

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

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FROM: Community Health Agency,
Department of Public Health

SUBMITTAL DATE:
July 17, 2006

SUBJECT: Approve to establish a Blanket Purchase Order for the purchase of test kits and the reagents from BioMerieux.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve and execute the request for The Sole Source Procurement for the purchase of test kits and reagents for HIV Oral Fluid testing from BioMerieux.
2. Approve and execute the request for the purchase of test kits and reagents for HIV serum testing from BioMerieux.
3. Approve and execute the request for the purchase of bacterial identification test systems from BioMerieux.
4. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to issue a blanket purchase order in the amount of \$35,000 to be applied through the performance period ending on June 30, 2007; renewable annually, without securing competitive bids in accordance with Ordinance 459.4.
5. Return the executed Sole Source Procurement request to the Purchasing Agent, to approve this purchase on behalf of the County.

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Susan D. Harrington

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Susan Harrington
Director, Department of Public Health

FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 35,000	In Current Year Budget:	Yes
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0	Budget Adjustment:	No
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	06/07

SOURCE OF FUNDS: Cost of testing will be off-set by laboratory charges.	Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Requires 4/5 Vote	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

Susan Brandt

County Executive Office Signature

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Prev. Agn. Ref.: | **District:** | **Agenda Number:**

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BACKGROUND:

The County of Riverside Department of Public Health Laboratory performs both oral and serum HIV tests. Oral fluid testing is a means of collecting an adequate HIV specimen that is less invasive to the patient and safer to the person that is collecting the specimen (avoiding needle sticks). This is the preferred method for outreach program specimens. This laboratory performs approximately 8600 tests by oral fluid collection and 8600 tests by serum collection for HIV testing annually. The Public Health Laboratory has utilized these products for greater than 14 years. Our automated HIV testing system, the DiaSorin ETI-MAX has been solely validated for HIV testing by utilizing the BioMerieux HIV-1 test kit.

BioMerieux is the sole provider of the HIV-1 oral fluid testing kit.

This laboratory also operates a Bacteriology reference section that identifies unknown bacteria from hospital laboratories within Riverside County. This Bacteriology reference section relies on the "API" bacterial identification systems. These are standardized systems for the identification of all types of bacteria based on biochemical reactions that take place in a microtube strip. This is a simple overnight system that requires no automation. Our laboratory has successfully identified bacteria for over 25 years utilizing this system. BioMerieux is the sole provider of the API bacterial identification systems.

JUSTIFICATION:

This lab successfully used the BioMerieux HIV EIA screening test kits for greater than 14 years. We have recently validated our new ETI-MAX instrumentation utilizing this kit. The API identification strips have been used in this lab for greater than 25 years. We have no other system to accurately and rapidly identify bacteria.

BioMerieux is the sole manufacturer and distributor for the API products as well as the HIV oral fluid test.

PRICE REASONABLENESS:

BioMerieux is offering a discount off their list price which is documented on the sole source form. The pricing offered by BioMerieux is fair and reasonable.