

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

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**FROM:** Department of Public Health (DOPH)

**SUBMITTAL DATE:**

June 5 2013

**SUBJECT:** Approve the Purchase of Pharmaceuticals for First Responder Cache, from Amerisource Bergen, Via the Competitive Bidding Process, with only One Bid Received.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the agreement for Amerisource Bergen to provide pharmaceuticals for a one time purchase in the total amount including tax and delivery not to exceed \$30,000.

(Background on Page 2)

*Susan D. Harrington*  
Susan D. Harrington, M.S., R.D.,  
Director, Department of Public Health

<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 30,000	In Current Year Budget:	Yes
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0	Budget Adjustment:	No
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	12/13

<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS:</b> 100% funded by Federal grant funds.	Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Requires 4/5 Vote	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

*Debra Cournoyer*  
By: Debra Cournoyer  
Debra Cournoyer

**County Executive Office Signature**

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

On motion of Supervisor Benoit, seconded by Supervisor Jeffries and duly carried, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Jeffries, Tavaglione, Benoit and Ashley  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Abstain: Stone  
Date: June 18, 2013  
xc: Public Health, Purchasing, Auditor

Kecia Harper-Ihem  
Clerk of the Board

By: *Kecia Harper-Ihem*  
Deputy

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District: All/All

Agenda Number:

3-49

FISCAL PROCEDURES APPROVED  
 PAUL ANGULO, CPA, AUDITOR-CONTROLLER  
 BY: Samuel Wong 6/5/13  
 SAMUEL WONG  
 Department of Public Health  
 Purchasing  
 Mark Seller, Assistant Director

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

**Form 11**

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**BACKGROUND**

On March 20, 2012, the County of Riverside Board of Supervisors accepted State Homeland Security Project Grant funds for the purchase and maintenance of a pharmaceutical cache for first responders and their families that will sustain the first responder community until additional resources can be obtained through regional and state caches. This purchase will complete the pharmaceutical cache purchases that were approved by the Board in March 2012.

**PRICE REASONABLENESS**

On April 2, 2013 Riverside County Purchasing released a Request for Quote (HSARC-264), with bid notification sent to five major pharmaceutical distributors, and posted on publicpurchase.com. The bid was closed on April 30, 2013 and the County did not receive any bid. The Procurement Contract Specialist (PCS) searched the Internet and made phone calls to companies the County has dealt with in the past for reason of the no response. Due to the market shortage of raw material and shortage of the required pharmaceuticals, every dealer could not provide price quote and the ship date.

The County issued a rebid (RFQ#HSARC-264A) on May 9, 2013 after contacting executives with major distributors because they've requested to another chance to try bidding on the County's need. Again, bid notification was sent to five major pharmaceutical distributors, and posted on publicpurchase.com. The bid was closed on May 20, 2013 with one bid received from Amerisource Bergen. Amerisource Bergen provided the County with 340B price discount and the current price is the same as that was paid three years prior.

Amerisource Bergen currently has a contract with the County approved by the Board of Supervisors on 7/26/2011 agenda 3.66 and 7/17/2012 agenda 3.35. The pricing offered is consistent with the contract pricing.

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

Date: June 5, 2013  
From: Susan D. Harrington, Director Department/Agency: Department of Public Health  
To: Board of Supervisors/Purchasing Agent  
Via: Purchasing Agent  
Subject: Sole Source Procurement; Request for Emergency Response Medications

The below information is provided in support of my Department requesting approval for a sole source. Outside of a duly declared emergency, the time to develop a statement of work or specifications is not in itself justification for sole source.

1. **Supply/Service being requested:**  
Amoxicillin Capsules 250mg (100 capsules/bottle)  
Amoxicillin Suspension 250mg/5ml  
Vibramycin 25mg/5ml (60cc/bottle)  
Ciproflaxin 500mg tablets (100 tabs/bottle)
2. **Supplier being requested:**  
Amerisource Bergen
3. **Alternative suppliers that can or might be able to provide supply/service:**  
Cardinal, McKesson, and Henry Schein but due to drug shortage, price fluctuations, and uncertainty of delivery date; these companies refrained from bidding.
4. **Extent of market search conducted:**  
Bidding process (RFQ#HSARC-264A) resulted in only one response from Amerisource Bergen. Purchasing staff searched the Internet and contacted contractors known to have distributed these medications in the past; however these efforts resulted in no additional bids.
5. **Unique features of the supply/service being requested from this supplier, which no alternative supplier can provide:**  
Antibiotics for use during an Emergency Response.
6. **Reasons why my department requires these unique features and what benefit will accrue to the county:**  
The County stocks these medications locally at a county facility for use during an emergency response.
7. **Price Reasonableness including purchase price and any ongoing maintenance or ancillary costs from the supplier:**  
Amerisource Bergen provided the County with 340B pricing discount and charged the County the same price as that of three years past. This is tremendous savings during this time of drug and raw material shortages. Total budgeted for this order is \$29,668.00

8. Does moving forward on this product or service further obligate the county to future similar contractual arrangements or any ongoing costs affiliated with this sole source? (Maintenance, support, or upgrades, if so, please explain).

No, this is a one-time purchase. If futures grant funding calls for this requirement, the County can always process a formal bid.

9. Period of Performance:

One-time purchase based on current grant (HMLND11/SHSGP) funding budget.

Cathy Linn for Susan Hamington 6/5/13  
Department Head Signature Date

Purchasing Department Comments:

<u>Approve</u>	Approve with Condition/s	Disapprove
Not to exceed: \$30,000.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One time	Annual Amount through _____
<u>Mai Rhi</u>	<u>6-5-13</u>	<u>13-515</u>
Purchasing Agent	Date	Approval Number (Reference on Purchasing Documents)