



**COMMISSIONERS COURT
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DATE: 10/1/2024

SUBJECT: RFQ NO. F2024091 - ANNUAL CONTRACT FOR TISSUE BANK SERVICES - MEDICAL EXAMINER'S OFFICE - VARIOUS VENDORS - PER CONTRACT TERMS

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court grant approval to conduct negotiations for RFQ No. F2024091, Annual Contract for Tissue Bank Services, for the Medical Examiner's Office, to the following vendors based upon each vendor's high ranking in the evaluation procedure:

LifeGift Organ Donation Center
The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center d/b/a Transplant Services Center

BACKGROUND

Notice of the County's intent to request for qualifications was advertised in local newspapers, as required by State statute, and posted on the Internet, the Arlington Black Chamber of Commerce, the Fort Worth Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, the Fort Worth Metropolitan Black Chamber of Commerce, and the Tarrant County Asian American Chamber of Commerce. Six hundred ninety-eight (698) vendors were contacted and requested to participate in this process. All documents pertaining to this RFQ were posted on the Tarrant County website and were downloaded by interested parties. A pre-qualification conference held on March 27, 2024 was attended by four (4) vendors as well as representatives from the Medical Examiner's Office and Purchasing. Four (4) responses and seven (7) no-bids were received.

Responses were evaluated by the Medical Examiner's Office and Purchasing representatives and ranked based on the criteria and processes set forth in the RFQ.

Texas Procurement Inc. is not being considered for award because they did not meet requirements regarding minimum experience and certification for American Association of Tissue Banks Accreditation. The responses received from the vendors listed above meet all specifications and are acceptable to the Medical Examiner's Office.

A contract will be negotiated with the top-ranking vendor. If negotiations fail with the top vendor, then Tarrant County will initiate negotiations with the next top-ranked vendor.

The purpose of this contract is to utilize a qualified organization to provide tissue bank services to obtain cadaver tissue from donors that are in the custody of the Medical Examiner's Office. The selected organization shall be responsible for contacting the next of kin of the deceased and offering the service for tissue donation as defined in the Texas Health and Safety Code Section 693.002.

SUBMITTED BY	Purchasing	PREPARED BY:	Wanyu Chen
		APPROVED BY:	Christopher Lax, CPSM, CPSD, CPCP



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Therefore, based upon each vendor's high ranking in the evaluation procedure, it is the joint request of the Medical Examiner's Office and Purchasing that the Commissioners Court grant approval to engage in negotiations for RFQ No. F2024091, Annual Contract for Tissue Bank Services, with the vendors listed above.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

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Post-Presentation Scores

Evaluation Criteria	Max Points	LifeGift Organ Donation Center Houston, TX HUB - No	The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center d/b/a Transplant Services Center Dallas, TX HUB - No
		Score	Score
Qualifications & Experience	400	376	362
Scope of Service	450	413	382
References	150	150	150
Total Score	1000	940	894

Notes: No-bids were received from Ameda, Inc., Fisher Healthcare, Green Light Group Tours, Medco Supply Company, Medline Industries, LP, Petroserv Inc., Unipak Corp.
 Texas Procurement Inc. is not considered for award because they did not meet requirements regarding minimum experience and certification for American Association of Tissue Banks Accreditation.

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Initial Scores

Evaluation Criteria	Max Points	Tarrant Eye Resources Inc. d/b/a Fort Worth Eye and Tissue Bank Fort Worth, TX HUB - No	LifeGift Organ Donation Center Houston, TX HUB - No	The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center d/b/a Transplant Services Center Dallas, TX HUB - No
		Score	Score	Score
Qualifications & Experience	400	228	268	253
Scope of Service	450	214	295	277
References	150	150	150	150
Total Score	1000	593	713	680

Notes: No-bids were received from Ameda, Inc., Fisher Healthcare, Green Light Group Tours, Medco Supply Company, Medline Industries, LP, Petroserv Inc., Unipak Corp.
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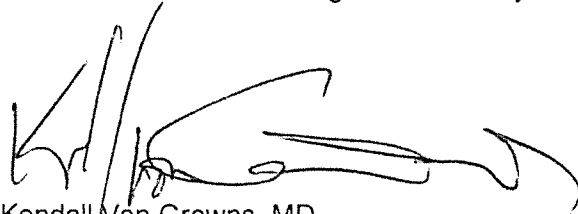
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To: Tarrant County Purchasing Department

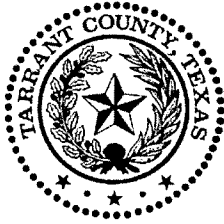
RE: RFQ F2024091 Annual Contract for Tissue Bank Services

Evaluations of the bid proposals have been completed by the Tarrant County Medical Examiner's Office.

The Tarrant County Medical Examiner's Office is recommending the bid award for tissue bank services for Tarrant County be awarded to LifeGift as the primary vendor with University of Texas South Western being the secondary vendor.



Kendall Von Crowns, MD
Chief Medical Examiner 9/3/24
Tarrant County Medical Examiners Office



TAKINGS IMPACT ASSESSMENT CHECKLIST

Complete this form for any county action that involves the adoption of a regulation, policy, guideline, court resolution, or order.

Project/Regulation Name: _____ RFQ No. F2024091 - Annual Contract for Tissue Bank Services - Medical Examiners' Office - Various Vendors - Per Contract Terms _____

County Department: _____ PURCHASING _____

Contact Person: _____ Melissa Lee, C.P.M., A.P.P. _____

Phone Number for Contact Person: _____ (817) 884-3245 _____

Type of TIA Performed: SHORT TIA or FULL TIA. Circle one after answering the questions in Sections II and III below.

I. Stated Purpose

Attach to this checklist an explanation of the purpose of the regulation, policy, guideline, court resolution, or order.

Note: The remainder of this Takings Impact Assessment Checklist should be completed in consultation with the Criminal District Attorney's Office.

II. Potential Effect on Private Real Property

1. Does the county action require a physical invasion, occupation, or dedication of real property?

Yes _____ No √ _____

2. Does the county action limit or restrict a real property right, even partially, or temporarily?

Yes _____ No √ _____

If you answered yes to either question, go to Section III. If you answered no to both, STOP HERE and circle SHORT TIA at the top of the form.
