



Agenda Action Form Overview

The Board is requested to suspend the rules, authorize the County Manager to enter a contract with Gene IQ, and approve Budget Amendment Ordinance No. 21BCC000063 for \$243,960.00 for employee COVID-19 testing.

Background/Justification

As the SARS-CoV-2 Virus (COVID-19) has dramatically affected the world's population and congregate housing facilities across the nation. Unfortunately, despite the preventative efforts of the Sheriff's Office staff, there have been repeated outbreaks between both employees and those detained within the facility. During the September 2020 work session, the Sheriff discussed with the Board a strategy to address the COVID outbreak and testing inside the Detention Center. The initial plan called for immediate mass testing of inmates, employees, and vendors who work at the facility. Soon after, bi-weekly testing of a smaller sample of employees was initiated. This plan was discussed and agreed upon by Public Health, the Sheriff's Office, Emergency Management and Risk Management as a preventative measure for on-going monitoring. Every two weeks a group of 20 employees composed of staff from the Detention Center, Criminal Justice Resource Center (CJRC), General Services, and the Youth Home, will receive a COVID-19 test at the Detention Center.

Mako was contracted with immediately in October to provide both the mass testing and the bi-weekly testing in the short term. However, the Mako contract totaling \$40,000 covered the expenses of the immediate testing and bi-weekly testing through December. In order to continue the necessary preventative monitoring and have available mass testing in the event of an outbreak, the County needs a larger scale contract with an outside vendor. The proposed contract with Gene IQ will meet the outlined needs as it relates to COVID-19 testing for Durham County.

Policy Impact

This request aligns with the Board's direction given during the September 2020 work session and the plan agreed upon by Public Health, the Sheriff's Office, Emergency Management, and Risk Management for meeting the County's employee testing needs.

Procurement Background

RFP 21-013 went out to bid on October 13, 2020. The County received four proposals within the posting time and compiled a team to evaluate each.

Type of purchase

- ☐ Goods
- ☒ Services
- ☐ Construction Work

Did this request for purchase go through a bid process? Yes ☒ No ☐

Goods: Bids required if \geq \$30,000, BOCC approval if \geq \$90,000



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Services: Bids required if $\geq \$30,000$, BOCC approval if $> \$40,000$

Construction/Repair work: Bids required if $\geq \$30,000$, BOCC approval if $\geq \$500,000$

If yes, attach a copy of bid tab and the minority and women business enterprise (MWBE) compliance review form provided by the Purchasing Division.

If no, why?

- ☐ Sole source exemption
- ☐ Cooperative purchasing program exemption
- ☐ State and federal contract exemption
- ☐ Contract is an amendment to an existing contract
- ☐ Other (please explain)

If exempted from bidding, has this request been reviewed and approved by the Purchasing Division in the agenda Legistar system? Yes ☐ No ☐

If no, why?

_____N/A_____

Fiscal Impact

This will be a County funded expense covered under the \$4.5 million Non-Departmental COVID funds set aside on the outset of FY 2020-2021. This cost may be an eligible CARES funding expense due to an extension in CARES spending deadline until 2021.

Recommendation

The County Manager recommends that the Board suspends the rules, authorize the County Manager to execute the contract with Gene IQ, and approve Budget Amendment No. 21BCC000063 for \$243,960.00 for employee COVID-19 testing.