

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON  
ACTING AS THE PUBLIC CONTRACT REVIEW BOARD

In the Matter of an Exemption to )  
purchase testing reagent )  
materials from Becton-Dickinson, )  
the sole supplier of these materials )

ORDER  
96-75

The above entitled matter is before the Board of County Commissioners, acting in its capacity as the Multnomah County Public Contract Review Board, to consider a request from the Department of Health, Laboratory Division under Multnomah County PCRB Rule AR 10.100 to grant a sole source exemption to purchase the "T" Cell testing reagent materials from Becton-Dickinson, the sole supplier of the product.

It appearing to the Board that the request for exemption, as it appears in the application, is based upon the fact that recently, as part of a research protocol, the American Federation of AIDS Research (AmFAR) has made available to its affiliated agencies, of which the Department of Health, Laboratory Division is one, "T" Cell testing equipment on a loan basis and also provides the testing reagent materials at a substantially reduced costs. They are currently giving Multnomah County a 35% discount from the list price. This offer has allowed the Health Department to perform these tests internally, thereby, dropping the cost for each test from the contracted price of \$46 per test to approximately \$22 per test. This represents over a 50% cost savings. The maker of the equipment is the sole supplier of the required testing reagent materials. The term of the commitment with AmFAR is at our discretion. We may cancel at any time by returning the equipment. The cost of the reagent material is determined by the arrangement between AmFAR and the manufacturer of the equipment and reagents. The purchasing of the reagents would be by issuing a monthly purchase order and ordering the reagents as needed.

It appearing to the Board that this request for an exemption is in accord with the requirements of the Multnomah County Public Contract Review Board Administrative Rules AR 10.100; it is therefore


**ORDERED** that the exemption is hereby approved as it represents

Dated this 2nd day of May, 1996.

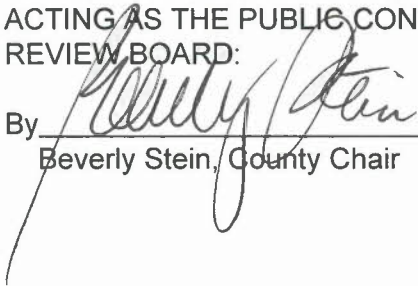
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John Thomas

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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By  \_\_\_\_\_  
Beverly Stein, County Chair