

Business Item

Management Committee



Committee Meeting Date: April 13, 2022

For the Metropolitan Council: April 27, 2022

Business Item: 2022-93

Rapid PCR On-Site Covid Test Kits, Contract 21P385

District(s), Member(s):	ALL
Policy/Legal Reference:	Council Expenditure Policy FM 14-2, Procurement of Goods and Services
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Division/Department:	Regional Administration

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute contract 21P385 with Cue Health Inc., for Rapid PCR On-Site Covid Test Kits in the amount not to exceed \$2,508,400 for one year with an option to extend an additional year.

Background

Successful pilot programs on PCR Rapid Testing have been conducted at both Metro Mobility and the Metro Transit Police Department. There is no minimum purchase required as part of this proposed contract. Approval of the contract with Cue Health Inc will allow the Council to implement future testing programs, in the event they are needed in the future, with speed and efficiency. The Invitation for Bids was advertised on January 21, 2022. A pre-bid meeting was hosted by Council staff that outlined the solicitation requirements, discussed project specifications and responded to plan holder inquires. There were thirty-one plan holders, thirty prime bidders, one plan room, and fourteen plan holders identified as woman, minority, veteran or disadvantaged business enterprises. Procurement facilitated a public bid opening on February 9, 2022, and five bids were received.

Rationale

The five bids received ranged from \$2,000,000 to \$6,050,000. Cue Health Inc. is the lowest, responsive, and responsible bidder at \$2,508,400 and recommended for award. The award and execution of a goods contract in excess of \$500,000 requires Council approval.

Thrive Lens Analysis

Stewardship - Authorization to enter into a contract with CUE for Rapid PCR Onsite Covid Test Kits supports the Thrive outcome of Stewardship by providing the testing options at a low cost.

Funding

Funding for this item is included in the Departments' operating budgets.

Small Business Inclusion

The Office of Equity and Equal Opportunity (OEEEO) thoroughly reviewed this procurement for Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) opportunities in accordance with applicable federal and state laws and regulations as well as contract specifications. Upon conclusion of OEEEO's research and analysis, no DBE goal was set.

