacturer		Bio-Rad Laboratories
	Model No.		170-3670
2	1 Each - Automated Bacteria and Yeast Identification & Susceptibility System		
	Price Total		\$75,000.00
	Manufacturer		BioMerieux
	Model No.		Vitek 60 Datatrak
	Total Awarded	\$75,000.00	\$20,514.00

*Prices adjusted to include freight.