



COMMISSIONERS COURT COMMUNICATION

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**SUBJECT: HOLOGIC, INC. - PANTHER SYSTEM AND ASSOCIATED ASSAY
KITS AND REAGENTS – PUBLIC HEALTH**

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

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve renewal of Hologic, Inc. as sole source for the purchase of Panther System and Associated Assay Kits and Reagents, for Public Health.

BACKGROUND

On June 7, 2022, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #138296, approved Hologic, Inc. as sole source for Panther Systems and Associated Assay Kits and Reagents.

Hologic, Inc. provided the Purchasing Agent documentation to substantiate the fact that their sole source status has not changed and they continue to be the sole source provider for the Panther System and Associated Assay Kits and Reagents. Hologic, Inc. does not sell through dealers or distributors in the U.S. All sales are made directly to end users.

Tarrant County Public Health North Texas Regional Laboratory uses Hologic test kits, reagents, and Panther instruments for the diagnostic testing of Chlamydia, Gonorrhea, SARS-CoV-2 (Covid), and HIV. The test results provided to healthcare providers by the laboratory support the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of the above listed infections.

Under the County Purchasing Act, exemptions to the competitive bidding requirements are allowed for certain types of purchases. The statutes require that the Purchasing Agent advise the Commissioners Court of the existence of only one (1) source, with such notice to be entered into the minutes of the Court.

Accordingly, the above item has been determined to be sole source under the County Purchasing Act 262.024(a) (7) as follows:

- “(7) an item can be obtained from only one source, including:
- (A) items for which competition is precluded because of the existence of patents, copyrights, secret processes, or monopolies;
 - (D) captive replacement parts or components for equipment.”

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

Expenses for last year were approximately \$352,241.50. The County's future cost will be determined by the services provided on an as-needed basis.

Funding is available in the following accounts:

521061/F0105-2023/5100502000
521061/F0038-2023/5100502000
521061/F0089-2022/5100505100
521061/F0389-2023/5100505100
521061/F0489-2023/5100505100
521061/T0400-2023/5100502000