



# City Council Report

**Date:** February 26, 2018  
**To:** City Council  
**Through:** Michael Kennington, Chief Financial Officer  
**From:** Edward Quedens, Business Services Director  
Matt Bauer, Procurement Administrator  
**Subject:** Purchase of a Digital Imaging System for Shoe/Tire Impression Evidence for the Police Department (**\$30,383 funded by Crime Lab Assessment Funds and \$43,941.45 funded by the Police Department operating budget**) (**Sole Source**) (**Citywide**)

## Recommendation

Council is requested to approve the award as recommended.

The Police Department and Purchasing recommend awarding the contract to sole source vendor, BVDA America, Inc. at \$74,324.45.

## Background / Discussion

The Police Department, Forensic Services Division does not have a dedicated imaging system for high quality and timely documentation of gel lifted impression evidence. Since 2007, there has been a minimum of 1,300 cases where shoe/tire impression evidence has been present in a crime scene. Since September 2016, there has been 147 cases where footwear/tire impression evidence has been photographed and/or preserved. Due to the number of crimes and the amount of footwear/tire impression evidence being collected at crime scenes as well as the "real-time" status of several disciplines, the Police Department has an investigative need for the re-establishment of a footwear/tire comparative sub-discipline.

Forensic Services recommends purchasing the GLScan SP imaging system. This instrument will streamline the preservation of gel lifted impression evidence, reduce the number of photographs being stored, save time in both the collecting and processing of evidence and produce higher quality comparative images for timely analyses. This imaging system captures a gel lift at over 1,000 pixels per inch which is two to three times the resolution of a traditional digital photograph currently used.

BVDA is the sole manufacturer and sole authorized distributor of the GLScan imaging system for gel lifters. GLScan SP is the first and only system to be specifically designed for digital recording of traces lifted with black gel lifters.

## Purchase Information

Action: Award

Procurement Type: Sole Source

Contract Number: 2018142

Local Consideration: Policy did not apply to this procurement method

Protests Received: None

Funding Source: The purchase is funded by Crime Lab Assessment Funds (\$30,383.00) and the Police Department operating budget (\$43,941.45).

### AWARD RECOMMENDATION

GLScan SP Gel Lifter Imaging System including Delivery, Extended Warranty, Setup and Training per Contract No. 2018142 and Quote No. QO160164 dated 11/30/2017

Base	\$70,383.00
5.6% Use Tax	<u>\$3,941.45</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$74,324.45</u></b>

(Starting in Year 3, the annual maintenance cost of \$1,990.00 will be funded in the Forensic Services operating budget)