



City Council Report

Date: December 8, 2025
To: City Council
Through: Michael Kennington, Deputy City Manager/Chief Financial Officer
From: Edward Quedens, Business Services Director
Kristy Garcia, Procurement Administrator
Subject: One-Year Term Contract for Forensic DNA Supplies for the Mesa Public Safety Support Department (Sole Source) **(Citywide)**

Recommendation

Council is requested to approve the award as recommended.

The Mesa Public Safety Support Department and Procurement Services recommend authorizing the purchase with the sole source vendor, Thermo Fisher at \$250,000, based on estimated requirements.

Background / Discussion

The Biology Unit of the Forensic Services Division completes DNA analysis of samples from criminal investigations conducted by the Police Department as well as Gilbert, Queen Creek, and the Tempe Police Department. The Department is requesting the purchase of supplies needed for this processing. The supplies include reagents and consumables to determine the quantity of DNA present, to make copies of DNA, and to detect DNA on genetic instruments. The Police Department has purchased these products in the past from Thermo Fisher Scientific (formerly known as Life Technologies). No other vendor offers these products.

Purchase Information

Action: Award
Procurement Type: Sole Source
Contract Number: 2026060
Local Consideration: Policy did not apply to this procurement method
Protests Received: None
Initial Contract Term: One Year
Possible Renewals: None
Funding Source: Mesa Public Safety Support General Funds, Restricted Program Funds, and Grants-General Government Funds