

Notice

Basic Information

Reference Number	0000399186
Issuing Organization	Dallas County
Owner Organization	
Solicitation Type	IFB - Invitation for Bid (Formal)
Solicitation Number	2025-060-7085
Title	Purchase of Becton Dickinson BACTEC Mycobacteria Growth Indicator Tube
Source ID	PU.AG.USA.2438.C20523701
Piggyback Solicitation	No

Details

Location	Dallas County, Texas
Purchase Type	Duration:5 years
Description	<p>IFB – Purchase of Becton Dickinson BACTEC Mycobacteria Growth Indicator Tube (BD BACTEC MGIT) 960 Mycobacterial Detection System</p> <p>The intent of this invitation for bid is for the one-time purchase of a Becton Dickinson BACTEC Mycobacteria Growth Indicator Tube (BD BACTEC MGIT) 960 mycobacterial detection system and to establish a five-year master agreement for the consumables used by the equipment.</p> <p>*** BID READIG LINK***</p> <p>https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_NGYzOTJmOTgtY2Q1Ni00YzYyLWFiNjUtYmM5OTE1YWwM2ZjQ5%40thread.v2/0?context=%7B%22Tid%22%3A%2251adcfad-72f1-479c-b28f-52412e04014b%22%2C%22Oid%22%3A%226f7e6e0d-1f84-43a8-a037-c8b93e424cb8%22%2C%22IsBroadcastMeeting%22%3Atrue%2C%22role%22%3A%22a%22%7D&btype=a&role=a</p>

Dates

Publication	09/25/2025 08:16 AM CDT
Question Acceptance Deadline	10/03/2025 11:00 AM CDT
Questions are submitted online	Yes
Closing Date	10/16/2025 02:00 PM CDT

Prebid Conference	10/03/2025 11:00 AM CDT
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Buyer Preferences, Guidelines & Requirements

Participation Requirements

- Small Business Participation

Award Requirements

- All or None Award

Pre-Bidding Events

Event Type	Prebid Conference
Attendance	Recommended
Event date	10/03/2025 11:00 AM CDT
Location	MS Teams

Event Note

Microsoft Teams Need help?
Join the meeting now
Meeting ID: 236 049 011 003 8

Dial in by phone
+1 469-208-1731,,697497787# United States, Carrollton
Find a local number
Phone conference ID: 697 497 787#
For organizers: Meeting options | Reset dial-in PIN

Bid Submission Process

Bid Submission Type Electronic or Physical Bid Submission

Pricing Item Based

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Supplier can place No Bid on an Item No

Bid Documents List

Item Name	Description	Mandatory	Limited to 1 file
Bid Documents	Documents defining the proposal	Yes	No
W9	Tax Documents	No	No
SBE Documents	Small Business Enterprise Documents	Yes	No
Attachment A	Cost Sheet (For Hardcopy Submission)	No	No

Documents & Items

Documents

Document	Size	Uploaded Date	Language
DALLAS COUNTY STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS IFB (1).pdf [pdf]	342 Kb	12/20/2024 02:00 PM CST	English
SBE_Language_for_IFB_2.24.24_ATTACHMENT_S.pdf [pdf]	536 Kb	12/19/2024 11:15 AM CST	English
Attachment A - Cost Sheet .xlsx [xlsx]	13 Kb	09/23/2025 01:34 PM CDT	English
2025-060-7085 Purchase of BD BACTEC MGIT 960 Mycobacterial Detection System.pdf [pdf]	322 Kb	09/24/2025 04:11 PM CDT	English
Exhibit I BACTEC MGIT Instrument Quick Ref Guide.pdf [pdf]	395 Kb	09/24/2025 04:13 PM CDT	English

Items

BACTEC MGIT 960 and Consumables

BD BACTEC MGIT - System

No	Description	UOM	Qty
1	BD BACTEC MGIT 960 mycobacterial detection system Manufacturer: Becton Dickinson Model Number: 445870 Manufacturer: Becton Dickinson Part #: 445870 Brand Preference: Brand Name Only	Each	1

BD BACTEC MGIT-CONSUMABLES

CONSUMABLES 1 - YEAR 1

No	Description	UOM	Qty
2	BBL MGT 7mL Tube (100 tubes/case) Manufacturer: Becton Dickinson Product Number: 245122 Manufacturer: Becton Dickinson Part #: 245122 Brand Preference: Brand Name Only	Case	72
3	BACTEC MGT Supplement Kit (100 Tests) Manufacturer: Becton Dickinson Product Number: 245124 Manufacturer: Becton Dickinson Part #: 245124 Brand Preference: Brand Name Only	Case	62
4	BACTEC MGIT 960 SIRE Kit (100 Tests) Manufacturer: Becton Dickinson Model Number: 245123 Manufacturer: Becton Dickinson Part #: 245123 Brand Preference: Brand Name Only	Case	1

BD BACTEC MGIT-CONSUMABLES

CONSUMABLES 1 - YEAR 1

No	Description	UOM	Qty
5	BACTEC MGIT 960 STR 4.0 Kit Manufacturer: Becton Dickinson Model Number: 245125 Manufacturer: Becton Dickinson Part #: 245125 Brand Preference: Brand Name Only	Case	1
6	BACTEC MGIT 960 PZA Medium Manufacturer: Becton Dickinson Model Number: 245115 Manufacturer: Becton Dickinson Part #: 245115 Brand Preference: Brand Name Only	Case	1
7	BACTEC MGIT 960 PZA Drug Kit Manufacturer: Becton Dickinson Model Number: 245128 Manufacturer: Becton Dickinson Part #: 245128 Brand Preference: Brand Name Only	Case	1

BD BACTEC MGIT-CONSUMABLES

CONSUMABLES 2 - YEAR 2

No	Description	UOM	Qty
8	BBL MGT 7mL Tube (100 tubes/case) Manufacturer: Becton Dickinson Product Number: 245122 Manufacturer: Becton Dickinson Part #: 245122 Brand Preference: Brand Name Only	Case	72
9	BACTEC MIGT Supplement Kit (100 Tests) Manufacturer: Becton Dickinson Product Number: 245124 Manufacturer: Becton Dickinson Part #: 245124 Brand Preference: Brand Name Only	Case	62
10	BACTEC MGIT 960 SIRE Kit (100 Tests) Manufacturer: Becton Dickinson Model Number: 245123 Manufacturer: Becton Dickinson Part #: 245123 Brand Preference: Brand Name Only	Case	1
11	BACTEC MGIT 960 STR 4.0 Kit Manufacturer: Becton Dickinson Model Number: 245125 Manufacturer: Becton Dickinson Part #: 245125 Brand Preference: Brand Name Only	Case	1
12	BACTEC MGIT 960 PZA Medium Manufacturer: Becton Dickinson Model Number: 245115 Manufacturer: Becton Dickinson Part #: 245115 Brand Preference: Brand Name Only	Case	1
13	BACTEC MGIT 960 PZA Drug Kit Manufacturer: Becton Dickinson Model Number: 245128 Manufacturer: Becton Dickinson Part #: 245128 Brand Preference: Brand Name Only	Case	1

BD BACTEC MGIT-CONSUMABLES

CONSUMABLES 3 - YEAR 3

No	Description	UOM	Qty
14	BBL MGT 7mL Tube (100 tubes/case) Manufacturer: Becton Dickinson Product Number: 245122 Manufacturer: Becton Dickinson Part #: 245122 Brand Preference: Brand Name Only	Case	72
15	BACTEC MIGT Supplement Kit (100 Tests) Manufacturer: Becton Dickinson Product Number: 245124 Manufacturer: Becton Dickinson Part #: 245124 Brand Preference: Brand Name Only	Case	62
16	BACTEC MGIT 960 SIRE Kit (100 Tests) Manufacturer: Becton Dickinson Model Number: 245123 Manufacturer: Becton Dickinson Part #: 245123 Brand Preference: Brand Name Only	Case	1
17	BACTEC MGIT 960 STR 4.0 Kit Manufacturer: Becton Dickinson Model Number: 245125 Manufacturer: Becton Dickinson Part #: 245125 Brand Preference: Brand Name Only	Case	1
18	BACTEC MGIT 960 PZA Medium Manufacturer: Becton Dickinson Model Number: 245115 Manufacturer: Becton Dickinson Part #: 245115 Brand Preference: Brand Name Only	Case	1
19	BACTEC MGIT 960 PZA Drug Kit Manufacturer: Becton Dickinson Model Number: 245128 Manufacturer: Becton Dickinson Part #: 245128 Brand Preference: Brand Name Only	Case	1

BD BACTEC MGIT-CONSUMABLES

CONSUMABLES 4 - YEAR 4

No	Description	UOM	Qty
20	BBL MGT 7mL Tube (100 tubes/case) Manufacturer: Becton Dickinson Product Number: 245122 Manufacturer: Becton Dickinson Part #: 245122 Brand Preference: Brand Name Only	Case	72
21	BACTEC MIGT Supplement Kit (100 Tests) Manufacturer: Becton Dickinson Product Number: 245124 Manufacturer: Becton Dickinson Part #: 245124 Brand Preference: Brand Name Only	Case	62
22	BACTEC MGIT 960 SIRE Kit (100 Tests) Manufacturer: Becton Dickinson Model Number: 245123 Manufacturer: Becton Dickinson Part #: 245123 Brand Preference: Brand Name Only	Case	1
23	BACTEC MGIT 960 STR 4.0 Kit Manufacturer: Becton Dickinson Model Number: 245125 Manufacturer: Becton Dickinson Part #: 245125 Brand Preference: Brand Name Only	Case	1
24	BACTEC MGIT 960 PZA Medium Manufacturer: Becton Dickinson Model Number: 245115 Manufacturer: Becton Dickinson Part #: 245115 Brand Preference: Brand Name Only	Case	1
25	BACTEC MGIT 960 PZA Drug Kit Manufacturer: Becton Dickinson Model Number: 245128 Manufacturer: Becton Dickinson Part #: 245128 Brand Preference: Brand Name Only	Case	1

BD BACTEC MGIT-CONSUMABLES

CONSUMABLES 5 - YEAR 5

No	Description	UOM	Qty
26	BBL MGT 7mL Tube (100 tubes/case) Manufacturer: Becton Dickinson Product Number: 245122 Manufacturer: Becton Dickinson Part #: 245122 Brand Preference: Brand Name Only	Case	72
27	BACTEC MIGT Supplement Kit (100 Tests) Manufacturer: Becton Dickinson Product Number: 245124 Manufacturer: Becton Dickinson Part #: 245124 Brand Preference: Brand Name Only	Case	62
28	BACTEC MGIT 960 SIRE Kit (100 Tests) Manufacturer: Becton Dickinson Model Number: 245123 Manufacturer: Becton Dickinson Part #: 245123 Brand Preference: Brand Name Only	Case	1
29	BACTEC MGIT 960 STR 4.0 Kit Manufacturer: Becton Dickinson Model Number: 245125 Manufacturer: Becton Dickinson Part #: 245125 Brand Preference: Brand Name Only	Case	1
30	BACTEC MGIT 960 PZA Medium Manufacturer: Becton Dickinson Model Number: 245115 Manufacturer: Becton Dickinson Part #: 245115 Brand Preference: Brand Name Only	Case	1
31	BACTEC MGIT 960 PZA Drug Kit Manufacturer: Becton Dickinson Model Number: 245128 Manufacturer: Becton Dickinson Part #: 245128 Brand Preference: Brand Name Only	Case	1

Categories

Selected Categories

NIGP Categories (5)	
495	LABORATORY AND FIELD EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES: BIOLOGY, BOTANY, GEOLOGY, MICROBIOLOGY, ZOOLOGY, ETC.
49526	Biology Specimens and Cultures (Including Microbial): Complete Ecosystems, etc. Biology Specimens and Cultures (Including Microbial): Complete Ecosystems, etc.
49520	Biology Equipment and Supplies (Not Otherwise Classified) Biology Equipment and Supplies (Not Otherwise Classified)
49556	Microbiology Equipment and Accessories (Not Otherwise Classified) Microbiology Equipment and Accessories (Not Otherwise Classified)
49500	LABORATORY AND FIELD EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES: BIOLOGY, BOTANY, GEOLOGY, MICROBIOLOGY, ZOOLOGY, ETC.
490	LABORATORY EQUIPMENT, ACCESSORIES AND SUPPLIES: GENERAL ANALYTICAL AND RESEARCH FOR NUCLEAR, OPTICAL, AND PHYSICAL
49043	Laboratory and Scientific Equipment and Supplies (Not Otherwise Classified) Laboratory and Scientific Equipment and Supplies (Not Otherwise Classified)

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Courtesy Email

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DALLAS COUNTY STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS

By returning the Bid Proposal with a price quote, vendors certify and agree that:

1. All charges – wages, salaries, taxes including payroll taxes, benefits, insurance, overhead, fees, permits, licenses, fees, labor, personnel, service, supervision, documentation, administration, training, implementation, materials, supplies, delivery, transportation, shipping , freight, fuel surcharges, mileages, parking, tolls, travel time, and all other associated cost direct and indirect including incidentals necessary to provide the goods and services outlined in this solicitation specified or implied are to be included in bid proposal cost. Services and Inside Delivery will be F.O.B.: Dallas County as indicated on each individual purchase order.

