



City Council Report

Date: August 17, 2026
To: City Council
Through: Michael Kennington, Deputy City Manager/Chief Financial Officer
From: Edward Quedens, Business Services Director
Kristy Garcia, Procurement Administrator
Subject: Purchase of One Liquid Chromatograph-Tandem Mass Spectrometry Instrument (Replacement) for the Public Safety Support Department (Funded by Governor's Office of Highway Safety) (Sole Source) **(Citywide)**

Recommendation

Council is requested to approve the award as recommended.

The Public Safety Support Department and Procurement Services recommend awarding the contract to the sole source vendor, Agilent Technologies, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$475,000, based on estimated requirements.

Background / Discussion

This purchase provides a liquid chromatograph-tandem mass spectrometry (LC-MS/MS) instrument and associated materials and supplies to support forensic toxicology testing for the Forensic Services Toxicology Unit. The Department has been awarded a grant from the Governor's Office of Highway Safety with the Oversight Council on Driving or Operating Under the Influence Abatement (DUI Abatement Council) to purchase the instrument and one year of supplies.

The Forensic Services Toxicology Unit processes approximately 3,000 cases annually and provides toxicological testing for driving under the influence of drugs (DUID), drug-facilitated sexual assault (DFSA), and other criminal investigations for Mesa, Gilbert, Tempe, and Queen Creek. The unit currently relies on an immunoassay-based drug screening method that has experienced recurring supply chain disruptions, increasing costs, and operational limitations. This purchase will replace the current method and introduce a comprehensive screening and confirmation system that expands detection of commonly encountered drugs, reduces reliance on unreliable sole-source consumables, and improves the efficiency and reliability of toxicology testing. Agilent Technologies, Inc. is the sole manufacturer and provider for the accompanying hardware and software.

Purchase Information

Action: Award
Procurement Type: Sole Source
Contract Number: 2027017

Local Consideration: Policy did not apply to this procurement method

Protests Received: None

Funding Source: Governor's Office of Highway Safety with the Oversight Council on Driving or Operating Under the Influence Abatement (DUI Abatement Council)

AWARD RECOMMENDATION	
Quantity (1) - Agilent 1260III-6475 LC/MS/MS System	
List Price	\$744,061.00
Discount	(\$358,857.48)
Sub Total (including shipping and surcharge)	\$398,585.64
Estimated Sales Tax:	\$33,065.17
Total	\$431,650.81

*Department is requesting \$475,000 which includes one year of supplies