
AGENDA ITEM BRIEFING

Commissioners Court – August 11, 2020

AI Number: 76788

Project Number: 2020-451

Project Name: Hidalgo County Forensic Center – Purchase of Radiography Image System

Description of AI: Sole Source CIMS – Sole Texas Distributor of Lodox eXtera-dr

Funding Source: CARES Act Relief Fund (TBD)

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

On March 17, 2020, pursuant to the authority under Texas Government Code Section 418.108, Hidalgo County Judge Richard Cortez issued a Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency due to the imminent threat arising from the Coronavirus (COVID-19). On March 22, 2020, in accordance with Texas Government Code Section 418.408(b), the Commissioners' Court of Hidalgo County issued an Order of Continuance of Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency that affirmed the activation of the Hidalgo County Emergency Management Plan and extends the Declaration of Local Disaster.

The Hidalgo County Forensic Center, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic public health emergency, will implement the use of a Lodox eXtero-dr Digital Radiography Image System. The Digital Radiography Image System will minimize the need for prolonged interaction between staff and decedent as well as provide a safer form of imaging for the staff. The Lodox eXtero-dr design is forensic-driven, specifically molded to forensic pathology requirements. To facilitate compliance with current public health measures related to the COVID-19 public health emergency, the goal for the County of Hidalgo is to mitigate the spread of infectious diseases such as COVID-19.

COMPLIANCE

In compliance with the national preparedness goal under the Presidential Policy Directive (PPD-8), the Homeland Security Presidential Directives 5 (HSPD-5) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Capability 12 and

pursuant to the Order of Continuance of Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency that affirmed the activation of the Hidalgo County Emergency Management Plan and extends the Declaration of Local Disaster, requests the Court's approval for the necessary services to address the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic public health emergency.

ADMINISTRATION

Approval of this item is consistent with Hidalgo County's intended purpose to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and continue to provide necessary services to Hidalgo County residents in a safe, clean, hygienic environment.

AGENDA ITEM CAPTION

- A. "Discussion, consideration, and action to approve a necessary CARES Act Relief Fund expenditure to cover cost not accounted for in the current budget and cannot be lawfully funded by line item, allotment or allocation, for Hidalgo County in order to assist with County functions and compliance with public health measures related to the ongoing COVID-19 public health emergency with establishing a Wi-Fi Project to assist the citizens with distance learning, including technology improvements, as well as improving telework capability; the Court having reviewed the Agenda Item Briefing herein find that such expenditure is reasonable and necessary for the intended use.";
- B. Requesting exemption from competitive bidding/procurement requirements under Texas Local Government Code, 262.024 (a)(1) and (2) attached herein;
- C. Acceptance and approval of "Sole-Source Declaration" for "Lodox NA, LLC" for the purchase of Lodox eXero-dr Digital Radiography Image System including any resent and future accessories, supplies, support, service, and maintenance from CIMS Clinical Image Management System – Quote #11011 in the amount of \$565,550.00 to be used by Hidalgo County Forensic Center with said declaration to remain in effect while in place or until revoked by HCCC.
- D. Approval of MSA (Master Service Agreement) with CIMS, (Clinical Image Management System) sole Texas distributor of Lodox NA, LLC products.
- E. Pursuant to the Terms and Conditions of Sale, authority for County Treasurer to issue a 20% down payment upon execution of the agreement 70% due upon delivery of the system, and final 10% net 30 after installation, after procurement procedure has been completed by the County Auditor's Office.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Approval of the item will allow Hidalgo County to proceed with the current public health directive emphasizing the importance of preventing and mitigating the spread of COVID-19. Expenditures will be charged to the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act and/or other assistance available to address the COVID-19 public health emergency.