

Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: The Board of Health provides tuberculosis testing for patients of its TB Clinic. The laboratory of the Board of Health uses QuantiFERON - TB GOLD test kits. It is the only in vitro test for mycobacterium tuberculosis (TB) infection approved for use by the US FDA. Its use is recommended by the CDC. Cellistis, Inc. is the sole manufacturer/distributor of these test kits.

Emergency action is requested to ensure a sufficient supply of test kits for testing of patients.

Cellestis, Inc.'s contract compliance number is 522310821, which is effective through March 20, 2008.

FISCAL IMPACT: Funding for this blanket purchase order is budgeted in the Health Department Grants Fund. This expense is funded by donations and payments from patients receiving TB skin tests.

To authorize the Director of Finance and Management to establish a blanket purchase order with Cellestis, Inc. for the purchase of QuantiFERON - TB GOLD kits for the Columbus Health Department in accordance with sole source provisions; to authorize the expenditure of \$73,500 from the Health Department Grants Fund to pay the cost thereof; and to declare an emergency. (\$73,500)

WHEREAS, the Columbus Health Department provides TB testing for patients of the TB Clinic in the City of Columbus; and,

WHEREAS, the Columbus Health Department is in need of QuantiFERON - TB GOLD test kits to provide the testing; and,

WHEREAS, Cellestis, Inc. is the sole supplier of QuantiFERON - TB GOLD test kits; and,

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Columbus Health Department in that it is immediately necessary to establish a blanket purchase order with Cellestis, Inc. for the immediate preservation of the public health, peace, property, safety and welfare, and to ensure a sufficient supply of test kits for testing of patients; Now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

SECTION 1. That the Director of Finance and Management is hereby authorized to establish a blanket purchase order with Cellestis, Inc. for the purchase of QuantiFERON - TB GOLD test kits.

SECTION 2. That the total expenditure of \$73,500 is hereby authorized from the Health Department Grants Fund, Fund No. 251, Department of Health, Department No. 50-01, Object Level One 02, Object Level Three 2293, OCA Code 507104.

SECTION 3. That this purchase is in accordance with the provisions of the Columbus City Code, Section 329.07(e), "Sole Source Procurement."

SECTION 4. That for reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part hereof, this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor, or ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.