



County of Monterey

Item No.55

Board Report

Board of Supervisors
Chambers
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Salinas, CA 93901

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Matter Type: BoS Agreement

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- b. Approve and authorize the Director of Health Services or designee to sign up to three (3) future amendments where the combined amendments do not exceed 10% (\$26,536) of the original amount and do not significantly change the scope, total not to exceed a maximum of \$291,887.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

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SUMMARY:

The Health Department's Public Health Laboratory (PHL) is responsible for providing testing services to identify microorganisms that cause disease, including bacteria, fungi, viruses, and parasites. The PHL is a Laboratory Response Network (LRN) and COVID Network of California laboratory (COVIDNet). The PHL provides testing with associated whole genome sequencing for communicable disease surveillance purposes, surge events, and other public health emergencies. The PHL also serves as a reference laboratory for local hospitals and health care agencies, particularly with respect to identifying Mycobacterium, Coccidioides, and Legionella species.

DISCUSSION:

The PHL seeks approval to enter into an agreement with Life Technology for maintenance, service, and annual certification of the ABI 7500 DX instruments. This equipment performs the essential tasks of extracting, processing, and analyzing samples during the polymerase chain reaction (PCR) testing. Well-functioning, calibrated, and certified equipment is essential for proper identification of viruses, bacteria, and fungi. Rapid identification of organisms that cause disease allows medical providers to

make informed treatment decisions and public health professionals to implement measures to reduce the spread of disease.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

The Office of the County Counsel has reviewed and approved as to form only. Auditor-Controller has reviewed and approved the Agreement as to fiscal provisions.

FINANCING:

This agreement is funded 100% by the Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity (ELC) grant. There are sufficient appropriations in the Health Department's (001-4000-8124-HEA003) FY 2025-26 Adopted Budget.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS:

This Amendment aligns with the Strategic Plan Goal of Safe and Well-Being and Quality of Life: Proper maintenance and certification of PCR equipment are essential to ensure accurate and reliable testing results, which are critical for detecting and identifying infectious diseases. This supports timely medical treatment decisions and enables public health officials to quickly respond to and contain disease outbreaks.

Mark a check to the related Board of Supervisors Strategic Plan:

- ☒ Well-Being and Quality of Life
- ☐ Sustainable Infrastructure for the Present and Future
- ☐ Safe and Resilient Communities
- ☐ Diverse and Thriving Economy
- ☐ Dynamic Organization and Employer of Choice

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Attachment:

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Amendment No. 2

Executed Amendment No.1

Executed Agreement and Board Order