

Thursday, October 11, 2007

Purchasing Office RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 46

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a 36-month requirements supply contract with DURAMED PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. (dba PARAGARD DIRECT), Addision, TX, for the purchase of T380A intrauterine copper contraceptive in an estimated amount not to exceed \$300,000, with three 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$100,000 per extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$600,000.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$100,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Operating Budget of the Community Care Services Department. Funding for the remaining 24 months of the original contract period and extension options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

For More Information: Barbara McConnell, Buyer II/972-4009

Purchasing Language: Sole Source.

MBE/WBE: This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9D of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this solicitation.

This contract will provide T380A intrauterine copper contraceptive devices (IUD) for women through the Community Care Services Department's (CCSD) Community Health Centers (CHC), meeting a federal mandate to provide family planning services. These family planning services are required as a condition of grant funding received from the United States Health Resources and Services Administration. CHC patients pay a co-pay or sliding fee depending on their eligibility status.

Duramed Pharmaceuticals, Inc. through its ParagardDirect program is the sole authorized distributor/supplier for this product. This particular IUD is hormone-free and works via continuous release of copper. CCSD orders the product in five-packs, taking advantage of discounts for this type of packaging, thus allowing CCSD to purchase the product at the best value.