



COMMISSIONERS COURT  
COMMUNICATION

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**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF EXEMPTION FROM COMPETITIVE BIDDING  
REQUIREMENTS - PURCHASE OF DRUG REAGENTS,  
CONTROLS, EQUIPMENT PARTS, AND PROFICIENCY TESTING  
MATERIALS - PUBLIC HEALTH - VARIOUS VENDORS**

**COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED**

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve an exemption from Competitive Bidding Requirements for the Purchase of Reagents, Controls, Equipment Parts, and Proficiency Testing Materials, for Public Health. The vendors that provide these supplies are the following:

Bio-Rad Laboratories, Inc.	Supplies, reagents, and controls
College of American Pathologists	Proficiency testing materials
Hardy Diagnostics	Reagents and supplies
IDEXX Distribution, Inc.	Supplies, reagents, and controls
Integrated DNA Technologies, Inc.	Reagents
Life Technologies Corporation	Supplies, reagents, controls, and equipment parts
Phenova, Inc.	Proficiency testing materials
QIAGEN, LLC	Controls and reagents
Revvity Health Sciences, Inc.	Supplies, reagents, controls, and equipment parts
Roche Diagnostics Corporation	Supplies, reagents, controls, and equipment parts
Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene	Proficiency testing materials

**BACKGROUND**

Under the County Purchasing Act, exemptions to the competitive bidding requirements are allowed for certain types of purchases. State bidding statute, Section 262.024(a)(2) deals with those exemptions allowable when approved by the Commissioners Court.

The Public Health Department provided a letter of explanation, citing regulatory agency-established protocols which dictate the use of specific drug reagents and controls and participation in proficiency testing.

The exemption is twelve (12) months, effective March 7, 2024 through March 6, 2025.

Therefore, it is the joint recommendation of Public Health and Purchasing that the Commissioners Court grant an exemption from Competitive Bidding Requirements for Purchase of Drug Reagents, Controls, Equipment Parts, and Proficiency Testing Materials.

SUBMITTED BY:	Purchasing	PREPARED BY: APPROVED BY:	Wanyu Chen Chris Lax, CPSM, CPSD, CPCP
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### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Annual expenditures are estimated to be approximately \$290,000.00. Orders are placed on an as-needed basis. Funding is available in the following accounts:

T0400-2024 Public Health Fund/5100011000 Public Health/521061 Lab Supplies  
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T0400-2024 Public Health Fund/5100011000 Public Health/521061 Lab Supplies  
T4100-2024 PMC Insured - 340B/5100011000 Public Health/521061 Lab Supplies  
F0038-2024 DSHS-Bureau of STD/HIV Prevention /5100011000 Public Health/521061 Lab Supplies  
F0042-2024 DSHS-CPS-Bioterrorism Preparedness - LAB /5100011000 Public Health/521061 Lab Supplies  
F0043-2024 DSHS-CPS - Bioterrorism Preparedness /5100011000 Public Health/521061 Lab Supplies  
F0054-2024 DSHS-Infectious Disease Control Unit/FLU-LAB/5100011000 Public Health/521061 Lab Supplies  
F0071-2024 DSHS-Milk & Dairy Products Division/Fee for Service/5100011000 Public Health/521061 Lab Supplies  
F0089-2024 DSHS-ELC/LRN COVID-19 - LAB PPP/5100011000 Public Health/ 521061 Lab Supplies  
F0105-2024 DSHS-STD/HIV Disease Intervention Specialists/5100011000 Public Health/521061 Lab Supplies  
F0108-2024 CDC Public Health Infrastructure, Workforce, Data Modernization Program/5100011000 Public Health/521061 Lab Supplies  
F0389-2024 DSHS-ELC/LRN COVID-19 - LAB EXPANSION/5100011000 Public Health/521061 Lab Supplies  
F0489-2024 DSHS-ELC/LRN COVID-19-LAB-SPHL/5100011000 Public Health/521061 Lab Supplies