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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: April 23, 2019

DATE: Friday, April 19, 2019

TO: Board of County Commissioners

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SUBJECT: Recommendation to approve entering a five-year contract with Microgenics Corporation (dba: ThermoFisher Scientific) for the annual purchase of a Beckman AU680 Reagents to include an annual instrument lease, user licenses for the Paracelsus™ software, and service charges at an annual cost of (\$164,667.58), or (\$874,242.53) five year total under a sole source exemption with the intent to use existing department testing funds in addition to anticipated funds arising from a Professional Services Agreement with the Second Judicial District Court for drug and alcohol testing for Specialty Courts, not to exceed (\$368,311) annually. If approved, authorize the Purchasing and Contracts Manager to execute all necessary contract documents. (All Commission Districts.) **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

SUMMARY

Recommendation to approve entering a five-year contract with Microgenics Corporation (dba: ThermoFisher Scientific) for the annual purchase of a Beckman AU680 Reagents to include an annual instrument lease, user licenses for the Paracelsus™ software, and service charges at an annual cost of \$164,667.58 (\$874,242.53 five year total) under a sole source exemption with the intent to use existing department testing funds in addition to anticipated funds arising from a Professional Services Agreement with the Second Judicial District Court for drug and alcohol testing for Specialty Courts, not to exceed \$368,311 annually. If approved, authorize the Purchasing and Contracts Manager to execute all necessary contract documents.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item:

Safe, Secure and Healthy Communities

PREVIOUS ACTION

None

BACKGROUND

AGENDA ITEM # _____

Since establishing the Sober 24 testing facility, the Department of Alternative Sentencing has utilized on-site presumptive urinalysis test cups to detect controlled substance and alcohol use. If the results are challenged, the sample is sent to an outside vendor for lab confirmations.

The Second Judicial District Court has been using an outside vendor for its drug and alcohol testing for Specialty Courts. By utilizing funds already allocated for testing by the Department of Alternative Sentencing and by partnering with the Second Judicial District Court, Sober 24 will establish an on-site drug and alcohol testing lab using no additional funds. Sober 24 will perform the testing for the Second Judicial District Court. Currently, Specialty Court participants test five days per week. Sober 24 will provide testing services 7 days per week, 365 days per year, which is an industry best practice.

The Paracelsus™ software is linked directly to the State of Nevada's Administrative Office of the Courts mandatory Drug Court Case Management (DCCM) system for all Specialty Courts funded by the State. ThermoFisher is the only provider of the software, lab equipment, and reagents integrated with the State-required DCCM. Additionally, having an on-site lab is considered drug testing best practices due to 99% accuracy when compared to GCMS and LCMS. (Gold Standard)

There is proposed legislation pending in the 2019 Legislature that, if approved will require all Sober 24 programs to adhere to best practices.

FISCAL IMPACT

The five-year contract with Microgenics Corporation (dba: ThermoFisher Scientific) for the annual purchase of a Beckman AU680 Reagents will be purchased with existing Alternative Sentencing department testing funds (\$64,900 from C154100-710311) and anticipated funds from the Second Judicial District Court, not to exceed \$368,311 annually (\$269,225 from IN20215-710100, \$19,741 from IN20419-710100, \$39,345 from IN20418-710100, \$20,000 from IN20340-710100 and \$20,000 from IN20217-710100). The annual cost of \$164,667.58 (\$874,242.53 five year total) not only includes the reagents, but also an annual instrument lease, user licenses for Paracelsus, and service charges.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners approve entering a five-year contract with Microgenics Corporation (dba: ThermoFisher Scientific) for the annual purchase of a Beckman AU680 Reagents to include an annual instrument lease, user licenses for the Paracelsus™ software, and service charges at an annual cost of \$164,667.58 (\$874,242.53 five year total) under a sole source exemption with the intent to use existing department testing funds in addition to anticipated funds arising from a Professional Services Agreement with the Second Judicial District Court for drug and alcohol testing for Specialty Courts, not to exceed \$368,311 annually. If approved, authorize the Purchasing and Contracts Manager to execute all necessary contract documents.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be:

Move to approve entering a five-year contract with Microgenics Corporation (dba: ThermoFisher Scientific) for the annual purchase of a Beckman AU680 Reagents to include an annual instrument lease, user licenses for the Paracelsus™ software, and service charges at an annual

cost of \$164,667.58 (\$874,242.53 five year total) under a sole source exemption with the intent to use existing department testing funds in addition to anticipated funds arising from a Professional Services Agreement with the Second Judicial District Court for drug and alcohol testing for Specialty Courts, not to exceed \$368,311 annually, and authorize the Purchasing and Contracts Manager to execute all necessary contract documents.