

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON  
ACTING AS THE PUBLIC CONTRACT REVIEW BOARD  
**ORDER NO. 99-36**

Exempting from the Formal Competitive Bid Process a Contract for the Purchase of Rapid Strep and Pregnancy testing kits from Abbott Diagnostics.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. The Board, acting in its capacity as the Multnomah County Public Contract Review Board to review, pursuant to PCRB Rules 10.140 and 20.060 a request from the Health Department for the purchase of streptococcal infection and pregnancy testing materials from Abbott Diagnostics at the estimated annual cost is \$75,000.
- b. As it appears in the staff report from Franna Hathaway and the memorandum from Billi Odegaard, the request for exemption is based upon the fact that the County Health Department standardized on the Abbott Diagnostics Rapid Strep and Pregnancy testing kits based on cost per unit, ease of use and accuracy of results; these products are under patent and only available from Abbott Diagnostics; the patent expiration will be monitored.
- c. This exemption request is in accord with the requirements of Multnomah County Public Contract Review Board Administrative Rules 10.140 and 20.060.

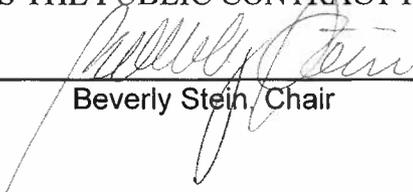
The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners, acting as the Public Contract Review Board Orders:

That the contract for the purchase of Rapid Strep and Pregnancy testing kits from Abbott Diagnostics be exempted from the requirements of the formal competitive bid process.

APPROVED this 18th day of March, 1999.

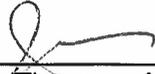


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