

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL

DATE: AUGUST 3, 1998

FROM: CYNTHIA J. KURTZ, ACTING CITY MANAGER

**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF FY 1999 PURCHASE ORDER AGREEMENTS WITH
CONNAUGHT LAB, INC. AND SMITH KLINE BEECHAM FOR
VACCINES FOR TRAVEL ABROAD AND RABIES IMMUNIZATIONS**

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council take the following actions:

1. Authorize the Purchasing Administrator to issue a purchase order to Connaught Lab, Inc. for \$50,000 to acquire vaccines for travel and rabies immunizations;
2. Authorize the Purchasing Administrator to issue a purchase order to Smith Kline Beecham clinical laboratories for \$50,000 to acquire vaccines for travel immunizations;
3. Grant partial exemptions from the Affirmative Action in Contracting Ordinance for competitive selection process only, pursuant to P.M.C. 4.09.060 (B) contract for materials and supplies available from a sole source; and,
4. Grant exemptions from formal bidding pursuant to City Charter, Article X, Section 1002 (c), Contracts for labor, materials, supplies and services available from a sole source.

BACKGROUND:

The Travel Immunization Program is directed through the City's Public Health Department, and serves people in the community who need immunizations to travel abroad for business, luxury, or family events/emergencies. This program offers a full scope of immunizations including protection against Hepatitis A, yellow fever, meningococcal infections and polio.

Vaccine for yellow fever, meningococcal infections and polio inoculations is produced and distributed only by Connaught Lab, Inc. This company also distributes the rabies vaccine used for populations at risk for rabies, such as Humane Society employees. Vaccine for Hepatitis A inoculations is produced and distributed only by Smith Kline Beecham clinical laboratories.

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The Pasadena Public Health Department is one of the few providers of travel immunizations in the community, and offers travel vaccines at a lower cost than private providers. During FY 1998, over 5,200 immunizations were administered to 3,389 clients. These individuals pay fees to cover the costs of the various immunizations, ranging in price from \$15 to \$90.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION:

Connaught Lab, Inc. and Smith Kline Beecham are the sole suppliers for the above-mentioned vaccines. It is essential that the City acquire these vaccines from these two suppliers to maintain an adequate source of the vaccines required for travel and rabies prevention.

A discretionary partial exemption from the Affirmative Action in Contracting Ordinance is requested on the basis of PMC 4.09.060 (B), contract for materials and supplies available from a sole source.

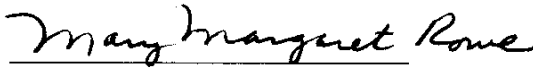
FISCAL IMPACT:

This action by the City Council has no fiscal impact on the FY 1999 budget since these revenues and appropriations have been included in the Public Health Department's Disease Prevention and Control Division budget account # 563100.

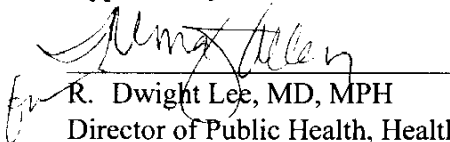
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