2. **TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE CHAPTER 2271 VERIFICATION – BOYCOTT ISRAEL**

Effective September 1, 2017, the State of Texas requires all governmental entity, state agency or political subdivision (which includes counties) to obtain written verification from the Company that their Company does NOT boycott Israel and will not boycott Israel during the life of this contract, agreement or purchase order (hereafter referred to as "Contract"). By accepting this Contract, the Company (Professional or other applicable term defining the contracting party) verifies that it does not Boycott Israel, and agrees that during the term of this Contract will not Boycott Israel as that term is defined in Texas Government Code Section 808.001, as amended." The County cannot execute a contract for goods and services without this declaration. Please refer to Texas Government Code, Subtitle F, Title 10, Government Code Chapter 2270.

(a) This section applies only to a contract that:

(1) is between a governmental entity and a company with 10 or more full-time employees; and

(2) has a value of \$100,000 or more that is to be paid wholly or partly from public funds of the governmental entity.

3. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE (CIQ) FORM**

Effective January 1, 2006, Chapter 176 of the Texas Local Government Code requires that any vendor or person considering doing business with a local government entity disclose in the Questionnaire Form CIQ, the vendor or person's affiliation or business relationship that might cause a conflict of interest with a local government entity. By law, this questionnaire must be filed with the records administrator of Dallas County no later than the 7th business day after the date the person becomes aware of facts that require the statement to be filed. See Section 176.006, Local Government Code. A person commits an offense if the person violates Section 176.006, Local Government Code. An offense under this section is a Class C misdemeanor. By submitting a response to this request, the vendor represents that it is in compliance with the requirements of Chapter 176 of the Texas Local Government Code. Contractor shall complete and file the Conflict of Interest Questionnaire with the Dallas County Clerk at 1201 Elm Street, 21st Floor, Dallas, Texas 75270.

4. **CERTIFICATE OF INTERESTED PARTIES FORM 1295**

In 2015, the Texas Legislature adopted House Bill 1295, which added section 2252.908 of the Government Code. The law states that a governmental entity or state agency may not enter into certain contracts with a business entity unless the business entity submits a disclosure of interested parties form to the governmental entity or state agency at the time the business entity submits the signed contract to the governmental entity or state agency. The form discloses any interested parties who have a controlling interest (10% or more ownership) in the business entity and those who actively participate in facilitating the contract or negotiate the terms of the contract (broker, intermediary, advisor, and/or attorney), if any. The disclosure requirement applies to a contract entered into on or after January 1, 2016.

The Texas Ethics Commission was required to adopt rules necessary to implement that law, prescribe the disclosure of interested parties form, and post a copy of the form on the commission's website. The commission adopted the Certificate of Interested Parties form (Form 1295) on October 5, 2015 and new rules (Chapter 46) on November 30, 2015.

The "Certificate of Interested Parties" form must be completed on the Texas Ethics Commission website, printed, signed, and submitted to the County by the authorized agent of the Business Entity with acknowledgment that disclosure is made under oath and under penalty of perjury prior to final contract execution.

To obtain additional information on HB 1295, to learn more about Texas Ethics Commission process to create a new account or to complete an electronic version of Form 1295 for submission with a signed contract, please go to the following website: <https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/tec/1295-Info.htm>

Instructional Videos for Business Entities on how to file online can be found at https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/elf_info_form1295.htm

The identification number (section 3 of the form) to be used on the 1295 for this procurement is the IFB solicitation number.

5. **TITLE VI ASSURANCES/COMPLIANCE POLICY**

The County, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.

Pursuant to Title VI requirements, any entity or person that enters into a contract with Dallas County including, but not limited to prime contractors, sub-contractors, and sub-recipients, may not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, sex, disability, or religion in their selection and retention of subcontractors (including consultants), in connection with any federally funded program or activity (including any program or activity undertaken/funded by a Dallas County Division/Department that receives federal funds).

6. **TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE CHAPTER 2252 ATTESTATION**

By entering into this Contract, Contractor attests that Contractor is not a company that is identified on a list prepared and maintained by the Texas State Comptroller under Section 2252.153, Tex. Gov't Code, as a company known to have contracts with or provide supplies or services to a foreign terrorist organization as designated by the U.S. Secretary of State.

7. **PRE-AWARD SURVEY**

After bid opening and before award, County may perform a pre-award survey of the bidder's facilities and equipment to be used in the performance of work under this solicitation. Bidder agrees to allow all reasonable requests for inspection of his or her facilities.

8. After bid opening and before award Dallas County reserves the right to request the bidder to provide, but not necessarily limited to, the following forms:

- a. Texas Government Code Chapter 2270 Verification Form
- b. Texas Government Code Chapter 2252 Certification Form
- c. 1295 Form
- d. W-9 Form

9. The bid award shall be based on, but not necessarily limited to, the following factors:

- e. Unit Price
- f. Total Bid Price
- g. Delivery Date
- h. Results of Testing Samples
- i. Special Needs and Requirements of Dallas County
- j. Dallas County's Experience with Products Bid
- k. Vendor's Past Performance Record with Dallas County
- l. Dallas County's Evaluation of Vendor's Ability
- m. Estimated Costs for Supplies, Maintenance, etc.
- n. Estimated Surplus Value
- o. Small Business Enterprise completed forms
- p. Dallas County reserves the right to award to a primary and secondary vendor(s).

Dallas County shall award this contract to the responsive bidder(s) offering the lowest and best bid in accordance to Local Government Code 262.021(5-a) who comply with all of the requirements, terms and conditions prescribed herein. Dallas County reserves the right to reject any or all bids in whole or in part, to make multiple awards, partial awards, award by item by item basis, award by types, award by sections, or lump sum total, and waive any immaterial deviations in the bid as may be considered in the best interest of the County.

10. **INVOICING/BILLING**

Invoices will be submitted to the Dallas County Auditor's Office. All billings must have appropriate supporting documentation before such billings will be approved. Billing shall cover goods and services not previously invoiced. Vendor shall reimburse the Dallas County for any monies paid to Contractor for goods or services not provided or when goods/services provided do

not meet the contract agreement or solicitation requirements. Payments made by the County shall not preclude the right of the County from thereafter disputing any items involved or billed under the contract agreement or solicitation and shall not be construed as acceptance of any part of the goods or services. Contractor understands and agrees that any funds paid under this contract are contingent upon satisfactory delivery of the Services as described in this contract and subject to routine processing. No payment, on any basis, will be made for unsatisfactory work.

Contractor agrees to submit complete, fully documented and accurate itemized statement of invoices with appropriate/applicable attachments and documentation, as required by the County for all goods, services, and work performed **following acceptance of goods, services or work by the County.**

At minimum, the original invoices submitted against the IFB, must reference all of the following information:

- a. Contractor/Vendor Name
- b. Contractor/Vendor Address
- c. Contractor/Vendor Contact Information
- d. Contractor/Vendor Telephone Number and Fax Number
- e. Contractor/Vendor Remittance to Address
- f. Invoice Date
- g. Invoice Number (uniquely numbered, no duplicates)
- h. Valid Dallas County Purchase Order Number must appear on all itemized invoices and packing slips
- i. Solicitation Number
- j. Date of Services or Date Purchase
- k. Description of Services and Goods
- l. Cost of Services and Goods

Invoices and support documentation are to be sent to:

Original Invoice: Dallas County Auditor's Office
Attn: Accounts Payable
500 Elm Street, Suite 4200
Dallas, TX 75202
214.653.6478
Accounts.Payable@dallascounty.org

Copy of invoice(s) shall be sent to: REQUESTING USER DEPARTMENT NAME AND ADDRESS INDICATED ON THE PURCHASE ORDER

All invoices must reference a Dallas County Purchase Order Number

Payment will be made upon receipt and acceptance by the County of completed services, goods and/or products ordered and receipt of a valid invoice, in accordance with the Texas Government

Code, Chapter 2251. The County will incur no penalty for late payment if payment is made within thirty (30) or fewer days from the statement if there is an uncontested billing. Any payment not made within thirty (30) days of its due date shall bear interest in accordance with Chapter 2251 of the Texas Government Code. Invoices received without all the required supporting documentation and information will not be processed and will be returned to the Contractor unpaid for correction.

11. If applicable, a packing list or other suitable shipping documents shall accompany each shipment and shall show:
 - (a) Name and address of vendor
 - (b) Name and address of receiving department
 - (c) Dallas County Purchase Order number and
 - (d) Description of material shipped, including item numbers, quantity, number of containers, and package number, if any.

12. **ACH ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS**

ACH Electronic Payments

Dallas County offers ACH vendor and supplier payment services for all vendors and suppliers providing goods, services or products to Dallas County.

Dallas County is moving away from making payments by paper checks and we are strongly encouraging vendors and suppliers to accept electronic payments. Below is the option that is currently available in lieu of a paper check. Dallas County has chosen the Paymode-X ACH payment service through Bank of America for this efficient form of payment.

There is no cost or fee to the vendor or supplier of any kind resulting from the acceptance of an ACH payment from Dallas County via PaymodeX. This allows Dallas County to directly deposit invoice payments into the vendor's bank account along with complete remittance information that can be accessed at any time.

For more information regarding Paymode-X, please visit our website at: <http://portal.paymode.com/dallascounty/> or call customer service @ 877.443.6944 or contract the Dallas County Auditor's Office – Account Payable Division at 214.653.6473.

13. Upon request by Dallas County, bidders agree to furnish samples and/or demonstrations of products bid, as applicable. The product(s) requested will be furnished at no additional cost to Dallas County and will be of sufficient amounts and/or time frames agreed by County and bidder to ensure effective testing of the products(s). Any testing product used beyond the agreed upon amount or time frame may be considered for payment by Dallas County, if in the best interest of the County. Any product that fails testing shall be considered sufficient reason to reject the bid or product. Any product used by Dallas County, during the contract period that does not perform as specified and/or approved during testing shall be considered grounds for cancellation of the contract.
14. Whenever an article or material is defined by describing a proprietary product or by using the name of a manufacturer, the term "or equal" if not inserted shall be implied. The specified article or material shall be understood as descriptive and not restrictive. As determined by Dallas County, equal is considered as articles or materials which can effectively and economically

perform the required task; is comparative in quality and performance and, if required, is acceptably similar or matches the specified structural design.

If the amount shown in words and its equivalent in figures do not agree, the written words shall be binding. Ditto marks are not considered writing or printing and shall not be used.

15. The Contractor shall be considered an Independent Contractor and not an agent, servant, employee, or representative of the County in the performance of the work. No term or provision hereof or act of the Contractor shall be construed as changing that status.
16. The Contractor agrees that it will protect, defend, indemnify, and save whole and harmless the County and all of its officers, agents, and employees from and against all claims, demands, causes or action, damages, judgments, loss and expenses, including attorney's fees, of whatsoever nature, character, or description that any person or entity has or may have arising from or on account of any injuries or damages (including but not restricted to death) received or sustained by any person, persons, or property, on account of, arising out of, or in connection with the performance of the work, including without limiting the generality of the foregoing, any negligent act or omission of the Contractor or any agent, servant, employee or sub-contractor of the Contractor in the execution or performance of this Contract. Contractor further agrees to protect, indemnify and hold County harmless against and from any and all claims and against and from any and all loss, cost, damage, judgments or expense, including attorney's fees arising out the breach of any of the requirements and provisions of this contract of any failure of Contractor, its employees, officers, agents, contractors, invitees, or assigns in any respect to comply with and perform all the requirements and provisions hereof.
17. The Contractor agrees, during the performance of the work, to comply with all applicable codes and ordinances of the appropriate City, County or the State of Texas as they may apply, as these laws may now read or as they may hereafter be changed or amended.
18. The Contractor shall obtain from the appropriate City, Dallas County or the State of Texas the necessary permit(s), if any, required by the ordinances of the City, County or State for the performance of the Work.
19. The Contractor shall not sell, assign, transfer or convey this Contract, in whole or in part, without the prior written consent of the County.
20. Should Dallas County authorize the original awardee to subcontract (assign) any portion of this contract, the original awardee will maintain the ultimate legal responsibility for all services according to contract specifications. In the event of a subcontract, the original awardee must maintain a continuous effective business relationship with the subcontractor(s) including, but not limited to, regular payments of all monies owed to any subcontractor. Failure to comply with these requirements, in whole or part, will result in termination of this contract and/or legal ramifications, due to nonperformance.

