

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

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**FROM:** Purchasing and Fleet Services

**SUBMITTAL DATE:** August 20, 2004

**SUBJECT: APPROVE THE AGREEMENT FOR GENETIC PARENTAGE TESTING SERVICES WITH LABORATORY CORPORATION OF AMERICA FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES**

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** Move that the Board of Supervisors;

- 1) Approve and execute the professional service agreement with Laboratory Corporation of America, in the annual amount of \$183,568, for five (5) years, renewable in one-year increments; and,
- 2) Authorize the Purchasing Agent to sign amendments and exercise renewal options for an amount not to exceed the contract maximum.

**BACKGROUND:** The County of Riverside's Department of Child Support Services (DCSS), is the organizational unit that is mandated pursuant to federal and state law to implement in the County of Riverside, State of California, the provisions of Title IV-D of the social security act. This act provides that, any child born out of wedlock, and upon request by a parent or custodian of such a child, or, whenever public assistance is expended for such a child, paternity is established or the alleged father be excluded by genetic tests.

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*Robert Howdyshe*  
ROBERT HOWDYSHELL, Director  
Purchasing and Fleet Services

<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 183,568	In Current Year Budget:	Yes
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$1,836	Budget Adjustment:	No
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$1,836	For Fiscal Year:	FY 04/05

**SOURCE OF FUNDS:** 66% Federal 33% State 1% General Fund

Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
Requires 4/5 Vote	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

County Executive Office Signature

*Robert Howdyshe*

Dept't Recomm.:  Consent  Policy   
 Per Exec. Ofc.:  Consent  Policy

Prev. Agn. Ref.:

District:

Agenda Number:

**ATTACHMENTS FILED  
WITH THE CLERK OF THE BOARD**

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**BACKGROUND CONT.:**

DCSS is mandated by federal regulation to use a laboratory, which can perform, at a reasonable cost, legally and medically acceptable genetic tests, which tends to identify the father or exclude the alleged father (Reference 45 CFR 303.5). Regulations also require the establishment of paternity within strict time frames, which necessitates a fifteen (15) to twenty-five (25) day written test result turnaround time for Riverside County. The ability to schedule and coordinate interstate and international blood draws is mandatory.

**PRICE REASONABLENESS:** Purchasing released a request for proposal and mailed them to seven vendors and advertised on the Internet. Purchasing received five responses. The proposals received ranged in cost from \$38 to \$114 per test. The lowest proposal was deemed non-responsive, due to the lack of knowledge or experience with genetic parental testing cases with governmental agencies. After evaluating the responsive proposals, the evaluation team consisting of DCSS and Purchasing interviewed the most responsive candidates. Based on the interviews, Laboratory Corporation of America was selected as the lowest responsive/responsible bidder. The areas that were evaluated were experience, quality control, service and overall cost to the county. Purchasing negotiated with Laboratory Corporation of America their fee from \$40 to \$38.50 per test.

Based on previous test history the tests were broken down into three categories:

Genetic Testing – 4748 tests last fiscal year, Motherless testing – 20 tests last fiscal year, Grandparent Testing – 0 tests last fiscal year

		Cases Tested Last FY		
	Vendor: Long Beach Genetics	03/04	Subtotal	Grand Total
Genetics testing	\$ 40.00	4748	\$ 189,920.00	
Motherless Cases	\$ 40.00	20	\$ 800.00	
Grandparent Cases	\$ 100.00	0		\$ 190,720.00
<b>Laboratory Corporation of America</b>			<b>Subtotal</b>	
Genetics testing	\$ 38.50	4748	\$ 182,798.00	
Motherless Cases	\$ 38.50	20	\$ 770.00	
Grandparent Cases	\$ 38.50	0		\$ 183,568.00
<b>ReliaGene</b>			<b>Subtotal</b>	
Genetics testing	\$ 43.00	4748	\$ 204,164.00	
Motherless Cases	\$ 43.00	20	\$ 860.00	
Grandparent Cases	\$ 43.00	0		\$ 205,024.00
<b>Orchid Genescreen</b>			<b>Subtotal</b>	
Genetics testing	\$ 40.00	4748	\$ 189,920.00	
Motherless Cases	\$ 50.00	20	\$ 1,000.00	
Grandparent Cases	\$ 40.00	0		\$ 190,920.00

**REVIEW/APPROVAL:** Purchasing concurs with this request.