



REQUEST FOR SOLE SOURCE (Cont)

How the unique features, characteristics, or capabilities are essential for the agency to accomplish its work:

The use of alternative specimens for testing for the presence or absence of HIV related antibodies, enables the control programs of the health department to enter into non traditional Counselling and Testing venues. Traditionally, these locations have been in health care clinics and medical settings. The use of an oral fluid based test, allows for the collection of specimens in just about any location. The procedure is non invasive and allows for the collection of specimens, without concern about potential sharps and the inherent concern for blood borne pathogens.

The ability to extend specimen collection beyond the normal boundaries, has enhanced the ability for the program to extend testing into areas that have been inaccessible. The client reluctance level to the collection, via venipuncture of a blood specimen, has been greatly reduced, with the implementation of oral fluid testing. Other alternative body fluids, when tested for HIV antibodies have not yielded sufficient sensitivity and specificity to be used.

The following other possible sources for the goods, services, or construction were investigated but do not meet our needs because:

bioMerieux, Inc, formerly Organon Teknika, Inc, is the only known FDA approved manufacturer and supplier of oral fluid test materials. National studies have indicated that the use of oral fluids yields better sensitivity and specificity for HIV antibodies, than other body fluids, such as urine.

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I certify that the information provided above is to the best of my knowledge, true, correct and that the goods, services, or construction are available through only one source.

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 Department/Agency Head Date  
 Deputy Director of Health  
 Title (If other than Department/Agency Head)

Chief Procurement Officer's Comments:

Please ensure adherence to applicable administrative and statutory requirements

Expenditure may be processed through a purchase order: Yes  No . If no, a contract must be executed and funds certified.

Approved  Denied

*Adam J. Fisher* 9/16/03  
 Chief Procurement Officer Date