Should Dallas County authorize the original contractor to transfer this contract, in whole or part, the secondary contractor will maintain all the legal responsibilities set forth in the context of this contract.

21. In case any one or more of the provisions contained in this Contract shall for any reason be held to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision thereof and this Contract shall be considered

as if such invalid, illegal, or unenforceable provision had never been contained herein.

22. The parties herein agree that this Contract shall be enforceable in Dallas County, Texas, and if legal action is necessary to enforce it, exclusive venue shall lie in Dallas County, Texas.

23. This Contract shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas and all applicable Federal Laws.

24. **Scanned or Re-typed Response:**

If in its response, bidder/offeror either electronically scans, re-types, or in some way reproduces the County's published bid or proposal specifications, then in the event of any conflict between the terms and provisions of the County's published bid or proposal specifications, or any portion thereof, and the terms and provisions of the response made by bidder/offeror, the County's bid or proposal specifications as published shall control.

Furthermore, if an alteration of any kind to the County's published bid or proposal specifications is only discovered after the contract is executed and is or is not being performed; the contract is subject to immediate cancellation.

25. This Contract embodies the complete agreement of the parties hereto, superseding all oral or written previous and contemporary agreements between the parties and relating to matters herein, and except as otherwise provided herein cannot be modified without written agreement of the parties.

26. Multi-year service/lease-purchase agreements or any continuing contracts are solicited and awarded based on governmental fiscal funding. If for any reason, funds are not appropriated to continue the service/lease- purchase agreement, the said agreement/contract shall be automatically terminated on the expiration date or date in which the funds have been eliminated. Any/all services/leased equipment will be removed from the respective county department/facilities without penalty to Dallas County. Any/all charges incurred as a result of this action are the responsibility of the contractor.

27. Contractors are not officially authorized to begin work and/or deliver items covered under this agreement until formal approval and/or a signed contract is executed by the proper county authorities. Dallas County accepts no liability, of any kind, for products/services delivered/furnished without proper authorization.

28. Except for proposals received under Local Government Code 262.030 and/or 262.0295, in accordance with the aforementioned statutes, Dallas County will uphold the confidentiality of bidder trade secrets to the extent allotted by law. All confidential information must be clearly identified and separated, by the bidder and prior to submission of the proposal.

29. **OPEN RECORDS**

All responses submitted to Dallas County become the property of Dallas County and are subject to the Public Information Act (Texas Government Code Chapter 552). The interested

firms/individuals should familiarize themselves with the provisions of that Act. In no event shall Dallas County, or any of its agents, representatives, consultants, directors, officers, or employees, be liable to a firm/individual for the disclosure of all or any portion of a response submitted pursuant to the IFB.

If a firm/individual has special concerns about information that it desires to make available to Dallas County, but which it believes constitutes a trade secret, proprietary information or other information excepted from disclosure, such firm/individual should specifically and conspicuously designate ((i.e. mark confidential) each page of that information, which the Bidder believes, should not be disclosed outside Dallas County. Disclosure of requested information will be subject to the Texas Public Information Act.

30. **TERMINATION**

The County may, at its option and without prejudice to any other remedy to which it may be entitled at law or in equity, or elsewhere under this contract, terminate this Contract, in whole or part, by giving 10 days advance written notice thereof to the Contract with the understanding that all (products/services) being (delivered/performed) under this Contract shall cease upon the date specified in such notice. The County shall compensate the Contractor in accordance with the terms of this contract for the (products/services) (delivered/performed) prior to the date specified in such notice.

31. **TERMINATION FOR DEFAULT OR NON-PERFORMANCE**

Default, material breach, or non-performance of the bidder in terms of specifications or non-compliance with the terms of this contract shall be a basis for termination of the contract by the County. Termination in whole or in part, by the County may be made at its option and without prejudice to any other remedy to which it may be entitled at law or in equity, or elsewhere under this Contract, by giving ten (10) days' advance written notice setting forth the nature of the material failure or non-performance to the Contractor and/or bidder with the understanding that all work being performed under this contract shall cease upon the date specified in such notice. The termination will not be effective if the material failure is fully cured prior to the end of the stated in written notice NOT LESS THAN TEN (10) day period.

Termination under this will not relieve Contractor from liability for any default or breach under this contract agreement or any other act or omission of Contractor.

The County shall not pay for work, equipment, services or supplies which are unsatisfactory. Contractor may be given a reasonable opportunity prior to termination to correct any deficiency. This however shall in no way be construed as negating the basis for termination for non-performance. In addition and as authorized by Commissioners Court, vendors terminated for non-performance will be disbarred from award consideration on future county solicitation for a period of not less than thirteen (13) months.

32. **MONETARY RESTITUTION**

In the event the contract is prematurely terminated due to default, non-performance and/or withdrawal by the contractor, Dallas County reserves the right to seek monetary restitution (to include but not limited to; withholding of monies owed) from the contractor to cover costs for interim services and/or to cover the difference of a higher cost (difference between termination vendor's rate and new company's rate) beginning the date of vendor's termination through the contract expiration date. In the event a civil suit is filed to enforce this provision, Dallas County will seek its attorney's fees and cost of suit from the Contractor.

33. **NON-EXCLUSIVITY**

This contract and/or agreement is non-exclusive and shall not in any way preclude Dallas County from entering into similar agreements and/or arrangements with other Vendors, Contractors, or from acquiring similar, equal or like goods and/or services from other entities or sources including state contracts.

34. **NEPOTISM**

No person (1) who is an employee, agent, consultant, officer, or official of the contractor and who exercises or has exercised any functions or responsibilities with respect to assisted contract activities; or (2) who is in a position to participate in a decision-making process or gains inside information with regard to such activities, may obtain a personal or financial interest or benefit, direct or indirect, in any contract, subcontract, or agreement with respect thereto, or the proceeds thereunder, either for themselves or those with whom they have family or business ties, during their tenure.

35. **RIGHT TO PROTEST**

Vendors aggrieved in connection with a specific solicitation, evaluation, or the award of any bid, purchase order, or contract, may formally protest to the Purchasing Director only if the Vendor has reason to believe that, with respect to a specific solicitation, (a) there was a material violation of state or federal statutory requirements, County Purchasing Department rules and regulations, or this Code of Ethics (including the Restricted Contact Period), or (b) the procurement process gave an unfair advantage or unfair disadvantage to one or more Vendors.

Procurement processes that may give an unfair advantage or disadvantage to one or more Vendors include, but are not limited to, the following:

- i. The specification unfairly limits competition for no legitimate purpose;
- ii. The contract award is compromised by improprieties in post-award negotiations;
- iii. The evaluation factors or criteria are applied in a manner that is different than disclosed in

the solicitation; and

iv. There are irregularities in the receipt or opening of solicitation responses.

Protests must be in written form and must contain the following information (if applicable):

i. The protesting Vendor's name, address, telephone number, fax number, and email address;

ii. The identifying number of the solicitation and/or contract;

iii. The date the Vendor became aware of the facts forming the basis of the protest;

iv. A detailed statement of the factual grounds for the protest, including copies of any relevant documents or evidence and the statute, rule, or regulation that was violated, if applicable; and

v. A sworn certification that the protest is brought in good faith and for good cause. If a protest is based on an ambiguity or a problem in a solicitation, and is made after the solicitation response deadline, it must also include a certification that the protesting Vendor was not aware of the ambiguity or problem (and did not have an opportunity to ask for clarification or a correction) before the solicitation response deadline.

Protests must timely raise all claims and describe the evidence supporting those claims with specificity. Any claims that are not timely raised may be deemed waived. In the event of a protest during a solicitation response period, a protesting Vendor who wishes to continue in the solicitation process during such protest must still submit a bid or proposal according to the rules set forth in the solicitation.

Protests, including any protest appeals requests, must be sent by mail or email to the Dallas County Purchasing Director at Founders Square, 900 Jackson St., 6th Floor, Suite 680 Dallas, Texas 75202 or Michael.Frosch@dallascounty.org. Mail-in requests must be postmarked and email requests must be received by the Purchasing Director no later than (a) five (5) business days after the date that the protesting Vendor knew or should have known of the facts giving rise to the protest, or (b) before the contract is awarded, if the Vendor is aware of the facts giving rise to the protest prior to the contract award, whichever is earlier.

It is the responsibility of the Vendor to ensure that solicitation protests are delivered to the Purchasing Director within the time period stated herein. Protests that are late or delivered to an incorrect address or individual, or that otherwise do not comply with these rules (including providing the sworn certification as described above), will be declared invalid.

Written Decision. All protests will be initially reviewed by the Purchasing Director, who must rule on the protest and provide a written decision, including the reasons for the decision and the decision date, to the protesting Vendor within ten (10) business days (the “Written Decision”). Any appeal of the Written Decision must be made within five (5) business days of the receipt thereof.

Appeals Process. Appeals of the Written Decision should be sent to the Purchasing Director at the address above, who shall notify the Appeals Committee, consisting of the County Administrator, the County Auditor, and the County Budget Director. The Purchasing Director shall serve as staff to the Appeals Committee and will be present at the Appeals Hearing. The protesting Vendor shall be notified of the time and place of the Appeals Hearing and will be provided an opportunity to present arguments. The documentary evidence at the Appeals Hearing is limited to the documentary evidence submitted for the original protest unless, for good cause shown, the Appeals Committee grants authority for the protesting Vendor to provide additional documentary evidence. The protesting Vendor shall seek approval to submit additional documentary evidence for good cause as soon as possible, but no later than (a) five (5) days before the hearing, or (b) within seventy-two (72) hours from when the protesting Vendor knew or should have known about the additional evidence, whichever period is shorter. The request should include copies of the additional documents that the protesting Vendor seeks authority to use at the hearing. The Appeals Committee may appoint an independent hearing examiner to conduct the hearing and provide a written recommendation, if needed. A written final decision, including the reasons for the final decision and the decision date, will be provided to the protesting Vendor within ten (10) business days of the Appeals Hearing (the “Final Decision”). Requests for an appeal of the Final Decision must be mailed or emailed to the Purchasing Director within five (5) business days of the Final Decision, who will notify the Commissioners Court of the request.

A Commissioners’ Hearing may take place at the discretion of the Commissioners Court. A single vote of a Commissioner on the Commissioners Court is required for a Hearing to be granted. The Commissioners may, at any time during the process, review the written record of the previous decisions on the matter. All decisions of the Commissioners Court, including whether to allow a Commissioners’ Hearing, are final.

Right to Appear before the Commissioners Court. All individuals and entities have the right to an appearance before the Commissioners Court subject to the rules of the Court, this Code of Ethics, and, during an Active Solicitation, the Restricted Contact Period provisions in Section 6 herein. However, a protesting Vendor does not have an automatic right to a Commissioners’ Hearing on any protest appeal under this Code of Ethics, which will be granted only at the discretion of the Commissioners Court.

Notification. Protest hearings are open to the public. Public notification of any hearings, including Appeals Hearings and Commissioners’ Hearings, shall be posted on the Dallas County Purchasing website at www.dallascounty.org/departments/purchasing

Solicitations and Contracts Pending. Filing a protest under this Section will not trigger an automatic stay of any procurement process or contract award. It is in the discretion of the Purchasing Director and the Commissioners Court whether to stay any procurement process or contract award with respect to any Vendor protest. Whether a stay is granted shall not compromise any protesting Vendor’s right to the protest procedures outlined herein.

Records. Records of all protests, including the protest filed, related evidence, and any Written and Final Decisions (including the outcome of any Commissioners' Hearing, if applicable) will be maintained by the Purchasing Department for a period of no less than four (4) years.

