



**Purchasing Service Agreement
CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

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SUBJECT: Authorize execution of a 12-month supply agreement with ORASURE TECHNOLOGIES, INC., Bethlehem, PA, for HIV-1 and HIV-1/2 Antibody Test Kits in an amount not to exceed \$125,000, with four 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$125,000 per extension option, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$625,000.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: Funding in the amount of \$62,500 is available in the Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Approved Operating Budget of the Health and Human Services Department. Funding for the remaining six 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.

REQUESTING Purchasing **DIRECTOR'S**
DEPARTMENT: for Health and Human **AUTHORIZATION:** Vickie Schubert
Services;

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PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: N/A

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: N/A

PURCHASING: Sole Source.

MBE / WBE: This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9 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 rapid HIV Antibody Test Kits for the Communicable Disease (CD) Unit of the Health and Human Services Department (HHSD).

HHSD operates a comprehensive Sexually Transmitted Disease and Tuberculosis Control program through its CD Unit. One component of this program is to provide surveillance, outreach, prevention, and intervention services for persons infected with or affected by HIV. HIV testing is offered to all clients accessing the CD Unit's services, according to best practices guidance in accordance with Center for Disease Control and Clinical Laboratory Improvements Amendments Act of 1988, and as mandated by grant contracts.

The rapid HIV test kits to be purchased under this contract will allow the CD Unit staff members to conduct HIV testing in community outreach settings. Test results are available to patients within just 20 minutes rather than the customary three-week period following the administration of tests in a clinic setting using outside laboratory services. Because these test results are available so quickly, CD staff members can provide immediate health counseling and other medical services to patients who test positive for HIV.

The rapid HIV test kits have an accuracy rate of 99.6% and have been used by HHSD successfully since

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August 2003. The department considers this technology to be vital to the achievement of its disease prevention and community outreach goals.

OraSure Rapid HIV antibody tests are the only products available which will provide in-field, rapid response tests for both HIV-1 and HIV-2. Other manufacturers have rapid response tests that are FDA approved but they do not test for HIV-2. This product is unique in that it tests for both HIV types.