

Harris County, Texas

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Legislation Text

File #: 21-6592, Version: 1

Department: Purchasing

Department Head/Elected Official: DeWight Dopslauf

Regular or Supplemental RCA: Supplemental RCA

Type of Request: Contract - Award

Project ID (if applicable): N/A

Vendor/Entity Legal Name (if applicable): PharmChem, Inc.

MWDBE Participation (if applicable): N/A

Request Summary (Agenda Caption):

Request by the Office of the Purchasing Agent that the County Judge execute an agreement with PharmChem, Inc. in the amount of \$24,667 for transdermal drug test supplies and laboratory services for Pretrial Services for services provided June 1, 2021 - August 31, 2021.

Background and Discussion: For some years, Pretrial Services used transdermal drug test patches as an alternative for defendants who were court-ordered to drug testing, but who had physiological or psychological impediments that made urine specimen collection impractical. Because of the low number of patches used from year to year, the department did not contract for the services. However, in 2021 the courts began ordering patch testing in substantial numbers for defendants who had no such impediments and the cost of the patches and laboratory testing quickly exceeded \$50,000 - the non-contract purchase limit. Although patch use was halted, the remaining balance owed by the department necessitated resolution through a settlement agreement.

Expected Impact: The proposed settlement agreement will clear the balance owed by the department to the vendor. The department also plans to engage with County Purchasing to seek out other flexible, lower-cost alternatives to transdermal drug test patches for situations in which urine specimen collection is impractical.

Alternative Options: Action is required and there is no viable alternative to the proposed settlement agreement.

Alignment with Goal(s):

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Prior Court Action (if any):

Date	Agenda Item #	Action Taken

Location:

Address (if applicable): N/A Precinct(s): Countywide

Fiscal and Per	sonnel Sumn	nary			
Service Name	Drug Testing		FY 21-22	Estimates	
				FY 22	Next 3 FYs
Incremental Exp	enditures		•	•	
Labor Expenditures			-	-	-
Non-Labor Expenditures			24.7	0.0	0.0
Total Incremental Expenditures			24.7	0.0	0.0
Funding Sources	(General Fund,	PIC Fund, Debt or 0	CP, Grants, or O	ther - Please Spe	cify)
Existing Budget		General Fund	24.7-	0.0	0.0
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
Total Current Budget			24.7	0.0	0.0
Additional Budget Requested -		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
Total Additional Budget Requested			0.0	0.0	0.0
Total Funding So	ources		24.7	0.0	0.0
Personnel (Fill ou	ut section only if	requesting new PC	Ns)		•
Current Position	Count for Servi	ice	-	-	-
Additional Positions Requested			-	-	-
Total Personnel			-	-	-

Anticipated Implementation Date: 11/30/2021

Emergency/Disaster Recovery Note: Not an emergency, disaster, or COVID-19 related item

Contact(s) name, title, department: Dennis Potts, Deputy Director, Pretrial Services

Attachments (if applicable): N/A

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