36. Contractors are required to comply with the Equal Employment Opportunity Act requiring that no person shall be discriminated against on the basis of race, color, religion, sex or national origin in all phases of employment during the performance of this Contract. The successful bidder shall take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed and treated during employment, without regard to their race, age, color, religion, sex or national origin. This action shall include, but not be limited to, employment, upgrading, demotion, transfer, recruitment, advertising, layoff, termination, compensation and selection for training. The successful bidder shall state to all employees and advertisements that all employees and qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, age, religion, sex, or natural origin.
37. No official or employee shall have any financial interest, direct or indirect, in any contract with the County or be financially interested, directly or indirectly, in the sale to the County of any land, materials, supplies or services, except on behalf of the County as an official or employee. Any violation of this section, with knowledge, express or implied, of the person or corporation contracting with the County shall render the contract involved voidable by the Commissioners Court of Dallas County. It is the responsibility of the contractor during all phases of the contract process to notify the County in writing of any potential conflict of interest.
38. In the best interest of the County, as determined by the Dallas County Commissioners Court, any bidder/proposer who is currently involved, either directly or indirectly, with any litigation against or involving Dallas County may be disqualified and/or not considered for an award.
39. Pursuant to Sec. 9.001 of the Texas Business Organization Code, non-Texas entities, including, but not limited to corporations, limited partnerships, and limited liability companies must have an application for registration filed with the Texas Secretary of State and shall provide to Dallas County a Certificate of Status issued by the Texas Secretary of State that serves as official evidence of the entity's existence or authority to transact business in Texas. To transact business with Dallas County, all entities must be in legal compliance pursuant to applicable laws, and shall provide to Dallas County evidence of said compliance.
40. Vendor hereby assigns to purchaser any and all claims for overcharges associated with this contract which arise under the antitrust laws of the United States, 15 USCA Section 1 et seq., and which arise under the antitrust laws of the State of Texas, Tex. Bus. & Com. Code, Section 15.01, et seq.
41. Where applicable, MSDS Forms must be provided with delivered products. In addition WITHOUT EXCEPTION, within 30 days after award, the successful bidder(s) MUST furnish Material Safety Data Sheets for all applicable awarded contract items to: Erin Spargo, Ph.D., Southwestern Institute of Forensic Sciences/Office of the Medical Examiner Facility, 2355 Stemmons Freeway, Dallas, Texas 75207. Dallas County reserves the right to withhold payments owed and/or terminate the contract due to non-performance if the aforementioned documents are not provided accordingly.

42. **INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT (City/State Participation Program)**

In accordance with Article 791.025 of the Texas Government Code, governmental agencies (local, state) may request to utilize County contract by executing an interlocal agreement with Dallas County to do so. Vendors are to indicate on the bid proposal page whether they are willing to extend pricing from this contract to other governmental agencies in accordance with the outlined specifications. Dallas County is indemnified against any and all claims that may arise from Interlocal Agreements entered into by the Contractor and governmental agencies.

43. **FEDERAL DEBARRED VENDORS**

No products and/or services utilizing Federal funds may be procured from vendors that are listed on the Federal Excluded Parties List aka System for Award Management (SAM). Government requirements for non-procurement suspension and debarment are contained in the OBM guidance 2CFR, part 180 that implements Executive Orders 12549 and 12689 Debarment and Suspension. Dallas County reserves the right to reject from award consideration and/or terminate any contract with any vendor found to be suspended, ineligible and/or debarred as outlined herein.

44. **TWELVE (12) MONTH WAITING PERIOD FOR EMPLOYMENT OF CERTAIN FORMER COUNTY EMPLOYEES**

In accordance with the County's Transparency Policy, any firm awarded a contract for the Procurement of goods or services shall be prohibited from hiring any individual who has previously worked for the County and in that capacity either evaluated, recommended, approved, monitored, or managed a contract involving that firm no sooner than twelve months after that individual has ceased to work for or be employed by the County. Failure to adhere to such a contractual requirement may result in the termination of the contract with the County.

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ATTACHMENT S
SBE PROGRAM AND FORMS



SBE LANGUAGE

7.0 SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (SBE) PROGRAM

7.1. Definitions.

- 7.1.1. The term **"Commercially Useful Function"** is defined as a business that is directly responsible for providing the supplies or services to Dallas County as required by the solicitation or request quotes, bids or proposals. A firm is considered to perform a commercially useful function when responsible for the execution of a distinct element of the work of a contract and carries out its responsibilities by actually performing, managing and supervising the work involved. Example: a business that stocks sufficient quantities of supplies in direct inventory which is being held for sale or resale, to cover anticipated future demands for the suppliers is considered to be performing a commercially useful function.
- 7.1.2. A **"Contractor"** is defined as one who participates, through a contract or any other contractual agreement in a County funded contract opportunity for work, labor, services, supplies, equipment, materials, goods or any combination of the aforementioned. For purposes of this Section, a Contractor is any individual, company, or other entity seeking to do work for Dallas County regardless of the method used to procure the services or products, including but not limited to bid or solicitation. A Contractor includes but is not limited to a contractor, consultant, or vendor.
- 7.1.3. The term **"Director of Small Business Enterprise"** shall mean the Director of the County's Office of Small Business Enterprise and/or her/his designee.
- 7.1.4. The term **"Contract Administration"** shall mean the County Purchasing Department and/or his or her designee.
- 7.1.5. The **"Contract Administration Supervisor"** shall mean the Purchasing Director and/or his or her designee.
- 7.1.6. **Equal Employment Opportunity Requirements.** It is the policy of Dallas County to ensure non-discrimination in the award and administration of contracts. The Contractor or Subcontractor shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, disability, veteran status, religion, or sex in the performance of any Dallas County contract.
- 7.1.7. **Good Faith Effort Plan.** The plan submitted with a Submittal detailing the Respondent's efforts to achieve the set aspirational goal or documenting the Good Faith Efforts to meet the goals for all elements the Solicitation. A Good Faith Effort Plan must be submitted with a Submittal for any Dallas County projects in which goals have been established.
- 7.1.8. **Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA).** The Dallas County MSA includes the following counties: Dallas, Tarrant, Denton and Collin.
- 7.1.9. **Small Business Enterprise.** It is the policy of Dallas County to support the growth and development of Small Business Enterprise ("SBE") and ensure that SBEs have an equal opportunity to compete for and participate in Dallas County contracts. Thus, Dallas County Commissioners Court has created the

Office of Small Business Enterprise to establish and oversee a Diversity Program to ensure that SBEs have an equal opportunity to compete for and participate in Dallas County contracts. It is Dallas County's intent to:

- Ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of Dallas County contracts;
- Create a level playingfield on which small businesses can compete fairly for Dallas County contracts; and
- Ensure that only firms who attempt in good faith to meet the SBE good faith efforts are considered for applicable contract awards.

Consequently, the contractor shall carry out applicable requirements of the good faith effort in its proposal/bid hereunder and, if awarded the contract, the award and administration of the Contract.

7.2 SBE Goals, Good Faith Efforts and Eligibility.

The Director of Small Business Enterprise and the Contract Administration Supervisor sets the annual SBE participation contracting/subcontracting aspirational SBE goals for each contract. The contracting/subcontracting goals for this contract will be based on meeting or exceeding the **minimum aspirational SBE goal of 40%**, unless good cause exists for failing to meet the goal. The SBE aspirational goal is based on the total dollar amount of the contract.

To be recognized as an SBE, firms (contractors and/or subcontractors):

- a) Must be certified as an SBE by the following County approved entities: North Texas Regional Certification Agency (NCTRCA), DFW Minority Supplier Development Council and/or the Women's Business Council of Southwest, at the time of the proposal/bid submission. Other certifications are not acceptable;
- b) To be recognized by the County as a **qualified SBE firm**, as defined pursuant to Section 3 of the Small Business Act and relevant regulations, an SBE is a firm for which the gross revenues or number of employees averaged over the past three years, inclusive of any affiliates, is as defined by 13 C.F.R. Sec. 121.201; and
- c) Must also perform a commercially useful function on the project and have a local presence in Dallas County Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) in order to be counted for SBE points. The MSA includes the following counties: Dallas, Tarrant, Denton and Collin.

7.3 Utilization

The aspirational SBE or certified sub-contractor goal is expressed as a percentage of the total dollar amount of the contract going to SBE or certified Sub-Contractor for those areas which the Contractor has sub-contracted or anticipates sub-contracting. The aspirational goal shall also apply to contract amendments that require work beyond the scope of services originally required to accomplish the project.

The Respondent agrees to employ good faith efforts through the award of subcontractors to eligible SBEs and certified firms to the fullest extent possible.

Dallas County's Good Faith Effort Plan (GFEP) will be used to document SBE participation. However, all subcontractors and/or suppliers, whether certified or not, must be listed in the GFEP. The information provided

in the GFEP Form will be utilized in the development of the final contract/agreement. The GFEP Form can be found in the attachments. This form is required and considered to be a part of the response to the IFB.

Should the Good Faith Effort Plan or any of the specified documents listed below be incomplete, not signed, and/or not submitted, the bid can be deemed non-responsive.

7.4 Each Contractor must include with its proposal/bid, the following documents:

- Completed and signed **Good Faith Effort Plan**, executed by an authorized representative;
- Completed and signed **Small Business Utilization Affidavit**, executed by an authorized representative; and
- A signed and executed **Subcontractor Intent Form**, executed by an authorized representative (prime and subcontractor).

Note: All forms must be complete in their entirety and submitted as part of a Respondent's submittal.

The County reserves the right to accept or reject any certified firm and in its sole discretion is not bound by the certifying bodies' determination, if the County has a concern regarding the eligibility of the firm to meet SBE guidelines or standards. A Contractor whose proposed certified firm is rejected may contest in writing to the Office of Small Business Enterprise, in accordance with the SBE Policy. The denial of SBE certification by the Office of Small Business Enterprise is excluded from the Dallas County Purchasing Code of Ethics Protests Procedure and is exclusively governed by the appeal process set forth in the SBE Policy.

7.5 SBE Reporting. The Contractor and its subcontractors are required to electronically submit subcontractor payment information using the County's Compliance Reporting System (CRS), accessed through a link on the Dallas County SBE webpage. The Contractor and all subcontractors will be provided a unique log-in credential and password to access Compliance Reporting System.

Training on the use of the system will be provided by both Dallas County's CRS Support Staff and by the Office for Small Business Enterprise. Additional information and free online training for CRS can be found at <https://dallascounty.diversitycompliance.com>. After the prime receives payment from the County, electronic submittals will require data entry of the amount paid to each subcontractor listed on the Contractor's Good Faith Effort Plan.

7.6 Contracting. If awarded the contract, the Contractor agrees to be bound by the policies and guidelines set forth in the County's SBE Policy, which may be incorporated into the contract. If a conflict exists between the SBE section of the solicitation and the County SBE Policy, the language in the solicitation governs.

**MANDATORY
SBE SOLICITATION ATTACHMENTS**



SMALL BUSINESS UTILIZATION AFFIDAVIT

It is the policy of Dallas County to encourage the inclusion of qualified Small Business Enterprises (SBEs) to the greatest extent feasible on the County's construction, procurement and professional services contracts. Neither the County, nor its Contractors and their subcontractors shall discriminate on the basis of race, age, color, religion, national origin, or sex in the award and performance of contracts. In consideration of this policy, Dallas County has adopted the Small Business Enterprise Policy for all County contracts.

Small Business Enterprise Participation Goals

The solicitation bidding plan establishes subcontracting goals and requirements for all prospective bidders to ensure reasonable degree of SBE meaningful business utilization and participation in County contracts. It is the goal of Dallas County that a certain percentage of work under each contract be executed by one or more SBEs. For the purposes of participation percentages, Dallas County does not include amounts paid to the prime by the sub-contractor.

The apparent proposer shall agree to meet the established goals or must demonstrate and document a "good faith effort" to include SBEs in subcontracting opportunities. The apparent proposer who fails to adequately document good faith efforts to subcontract or purchase significant material supplies from SBEs may be denied award of the contract by Dallas County based on the contractor's failure to be a "responsive" or "responsible" bidder.

By signing below, I agree to provide Dallas County, Small Business Enterprise Department a completed copy of all required forms. I understand that, for the purpose of SBE subcontracting participation, any amounts paid to the prime from the sub-contractor should not be included in the above listed participation amount. Finally, I understand that if I fail to provide all of the required documents within five (5) business days after notification, my bid may be deemed "non-responsive" and I may be denied award of the contract.

