



City Council Report

Date: August 23, 2021
To: City Council
Through: Michael Kennington, Deputy City Manager/Chief Financial Officer
From: Edward Quedens, Business Services Director
Matt Bauer, Procurement Administrator
Subject: One-Year Term Contract for DNA Crime Lab Supplies for the Mesa Police Department **(Sole Source) (Citywide)**

Recommendation

Council is requested to approve the award as recommended.

The Police Department and Purchasing recommend authorizing the purchase using the sole source vendor, ThermoFisher Scientific at \$60,000 annually, based on estimated usage, with an annual increase allowance of up to 5%, or the adjusted Consumer Price Index.

Background / Discussion

The Biology Unit of the Forensic Services Division completes DNA analysis of samples from criminal investigations conducted by the Mesa and Gilbert Police Departments. These supplies enable the division to process evidence and conduct forensic DNA testing for criminal investigations. 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.

On August 31, 2015, Council approved a term contract for DNA Crime Lab Supplies to Life Technologies, the only respondent to the solicitation. Life Technologies has been doing business with the City supplying DNA Lab Supplies to the Forensic Services Division since the Crime Lab's inception in 1996. Life Technologies is part of Thermo Fisher Scientific.

Thermo Fischer Scientific is the sole manufacturer and distributor of the Applied BioSystems Genetic Analyzers, real-time Thermal Cyclers, Ion Torrent Next Generation Sequencing Systems, and associated software. Thermo Fisher Scientific is the sole distributor of validated system consumables, and have the only factory trained and certified engineers authorized to service these instruments. Thermo Fisher is the sole manufacturer of all Applied Biosystems consumables, and is the sole authorized distributor and supplier within North America of such products.

Purchase Information

Action: Award

Procurement Type: Sole Source

Contract Number: 2022013

Pricing Agreement No.: E4305097 (3/10/2021)

Local Consideration: Policy did not apply to this procurement method

Protests Received: None

Initial Contract Term: One Year (9/1/2021 to 8/31/2022)

Funding Source: Police Department operating budget