



## Legislation Text

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Recommendation to adopt resolution authorizing City Manager, or designee, to execute a contract with Gen-Probe Sales and Service, Inc., to purchase diagnostic test kits for one year in an amount not to exceed \$250,000, with the option to extend the contract for two additional years at the discretion of the City Manager. (Citywide)

The Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services (Health Department), Public Health Laboratory, performs approximately 18,500 Chlamydia tests, 15,000 Gonorrhea tests, and 200 DNA mycobacteria identification tests each year. In addition to the Department's Tuberculosis Clinic, the laboratory provides these tests for the following fee-for-service agencies: St. Mary's Hospital Laboratory, Community Hospital of Long Beach Laboratory, Long Beach Memorial Medical Center's Health Tech Laboratory, Southern Nevada Health District (SNHD), University of California, San Diego (UCSD), University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), and University of Southern California (USC). The main purpose of Public Health Laboratories is to diagnose communicable diseases in order to support treatment of those infected, thereby reducing the spread of these diseases through the general population. In conjunction with the preventive programs conducted through the various organizations and clinics partnering with the Health Department Public Health Laboratory, the immediate testing and proper diagnosis is critical to infectious disease control because of the ever-increasing mobility of our society.

Gen-Probe is the only company that produces a molecular DNA probe test for the identification of mycobacteria. Additionally, the technology used by Gen-Probe for the Chlamydia and Gonorrhea testing methodology is proprietary and not available from any other manufacturer. Therefore, the attached Resolution is necessary to authorize the City Manager to execute a contract without advertising for bids.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Linda Trang on October 13, 2011 and by Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on October 18, 2011.

City Council action on this matter is requested on November 8, 2011 to maintain inventory of these diagnostic testing kits, thereby ensuring uninterrupted testing of individuals.

The requested yearly expenditure of \$250,000 is offset by the revenue produced by fee-for-service agencies requesting the tests. Sufficient funds for this purchase are budgeted in the Health Fund (SR130) and in the Health Department (HE). There is no impact to the General Fund, and no impact to local jobs associated with the recommended action.

Approve recommendation.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH GEN-PROBE SALES & SERVICE, INC., WITHOUT ADVERTISING FOR BIDS, FOR THE PURCHASE OF DIAGNOSTIC TEST KITS FOR**

ONE YEAR IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$250,000 WITH THE OPTION TO EXTEND THE CONTRACT FOR TWO ADDITIONAL YEARS

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