Solicitation Number: _____

Company Name: _____

Typed or Printed Name of Certifying Official of Company

Date

Signature of Certifying Official of Company

Title



Small Business Enterprise Program Utilization Form

Solicitation/Project Name: _____ Solicitation #: _____

Firm Name: _____ Firm Phone # _____

Firm Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Compliance Contact: _____ Phone #: _____ Email Address: _____

Is Your Firm Certified: _____ Certifying Agency: DFWMSDC _____ NCTRCA _____ WBC-Southwest _____ Other: _____

Total Bid Amount: _____ Amount self-performed: _____ Percentage self-performed: _____

Utilization Plan

List the firms that will be utilized on the project. Provide copies of correspondence.

SBE certified subcontractors/suppliers									
Firm Name & SBE Certification #	Tier	Person Contacted & Date	Address	Phone & Email Address	Type of Work	NAICS Code	Local or Non-Local	Dollar Amount	% of contract
							Total	\$	%

Small Business Enterprise

[Records Building](#) - 500 Elm Street, Suite 0300, Dallas, TX 75202
Telephone: (214) 653-6021 | E-Mail: sbe@dallascounty.org



Non SBE certified subcontractors/suppliers									
Firm Name	Tier	Person Contacted & Date	Address	Phone & Email Address	Type of Work	NAICS Code	Local or Non-Local	Dollar Amount	% of Total Contract
							Total	\$	%

Prime Printed Name: _____ Title: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

For Use by SBE Office Only

SBE Compliance Officer: _____ Date: _____

SBE Notes:



Good Faith Efforts Form

The Good Faith Efforts Form must be fully completed if the aspirational goal is **not** met.

1. Did you speak with or receive assistance from a staff member in the Small Business Enterprise

Department? _____ (Y/N) Name of staff member _____

2. Did you utilize a Dallas County SBE vendor list? If not, please explain?

Vendor List Accessed	Date of Access

3. Did you provide written notice to potential SBE subcontractors, suppliers, and vendors? Written notice should include plans, specifications, subcontractor/supplier opportunities, and deadline for submission to respondent no less than 7 days before bid submission. Please provide copies of all correspondence, including accepted and rejected SBE bids or proposals, i.e. letters, memos, emails and phone calls.

Firm Name & Address	Phone #	Person Contacted & Date	Type of Work	NAICS Code	SBE Certification No.	Response to Solicitation	Bid/Quote Amount	Company Selected (Y or N)

4. If applicable, did you participate in the pre-bid meeting? _____

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5. Did you identify and select specific work items to be performed and/or procurement to be fulfilled by SBEs? Please subdivide total contract work into smaller portions or quantities to permit maximum active participation by SBEs.

1.	2.	3.
4.	5.	6.

6. Did you advertise in trade publications or with local advocacy organizations? The advertisement must identify and describe subcontracting opportunities in detail, including a contact person and deadlines. Please provide a copy.

Publication Name	Date of Publication

Prime Printed Name: _____ Title: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____



**DALLAS COUNTY
SUBCONTRACTOR INTENT FORM**

To: Dallas County - Small Business Enterprise Department

Date: _____

Project Name: _____

Solicitation #: _____

_____ will provide the following good(s)/service(s):
Subcontractor on the project

to _____
Prime Contractor on the project

SBE subcontractor is certified by the following agency: _____ DFW Minority Supplier Development Council _____ NCTRCA _____ Women's Business Council SW

SBE Certification #: _____ (Certification must be kept current/valid for the entire duration of this contract. Failure to comply with this provision could be subject to removal from contract.)

For the purposes of SBE subcontracting participation, Dallas County does not include amounts paid to the prime by the sub-contractor.

Total Contract Amount for prime: \$ _____

Estimated Work Start Date: _____

Sub Participation Amount: \$ _____ %

Estimated Work End Date: _____

The undersigned intends to enter into a formal agreement with the subcontractor listed, conditioned upon being awarded the Dallas County contract. The undersigned understands that, for the purpose of SBE subcontracting participation, any amounts paid to the prime from the sub-contractor should not be included in the above listed participation amount. **Before any subcontractor/supplier substitutions are made, the prime contractor must submit an SBE Substitution Request Form to The SBE Department for approval.** Failure to comply with these provisions could result in termination of the contract, sanctions against the prime contractor, and/or ineligibility for future Dallas County contracts. The subcontractor's participation will be entered in B2GNow, Dallas County's compliance system, based upon this intent form.

Officer's Signature (Prime Contractor)

Officer's Signature (Subcontractor)

Printed Name (Prime Contractor)

Printed Name (Subcontractor)

Title (Prime Contractor)

Title (Subcontractor)

Date

Date

Please select or list all Chambers or Advocacy groups you are a member of:

	Prime	Sub
Greater Dallas Asian American Chamber of Commerce	_____	_____
Greater Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce	_____	_____
Greater Dallas Hispanic Chamber of Commerce	_____	_____
U.S. Pan Asian American Chamber of Commerce	_____	_____
Asian Contractors Association	_____	_____
Regional Black Contractors Association	_____	_____
Regional Hispanic Contractors Association	_____	_____

Line Item	Description	Five-Year Estimated Quantity	Unit of Measure	Estimated One-Year Quantity
1	BD BACTEC MGIT 960 mycobacterial detection system Manufacturer: Becton Dickinson Model Number: 445870	1	Each	1
2	BBL MGT 7mL Tube (100 tubes/case) Manufacturer: Becton Dickinson Product Number: 245122	360	Case	72
3	BACTEC MIGT Supplement Kit (100 Tests) Manufacturer: Becton Dickinson Product Number: 245124	310	Case	62
4	BACTEC MGIT 960 SIRE Kit (100 Tests) Manufacturer: Becton Dickinson Model Number: 245123	5	Case	1
5	BACTEC MGIT 960 STR 4.0 Kit Manufacturer: Becton Dickinson Model Number: 245125	5	Case	1
6	BACTEC MGIT 960 PZA Medium Manufacturer: Becton Dickinson Model Number: 245115	5	Case	1
7	BACTEC MGIT 960 PZA Drug Kit Manufacturer: Becton Dickinson Model Number: 245128	5	Case	1
	Specify the percent off manufacturer list price for replacement parts used during repair		%	
	GRAND TOTAL:	\$0.00		

Attachment A - Price Sheet
2025-XXX-XXXX
IFB for
Five-year price agreement

One-Year Unit Price	One-Year Extended Total	Estimated Two-Year Quantity	Two-Year Unit Price	Two-Year Extended Total	Estimated Three-Year Quantity	Three-Year Unit Price	Three-Year Extended Total
	\$0.00						
	\$0.00	72		\$0.00	72		\$0.00
	\$0.00	62		\$0.00	62		\$0.00
	\$0.00	1		\$0.00	1		\$0.00
	\$0.00	1		\$0.00	1		\$0.00
	\$0.00	1		\$0.00	1		\$0.00
	\$0.00	1		\$0.00	1		\$0.00
Subtotals:	\$0.00			\$0.00			\$0.00

Estimate d Four- Year Quantity	Four- Year Unit Price	Four- Year Extende d Total	Estimate d Five- Year Quantity	Five- Year Unit Price	Five-Year Extended Total
72		\$0.00	72		\$0.00
62		\$0.00	62		\$0.00
1		\$0.00	1		\$0.00
1		\$0.00	1		\$0.00
1		\$0.00	1		\$0.00
1		\$0.00	1		\$0.00
		\$0.00			\$0.00

Solicitation Number No.: 2025-060-7085

Pre-Bid Meeting Date: 10/03/2025

Project Title: IFB Purchase of Becton Dickinson BACTEC Mycobacteria Growth Indicator Tube (BD BACTEC MGIT) 960 Mycobacterial Detection System

Bid Due Date: 10/16/2025



INVITATION FOR BID

2025-060-7085 IFB – Purchase of Becton Dickinson BACTEC Mycobacteria Growth Indicator Tube (BD BACTEC MGIT) 960 Mycobacterial Detection System

I. Introduction, Purpose and Intent

The intent of this invitation for bid is for the one-time purchase of a Becton Dickinson BACTEC Mycobacteria Growth Indicator Tube (BD BACTEC MGIT) 960 mycobacterial detection system and to establish a five-year master agreement for the consumables used by the equipment.

Dallas County is seeking bids for the purchase of a BD BACTEC MGIT 960 mycobacterial detection system along with establishing a five-year master agreement for the consumables used by the equipment for the Public Health Lab managed by the Health and Human Services Department.

Dallas County operates one of Texas' busiest public health Tuberculosis (TB) laboratories. Our current BACTEC MGIT 960 has been in continuous operation for nearly 30 years. Due to aging infrastructure, increasing service disruptions, and critical throughput and data demands, we seek approval to replace this system with a modern MGIT 960 platform to ensure compliance with national TB control standards and continuity of care. The Dallas County currently ranks in the top five states for active Tuberculosis cases nationally. The Health and Human Services Public Health Lab processes an average of 700 TB tests per month, with a projected annual total of approximately 8,000 tests.

This equipment is used to detect Mycobacteria in the liquid culture inoculated from the clinical patient sample. At any given time, we have 700 to 800 cultures incubating in the unit. This equipment can incubate up to 960 MGIT cultures.

II. Specifications

BD BACTEC MGIT 960 Mycobacterial Detection System

Manufacturer: Becton Dickinson

Model Number: 445870

- Informatics PC
- UPS 120V MGIT
- One-year Warranty

Please note: Items that are used, demonstrators, obsolete, seconds, or which have been discontinued are unacceptable.

Refer to **Exhibit I – BD BACTEC MGIT Instrument Quick Reference Guide** for additional details.

Product Discontinuance

In the event a product and/or model is discontinued by the manufacturer, Dallas County at its sole written discretion may allow the contractor to provide a substitute for the discontinued item. The vendor will be responsible for all shipping costs to and from the County. The County assumes no liability for loss or damage to samples at any time. The contractor shall request permission to substitute a new product and provide the following:

- Sample and product information will need to be provided.
- Documentation from the manufacturer that the product or model has been discontinued.
- Documentation that names the replacement product or model.
- Documentation that provides clear and convincing evidence that the replacement meets or exceeds all specifications required by the original bid.

- Documentation that provides clear and convincing evidence that the replacement will be compatible with all the functions or uses of the discontinued product or model.
- Documentation confirming that the price for the replacement is the same or less than the discontinued product or model.

Manuals

Each unit shall contain a user's manual, warranty information, and customer service number documents within the package of each unit. The information shall be contained within the package at time of delivery.

Brand Authorization

Suppliers must submit a manufacturer-issued letter on official letterhead confirming authorization as a stocking distributor, authorization to sale the bid products, and good standing with the manufacturer.

Warranty

The product shall be covered by manufacturer's standard warranty terms and provisions, provided that the warranty coverage shall meet or exceed the manufacturer's standard warranty terms (one-year minimum). The manufacturer shall warrant the product against defects in material and workmanship under normal use and service and shall repair or replace at its cost any defective product and supplier shall pay all freight and shipping charges for any defective product returned. Complete warranty information detailing the period and coverage must be submitted.

Quantities

The quantities are a representation of historical and estimated usage and therefore the County may purchase more or less depending on the County's needs. The County does not guarantee the quantities it may purchase as this agreement and the quantities purchased will be based on the quantities needed by the County throughout the term of the agreement. Partial deliveries will be accepted; however, the supplier will process, and ship items indicated on the order. If some items are temporarily out of stock, the supplier will notify the County by separate communication when items will be shipped and indicate on invoice/packing slip.

Upon receipt of a purchase order, the vendor shall provide Dallas County with an estimated time frame for order fulfillment if requested by the County. Items shall be delivered within 7 – 10 days after purchase order (PO) is issued.

Delivery

All orders submitted before noon will be delivered during the hours of 8:00 a.m.- 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding weekends and County holidays, unless prior written authorization is given by the ordering department. Dallas County will provide no assistance or equipment for unloading or handling of products and the vendor must notify their truckers or delivery firms accordingly.

Dallas County is closed on the following holidays:

- New Year's Day
- Martin Luther King
- Cesar Chavez Day
- Memorial Day
- Juneteenth
- Independence Day
- Labor Day
- Thanksgiving Holiday (Thursday and Friday)

- Christmas (Tuesday and Wednesday)

Delivery must be freight on board (FOB) destination. The vendor will be responsible for insuring the product against the risk of loss or damage during shipping. The supplier shall be responsible for filing a claim with the delivery provider in the event of shipping damage.

