



## Recommendation for Action

**File #: 22-2710, Agenda Item #: 41.**

9/1/2022

### **Posting Language**

Authorize award of a contract with Clinical Pathology Laboratories, Inc. to provide reference laboratory services, for a term of five years in an amount not to exceed \$2,215,000.

(Note: This solicitation was reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9C Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program. For the services required for this solicitation, there were no subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established).

### **Lead Department**

Financial Services Department.

### **Client Department(s)**

All City Departments.

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding in the amount of \$36,917 is available in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Operating Budgets of various City departments. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

### **Purchasing Language:**

The Financial Services Department issued an Invitation for Bids (IFB) 9100 JRH1047 for these services. The solicitation was issued on April 25, 2022 and closed on May 17, 2022. Of the two offers received, the recommended contractor submitted the lowest responsive offer. A complete solicitation package, including a tabulation of the bids received, is available for viewing on the City's Financial Services website, Austin Finance Online: [Solicitation Documents](https://financeonline.austintexas.gov/afo/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=136749)  
<[https://financeonline.austintexas.gov/afo/account\\_services/solicitation/solicitation\\_details.cfm?sid=136749](https://financeonline.austintexas.gov/afo/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=136749)>.

### **For More Information:**

Respondents to this solicitation, and their representatives, shall continue to direct inquiries to the solicitation's Authorized Contact Persons: John Hilbun, at 512-974-1054 or [john.hilbun@austintexas.gov](mailto:john.hilbun@austintexas.gov)  
<<mailto:john.hilbun@austintexas.gov>> or Richard Whipple, at 512-974-3349 or [richard.whipple@austintexas.gov](mailto:richard.whipple@austintexas.gov) <<mailto:richard.whipple@austintexas.gov>>.

### **Additional Backup Information:**

The contract will provide laboratory services for City employees and patients served by the Austin Public Health (APH) Department's public health clinics. Services are provided to employees who are at risk from exposure to blood or other bodily fluids, typically first responders, or require baseline screening for employment or workers' compensation purposes. Additionally, the public health clinics serve APH patients and include the Sexual Health clinic, the tuberculosis clinic, the Refugee Health Screening clinic, and provide a variety of health services including testing, evaluation, counseling, referral, treatment, and follow-up medical

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services.

Clinical Pathology Laboratories (CPL) is the current provider of these services and will provide all laboratory services including supplies and an online portal to provide test results to the requesting City department. CPL is certified in accordance with Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments and the College of American Pathologists laboratory accreditation standards. CPL will comply with all applicable statutes, regulations, rules, and directives of Federal, State, and other governmental and regulatory bodies having jurisdiction over pathology and clinical laboratories as well as protecting all patient information in accordance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act.

Failure to approve the contract would put APH clients and City employees at risk from exposure to blood, bodily fluids, and blood-borne pathogens. These APH clients and City employees would not receive appropriate health services, which can put the public at risk.

**Strategic Outcome(s):**

Health and Environment.