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**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF AN EQUIPMENT USAGE ATTACHMENT
AGREEMENT BETWEEN TARRANT COUNTY, D/B/A TARRANT
COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH NORTH TEXAS REGIONAL
LABORATORY AND HOLOGIC SALES AND SERVICES, LLC FOR
INFECTIOUS DISEASE TESTING REAGENT PURCHASES**

***** CONSENT AGENDA *****

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve an Equipment Usage Attachment Agreement between Tarrant County, d/b/a Tarrant County Public Health (TCPH) North Texas Regional Laboratory (NTRL) and Hologic Sales and Services, LLC (Hologic) for infectious disease testing reagent purchases.

BACKGROUND

In the past, test kits were purchased under the umbrella of the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) contract. The DSHS contract is no longer applicable since Tarrant County now purchases testing reagents directly with grant funds. Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) testing requires test kits provided solely by the manufacturer. Hologic has requested a new Agreement be in place directly with Tarrant County that specifies NTRL's current testing needs and expected quantities.

TCPH NTRL provides infectious disease testing services for clients in the North Texas area using a Hologic Panther Instrument. Testing includes established STD testing and respiratory virus testing. The Hologic Panther Instrument is a machine that increases specimen handling efficiency, shortens testing time, and expands the number of available tests to be tested at once. This platform is flexible and allows swift implementation of new tests as they are developed without the need to purchase new instruments.

On May 12, 2015, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #120043, approved an equipment usage agreement with Hologic (formerly Gen-Probe Sales and Services, Inc., at the time of the initial Equipment Use Agreement). Prior to the agreement, Hologic was set up the vendor and the Hologic Panther instrument is in use at TCPH NTRL and is provided at no charge by the manufacturer.

With the approval of this Equipment Usage Attachment Agreement, reagent pricing and expected testing volumes are defined. The term is January 23, 2024 through January 23, 2028.

SUBMITTED BY:	Public Health	PREPARED BY: APPROVED BY:	Rune-Par Nilsson Tal Holmes
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The estimated cost for the first year is \$444,840.00. Subsequent years will be \$159,000.00 annually due to the flexible purchase commitment after the first year. The first year of the agreement covers the currently grant funded volumes of STD testing as well as other infectious disease testing. Subsequent years only cover the fully funded STD testing volumes. Current instrument maintenance and upgrades to expand testing capabilities and enhance functionality are provided at no additional charge.

This agreement has been approved as to form by the Criminal District Attorney's Office.

FISCAL IMPACT

All associated costs will be paid from grant fund allocations as follows:

\$ 35,000.00 from grant F0038-2024
\$165,000.00 from grant F0105-2024
\$544,000.00 from grant F0108-2024
\$137,000.00 from grant F0389-2024
\$ 40,840.00 from grant F0489-2024

There will be no fiscal impact to the County's General fund.