III. Pre-Bid Meeting Schedule, Questions, and Inquiries

During the solicitation process bidders are required to limit their communication regarding this project to the Buyer referenced herein. A pre-bid meeting will be held by the County whereby the bidders will have an opportunity to ask the requesting department(s) questions and/or obtain clarification. The pre-bid meeting will be the only time when bidder and requesting department(s) will communicate directly, thereafter, all communication associated with this project shall be address through the County's purchasing platform, (<https://www.bidnetdirect.com/texas/dallas-county>), to the assigned Buyer. The County will respond to all questions by way of addendum which will be posted as part of the solicitation. The County, its agents, and employees shall not be responsible for any information given by way of verbal communication.

Pre-bid conference **October 3, 2025** at **11:00 AM (CST)** the pre-bid meeting will be conducted through a conference call.

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The deadline for the submission of questions is on **October 3, 2025** at **11 AM (CST)** through Bidnet.

IV. Term and Commencement Date

This will be a **one-time purchase for the equipment and five-year term contract for the consumables** commencing upon award by Commissioners Court, upon meeting any insurance and/or bonding requirements (if applicable) and/or fully executing the contract (if applicable).

V. Award Method

The County's intent is to award this solicitation in its **entirety**, but the County reserves the right to award in the method that is most advantageous to the County.

The County reserves the sole discretion to determine whether a solicitation response is responsive. County reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive minor irregularities or discrepancies in any solicitation response as may be in the best interest of County. Late bids will not be considered for award.

Upon expiration of the Contract, the Contractor agrees to hold over under the terms and conditions of this contract for such a period of time as is reasonably necessary to re-solicit (not to exceed 90 calendar days unless mutually agreed on in writing).

VI. Bid Submittal and Exception Requirements

To be considered for award, the bid response must be submitted by **October 16, 2025** at 2:00 p.m. (CST). Bid responses shall be submitted electronically through Bidnet, the County's online public solicitation platform (<https://www.bidnetdirect.com/texas/dallas-county>). Although the County prefers submissions in electronic form, a bidder may elect to submit their bid in hard copy. To submit in hard copy, the vendor may deliver or ship to: Dallas County Purchasing Department, Records Building 500 Elm Street, Suite 5500, Dallas, Texas 75202. When submitting a bid in hard copy, the County requires **two (2)** duplicate hardcopies (one original and one copy) to be submitted.

Any exceptions to the specifications/scope of work and/or terms and conditions shall be included in the solicitation response and shall appear in its own tab. Exception shall reference the page number, section and language for which exception is taken. The County reserves the right to reject any exception not in the best interest to the County or may lead the bid to be considered nonresponsive and not considered for award.

Note: On December 19, 2024, Dallas County implemented a new public solicitation platform and will be posting all solicitations for goods, services, and construction through Bidnet. Vendors seeking to do business with Dallas County will be required to register, (<https://www.bidnetdirect.com/texas/dallas-county>). By registering, vendors will be able to receive solicitation notices, view open solicitations, and submit their response online to desired business opportunities.

VII. Communication

Upon release of the solicitation and during the process, vendors /firms and their employees of related companies as well as paid or unpaid personnel acting on their behalf shall not contact in relation to this solicitation with Dallas County employees, department heads and/or elected officials. Such contact may result in the vendor being disqualified. All questions and request for information related to this solicitation must be coordinated through (Buyer Name).

All questions regarding this solicitation are to be submitted in writing to **Paige Robinson**, Dallas County Purchasing Department via **Bidnet** (<https://www.bidnetdirect.com/texas/dallas-county>), the County's procurement platform. If the bidder does not have access to the County's solicitation platform, the bidder may submit their questions in writing via email to (Buyer's email). Please reference the IFB Solicitation number in the subject of the email.

All questions, comments and requests for clarification must reference the IFB solicitation number on all correspondence to Dallas County. Any oral communications shall be considered unofficial and non-binding.

Only written responses to written communication shall be considered official and binding upon the County. The County reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to determine appropriate and adequate responses to the written comments, questions, and requests for clarification.

NOTE: All addendums and/or any other correspondence (general information, question and responses) to this IFB will be made available exclusively through the Dallas County website for retrieval. Bidders are solely responsible for frequently checking this website for updates to this IFB Addendums to this IFB can be located at the following web address: <http://www.dallascounty.org/department/purchasing/currentbids.php> (go to the appropriate IFB #, click on the appropriate hyperlink for viewing and/or downloading.)

VIII. Location and Invoicing

The County shall pay invoices in 30 days. In order for the County to pay invoices in 30 days, the vendor's invoice must be correct, and reflect the work or goods delivered to the County. The 30 days begin when the County has received a correct invoice reflecting the work or goods delivered. If the County receives an invoice that is not correct and/or reflective of work or goods that have been delivered, the County will request a corrected invoice and the 30-day period will begin once the correct invoice has been received. All work described in the vendor invoice must have been delivered in compliance with the terms of the contract.

Invoices shall be submitted monthly to the County for payment, unless both parties agree to alternative arrangement based on project milestones. Each invoice submitted for payment shall include, at a minimum, the following information:

- Name and address of the department for which services were provided
- Purchase order number
- Contact information of County staff who placed order (name, phone number, department)
- Date of order or Service
- Detailed description of each service
- Price good or services (charges for all services covered by this contract are to be separately stated and explained
- Unit pricing
- Total cost of goods/services

Submitting invoices without the above information may cause delays in payment processing. Incorrect invoices or invoices sent to the wrong address will delay payment. Vendors who fail to follow these instructions risk having the contract with the County cancelled.

IX. Documents Submitted with Bid

1. Attachment S - Small Business Enterprise (SBE) Forms (mandatory must be submitted with bid).

X. Opening of Bids

Bid reading shall be conducted at 2:30pm (CST) on the day the bids are due. The reading will be conducted via a live meeting online at (insert bid opening link here). Bids will be publicly opened in compliance with public bid opening statutory requirements.

XI. Review of Bids

1. The County will review bids complying with the due date and time to determine whether bids are responsive and responsible and whether the bid meets minimum requirements.
2. The County may conduct all necessary inquiries or investigations, including but not limited to, contacting references to verify the statements, documents, and information submitted in connection with the bid.
3. Please be aware that Dallas County may use sources of information not supplied by the bidder concerning the abilities to perform this work or meet the minimum requirements. Such sources may include current or past customers of the organization; current or past suppliers; articles from industry newsletters or other publications or from non-published sources made available to Dallas County.

XII. Bid Pricing

1. Bid pricing shall be firm for the first 12 months of the contract unless otherwise stated herein. Costs not included or calculated in the applicable unit prices as bid will not be paid by the County, regardless of the intentions of the bidder when the bid was submitted and regardless that those costs were actually incurred. Price increase(s) shall not be automatic, the bidder shall request on an annual bases a price increase which shall not exceed 5% annually as warranted. Bidder shall submit, for the County's consideration, supporting documentation that substantiates the requested price increase. Cumulative change orders and/or price increases shall not exceed 25% of the original amount awarded during contract term. A price increase shall be mutually agreed upon by the County and Contractor. Request for price increases and change orders shall be reviewed and considered at the County's sole discretion.

XIII. Insurance Requirements

Any Contractor or Vendor that conducts business with Dallas County, whether it is for goods and/or services, must maintain lawful worker's compensation/self-insured employee coverage requirements and adequate liability limitations.

Within ten (10) days after contract award or prior to the commencement of any work or delivery, the Purchasing Agent requires the successful Contractor(s)/Vendor(s) to submit verification of the following coverage. The insurance coverages, except Workers Compensation and Professional Liability, required by this Contract, shall name Dallas County and its elected and appointed boards, officers, officials, agents, representatives, directors, employees and volunteers, as additional insured(s) (as the interest of each insured may appear).

Contractor at its own expense, consistent with its status as an independent contractor will carry, purchase and maintain insurance coverage, the minimum insurance coverage set forth immediately below, with companies authorized to do insurance business in the State of Texas or eligible surplus lines insurers operating in accordance with the *Texas Insurance Code*, having an A.M. Best Rating of "A" or better, and in amounts not less than the following minimum limits of coverage:

The policies may provide coverage, which contains deductibles or self-insured retention. Such deductibles and/or self-insured retention shall not be applicable with respect to the coverage provided to Dallas County under such policies. The Contractor shall be solely responsible for all deductibles and/or self-insured retention.

All insurance required herein shall be maintained in full force and effect throughout the term of this contract, including all extensions or renewals.

- 1.1. Workers Compensations and Employer's Liability Insurance or self-insured employee in the amount and in compliance with the provisions as provided for by Texas Law as established by the Texas Workers Compensation Act, Title 5, Subtitle A, Texas Labor Code for all his employees assigned to operate or work under this Contract. In the event the Contractor elects to sublet any work, Contractor shall require Sub-Contractors to provide Workers' Compensation Insurance for all of the latter's employees unless the Contractor affords such employees protection. Contractors shall be responsible for workers' compensation insurance for subcontractors or sub-lessees who directly or indirectly provide service under Dallas County contract.

Workers' Compensation Insurance with statutory limits, and Employer's Liability Insurance with limits of not less than \$500,000:

Employers Liability - Each Accident	\$500,000
Employers Liability - Each Employee	\$500,000
Employers Liability - Policy Limit	\$500,000

Policies under this Section shall apply to State of Texas and include the following endorsements in favor of Dallas County:

- a. Waiver of Subrogation
- b. Thirty (30) day Notice of Cancellation

- 1.2. Commercial General Liability: Contract shall maintain Commercial General Liability Insurance coverage must include the following: (a) Premises; (b) Operations; (c) Independent Contractor's Protective Liability; (d) Products and Completed Operations; (e) Medical Expense; (f) Personal and Advertising Injury; (g) Contractual Liability; (h) Broad form property damage, to include fire legal liability. Such insurance shall carry in an amount not less than One Million and 00/100 (\$1,000,000.00) for bodily injury (including death), property damage, and blanket contractual coverage per occurrence with a general aggregate of Two Million and 00/100 (\$2,000,000.00) and products and completed operations aggregate of Two Million and 00/100 (\$2,000,000.00).

Policies under this Section shall apply to State of Texas and include the following endorsements in favor of Dallas County:

- a. Waiver of Subrogation
- b. Thirty (30) day Notice of Cancellation
- c. Additional Insureds: Dallas County and its elected and appointed boards, officers, officials, agents, representatives, directors, employees, and volunteers.

- 1.3. Automobile Liability Insurance: Contractor shall maintain Automobile Liability Insurance covering all owned, hired, and non-owned automobiles used in connection with work with limits not less than Five Hundred Thousand 00/100 (\$500,000.00) Combined Single Limit of Liability for Bodily Injury and Property Damage. Such insurance is to include coverage for loading and unloading hazards.

Policies under this Section shall apply to State of Texas and include the following endorsements in

favor of Dallas County:

- a. Waiver of Subrogation
- b. Thirty (30) day Notice of Cancellation
- c. Additional Insureds: Dallas County and its elected and appointed boards, officers, officials, agents, representatives, directors, employees and volunteers.

