



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: The Health Department provides laboratory testing of medical specimens generated by various programs within the Health Department. A "Request for Proposals for Reference Laboratory Services" for a three-year period was started in October, 2007 via Solicitation No. SA002650. LabCorp of America was determined to be the lowest and most responsive bidder. This ordinance will authorize funding for the period of February 1, 2008 through January 31, 2009 (1st year of 3-year contract). Emergency action is requested to ensure continued testing services for Health Department patients. The Contract Compliance number is 133757370 and is effective through December 3, 2009.

Four bids for Reference Lab Services were received. The evaluation of estimated annual costs was based on historical trends for the types of testing services requested in prior years with the results are as follows:

LabCorp	\$184,000 estimated annual cost
University Reference Labs	6.7%, or \$10,984 higher per year
Grant/Riverside Labs	11.5% or \$18,853 higher per year
Princeton Biomedical Labs	12.1% or \$19,895 higher per year

FISCAL IMPACT: \$184,000 is budgeted in the 2008 Health Special Revenue Fund and the 2008 Health Department Grants Fund to provide funding for this contract.

To authorize the Board of Health to enter into a contract with LabCorp of America to provide laboratory testing services for various Health Department programs; to authorize the expenditure of \$184,000 from the Health Special Revenue Fund and the Health Department Grants Fund to pay the costs thereof; and to declare an emergency. (\$184,000)

WHEREAS, proposals were formally submitted through the RFP process for laboratory testing services for various programs of the Health Department; and,

WHEREAS, the bid from LabCorp of America was determined to be the lowest, most responsive bid; and,

WHEREAS, it is critical to enter into this contract as soon as possible in order to continue to provide the necessary lab testing services to Health Department clients; and,

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Health Department in that it is immediately necessary to enter into a contract with LabCorp of America for the immediate preservation of the public health, peace, property, safety and welfare, and to ensure continued testing services; Now, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. That the Board of Health is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with LabCorp of America for laboratory testing of medical specimens for various programs of the Health Department for the period of February 1, 2008 through January 31, 2009.

SECTION 2. That to pay the cost of said contract, the expenditure of \$119,000 is hereby authorized from the Health Special Revenue Fund, Fund No. 250, Department of Health, Department No. 50-01, Object Level One 03, Object Level Three 3408 as follows:

OCA: 502054; Amount: \$65,000
OCA: 502047; Amount: \$54,000

SECTION 3. That to pay the cost of said contract, the expenditure of \$65,000 is hereby authorized from the Health Department Grants Fund, Fund No. 251, Department of Health, Department No. 50-01, Object Level One 03, Object Level Three 3408 as follows:

GRANT NO.: 504055; OCA: 504055; Amount: \$65,000

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.