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## MEMORANDUM SOLE SOURCE DECLARATION

TO: Hidalgo County Commissioner's Court

FROM: Ignacio Amezcua MBA, CTCM, CTCD I.A.

DATE: December 21, 2023

RE: Sole Source Declaration for Abbott Laboratories "Reagents and Supplies for the Abbott Architect c14100 Instrument"

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The Hidalgo County Health seeks to procure the purchase of Reagents and Supplies for the Abbott Architect c14100 Instrument from Abbott Laboratories.

Abbott reagents and supplies are manufactured and distributed exclusively by Abbott labs for its own, Abbott Architect Chemistry Analyzer, owned by Hidalgo County.

In Accordance with the Texas Local Government Code Chapter 262.024 (a)(7)(A),

(a) A contract for the purchase of any of the following items is exempt from the requirement established by section 262.023 if the commissioners court by order grants the exemption:

(7) Any item that 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.

Therefore, for the reason stated herein, we humbly request that the Hidalgo County Commissioners' Court declare a Sole Source Vendor, for the purpose of procuring the purchase with Abbott Laboratories. This sole source declaration will remain in effect through the life term of the contract, unless otherwise revoked by the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court.