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## NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Michael Stoltz for Robert Peterson - Director  
Public Works  
**REPORT BY:** Martha Burdick, Public Works Admin Manager, 259-8188  
**SUBJECT:** Approve agreement with Tissue Bank International

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

Director of Public Works requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign a Space License Agreement with Tissue Banks International, Inc. (TBI) dba Northern California Transplant Bank for a maximum of \$60,000 for the term July 26, 2005 through June 30, 2007 for its use of the new Sheriff facility to harvest human tissue for therapeutic transplantation.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Approval of the agreement with Tissue Banks International, Inc. (TBI) will provide an FDA compliant facility for tissue recovery using approximately 1,000 square feet of space within the new Sheriff facility located in the Airport Industrial Park area of the County.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	Yes
Where is it budgeted?	Coroner - Funding is appropriated in the approved Fiscal Year (FY) 05-06 Budget
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Discretionary
Discretionary Justification:	Approval of the Agreement will provide one of the only facilities in the Bay Area from which to recover viable tissue for the use in therapeutic transplantations - a benefit to Napa and surrounding communities.
Is the general fund affected?	Yes

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Future fiscal impact: This Agreement will provide an additional annual revenue stream of \$30,000 for FY 2006 and 2007 in the Coroner's budget.

Consequences if not approved: The facility will remain unused and vacant.

Additional Information: None

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

### **BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION**

The original design of the newly completed Sheriff facility included an area designated for the recovery of viable tissue to be used in therapeutic transplants as it was anticipated that such a facility would eventually be beneficial to local and surrounding communities. The only other similar facility in the greater Bay Area was located in Monterey. Effective May 25, 2005, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) completed rulemaking that put into place "best practices" requirements to help prevent the transmission and spread of communicable disease by human cells, tissues, and cellular and tissue-based products. As a result of this new legislation, facilities heretofore utilized for tissue recovery, i.e., funeral homes and hospitals, no longer conform to these best practice requirements. The area designated at the Sheriff's facility does meet these requirements and its proximity to the Napa County Airport is an additional benefit due to the time sensitive nature of harvesting.

Staff has been successful in negotiating a two year Space License Agreement with Tissue Banks International, Inc., dba Northern California Transplant Bank (TBI), to use approximately 1,000 square feet of space within the ground floor of the Sheriff facility at a monthly fee of \$2,500 for the recovery of tissue to be used in therapeutic transfers.

### **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Andrew Carey