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SUBJECT: RFP NO. 2023-161 - ANNUAL CONTRACT FOR DEFENDANT-PAID BREATH ALCOHOL TESTING SERVICES - COMMUNITY SUPERVISION AND CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT - VARIOUS VENDORS - PER CONTRACT TERMS

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court award RFP No. 2023-161, Annual Contract for Defendant-Paid Breath Alcohol Testing Services, for Community Supervision and Corrections Department (CSCD), to the following vendors at the per contract terms:

Primary	1A Smart Start, LLC
Secondary	#1 A LifeSafer of Texas Interlock, Inc.

BACKGROUND

Notice of the County's intent to bid was advertised in local newspapers, as required by State statute, and posted on the Internet, the Arlington Black Chamber of Commerce, the Fort Worth Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, the Fort Worth Metropolitan Black Chamber of Commerce, and the Tarrant County Asian American Chamber of Commerce. One hundred eighty-six (186) vendors were contacted and requested to participate in this proposal process. All documents pertaining to this RFP were posted on the Tarrant County website and were downloaded by interested bidders. A pre-proposal conference held on May 31, 2023 was attended by five (5) vendors as well as representatives from CSCD and Purchasing. Three (3) proposals and one (1) no-bid were received.

Proposals were evaluated by CSCD and Purchasing representatives. Evaluations were based upon the criteria and processes set forth in the RFP.

A Best and Final Offer was requested from the highest scoring vendor, which resulted in a 5% reduction in total price. The proposals received from the vendors listed above meet all specifications and are acceptable to CSCD.

The breath alcohol test measures the amount of alcohol in the blood by testing exhaled air. The test is performed by blowing into a breath machine fifteen (15) minutes after alcohol consumption. The test determines how much alcohol it takes to raise the blood-alcohol level to a dangerous level. CSCD uses breath alcohol testing services as a supervision tool for defendants and as an alternative measure for confinement and intends to address the individual needs of defendants while providing maximum protection to the public as is practical.

SUBMITTED BY:	Purchasing	PREPARED BY: APPROVED BY:	Wanyu Chen Chris Lax, CPSM, CPSD, CPCP
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The term of the contract is twenty-four (24) months, effective September 1, 2023, with two (2) options for renewal periods of twelve (12) months each.

Therefore, it is the joint recommendation of CSCD and Purchasing that RFP No. 2023-161, Annual Contract for Defendant-Paid Breath Alcohol Testing Services, be awarded to the vendors listed above at the per contract terms.

FISCAL IMPACT

Expenses for last year were approximately \$2,803,189.80. Services are paid for by defendants and are provided on an as-needed basis. No Tarrant County funding is required.