



City Council Report

Date: August 22, 2022
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 Validated Solid Phase Extraction Columns for Drug Analysis for the Mesa Police Department **(Sole Source) (Citywide)**

Recommendation

Council is requested to approve the award as recommended.

The Police Department and Purchasing recommend awarding the contract to the sole source vendor, Tecan SP, Inc. at \$50,000 annually, based on estimated usage.

Background / Discussion

This contract will provide for the purchase of validated solid phase extraction columns from Tecan Corporation. These columns are used to extract blood samples for drugs (THC, methamphetamine, cocaine and Narcotic analgesics). Tecan columns were evaluated in a laboratory validation process and were chosen based on their performance and cost. The columns are considered sole source because they are used in validated laboratory methods.

Forensic Services has purchased these columns from Tecan since 2013. To use any other columns, the City would need to do a time-consuming validation process of 1 to 2 years prior to its use.

Tecan Corporation is the sole source manufacturer and distributor of these columns.

Purchase Information

Action: Award
Procurement Type: Sole Source
Contract Number: 2023035
Quote Number: 20289355-02 (6/8/2022)
Local Consideration: Policy did not apply to this procurement method
Protests Received: None
Contract Term: One Year
Possible Renewals: None
Funding Source: Mesa Police Department General Fund