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SUBJECT: **BID NO. 2017-171 - ANNUAL CONTRACT FOR URINE DRUG SCREENING SUPPLIES - COMMUNITY SUPERVISION AND CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT (CSCD) AND JUVENILE SERVICES - VARIOUS VENDORS - PER UNIT PRICE AND DISCOUNT FROM LIST PRICE**

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED:

It is requested that the Commissioners Court award Bid No. 2017-171, Annual Contract for Urine Drug Screening Supplies, for Community Supervision and Corrections Department (CSCD) and Juvenile Services, to the following vendors at the per unit price and discount from list price:

Primary	American Drug Screen Corp.	1 of 4 Items
	Redwood Toxicology Laboratory	1 of 4 Items
	Smartox	1 of 4 Items
Secondary	Smartox	1 of 4 Items
	U.S. Diagnostics	1 of 4 Items

BACKGROUND:

Notice of the County’s intent to bid was advertised in local newspapers, as required by State statute, and 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. One hundred fifty-nine (159) 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. Eleven (11) bids were received.

Bids were evaluated by CSCD, Juvenile Services, and Purchasing representatives. Samples from the three (3) lowest bidders for each item were received and tested. Award recommendations are to the low bids meeting specifications and sample sufficiency.

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



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American Drug Screen Corp. did not meet specifications for item 1, because the test line bled making it difficult to read and a false positive was obtained on one (1) of the samples provided. Phamatech did not meet specifications for item 1 because the test line bled and dripping occurred with no safeguard against exposure to the urine. Mergers Marketing did not meet specifications for item 3 because they did not provide samples within a reasonable time as required.

No award is being made for item 2 because the cutoff limits in the bid specifications do not comply with industry standards and will not be considered for award.

Tie bids were received for item 4. The award recommendation was determined in accordance with Commissioners Court Order No. 60616, Procedure for Awarding Tie Bids.

The term of the contract is twelve (12) months, effective September 19, 2017, with two (2) options for renewal periods of twelve (12) months each.

Therefore, it is the joint recommendation of CSCD and Juvenile Services and Purchasing that Bid No. 2017-171, Annual Contract for Urine Drug Screening Supplies, be awarded to the vendors listed above at the per unit price and discount from list price.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Annual expenditures are estimated to be approximately \$220,000.00. Orders are placed on an as-needed basis.