

**CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
INTERDEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM
SAN ANTONIO METROPOLITAN HEALTH DISTRICT**

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Fernando A. Guerra, M.D., M.P.H., Director of Health

THROUGH: Terry M. Brechtel, City Manager

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SUBJECT: ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A COOPERATIVE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT (CRADA) WITH THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE INSTITUTE FOR OPERATIONAL HEALTH

DATE: June 19, 2003

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This ordinance authorizes the City Manager to execute a Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA) with the United States Air Force Institute for Operational Health to provide facility space for the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District Bioterrorism Preparedness Laboratory at Brooks City-Base for a renewable term of sixty (60) months.

Staff recommends approval.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The San Antonio Metropolitan Health District (SAMHD) subsequent to 9/11 has taken on greater laboratory responsibilities for analysis of bioterrorism threats. This is an outgrowth of the local response to potential threats and hazards to our security and providing services to the region. To accomplish these tasks the SAMHD requires an expansion of capacity in terms of facilities, equipment, and staff. A suitable location for expansion has been identified at Brooks City-Base, which offers 4,000 square feet of space, security, a safe location away from the downtown core, and partnering with the United States Air Force (USAF). This agreement is for facility space at Brooks City-Base presently controlled by the Air Force and collocated with Air Force laboratory activities. It offers complementary use and collaboration with similar Air Force laboratory

capacity in the event of a large-scale bioterrorism attack and the advantage of collaborating on new technologies as they emerge.

This laboratory is a Biosafety Level Three (BSL 3) facility and is only one step below that of the laboratory at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The SAMHD will continue to operate a multipurpose public health laboratory in its current location. Funding for this relocation is provided by the United States Department of Health and Human Services through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The Texas Department of Health has concurred with the funding and the relocation of the BSL 3 laboratory to Brooks City-Base (United States Air Force controlled space). Funding for renovations was accepted from the Texas Department of Health in the amount of \$359,000.00 for the Bioterrorism Safety Laboratory and encumbered through Ordinance 96430, passed and approved September 26, 2002.

POLICY ANALYSIS

This ordinance follows the City practice of utilizing Federal, State and other funds to provide local response to potential threats and hazards to our security, and to provide public health services for the residents of our community.

FISCAL IMPACT

No cash rent is required for this facility space by the Air Force. The agreement states that reimbursements for rent and utilities may be in the form of goods and/or services in-kind of equal value. The City agrees to fund renovation costs for the facility space using grant resources. Federal grant funding for the renovations for the Biosafety Laboratory were previously encumbered in Ordinance 96430, passed and approved September 26, 2002.

Acceptance of this Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA) between the United States Air Force Institute for Operational Health and the SAMHD will place no demands on the City General Fund.

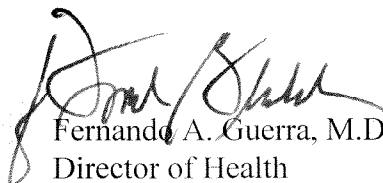
COORDINATION

The City Attorney's Office and the Office of Management and Budget, Risk Management Division have reviewed and approved the Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA). The Finance and Asset Management Departments have coordinated on the proposed Biosafety Laboratory relocation and renovations. The Director of the Brooks Development Authority concurs in this agreement as well.

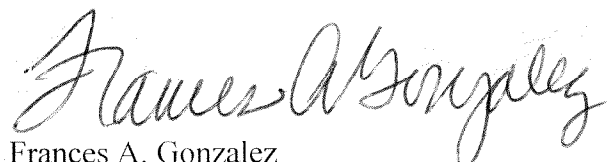
SUPPLEMENTARY COMMENTS

An additional ordinance will be brought to the City Council in August 2003 authorizing a contract with Brooks Development Authority for facility space build out (renovations) and establishing a budget for the grant funds authorized for this purpose.

Provisions of the Ethics Ordinance do not apply.




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APPROVED:



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