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Council District: --

To: The Mayor  
The Council

From: Richard H. Llewellyn, Jr., City Administrative Officer

Reference: Board of Fire Commissioners transmittal dated February 7, 2018; referred for report March 6, 2018

Subject: **SECOND AMENDMENT TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AGREEMENT AND SECOND AMENDMENT WITH FIRSTWATCH SOLUTIONS, INC. FOR THE CONTINUATION OF A SYNDROMIC SURVEILLANCE DETECTION PROGRAM**

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### RECOMMENDATIONS

That the City Council, subject to approval of the Mayor, authorize the Fire Chief, or designee, to:

1. Accept up to \$314,292 in grant funds from the County of Los Angeles; \$18,488 from April 1, 2018 through June 30, 2018, and \$295,804 from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2022 to fund syndromic surveillance software and support;
2. Execute a Second Amendment between the Los Angeles Fire Department and the County of Los Angeles, Department of Public Health Agreement PH-002851-1 (C-126916) to extend the term of the syndromic surveillance program agreement from January 1, 2016 through June 30, 2022, for a total grant award not to exceed \$415,718, subject to review and approval of the City Attorney as to form; and,
3. Execute a Second Amendment between the Los Angeles Fire Department and FirstWatch Solutions, Inc. (C-127484) to license syndromic surveillance software and extend the term of the Agreement from January 1, 2016 through June 30, 2022, for a total grant award not to exceed \$415,718, subject to review and approval of the City Attorney as to form.

### SUMMARY

The Los Angeles Fire Department (Department) requests to execute a Second Amendment with the County of Los Angeles, Department of Public Health (C-126916) and a Second Amendment with FirstWatch Solutions, Inc. (C-127484) to extend the dates of these agreements to January 1, 2016 through June 30, 2022 and increase the total amount for each agreement to \$415,718. These agreements support local activities related early detection and notification of emerging diseases, outbreaks, and bio-terrorist events.

In January 2016, the Council authorized (C.F. 13-0117) the Department to enter into a grant agreement with the Federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to continue implementation and evaluation of a bio-surveillance/syndromic surveillance detection program. The Council originally authorized this program in 2007 (C.F. 07-2155) and continued authorization in 2013 (C.F. 13-0117) for another five-year agreement. This program analyzes emergency medical and fire incident data generated through the Department's Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD) system to serve as an early warning system for the detection of bio-hazard and bio-terrorist events for the City and the Los Angeles region.

The agreement with the County DPH has historically provided the Department with \$67,617 per year for a five-year period, subject to the availability of funds. Sole-source authorization was also approved for a corresponding professional services agreement with FirstWatch Solutions, Inc. (FirstWatch) to continue providing syndromic surveillance system software and maintenance (C-122234; C-124249) for the same term and annual amount as the County DPH agreement.

In January 2016, the City entered into a new contract (C-126916) with the County DPH, for the syndromic surveillance detection program. This new contract included funding for services in an amount of \$67,617 from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016, and \$33,809 from January 1, 2017 through June 30, 2017 for a total contract amount of \$101,426. The City also entered into a new contract with FirstWatch reflective of the adjusted compensation.

In 2016, changes were made to the Department's CAD system that resulted in a suspension in syndromic surveillance services. FirstWatch offered to offset lost time by continuing to provide services to the Department beyond the Contract expiration date of June 30, 2017 for no additional fee. The Department amended its contracts (C.F. 17-0794) with the County DPH and FirstWatch from June 30, 2017 to March 31, 2018.

Based on the success of the syndromic surveillance detection program, the County requests to extend its agreement with the City for an additional five years, through June 30, 2022. The County proposes to increase its award to the City by three percent per year averaged equally over the five-year term of the agreement, for a total of Department award of \$314,292. Funding in the amount of \$18,488 will be awarded to the Department for services received from April 1, 2018 through June 30, 2018. County DPH will then award \$73,951 annually to the City from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2022. This award would bring the total amount of each of the Department's agreements with the County DPH and FirstWatch to \$415,718 (\$101,426 + \$314,292).

## **FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

Approval of the recommendations in this report will have no impact on the General Fund. Full funding for the agreements will be provided through the County of Los Angeles. The recommendations in this report are consistent with the City's Financial Policies as sufficient grant funds will be utilized to fully fund the services provided.