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**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

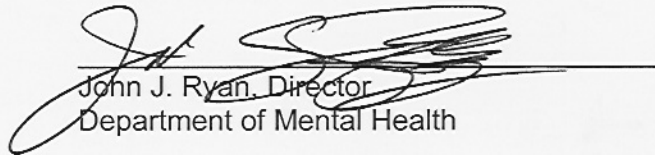
FROM: John J. Ryan
Director of Mental Health
SUBMITTAL DATE: February 3, 2003
SUBJECT: Ratify a multi-year Contract with Unilab Corporation

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Supervisors
Ratify a multi-year contract and authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign the contract with
Unilab Corporation to November 1, 2002.

BACKGROUND: The Department of Mental Health routinely uses laboratory services not performed
by the County's in-house testing laboratories because of the high volume of requests. The high-
volume is due to all Mental Health Clinics throughout Riverside County requiring laboratory services.
Pricing for these laboratory services is very competitive, and warrants their referral to an outside
facility.

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THIS AGREEMENT HAS BEEN FORM APPROVED BY THE OFFICE OF COUNTY COUNSEL.


John J. Ryan, Director
Department of Mental Health



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FINANCIAL DATA:	FY 2002/03-2007	ANNUAL COST:	\$ 200,000
CURRENT YEAR COST:	\$200,000	IN CURRENT YEAR BUDGET:	YES
NET COUNTY COST:	\$ 2,000	BUDGET ADJUSTMENT:	NO

SOURCE OF FUNDS: 19% Federal, 74% State, 6% Third party, 1% County

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: **APPROVE**

County Executive Officer Signature 

FORM APPROVED
COUNTY COUNSEL
Purchasing: 
Director
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Department Recommendation: Consent Policy
Per Executive Office: Consent Policy

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BACKGROUND (Cont'd):

The Department of Mental Health spent approximately \$135,000 in outside laboratory services last year. This agreement covers services such as esoteric testing, stat fees, pick-up and delivery of samples, consultation, field support, and provides for tests performed per Medi-Cal Managed Care capitation rates. The Department anticipates additional laboratory services spending for Mental Health Court and Substance Abuse Drug Court. The contract maximum will not exceed \$200,000 per fiscal year.

PRICE REASONABLENESS: In May 2002, the County Purchasing Department issued a formal request for proposal for laboratory services to be performed for the Riverside County Regional Medical Center, Mental Health, Department of Public Social Services, Sheriff, Community Health Agency and Probation. Purchasing sent the RFP to six vendors and posted it on the County internet website, for bids to be received by June 24, 2002. Two (2) responses were received. The bid from Unilab Corporation was \$539,700 lower than the bid from Quest Laboratory, and was consequently selected as low bidder based on the evaluation criteria established in the RFP and additional follow-up information requested from each vendor.

The Department of Mental Health wishes to contract separately with Unilab for similar services as approved by the Board on December 23, 2002, item 3.22, to separate the mental health funds from other department funds in the OASIS system.

PERFORMANCE PERIOD: The period of performance for this contract is for approximately five (5) years, commencing on November 1, 2002 and continues to June 30, 2007.

FUNDING: There are sufficient funds in the Department's budget to provide for this contract and no additional County funds are required. These costs will be included in future budgets up to June 30, 2007.