Thursday, October 11, 2007

Purchasing Office RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 47

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a 36-month requirements supply contract with JOM PHARMACEUTICALS SERVICES, Somerset, NJ, for the purchase of Ortho-McNeil oral contraceptives in an estimated amount not to exceed \$180,000, with three 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$60,000 per extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$360,000.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$60,000 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.

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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 Ortho-McNeil oral contraceptives 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 copay or sliding fee depending on their eligibility status.

JOM Pharmaceutical Services is the sole authorized distributor of "clinic" packaging for Ortho-McNeil oral contraceptives which are Ortho-Evra, Ortho Tri-Cyclen, Ortho-Cyclen, Ortho-Novum, and Ortho Micronor. CCSD repackages the contraceptives into 30-day and 90-day supplies which are then provided to patients along with dispensing compacts obtained from the vendor. Due to limited space in CCSD's pharmacy, "clinic" packaging allows for much more space-efficient storage of the products prior to repackaging and dispensing.