

C-16

May 4, 2021

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to execute a contract, and any necessary documents including any necessary amendments, with Laboratory Corporation of America, of Burlington, NC, for patient specimen collection services and laboratory data management, in the amount of \$60,000, with a 25 percent contingency in the amount of \$15,000, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$75,000, for a period of one year, effective December 1, 2020 through November 30, 2021. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

City Council approval is requested to enter into a contract with Laboratory Corporation of America (LabCorp) to provide comprehensive clinical laboratory services, including routine testing and specialty services. These services are anticipated to be utilized in the following programs: HIV Care Coordination Clinic, Tuberculosis Clinic, Family Planning/Sexual Health Clinic, Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) Clinic and others as appropriate.

The Department of Health and Human Services (Health Department) is currently utilizing LabCorp for these services and has implemented technology to allow for seamless submission of orders and distribution of test results. LabCorp provides additional value-added services to the Health Department including supplies at no-cost, and a full-time phlebotomist for specimen collection, assistance with billing information, and completion of required forms. State and County grant-funded programs mandate lab testing.

To ensure continuity of these critical services while a competitive procurement process is completed, authorization is requested for LabCorp to provide clinical laboratory services in the interim. Authorizing a contract amount of \$60,000, with a 25 percent contingency in the amount of \$15,000, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$75,000 until November 30, 2021 will allow the Health Department adequate time to complete the procurement process. Clinical laboratory services are critical to the services provided by the Health Department and necessary to continue to meet the City's obligations under State and County grant-funded programs that mandate lab testing. Response to the local emergency and the COVID-19 pandemic has delayed the issuance of a Request for Proposals.

City Charter Section 1801 requires that contracts for City purchases be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder after a competitive bid process but allows for awards without a competitive bid process when authorized by a Resolution adopted by the City Council.

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This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Taylor M. Anderson on April 9, 2021, Business Services Bureau Manager Tara Mortensen on March 30, 2021, and by Revenue Management Officer Geraldine Alejo on April 7, 2021.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action to adopt a Resolution and award a contract concurrently is requested on May 4, 2021, to ensure the contract is in place expeditiously.

FISCAL IMPACT

The total amount of the contract will not exceed \$75,000 for the period of December 1, 2020 to November 30, 2021. Sufficient funds are appropriated in the Health Fund Group in the Health and Human Services Department. This recommendation has no staffing impact beyond the normal budgeted scope of duties and is consistent with existing City Council priorities. There is no local job impact associated with this recommendation.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



KELLY COLOPY
DIRECTOR
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

APPROVED:



THOMAS B. MODICA
CITY MANAGER

ATTACHMENT: RESOLUTION

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RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT, AND ANY AMENDMENTS THERETO, WITH LABORATORY CORPORATION OF AMERICA, WITHOUT ADVERTISING FOR BIDS, TO PROVIDE PATIENT SPECIMEN COLLECTION SERVICES AND LABORATORY DATA MANAGEMENT, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$60,000 FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR

WHEREAS, the City of Long Beach requires comprehensive clinical laboratory services, including routing testing and specialty services in various programs managed by the Department of Health and Human Services (“DHHS”); and

WHEREAS, Laboratory Corporation of America (LabCorp) currently provides these specialty services and has implemented technology to allow for seamless submission of orders and distribution of test results; and

WHEREAS, LabCorp provides additional value-added services to DHHS including supplies at no cost, a full time phlebotomist for specimen collection, assistance with billing information, and completion of required forms; and

WHEREAS, LabCorp is the only company that can ensure continuity of these critical services necessary to continue to meet the City’s obligations under State and County grant-funded programs that mandate lab testing while a competitive procurement process is completed; and

WHEREAS, as a result, no useful purpose would be served by advertising for bids and to do so would constitute an idle and useless act and an unnecessary expenditure of public funds;

1 NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Long Beach resolves as
2 follows:

3 Section 1. The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated
4 herein.

5 Section 2. The City Manager is hereby authorized to enter a contract,
6 with Laboratory Corporation of America to provide patient specimen collection services
7 and laboratory data management, in the amount of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000),
8 with a twenty-five percent (25%) contingency in the amount of Fifteen Thousand Dollars
9 (\$15,000) for a total not to exceed amount of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000),
10 for the period of December 1, 2020 through November 30, 2021, at the discretion of the
11 City Manager.

12 Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption
13 by the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify the vote adopting this resolution.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of _____, 2021 by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: _____

Noes: Councilmembers: _____

Absent: Councilmembers: _____

Recusal(s): Councilmembers: _____

City Clerk