




MEMORANDUM

SOLE SOURCE DECLARATION

TO: Hidalgo County Commissioner's Court

FROM: Ignacio Amezcua MBA, CTCM, CTCD 
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DATE: December 17, 2024

RE: Sole Source Declaration for Cepheid "Advantage Service Preventative Maintenance"

The Hidalgo County Health and Human Services seeks to procure Advantage Service Preventative Maintenance for GeneXpert Equipment from Cepheid.

Hidalgo County Health and Human Service, in conjunction with the Hidalgo County Urban County Program, previously purchased the GeneXpert Equipment in which include a one year maintenance service. Procuring for additional preventative maintenance will improve the overall efficiency of the equipment by operating at peak performance, leading to increased productivity and cost savings for Hidalgo County.

Cepheid is the sole manufacturer of Xpert® reagents, and GeneXpert® systems. Xpert reagent test cartridges that are designed and manufactured to be used solely with Cepheid's instruments, therefore Cepheid is the only authorized provided of the services for GeneXpert systems.

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 Cepheid. This sole source declaration will remain in effect through the life term of the contract, unless otherwise revoked by the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court.






Sole Source Declaration - Cepheid

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