COMMISSIONERS COURT
COMMUNICATION

COURT ORDER NUMBER 145746
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DATE: 8/19/2025

SUBJECT: **BID NO. F2025152 - ANNUAL CONTRACT FOR THC QUANTITATION ANALYSIS - SHERIFF'S OFFICE - VARIOUS VENDORS - PER UNIT PRICE AND DISCOUNT FROM LIST PRICE**

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court award Bid No. F2025152, Annual Contract for THC Quantitation Analysis, for the Sheriff's Office, to the following vendors at the per unit price and discount from list price:

Primary	Armstrong Forensic Laboratory, Inc.
Secondary	National Medical Services, Inc. d/b/a NMS Labs

BACKGROUND

Notice of the County's intent to bid was advertised in a local newspaper, 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. Seven hundred ninety (790) vendors were contacted and requested to participate in this bid process. All documents pertaining to this bid were posted on the Tarrant County website and were downloaded by interested bidders. A pre-bid conference held on May 20, 2025 was attended by one (1) vendor as well as representatives from the Sheriff's Office and Purchasing. Two (2) bids and six (6) no-bids were received.

Bids were evaluated by the Sheriff's Office and Purchasing representatives. Award recommendations are to the low bids meeting specifications.

The term of the contract is twelve (12) months, effective October 22, 2025, with two (2) options for renewal periods of twelve (12) months each.

The purpose of this contract is to determine delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol concentration. Officers submit seized, suspected marijuana to certified labs for THC testing, aiding prosecutors in distinguishing hemp from marijuana for legal cases.

Therefore, it is the joint recommendation of the Sheriff's Office and Purchasing that Bid No. F2025152, Annual Contract for THC Quantitation Analysis, be awarded to the vendors listed above at the per unit price and discount from list price.

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

FISCAL IMPACT

Expenses for the last twelve (12) months was $47,300.00. The department has included funding in its FY 2026 budget request.

IFB No. F2025152 Annual Contract For THC Quantitation Analysis

				Primary Award		*Secondary Award*	
				Armstrong Forensic Laboratory, Inc. Arlington, TX HUB - Yes CO-OP - Yes		*National Medical Services, Inc., d/b/a NMS Labs Horsham, PA HUB - No CO-OP - Yes*	
Line #	Description	QTY	UOM	Unit	Extended	Unit	Extended
1.1	Marijuana Identification by Microscopy and Botanicals / Hemp/Marijuana Differentiation by GC/MS	376	EA	**$ 130.00**	**$ 48,880.00**	*$ 216.00*	*$ 81,216.00*
1.2	THC Identification by Color Test and Hemp/Marijuana Differentiation by GC-MS	388	EA	**$ 120.00**	**$ 46,560.00**	*$ 216.00*	*$ 83,808.00*
1.3	THC Identification and Cannabinoid Quantitation by HPLC, GC-MS, or GC-FID	19	EA	**$ 240.00**	**$ 4,560.00**	*$ 350.00*	*$ 6,650.00*
1.4	Case Set-Up Fee (Hourly Rate), if applicable	1	Per Hour	**$ -**	**$ -**	*$ -*	*$ -*
1.5	Case Cancellation/Handling Fee, if applicable	1	Service	**$ -**	**$ -**	*$ 68.00*	*$ 68.00*
1.6	Weight Only-Plant Material	4	EA	**$ 120.00**	**$ 480.00**	*$ -*	*$ -*
1.7	Rush Service Fee	13	Service	**$ 120.00**	**$ 1,560.00**	*$ 275.00*	*$ 3,575.00*
1.8	Additional Component Fee	4	EA	**$ -**	**$ -**	*$ -*	*$ -*
	Bid Total			**$**	**102,040.00**	*$*	*175,317.00*
2	Optional - Expert Witness Testimony Fee, All-Inclusive, Virtual	1	Per Hour	**$ 395.00**	**$ 395.00**	*$ -*	*$ -*
3	Optional - Expert Witness Testimony Fee, All-Inclusive, In-Person, including all travel expenses and meals	1	Per Hour	**$ 495.00**	**$ 495.00**	*$ -*	*$ -*
4	Optional - Alternate test for Marijuana Identification by Microscopy and Botanicals / Hemp/Marijuana Differentiation by GC/MS	1	EA	**$ 120.00**	**$ 120.00**	*$ 300.00*	*$ 300.00*
5	Optional - Alternate test for THC Identification by Color Test and Hemp/Marijuana Differentiation by GC-MS	1	EA	**$ 120.00**	**$ 120.00**	*No Bid*	*No Bid*
6	Optional - Alternate test for THC Identification and Cannabinoid Quantitation by HPLC, GC-MS, or GC-FID	1	EA	**$ 240.00**	**$ 240.00**	*$ 330.00*	*$ 330.00*
7	Discount off of test pricing for items not listed above.			**10.0%**		*10.0%*	

Notes: No-bids were received from Bound Tree Medical, LLC, Communication Concepts dba Communicon Inc., Fisher Healthcare dba Thermo Fisher Scientific LLC, Medco Supply Company dba Performance Health Supply LLC, Texas Pipeline Services, and Unipak Corp.

TARRANT COUNTY

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Date: July 21, 2025

TO: Tarrant County Purchasing Department

RE: BID F2025152 for Annual Contract for THC Quantitation Analysis

Following a thorough evaluation, the Tarrant County Sheriff's Office is recommending the award for the THC Quantitation Analysis to the following vendor:

Primary Vendor	Armstrong Forensic Laboratory, Inc.
Secondary Vendor	National Medical Services, Inc. dba NMS labs

Respectfully,

F. Heckman

F. Heckman, Commander
Tarrant County Sheriff's Office
Combined Narcotics Enforcement Team

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: Bid No. F2025152 - Annual Contract for THC Quantitation Analysis - Sheriff's Office - Various Vendors - Per Unit Price and Discount from List Price

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.

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I. Stated Purpose

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

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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.

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