

July 1, 2020

Senator Rick Girdler, Co-Chair  
Representative Walker Thomas, Co-Chair  
Capital Projects and Bond Oversight Committee  
Legislative Research Commission  
Capital Annex Building - Room 34  
702 Capital Avenue  
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

Re: Abbott Alinity System and Flex Robotic System

Dear Senator Girdler and Representative Thomas:

Pursuant to KRS 45.760(5), the University of Kentucky hereby reports the purchase of medical equipment in excess of \$200,000. Money specifically budgeted and appropriated by the General Assembly for another purpose or program was not used to acquire these items.

- The Abbott Alinity System is a COVID-19 urgent acquisition. This system will increase the daily capacity and improve turnaround time for the SARS-CoV-2 testing. The system will also provide expanded capacity for non-SARS-CoV2 testing. This system is located at the UK HealthCare (UKHC) A.B. Chandler Hospital. The equipment cost \$305,500 and was purchased with UK restricted funds.
- The Flex Robotic System will allow for minimally invasive procedures in parts of the body that previously were difficult or impossible to reach. It can navigate a nearly 180-degree path around anatomy to reach a surgical target, with articulating instruments that extend to perform procedures. These advancements mean that doctors can provide more minimally invasive surgical treatments - and more patients are able to be treated with these techniques. Patients benefit from procedures that can be completed in minutes instead of hours, reduced length of stay in the hospital, and a shorter recovery period. The system is located at the UKHC A.B. Chandler Hospital. The equipment cost \$750,000 and was purchased with UK restricted funds.

Please advise if you have any questions or if you would like additional information.

Sincerely,



Angela Martin, CPA  
Vice President for Financial Planning and Chief Budget Officer

cc: Elizabeth Baker  
Teresa Centers  
William Coleman

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July 2, 2020

Senator Rick Girdler  
Representative Walker Thomas  
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Legislative Research Commission  
Capital Annex Room 34  
Frankfort, KY 40601

RE: Equipment Purchase – Sequel II System – DNA Sequencer

Dear Senator Girdler and Representative Thomas:

In accordance with provisions of KRS 45.760(5), I am writing to notify you of an equipment purchase. I hereby certify that all terms and conditions of the subsections (a), (b) and (c) have been met.

The UofL School of Medicine will be purchasing a \$450,000 Sequel II System – DNA Sequencer, which is capable of sequencing large DNA fragments from patient cohorts that are part of NIH funded projects. This instrument is required to sequence the antibody loci in the human genome. The work is part of multiple NIH grants and efforts to understand the role of genetics in response to infections such as Sars-CoV2. UofL Hospital revenues and the UofL Executive Vice President for Research and Innovations Office will provide funds for the purchase. General funds will not be used for this purchase.

Please contact Kim Noltemeyer at (502) 852-5699, if you have any questions regarding this purchase. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. J. Watkins', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mark Watkins  
Chief Operating Officer  
University of Louisville

cc: President Neeli Bendapudi  
Dan Durbin, CFO  
Dr. Ronald Gregg  
Shaun McKiernan  
Carla Wright (OSBD)