



**Purchasing Contract
CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

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SUBJECT: Ratify execution of the contract with SANOFI-PASTEUR, INC., Swiftwater, PA, for 2,100 vials of the influenza vaccine for the upcoming 2005-2006 flu season in an amount not to exceed \$224,700.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Approved Operating Budgets of the Community Care Services Department-\$107,000, Health and Human Services Department-\$80,250, Employee Benefits Fund-\$26,750, Austin Fire Department-\$8,025, and Emergency Medical Services Department-\$2,675.

FISCAL NOTE: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

REQUESTING Purchasing	DIRECTOR'S
DEPARTMENT: for Fire; Health and	AUTHORIZATION: <u>Vickie Schubert</u>
Human Services; Human	
Resources; Emergency	
Medical Services;	
Community Care	
Services;	

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Lynn Mueller, Senior Management Analyst/972-4011

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: N/A

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: N/A

PURCHASING: Public Health and Safety.

MBE / WBE: N/A

This purchase will provide influenza vaccine for the upcoming 2005-2006 flu season. The vaccine will be administered at clinics operated by the Community Care Services Department (CCSD), Health and Human Services Department (HHSD), Human Resources Department (HRD) for Austin Police Department and other City employees, Austin Fire Department (AFD), and Emergency Medical Services Department (EMS).

In prior years, the City's influenza vaccine was ordered from manufacturers via State of Texas contracts. This year, however, the new state contract had not been awarded as of the date influenza vaccine orders began to be accepted by Sanofi-Pasteur. Due to an anticipated shortage of vaccine for the upcoming flu season, this year's influenza vaccine order was placed directly with the only available manufacturer of the vaccine (suitable for use by the City's target population) as soon as it began pre-booking orders on Monday, April 4, 2005. This advance purchase was required to ensure the City of Austin influenza vaccine order is given priority status by Sanofi-Pasteur for delivery at the earliest possible date. At this time, delivery is expected to occur in late September or early October, 2005.



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Due to the critical nature of this vaccine, a direct procurement of the vaccine (prior to the award of the state contract) was necessary for public health and safety reasons. (While the City's order was not placed through the state contract, Sanofi-Pasteur may extend the state contract price discount to the City.) The City's Medical Director, Dr. Adolfo Valadez, concurs with the measures taken in this situation.

This purchase of influenza vaccine will allow CCSD and HHSD flu clinics to immunize approximately 17,500 high-risk patients early in the flu season. Patients receiving the flu vaccine will include the elderly, homeless, immuno-depressed, and low-income children. Vaccine purchased for HRD, AFD, and EMS will be made available to up to 3,500 City employees who may be at high risk of complications of flu or who serve as first-responders with a primary health-care focus.

Itemization of the total purchase of 2,100 vials of vaccine for \$224,700 is as follows:

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>DOSES</u>
Community Care Services Department	\$107,000	10,000
Health and Human Services Department	\$80,250	7,500
Human Resources Department	\$26,750	2,500
Austin Fire Department	\$8,025	750
Emergency Medical Services Department	\$2,675	250



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council Members
Toby Hammett Futrell, City Manager

FROM: Diana Granger, Purchasing Officer

DATE: April 20, 2005

SUBJECT: April 28, 2005 Agenda - Public Health and Safety Purchase of Influenza Vaccine for 2005-2006

The purpose of this memo is to advise you of an upcoming agenda item requesting ratification of a contract with Sanofi-Pasteur for the purchase of 2100 vials of the 2005-2006 influenza vaccine. The RCA is scheduled for the April 28th agenda.

As you know, the City experienced a nationwide flu vaccine shortage this past season due to the license suspension of one of the world's largest vaccine manufacturers, Chiron Corporation. According to information recently provided to us by the National Immunization Program at the Centers for Disease Control, *the upcoming season's flu vaccine supply will probably fall far short of the nation's requirements.*

At this time, there are only two manufacturers of flu vaccine currently licensed by the FDA: Sanofi-Pasteur and MedImmune Vaccines. Only one of these manufacturers, Sanofi-Pasteur, produces a flu vaccine that can be used by the City of Austin. The reason we cannot utilize the vaccine produced by its competitor, MedImmune, is that it is suitable only for *healthy* persons between the ages of 5 and 49. Regrettably, the vast majority of our flu vaccine recipients do not meet this criteria. Sanofi-Pasteur is currently the only manufacturer of flu vaccine suitable for use in the City's flu vaccination programs.

On Monday, April 4, Sanofi-Pasteur began taking requests for vaccine orders for the upcoming flu season. By Wednesday, April 6, the company had already received so many orders that it began *turning away customers not previously under contract.*

For the past several years, the City has purchased its flu vaccine through the State of Texas contract. Unfortunately, the new state contract will not be awarded until mid-April. We were advised that if we do not purchase the vaccine immediately, we might not be able to administer our flu vaccination programs this coming fall. Due to the critical nature of the vaccine, and the expected shortage for the 2005-2006 flu season, a procurement of the vaccine before the state contract is awarded is necessary for health and safety reasons.

While our order will not be placed through the state contract, Sanofi-Pasteur *may* extend to us the same price discount.

In the interest of the public health and public welfare, we have ordered flu vaccine for the 2005-2006 season directly from the vaccine's manufacturer, Sanofi-Pasteur. This purchase will be made in order to protect the health of the residents and employees of the City of Austin.

The City has purchased the following vaccine amounts:

DEPARTMENT	# OF DOSES
Community Care Services (for immunization of residents)	10,000
Health and Human Services (for immunization of residents)	7,500
Human Resources (for immunization of City employees including APD)	2,500
AFD/EMS (for immunization of City employees)	750/250

Due to the expected shortfall in vaccine supply, Sanofi-Pasteur will not allow us to purchase more vaccine than we actually purchased last year. We are, however, on Sanofi-Pasteur's "high priority waiting list" for an additional 1,500 doses.

If you have any questions regarding this purchase, please contact me at 974-2050.