Contractor agrees that, with respect to the above-referenced insurance, all insurance contracts/policies will contain the following required provisions:

- a. Endorsement: Except Workers Compensation and Professional Liability, name Dallas County and its elected and appointed boards, officers, officials, agents, representatives, directors, employees and volunteers as additional insured(s) (as the interest of each insured may appear) as to all applicable coverage;
- b. Endorsement: Provide for thirty (30) days prior written notice will be given to the County for cancellation, non-renewal or material reduction/change in coverage provided under all policies, except in cases of cancellation for non-payment, in the event of which notice shall be provided as required by state law to Dallas County;
- c. Endorsement: Contractor agrees to waive subrogation against Dallas County, its officers and employees for injuries, including death, property damage or any other loss;
- d. Provide for endorsement that the "other insurance" clause shall not apply to County where County is the additional insured on the policy;
- e. All insurance required herein shall be maintained in full force and effect until all work or services required to be performed under the terms of the contract is satisfactorily completed and formally accepted;
- f. All insurance coverage shall be on a per occurrence basis, if coverage is written on a claims-made basis, the retroactive date shall be prior to or coincide with the date of the Contract and the certificate of insurance shall state that the coverage is claims-made and indicate the retroactive date. The coverage shall be continuous for the duration of the contract agreement and for not less than two (2) years following the end of the contract agreement. Coverage, including renewals, shall have the same retroactive date as the original policy applicable to the contract agreement;
- g. Contractor shall be solely responsible for the deductible and/or self-insured retention for any loss;
- h. Contractor insurance policies coverage shall be written on a primary basis and non-contributory with any other insurance coverages and/or self-insurance carried by Dallas County;
- i. Default/Cumulative Rights/Mitigation. It is not a waiver of default if the non-defaulting party fails to immediately declare a default or delays in taking any action. The rights and remedies provided by this contract agreement are cumulative, and either Party's use of any right or remedy will not preclude or waive its right to use any other remedy. These rights and remedies are in addition to any other rights the Parties may have by law, statute, ordinance or otherwise. Contractor has a duty to mitigate damages.
- j. Approval and acceptance of Contractor's services and work by County shall not constitute nor be deemed a release of the responsibility and liability of Contractor for the accuracy and competency of Contractor's services or work; nor shall such approval and acceptance be deemed to be an assumption of such responsibility by the County for any defect, error or omission in the services performed by Contractor in this regard;

- k. Contractor shall provide that all provisions of this contract agreement concerning liability, duty and standard of care, shall be underwritten by contractual liability coverage sufficient to include obligation within applicable policies;
- l. Contractor and their freight contractors must be prepared to show coverage verification prior to entering upon County premises;
- m. Failure to comply with lawful requirements or adequate liability requirements may result in delay of payments, subject to the orders of the Commissioners Court, not to exceed a period of up to two years from the termination of this contract agreement, or cancellation of this contract agreement or both (Dallas County Commissioners Court Order 2003-1792, September 30, 2003);
- n. Insurance Certificates: The certificates of insurance shall list County as the certificate holder. Any and all copies of Certificates of Insurance shall reference any applicable (Bid Number, Commissioners Court Order Number, or contract number for which the insurance is being supplied). All insurance policies or duly executed certificates for the same required to be carried by Contractor under this contract agreement, together with satisfactory evidence of the payment of the premium thereof, shall be delivered to the: Dallas County Purchasing Agent located at 500 Elm Street, Suite 5500, Dallas, Texas 75202; and
- o. All insurance required to be carried by Contractor or subcontractors under this contract agreement shall be acceptable to the County in form and content, in its sole discretion. All policies shall be issued by an insurance company acceptable and satisfactory to County and authorized to do business in the State of Texas. Acceptance of or the verification of insurance by County shall not relieve or decrease the liability of Contractor.

2. Insurance Lapse

In the event successful firm fails to maintain insurance as required by this contract, successful firm shall immediately cure such lapse in insurance coverage at successful firm's sole expense and pay County in full for all costs and expenses incurred by County under this contract as a result of such failure to maintain insurance by successful firm, including costs and reasonable attorney's fees relating to County's attempt to cure such lapse in insurance coverage. Such costs and attorney's fees, not to exceed fifteen hundred and 00/100 dollars (\$1,500.00), shall be automatically deducted from monies or payments owed to successful firm by County. Moreover, the County shall retain five percent (5%) of the value of the Contract that shall be placed into an account from monies or payments owed to Contractor by County to cover County's potential exposure to liability during the period of such lapse. The five percent (5%) retainage shall be held by County until six (6) months after the date lapse in coverage is cured or Term of the Contract has ended or has otherwise been terminated, canceled or expired and shall be released if no claims are received or lawsuits filed against County for any matter that should have been covered by the required insurance. The County shall retain the funds if a claim is received or lawsuit and use the funds to defend, pay costs of defense or settle the claim.

XIV. Rejection or Acceptance of Bids

The County reserves the right to accept or reject in part or in whole any bids submitted. The Purchasing Agent will recommend to Commissioners Court award to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder as determined by the Purchasing Agent.

XV. Late and Withdrawn Bids

All bids must be submitted no later than the bid due date and time established by this solicitation. Bid arriving after the due date and time will not be accepted. Late bids delivered by carrier will be return to the bidder unopened.

A bidder has the right to withdraw their bid prior to the bid due date and time, thereafter, the bidder shall submit a formal request to the Dallas County Purchasing Agent requesting to withdraw their bid.

XVI. Confidentiality

Any information deemed confidential, shall be clearly noted as such on each page of the solicitation response by the bidder. County cannot guarantee it will not be compelled to disclose all or part of any public record under the Texas Open Record Act. Respondents who include information in a bid that is legally protected as trade secret or confidential shall clearly indicate the information which constitutes a trade secret or confidential information by marking that part of the bid “trade secret” or “confidential” at the appropriate place. If a request is made under the Texas Open Records Act to inspect information designated as trade secret or confidential in a bid, the bidder shall, upon request, immediately furnish sufficient written reasons and information as to why the information designated as a trade secret or confidential should be protected from disclosure to Attorney General of Texas for final determination.

XVII. Disqualification of Bidders

Bidders may be disqualified for, but not limited to, the following reasons:

- Reason to believe collusion exists among the bidders
- The bidder is involved in any litigation against Dallas County
- The bidder is in arrears on an existing contract or has failed to perform on a previous contract with Dallas County

XVIII. Permits Required by Law

Contractor shall comply with all requirements of federal, state, and local statutory requirements and regulations pertinent to or affecting any phase of this contract.

XIX. Records and Audit

The Contractor shall keep accurate records of all components of invoices to the County as they relate to this contract. These records shall be retained for a minimum of two years after the conclusion of the Contract. The County reserves the right to audit any records it deems necessary for the execution of this Contract.

XX. Assignment of Contract

The Contractor shall not assign, transfer, sublet, convey or otherwise dispose of the Contract of any part therein or its right, title or interest therein or its power to execute the same to any other persons, firm, partnership, company or corporation without the prior written consent of the County. Should the Contractor assign, transfer, sublet, convey or otherwise dispose of its right, title or interest or any part thereof in violation of this section, the County may, at its discretion, cancel the Contract and all rights, title and interest of the Contractor shall therein cease and terminate, and the Contractor shall be declared in default.

XXI. Default by Contractor

The following events shall be deemed to be events of default by Contractor under the Contract:

- Contractor shall become insolvent, or shall make a transfer in fraud of creditors, or shall make an assignment for the benefit of creditors;
- Contractor attempts to assign the Contract without the prior written consent of the County;
- Contractor shall fail to perform, keep or observe any term, provision or covenant of the Contract; or
- Contractor fails to properly and timely pay Contractor personnel, suppliers or other contractors and the failure impacts the County in any manner.

In the event a default occurs, the Director shall give the Contractor written notice of the default. If the default is not corrected to the satisfaction and approval of the Director within the time specified in such notice, the County may immediately cancel the Contract. At the direction of the Director, the Contractor shall vacate the facility, if applicable, and shall have no right to further operate under the Contract.

The Contractor, in accepting the Contract, agrees that the County shall not be liable to prosecution for damages or lost anticipated profits if the County cancels or terminates the Contract.

No Waiver: No waiver by the County of any default or breach of any covenant, condition, or stipulation shall be treated as a waiver of any subsequent default or breach of the same or any other covenant, condition, or stipulation.

XXII. Termination

The County may terminate this agreement in whole or in part by giving thirty days written notice thereof to Contractor. The County will compensate Contractor in accordance with the terms of the agreement for all goods and services delivered and accepted prior to the effective date of such termination notice.

XXIII. Miscellaneous

1. After executing the contract or issuance of a purchase order, no consideration will be given to any claim of misunderstanding.
2. Bidders shall submit with their bid, the required Contractor's qualification statement with supporting information as stated herein along with all other supporting documentation requested.
3. Bidders shall thoroughly familiarize themselves with the provisions of these specifications/scope of work.
4. A bid may be disqualified if the corporation or individual bidder is in arrears or in default to the County for delinquent taxes or assessments or on any debt or contract, whether as defaulter or bondsman; or who has defaulted upon any obligation to the County by failing to perform satisfactorily any previous agreement or Contract within the past seven years. Also, bidders may be disqualified for poor prior performance on similar Contracts with other entities.
5. The Contractor agrees to abide by the rules and regulations as prescribed herein. The Contractor will, in all solicitations or advertisements for personnel to perform services under the Contract, state that all

qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, gender, or national origin.

6. If either party hereto is prevented from completing its obligations under the Contract by act of God, strike, lockout, material or labor restrictions by any governmental authority, civil riot, flood, or any other cause beyond the control of the parties hereto, then such party shall be excused from such performance for such period of time as is reasonably necessary after such occurrence to remedy the effects thereof.
7. The section headings in these Specifications are for convenience in reference and are not intended to define or limit the scope of any of the conditions, terms or provisions of these specifications.
8. Should any question arise as to the proper interpretation of the terms and conditions of these specifications, the decision of the department director and/or Purchasing Agent or his authorized representative shall be final.

XXIV. Indemnity

The selected bidder agrees to defend, indemnify and hold the County, its officers, agents and employees, harmless against any and all claims, lawsuits, judgments, costs, and expenses for personal injury (including death), property damage or other harm for which recovery of damages is sought, suffered by any person or persons, that may arise out of or be occasioned by the selected bidder's breach of any of the terms or provisions of the contract, or by any other negligent or strictly liable act or omission of the selected bidder, its officers, agents, employees, or subcontractors, in the performance of the contract; except that the indemnity provided for in this paragraph shall not apply to any liability resulting from the sole negligence or fault of the County, its officers, agents, or employees and in the event of joint and concurrent negligence or fault of the selected bidder(s) and County, responsibility, and indemnity, if any, shall be apportioned comparatively in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas, without waiving any governmental immunity available to the County under Texas law and without waiving any defenses of the parties under Texas law. The provisions of this paragraph are solely for the benefit of the parties hereto and are not intended to create or grant any rights, contractual or otherwise, to any other person or entity.

XXV. Development Costs

Neither Dallas County nor its representatives shall be liable for any expenses incurred in connection with preparing a response to this IFB. Respondents are encouraged to prepare their bids simply and economically, providing a straightforward and concise description of your firm's ability to meet the requirements of the IFB.

XXVI. Certificate of Interested Parties (Form 1295)

Section 2252.908 of the Texas Government Code: An Act Addressing Disclosure of Interested Parties.

Effective January 1, 2016, Dallas County, must comply with the "Disclosure of Interest Parties, requirements established under Section 2252.908 of the Texas Government Code as implemented by the Texas Ethics Commission. Briefly stated, all contracts requiring an action or vote by the governing body of the entity or agency before the contract may be signed (regardless of the dollar amount) or that has a value of at least \$1 million will require the on-line completion of Form 1295 "Certificate of Interested Parties", in accordance

with Texas Government Code Statute §2252.908. Form 1295 is also required for any and all contract amendments, extensions or renewals. All business entities are required to complete and file electronically with the Texas Ethics Commission using the online filing application.

Step 1: Business Entity completes Form 1295 in electronic format on the Texas Ethics Commission website: (https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/elf_info_form1295.htm)

Step 2: Upon receipt of a completed Interested Parties Disclosure Form, Texas Ethics Commission issues a Certification of Filing to the Business Entity and the Business Entity download(s), print, sign(s) and notarize(s) Form 1295. An authorized agent of the business entity will need to sign the printed copy of the form and have the form notarized.

Step 3: At the time of submission of the solicitation to Dallas County the Business Entity must submit the completed notarized Form 1295 with the Certification of Filing with their contract (i.e.: bid, rfp, rfq, soq, etc.) to Dallas County. Upon receipt, Dallas County may proceed with the award and/or execution of the contract.

Step 4: Not later than the 30th day after the date the contract has been signed by all parties, Dallas County must notify the Texas Ethics Commission (in electronic format) of the receipt of (1) Form 1295, and (2) the Certification of Filing.

Step 5: Not later than the 7th business day after receipt of the above notice, Texas Ethics Commission makes the disclosure available to the public by posting the disclosure on its website.

County Offices and Departments submitting contracts to Commissioners Court for award/execution are responsible for acknowledging and filing the Form 1295.

Definitions:

(a) “Contract” includes an amended, extended, or renewed contract.

(b) “Business entity” includes an entity through which business is conducted with a governmental entity or state agency, regardless of whether the entity is a for-profit or nonprofit entity. The term does not include a governmental entity or state agency.

(c) “Controlling interest” In accordance with the Texas Ethics Commission, Chapter 46.3(c) and applicable to Texas Government Code §2252.908 - (1) an ownership interest or participating interest in a business entity by virtue of units, percentage, shares, stock, or otherwise that exceeds 10 percent; (2) membership on the board of directors or other governing body of a business entity of which the board or other governing body is composed of not more than 10 members; or (3) service as an officer of a business entity that has four or fewer officers, or service as one of the four officers most highly compensated by a business entity that has more than four officers.

