

**County of San Diego Board of Supervisors
AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION SHEET**

AGENDA ITEM SUBJECT/TITLE:

SHERIFF – REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A COMPETITIVE SOLICITATION FOR DENTAL SERVICES AT DETENTION FACILITIES (DISTRICTS: ALL)

REQUIRES FOUR VOTES:

Yes No

WRITTEN DISCLOSURE PER COUNTY CHARTER SECTION §1000.1 REQUIRED:

Yes No

NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING REQUIRED:

Yes No

PROJECT UNDER CEQA:

Yes No

If Yes, approval of CEQA document required?

Yes No

DECISION WITHIN GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 84308:

Yes No

PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOARD ACTIONS:

August 4, 2020 (1) SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT REQUEST TO ISSUE A COMPETITIVE SOLICITATION FOR MEDICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES (DISTRICTS: ALL)

BOARD POLICIES APPLICABLE:

A-87 Competitive Procurement

BOARD POLICY STATEMENTS:

A-87 - Request to issue a competitive solicitation for dental services at Sheriff's detention facilities.

Item or Service and Term Period: Procurement of dental services for one initial year, four option years, and a six-month extension, if needed, and to amend the contract as needed to reflect changes to service requirements and funding, subject to the approval of the Sheriff.

Benefits to the County of San Diego: The proposed solicitation will strengthen the County's ability to provide timely and medically appropriate dental care for individuals in Sheriff's custody. The current service model, which offers only basic dental care, is no longer adequate to meet the increased volume and complexity of dental needs in the detention system. The absence of contracted specialty endodontic services has resulted in preventable dental emergencies, tooth loss, and an increased reliance on off-site transports, which impact operations and elevate security staffing demands. Expanding to a dedicated dental contract will allow the Sheriff's Office to provide on-site specialty care, reduce operational disruptions, improve clinical outcomes, and align service delivery with Title 15 requirements and nationally recognized correctional health standards.

This action also positions the County to better utilize Medi-Cal reimbursement opportunities available through the Justice-Involved (CalAIM) initiative, which allows eligible dental services to be reimbursed up to 90 days prior to release. Improving access to comprehensive dental services will help ensure continuity of care, improve health outcomes, and support long-term operational efficiency across the detention system.

Fair and Reasonable Pricing: Fair and Reasonable pricing will be determined through the result of a competitive solicitation.

MANDATORY COMPLIANCE:

N/A

ORACLE AWARD NUMBER(S) AND CONTRACT AND/OR REQUISITION NUMBER(S):

Pending

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Sheriff's Office

OTHER CONCURRENCE(S): Department of Purchasing and Contracting

INTERNAL REVIEW COMPLETED: YES NO

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