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The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, California 90012

**Dear Supervisors:** 

AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF 3DIMENSIONS MAMMOGRAPHY SYSTEMS FOR VARIOUS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES FACILITIES (SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 2) FISCAL YEAR 2024-25 (3 VOTES)

## **SUBJECT**

Requesting authorization for the Director of the Internal Services Department (ISD), as the Los Angeles County (LA County) Purchasing Agent, to proceed with the sole source acquisition of three 3Dimensions Mammography Systems for the Department of Health Services' (DHS) H. Claude Hudson (Hudson) Comprehensive Health Center and Hubert H. Humphrey (Humphrey) Health Center, with a total estimated cost of \$1.439 million.

#### IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:



Authorize the Director of ISD, as LA County's Purchasing Agent, to proceed with the sole source acquisition of three 3Dimensions Mammography Systems from Hologic, Inc. (Hologic) for DHS' Hudson Comprehensive Health Center and Humphrey Health Center (collectively, Health Centers), with a total estimated cost of \$1.439 million.

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#### PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended action will authorize ISD to proceed with the sole source acquisition of three 3Dimensions Mammography Systems; two for Hudson Comprehensive Health Center and one for Humphrey Health Center. This acquisition is needed to replace the Health Centers' mammography equipment that are functioning at maximum capacity and nearing end of life. Further, DHS has determined that the existing mammography equipment at Humphrey is old technology and is not upgradeable to meet the current recommended standard of mammography services in DHS. The recommended new equipment will provide both improved diagnostic and screening mammogram capabilities at each site and provide timely screening and diagnostic mammograms. The purchase of the 3Dimensions Mammography System from Hologic will also allow DHS to continue its acquisition strategy to standardize, replace, and update radiology equipment.

By way of background, the Board of Supervisors (Board) instructed the Director of DHS on February 5, 2013, to report back within 30 days on DHS protocols for prioritizing medical equipment purchases, maintenance, and replacement throughout all of its facilities. On March 5, 2013, the Director of DHS provided his report to the Board, which described the criteria used to determine the priority and timing for replacement of medical equipment at all DHS facilities. Beginning in Fiscal Year 2013-14, DHS established a \$10 million ongoing revolving fund to purchase and install the radiology equipment and make the necessary room alterations required to accommodate such equipment throughout DHS. DHS subsequently convened a group of subject matter expert radiologists and supply chain staff to assess DHS patient care needs for the future and thoroughly review available imaging technology in an effort to standardize imaging care across DHS, which will also provide the opportunity for group purchasing discounts; and ensure consistent integration with the Online Realtime Centralized Health Information Database system (ORCHID).

DHS intends to purchase proprietary Breast tomosynthesis (3D) mammography equipment from Hologic to provide advanced diagnostic mammography exams for patients at Hudson Comprehensive Health Center and Humphrey Health Center. This equipment is identical to the sole source purchase of equipment approved by the Board on December 10, 2019, for Los Angeles General Medical Center, May 4, 2021, for Harbor-UCLA Medical Center and Olive View-UCLA Medical Center, and June 14, 2022, for Edward R. Roybal Comprehensive Health Center, El Monte Comprehensive Health Center, High Desert Regional Health Center, and Long Beach Comprehensive Health Center. The digital equipment with tomosynthesis is used to perform screening or diagnostic mammograms for the early detection of breast cancer or other abnormalities. The new technology will be able to provide high-quality images that will be used to provide timely and effective life-saving interventions when abnormalities are detected in patients and matches end user requirements with superior Acquisition Time needed to improve patient throughput.

## **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

This recommendation supports North Star 1 – A "Healthy Individuals and Families" and North Star 3 – G "Internal Controls and Processes" of LA County's Strategic Plan.

#### FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The total estimated cost for the three 3Dimensions Mammography Systems is \$1.439 million. The estimated acquisition cost includes the equipment, a one-year manufacturer's warranty, freight, and

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tax. Funding is included in the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Final Budget.

**Operating Budget Impact** 

DHS will request and fund the associated ongoing maintenance, as needed, with departmental resources in future budget phases. There is no net County cost impact associated with the recommendation.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

On October 16, 2001, the Board approved the classification categories for fixed assets and new requirements for major fixed asset (now referred to as capital asset) acquisitions requiring LA County departments to obtain Board approval to acquire or finance equipment with a unit cost of \$250,000 or greater prior to submitting their requisition to ISD.

#### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

The acquisition of equipment falls under the statutory authority of the LA County Purchasing Agent and will be accomplished in accordance with LA County's purchasing policies and procedures for sole source purchases.

# **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

Approval of the recommendation will ensure the provision of standardized radiologic services across DHS and will enable DHS to provide high quality diagnostic and mammogram screenings, as well as meet regulatory standards for access to screening mammograms studies.

Respectfully submitted,

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