(d) “Interested party” (1) a person who has a controlling interest in a business entity with whom a governmental entity or state agency contracts; or (2) a person who actively participates in facilitating a contract or negotiating the terms of a contract with a governmental entity or state agency, including a broker, intermediary, adviser, or attorney for the business entity.

(e)“Intermediary” for purposes of this rule, means, a person who actively participates in the facilitation of the contract or negotiating the contract, including a broker, adviser, attorney, or representative of or agent for the business entity who:

(1) receives compensation from the business entity for the person’s participation;

(2) communicates directly with the governmental entity or state agency on behalf of the business entity regarding the contract; and

(3) is not an employee of the business entity.

To obtain additional information on Section 2252 and to learn more about the Texas Ethics Commission process to create a new account or to complete an electronic version of Form 1295 for submission with a signed contract, please go to the following website:

<https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/tec/1295-Info.htm>

Instructional Videos for Business Entities on how to file online can be found at:

https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/elf_info_form1295.htm

XXVII. Conflict of Interest

No County elected or appointed official or representative, or any employees shall have any financial interest, direct or indirect, in any contract with the County or be financially interested, directly or indirectly, in the sale to the County of any land, materials, supplies, goods or services, except on behalf of the County as an official or employee. Any violation of this Section, with knowledge, expresses or implied, of the person or corporation contracting with the County shall render this Agreement involved voidable by the Commissioners Court of Dallas County. It is the responsibility of Contractor during all phases of this Agreement to notify the County in writing of any potential conflict of interest. Contractor covenants that neither it nor any member of its corporation presently has any interest or shall acquire any interest, direct or indirect, which would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of this Agreement. Contractor further covenants that in the performance of this Agreement no person having such interest shall be employed or appointed by Contractor.

XXVIII. Small Business Enterprise (SBE) Program

See Attachment S – Small Business Enterprise Program (SBE) and SBE forms.

XXIX. Cost Sheet

See Attachment A- Cost Sheet

XXX. BD BACTEC MGIT Instrument Quick Reference Guide

See Exhibit I - BD BACTEC MGIT Instrument Quick Reference Guide



Instrument Quick Reference Guide


(BD BACTEC™ MGIT™ 960 and BD BACTEC™ MGIT™ 320)



- ⇒ Icons Reference
- ⇒ Daily QC/Maintenance
- ⇒ Routine Operations
- ⇒ Error Codes
- ⇒ Error Station Resolution

Before using this Guide, it is important that all users review the *BD BACTEC™ MGIT™ Instrument User's Manual* for comprehensive operating instructions, including important warnings relating to operator safety.

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















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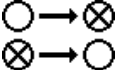


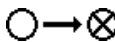


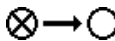













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



















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Station Statuses		Drawer Statuses	Configuration	Instrument Statuses
	Positive	 Drawer (A, B, C) loading software	 Set audible alert volume	 Current date
	Negative	 Drawer (A, B, C) normal	 Set instrument number (960)	 Current time
	Available	 Drawer (A, B, C) offline	 Set instrument number (320)	Main Status Screen
	Ongoing	 Drawer (A, B, C) testing	 Set report language	
	Anonymous	Configuration		 Configuration
	Error	 Set protocol length	 Accession barcoding enable/disable	 Maintenance
	Blocked	 Set time	 AST set (2 tubes, 3, 4, etc.)	 System alerts
	AST Ongoing set	 Set date	 Make default AST set	 Print reports
	AST Complete set	 Set time/date format	 AST Set Position 1	 Temperature readings
			 AST Set Position 2, etc.	

Maintenance		Alerts / Notification		Actions / Navigation	
	Block / Unblock stations		System alert		Ok; confirm selection or operation; activity complete
	Block station		Activity error or instrument full		Cancel selection or operation
	Unblock station		Problem with storage media or no storage media is inserted		Increase value or scroll up
	Copy data to storage media		Insert storage media		Decrease value or scroll down
	Update software		Power was removed at this time		Move to other field
	Replace calibrators; replace single calibrator		Power was restored at this time		Perform action
	Replace all calibrators				Exit

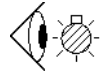
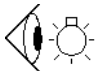
(Other maintenance icons on p. 5)

Operations	Operations	Reports	Reports
 Remove ongoing tubes	 Isolate number ◆ [01]	 Unloaded Positive Tubes	 Confirm that Unloaded Tube Report did not print correctly
 Identify anonymous tubes	 Remove completed AST set	 Unloaded Negative Tubes	
 Resolve station errors	(Other operations icons shown on p. 6 – 7)	 Unloaded Ongoing Tubes	
 AST operations	Printing Reports	 Unloaded AST Sets	
 AST set entry		 Instrument Inventory (+ AST Set Inventory if enabled)	 Error/Alert
 Default AST set is shown		 Quality Control	 Negative Tube
 Change AST set definition		 Confirm that Unloaded Tube Report printed correctly	 Positive Tube / Completed AST Set

Maintenance



Check indicator lamps



- 1 Make sure all drawers are closed. Select the **maintenance** soft key.
- 2 Select the **test indicators** soft key.
- 3 Select the **test drawer indicators** soft key. All three external lamps on all drawers should light, as well as the instrument alarm indicator.
- 4 Open drawer A. Soft key definitions now change to allow testing station status LEDs.
- 5 Select the **test green LEDs** soft key. All the green LEDs at all the stations should light. If any does not, block those station(s). Select the **test green LEDs** soft key again to extinguish the green LEDs.
- 6 Select the **test red LEDs** soft key. All the red LEDs at all the stations should light. If any does not, block those station(s). Select the **test red LEDs** soft key again to extinguish the red LEDs.
- 7 Repeat the tests of red and green station status LEDs for drawers B and C (MGIT 960 only).

Check printer paper

- Add paper if needed.

Check temperatures



- Check the thermometer reading of the Temperature QC tube. If your manual readings are within +1.0/-2.0 °C of 37 °C, the controller and heaters are operating within the expected range. From the main status screen, select the **temperature** soft key to access drawer temperature readings. Verify that the temperature is currently within 1.5 °C of the manual reading for each of the drawers.

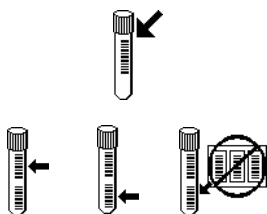


Print QC Report

- Select the **print reports** soft key, then select the **QC Report** soft key.

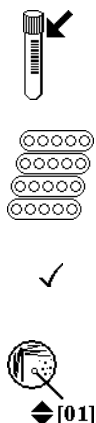
Monthly: Clean / Replace air filters (refer to User's Manual Section 6.2.2.1)

Entering new MGIT tubes



- 1 Take the new MGIT tubes to the instrument. Open the desired drawer. Select the **tube entry** soft key (left).
- 2 Scan the tube's barcode label.
If Accession Barcoding is enabled, first the leftmost icon at left appears. Scan the tube barcode sequence number. Next, the middle icon at left appears. Scan the accession barcode. If an accession barcode is not available, select the **accession barcode not available** soft key (rightmost icon at left).
- 3 The assigned station is shown in the main body of the display. In addition, the station LEDs of the assigned station illuminates GREEN. Carefully insert the tube into the station.
- 4 Repeat Steps 2–3 for each of the new cultures you want to enter.

Entering new AST tubes



- 1 Take the AST tube sets to the instrument using the AST tube rack. Open the desired drawer. Select the **tube entry** soft key.
- 2 Scan the AST carrier's barcode label.
If Accession Barcoding is enabled, the system expects an accession barcode to be scanned after the AST carrier barcode. Scan the accession barcode if it is available. If it is not available, select the **accession barcode not available** soft key.
- 3 To change the AST set definition, select the **change AST set definition** soft key. Use the ▲ or ▼ key to scroll through the available definitions for the scanned carrier size. (As you scroll, the default set is indicated by a check mark in the main body of the display.)
- 4 To change the isolate number, select the **isolate number** soft key. Use the ▲ key to increase or the ▼ key to decrease the isolate number.
- 5 The assigned stations of the set are shown in the main body of the display. In addition, the station LEDs of all the assigned stations for the set illuminate GREEN. Carefully insert the tube set into the indicated stations. Make sure the Growth Control tube is leftmost of the tube set.
- 6 Repeat Steps 2–5 for each of the AST sets you want to enter.

Removing Tubes



To remove positive tubes:

- 1 Open the desired drawer. Select the **remove positive tubes** soft key (left).
- 2 All the positive stations illuminate with FLASHING GREEN, FLASHING RED indicators. Remove one of the positive tubes and scan its barcode label. The LEDs at this station extinguish. Repeat to remove additional positive tubes.



To remove negative tubes:

- 1 Open the desired drawer. Select the **remove negative tubes** soft key (left).
- 2 All the final negative stations illuminate with FLASHING GREEN indicators.
- 3 **To remove all negative tubes (batch removal)**, select the **remove negatives – batch** soft key (left). Remove all the tubes in the indicated stations. The barcode scanner turns off, so you cannot scan any of the tube barcode labels. Do not close the drawer until you have removed all the tubes in the FLASHING GREEN stations. When all negative tubes are removed, select the **OK** soft key.

To remove negative tubes one at a time, remove the desired tubes and scan their barcode labels. Continue to remove and scan all the desired individual negative tubes.



To remove completed AST sets:

- 1 Open the desired drawer. Select the **remove completed AST sets** soft key.
- 2 The first completed AST set stations illuminate with FLASHING GREEN indicators. Remove the carrier and scan its barcode label. The LEDs at this station extinguish. Repeat to remove additional AST sets.



Code	Meaning	Corrective Action (If the recommended actions do not correct the situation, refer to the User's Manual or contact BD)
E01	Positivity Algorithms Reset	Error occurs as a result of another error condition that went uncorrected.
E02	Temperature alarm	Check current incubator temperature, room temperature, and thermometer tube. Keep drawers closed. Clean/replace air filters. Remove instrument from direct sunlight/heat source.
E04	Flash cache error	System encountered a software error. Save data to storage media and call BD.
E05	Calibration error	A calibrator reading is out of tolerance. Check for debris/spilled media in instrument. If error recurs, replace calibrator.
E06	Detector error	Check for/remove object impeding motion of detector assembly. Reboot instrument and call BD.
E07	Power supplies high/low	Contact your local BD representative for assistance. Do not reboot the instrument.
E08	Drawer voltage high/low	Check line voltage. Clean/replace air filters. Reboot instrument. If error recurs, note any error sub-codes.
E09	No tests in over 4 hours	Determine why tests have not occurred (e.g., power off, drawer openings interrupted testing, etc.). If none of the above events happened, save data to storage media and call BD.
E10	Database corruption	Database checksum test failed. Save data to storage media and call BD.
E11	Printer error	Check printer paper (jammed or out), cable connections, power on, and online indicator.
E12	Station error	Check that tubes are seated in stations. Determine why tube is missing from station. If the tube cannot be located, select the force station available soft key.
E13	Power Failure	Note power failure and restore times in instrument log (or print screen).
E30	Unexpected tube was scanned	Locate the missing tube or press "force station available" soft key.
E31	Storage media error	Insert blank, formatted storage media.
E32	Drawer full	No available stations. Remove final negatives.
E33	Moved tube with no error	Refer to User's Manual.
E34	Update error	Repeat software update.

Code	Meaning	Corrective Action (If the recommended actions do not correct the situation, refer to the User's Manual or contact BD)
E35	Incorrect drawer	Tube just scanned belongs in another drawer. Open next drawer and scan tube barcode. Repeat until error does not recur.
E37	Barcode scan order incorrect	System expected a barcode sequence number and an accession barcode was scanned (or vice versa). Be sure to scan the type of barcode the system expects.
E38	No storage media in drive	Insert blank, formatted, write-enabled storage media in the storage media drive to save data to storage media.
E39	Storage media full, insert another	Insert blank, formatted, write-enabled storage media in the storage media drive to complete the save data to storage media function.
E40	Network error	Start BD EpiCenter™ system.
E43	LIS parameter changed: instrument must be restarted.	Select OK soft key to implement changes or select not OK soft key to cancel changes.
E45	Drawer error	A drawer is not fully closed. Close drawer.
E50	Internal software error	System encountered a software error. Save data to storage media and call BD.
E92	AST Set Error	Main error code for any station error in an AST set. Refer to User's Manual for additional information.

