Thursday, April 22, 2010

## Purchasing Office RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 27

**Subject:** Authorize award and execution of a 36-month requirements service contract with CLINICAL PATHOLOGY LABORATORIES, INC., Austin, TX to provide reference laboratory services in an estimated amount not to exceed \$993,000, with three 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$399,300 for the first extension option, \$439,230 for the second extension option, and \$483,153 for the third extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$2,314,683.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$20,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Special Revenue fund through the Texas Department of State Health Services Refugee Health Screening Grant. Funding in the amount of \$55,667 is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Operating Budget of various City departments. Funding for the remaining 32 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: Wilbur Jones, Buyer I, 972-4013

Purchasing Language: Best-value bid of the two bids received.

**MBE/WBE:** This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9C 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 reference laboratory services for all City of Austin employees and for patients served by the Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) public health clinics.

The HHSD clinics provide a variety of health services including testing, evaluation, counseling, referral, and follow-up medical services for patients of the Sexually Transmitted Disease Clinic, the Tuberculosis Clinic, and the Refugee Health Clinic.

The contract will also provide laboratory services for City of Austin employees who require baseline screenings for employment or workers' compensation purposes, or who are at risk from blood, body fluids, or other biohazard exposures as part of their work environment.

MBE/WBE Solicited: 5/5 MBE/WBE Bid: 0/0

## PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. One hundred seventy-six notices were sent, including five MBEs and five WBEs.
- c. Two bids were received, with no response from the MBE/WBEs.
- d. The pricing offered represents a 3% decrease from the last contract award in July 2005.

## APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

a. Best evaluated bid received.

- b. The Purchasing Office concurs with the various City departments' recommended award. c. Advertised in the Austin American-Statesman and on the Internet.