



City Council Report

Date: November 6, 2023
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 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, Thermo Fisher Scientific at \$115,600 annually, based on estimated usage.

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 Tempe 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.

Thermo Fisher Scientific, formerly Life Technologies, has been doing business with the City since the Crime Lab's inception in 1996. Thermo Fisher Scientific is the sole manufacturer and authorized distributor in North America of the supplies that have been validated for use in the City's lab instruments.

Purchase Information

Action: Award
Procurement Type: Sole Source
Contract Number: 2024039
Pricing Agreement No.: E5179061 (8/22/2023)
Local Consideration: Policy did not apply to this procurement method
Initial Contract Term: One Year (9/1/2023 to 8/31/2024)
Funding Source: Police Department operating budget