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COMMUNICATION

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DATE: 04/16/2019

SUBJECT: **BID NO. 2019-127 - ANNUAL CONTRACT FOR VACCINE REFRIGERATORS AND FREEZERS - PUBLIC HEALTH - VARIOUS VENDORS - PER UNIT PRICE**

**COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED:**

It is requested that the Commissioners Court award Bid No. 2019-127, Annual Contract for Vaccine Refrigerators and Freezers, for Public Health, to the following vendors at the per unit price:

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| Primary   | So-Low Environmental Equipment Co. |        |
| Secondary | Scimetrics, Inc.                   | Item 1 |
|           | Fisher Healthcare                  | Item 2 |

**BACKGROUND:**

Notice of the County’s intent to bid was advertised in local newspapers, as required by State statute, posted on the Internet, the Arlington Black Chamber of Commerce, the Fort Worth Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, the Fort Worth Metropolitan Black Chamber of Commerce, and the Tarrant County Asian American Chamber of Commerce. Three hundred three (303) vendors were contacted and requested to participate in this bid process. All documents pertaining to this bid were posted on the Tarrant County website and were downloaded by interested bidders. A pre-bid conference held on March 5, 2019 was attended by three (3) vendors as well as representatives from Public Health and Purchasing. Eight (8) bids were received.

Bids were evaluated by Public Health and Purchasing representatives. Award recommendations are to the low bids meeting specifications. The apparent low bids received from Alpha Mechanical for both items did not meet specifications because the unit measurements exceeded the dimensions as specified. Cardinal Health withdrew their bid.

The term of the contract is twelve (12) months, effective April 16, 2019, with one (1) option for a renewal period of twelve (12) months.

Therefore, it is the joint recommendation of Public Health and Purchasing that Bid No. 2019-127, Annual Contract for Vaccine Refrigerators and Freezers, be awarded to the vendors listed above at the per unit price.

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| SUBMITTED BY: | Purchasing | PREPARED BY: | Elaine Johnson |
|               |            | APPROVED BY: |                |



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## **FISCAL IMPACT:**

Expenses are estimated to be approximately \$81,625.00. Orders are placed on an as-needed basis.