

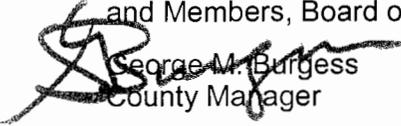
Memorandum



Date: May 6, 2008

To: Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

Agenda Item No. 9(A)(17)(A)

From:  George W. Burgess
County Manager

Subject: Resolution to Approve Purchase of Anti-Venin Serum from Any Authorized Source,
Waiving Competitive Process Requirements Pursuant to Section 5.03 D of the Miami-Dade
County Charter and Section 2-8.1 of the Code of Miami-Dade County

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners approve the attached resolution as being in the best interests of Miami-Dade County to authorize the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department (MDFR) to purchase anti-venin serum from any authorized source world-wide, waiving competitive process requirements pursuant to section 5.03 D of the Miami-Dade County Charter and section 2-8.1 of the Code of Miami-Dade County. Approval of this item requires a 2/3 vote of the Commission members present.

Scope

The Venom Response Bureau administrates the anti-venin supply for Miami-Dade County and responds to calls nationwide.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source

The Venom Response Bureau is funded from the Fire Rescue District Operating Budget and hospital reimbursements for anti-venin serum.

Track Record/Monitor

The Venom Response Bureau monitors all purchases of anti-venin serum.

Background

MDFR operates the largest anti-venin bank in the country and is the only anti-venin bank available for public use in the United States. The MDFR Venom Response Bureau responds to the growing threat of venomous animal incidents and is nationally respected as an authority on venomous animal response and patient treatment. The Venom Response Bureau provides medical intervention 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, countywide, nationally, and internationally to those bitten by poisonous or venomous animals. Due to the increasing numbers of exotic venomous snakes entering Miami-Dade County, the Venom Response Bureau now stores 38 different types of anti-venin and responds to more than 1,000 calls in Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach counties per year, of which approximately 250 are snake related.

MDFR is the only fire department permitted by the United States Food and Drug Administration to supply anti-venin for the treatment of snakebites. Effective October 2008, the MDFR Venom Response Bureau will become the sole source of Coral Snake anti-venin for the entire United States.

Under the authority granted by Miami-Dade Fire Board Resolution 41-99, the MDFR Anti-Venom Bureau has been utilizing sole source vendor direct purchases to procure anti-venin serum needed to resupply the anti-venin bank. Antivenin is species specific. There are only a few anti-venin vendors in this country and most antivenin is produced outside of the United States. Due to the specialized nature

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of the industry, vendors typically produce only one to three kinds of anti-venin. MDFR purchases each kind of anti-venin it needs from the vendors that makes that specific type.

To prevent drops in supply and service disruptions, approval is required by the Board of County Commissioners to waive competitive bidding requirements governing County procurement rules on the purchase of goods and services and authorize MDFR to continue procuring the anti-venin under the current procedure.



Assistant County Manager



MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

TO: Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: May 6, 2008

FROM: 
R. A. Cuevas, Jr.
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 9(A)(17)(A)

Please note any items checked.

- "4-Day Rule" ("3-Day Rule" for committees) applicable if raised
- 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- Budget required
- Statement of fiscal impact required
- Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation
- Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing
- Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)
- No committee review

Approved _____ Mayor

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Veto _____

5-6-08

Override _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MIAMI-DADE FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT TO PURCHASE ANTI-VENIN SERUM FROM ANY SOURCE WORLD-WIDE; WAIVING COMPETITIVE PROCESS PURSUANT TO SECTION 5-03 D OF THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY CHARTER AND SECTION 2-8.1 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY; FINDING SUCH WAIVER TO BE IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY AGREEMENTS

WHEREAS, due to the increasing numbers of exotic venomous snakes entering Miami-Dade County, the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department (MDFR) Venom Response Bureau now stores 38 different types of anti-venin and responds to more than 1,000 calls in the tri-county area per year, of which approximately 250 are snake related; and

WHEREAS, the MDFR Venom Response Bureau maintains the only anti-venin bank for public use in the country and is the only fire department permitted by the United States Food and Drug Administration to supply anti-venin for the treatment of snakebites; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida grant funding received by the Venom Response Bureau requires maintaining anti-venin, gathering and transporting anti-venin, and training first responders; and

WHEREAS, anti-venin serum may only be obtained from certain sources, some of which are located outside of Miami-Dade County, the State of Florida, or the United States; and

WHEREAS, world-wide availability is needed to serve the purpose of the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue anti-venin serum bank; and

WHEREAS, this Board desires to accomplish the purposes outlined in the accompanying memorandum, a copy of which is incorporated herein by reference,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board hereby, pursuant to section 5.03 D of the Home Rule Charter and section 2-8.1 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, waives competitive process by a vote of two-thirds of the members present and finds such waiver to be in the best interests of Miami-Dade County, authorizes the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department to purchase anti-venin serum from any source world-wide, and authorizes the Mayor or his designee to execute any necessary agreements.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Bruno A. Barreiro, Chairman	
Barbara J. Jordan, Vice-Chairwoman	
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	Audrey M. Edmonson
Carlos A. Gimenez	Sally A. Heyman
Joe A. Martinez	Dennis C. Moss
Dorin D. Rolle	Natacha Seijas
Katy Sorenson	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 6th day of May, 2008. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

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