

CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
PURCHASING & GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEMORANDUM

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3

TO: Sheryl Sculley, City Manager

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

SUBJECT: Pathogen Analyzer

DATE: April 13, 2006

SUMMARY & RECOMMENDATION

This ordinance authorizes the Purchasing & General Services Department to accept the sole source bid submitted by Bio-Rad Laboratories to provide the City of San Antonio Health Department with a Pathogen Analyzer for a total of \$46,000.00 from the Public Health Preparedness Laboratory Program. Staff recommends approval of this ordinance.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Submitted for council consideration and action is a sole source bid from Bio-Rad Laboratories to provide the City of San Antonio Health Department Laboratory located at Brooks City Base with a Pathogen Analyzer for a total of \$46,000.

On November 3, 2005, Ordinance No. 101623, City Council accepted a grant from the Public Health Preparedness Laboratory Program through the Texas Department of State Health Services. These funds will be utilized to purchase a pathogen analyzer for the San Antonio Health Department. This system will be used in the Biosafety-Level 3 (BSL-3) laboratory located at Brooks City-Base. The Health Department staff will utilize this analyzer to rapidly analyze samples suspected of containing significant biowarfare agents and other infectious diseases. This new system will promptly detect multiple significant biowarfare pathogens simultaneously in one sample.

POLICY ANALYSIS

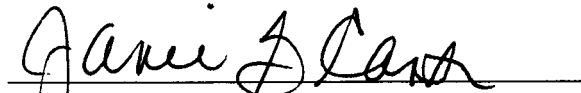
The Health Department's Public Health Preparedness Division maintains preparedness activities for all hazards and continues to support the cost of operating the BSL-3 Laboratory in Building 125 at Brooks City-Base. With this new equipment, the staff in this facility will be able to rapidly identify and detect terrorist threat agents including smallpox, anthrax, plague and West Nile Virus as well as influenza, food borne illnesses and other diseases. The biowarfare pathogen analyzer will greatly increase the capability to respond to suspected outbreaks of significant biowarfare agents and other infectious diseases. This equipment is necessary for the Health Department Laboratory to remain part of the nation's Laboratory Response Network, a network of facilities that can assure a rapid response to acts of bioterrorism.

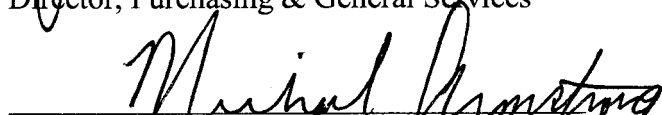
FINANCIAL IMPACT

The total cost of this contract is \$46,000.00. Funding will be from the Public Health Preparedness Laboratory Program. All expenditures will be in accordance with the FY2005-2006 Budget approved by City Council.


COORDINATION

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


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


Michael Armstrong
Assistant City Manager/Chief Information Officer

Approved for Council Consideration:


Sheryl Sculley
City Manager

City of San Antonio

Contract Summary Sheet

Date 4-13-06

Agenda Item:

Name/Title (Caption as shown on agenda):

An ordinance accepting the sole source bid submitted by Bio-Rad Laboratories to provide the City of San Antonio Health Department with a Pathogen Analyzer for a total of \$46,000.00 from the Public Health Preparedness Laboratory Program. [Presented by Janie B. Cantu, Director, Purchasing & General Services; Michael Armstrong, Assistant City Manager/Chief Information Officer]

Description of Item(s) and Use:

This ordinance will provide a Biowarfare Pathogen Analyzer to assist the Health Department Bioterrorism Preparedness Laboratory rapidly detect multiple significant biowarfare pathogens simultaneously in one sample.

Total : **\$46,000.00**

Bid Number and Title	06-085-DS Biowarfare Pathogen Analyzer
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Method of Procurement	Sole Source
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Price Trend	None, this is the first time purchase of this equipment.
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Contract Info: _X _Formal _Annual __Support/Maintenance __Lease

Contractor(s):	Bio-Rad Laboratories, Life Science Group, 2000 Alfred Nobel Drive, Hercules CA 94547
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