THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE

STAFF REPORT

Council Meeting Date: October 26, 2021

Subject: Approval for Idexx Corporation as a Sole Provider for Colilert/Simplate Products (NC SLPH certification and Revised Total Coliform Rule).

Staff Resource(s): Leslie Carreiro, Water Production Division Manager; Brenna Cook, Compliance Coordinator; Myrriah Ringgenberg, Laboratory Supervisor

Action Requested: Sole Source Approval for purchases from Idexx Corporation until such time as there are other products available that meet certification requirements for the Water Resources Laboratories.

Background:

- A Biological Certification to analyze water samples from the City's water distribution system is required by the NC State Laboratory of Public Health.
- Water Resources' Laboratory is required to comply with EPA's Revised Total Coliform Rule.
- The Water Resources Laboratories are required to use an approved Standard Method (SM-9223B) of analysis.
- Colilert is one of the most reliable and quickest methods to produce accurate results.
- Using Idexx Corporation as a Sole Provider for Colilert/Simplate Products will ensure continued certification by NC State Laboratory of Public Health and compliance with the EPA's Revised Total Coliform Rule.

Vendor Outreach Efforts:

- Idexx is a Sole Source Provider of the Colilert and Simplate products.

Council Goal(s):

- A Clean and Healthy Environment

Committee(s):

- None

Pro(s):

- The Water Resources Laboratories will remain certified as required by the NC State Laboratory of Public Health.
- Ensures Water Resources meets all mandated State and Federal regulatory requirements for the Safe Drinking Water Act/ Revised Total Coliform Rule.
- Colilert is a reliable product that provides for accurate results and ease of use for employees. The analysis is simple and fast, allowing time for employees to focus on other duties.

Con(s):

- None

Fiscal Impact:

- $25,234.64 per year, with a plan to request a set price for a three year period. This is a planned cost included in each fiscal year budget. Funding is allocated within the Water Resources Operational Budget.

Suggested Motion:

- Motion to adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to approve Idexx Corporation as a Sole Source Provider for Colilert/Simplate Products until such a time as there are other products available that meet certification requirements.

Attachment(s):

- Resolution
- 2022 Justification.pdf

RESOLUTION NO. 21-____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SOLE SOURCE APPROVAL FOR PURCHASES OF COLILERT/SIMPLATE PRODUCTS FROM IDEXX CORPORATION

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 143-129(e)(6), the City of Asheville does not have to engage in competitive bidding for purchases of apparatus, supplies, materials or equipment when (i) performance or price competition is unavailable; (ii) a needed product is available from only one source of supply; or (iii) standardization or compatibility is the overriding consideration.; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 160A-312, the City of Asheville has authority to operate a public enterprise; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 160A-20.1, the City of Asheville may enter into contracts with private entities to carry out any public purpose the City is authorized to engage in; and

WHEREAS, the City currently utilizes Idexx Corporation to provide Colilert and other products in order to meet the required standard methods for the analysis of Total Coliform and E.Coli Bacteria; and

WHEREAS, the use of Idexx Corporation will utilize the most accurate products to ensure timely completion and fulfill compliance with scope of the Revised Total Coliform Rule;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE THAT:

The City Manager, on behalf of the City of Asheville, is hereby authorized to purchase Idexx Corporation Products - Colilert, Simplate in order to meet State and Federal regulations by maintaining Water Resources Laboratory Certifications to analyze drinking water per Standard Method 9223B - Colilert Method.

Read, approved, and adopted this 26th day of October, 2021.

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City Clerk Mayor

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney