



# City Council Report

**Date:** July 8, 2019  
**To:** City Council  
**Through:** Michael Kennington, Chief Financial Officer  
**From:** Edward Quedens, Business Services Director  
Matt Bauer, Procurement Administrator  
**Subject:** One-Year Renewal to the Term Contract for DNA Crime Lab Supplies for the Police Department **(Sole Source) (Citywide)**

## Recommendation

Council is requested to approve the contract renewal as recommended.

The Police Department and Purchasing recommend authorizing the renewal with Life Technologies Corporation at \$175,000 annually, based on estimated usage.

## Background / Discussion

This contract provides supplies for the Forensic Services Division to process evidence and conduct forensic DNA testing for criminal investigations. The supplies include reagents and consumables (plastics) to determine the quantity of DNA present, to make copies of the DNA and to detect the DNA on genetic instruments.

The City of Mesa's DNA Crime Lab has been doing business with Life Technologies since the Crime Lab's inception, approximately 1996. They are the sole manufacturer of the supplies that have been validated for use in the City's lab instruments.

Life Technologies Corporation agreed to renew the contract under the same terms and conditions, and with an overall increase of 3.24%. The price catalog for 2020 has increased pricing but the percentage discount provided by vendor has not changed. Even though the unit prices have increased, the annual contract amount will remain the same. There are no dealers or distributors available for these products.

The City has been satisfied with the vendor's performance. This contract continues to be advantageous to the City and it is in the City's best interest to renew the contract.

## Purchase Information

Action: Renewal (2<sup>nd</sup> of 2 possible)  
Procurement Type: Sole Source  
Contract Number: 2015249  
Original Council Award Date: 8/31/2015  
Initial Contract Term: Three years  
Funding Source: Police Department operating budget