



# City Council Report

**Date:** May 22, 2017  
**To:** City Council  
**Through:** Michael Kennington, Chief Financial Officer  
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**Subject:** Purchase of Four Replacement Forensic Computer Workstations for the Police Department **(Citywide)**

## Purpose and Recommendation

Council is requested to approve the Purchase of Four Replacement Forensic Computer Workstations as recommended.

The Police Department and Purchasing recommend authorizing the purchase using the Arizona Department of Public Safety cooperative contract with Technology Partners, Inc. at \$20,956.44

## Background / Discussion

The Police Department's Computer Forensics Unit is comprised of detectives who conduct forensic analysis of computers and phones for evidentiary purposes. These investigations vary in type from homicide to sexual exploitation of minors. To achieve results as quickly as possible, specialized forensic computers that can withstand a tremendous workload are required.

The Computer Forensics Unit worked with the Information Technology Department (ITD) to test several computers and aftermarket accessories. Unfortunately, many of the devices either failed the process, took an inordinate amount of time to complete the task or were an unreliable alternative. Technology Partners, Inc. offers forensic computers capable of maximizing productivity and results.

Technology Partners has been identified by the Arizona Department of Public Safety and the Phoenix Police Department as their provider for forensic computers. Attempts to purchase computers from other vendors could put at risk or impair current investigations.

The Police Department purchased four forensic workstations for \$21,165.00 in March of 2017, and is requesting the purchase of four more workstations to replace three forensic computers that were manufactured between 2009 and 2011 which are well past the 5-year lifecycle replacement; and to replace a fourth forensic computer that is rapidly approaching the 5-year recommended replacement. The combined total purchase is greater than the procurement threshold of \$25,000.00 and Council approval is required for this purchase.

The Arizona Department of Public Safety competitively bid and awarded a contract to Technology Partners, Inc. The contract was established through Solicitation No. ADPS17-00006669 and is in effect through 9/30/2021. The City believes that issuing a formal bid would not result in any lower pricing than the State contract.

### **Alternatives**

Council may choose not to award the purchase and new responses will be solicited.

### **Fiscal Impact**

This purchase is funded by the Police Department operating budget.

### **Coordinated With**

Police Department and Purchasing

### **PURCHASING INFORMATION**

Action: One-Time Purchase Award

Procurement Type: State Cooperative Contract

Contracting Agency: Arizona Department of Public Safety

Contracting Agency Contract Number: ADPS17-149159

Mesa Contract Number: 2017213

### **AWARD RECOMMENDATION** ***Technology Partners, Inc.*** **Phoenix, AZ**

| Description  |                           |
|--|---------------------------|
| <u>Quantity 4</u> – Forensic Computer Workstations per Contract No. 2017213, ADPS17-149159 and Quote No. 0184792 dated 4/20/2017 (\$4,827.00/each) |                           |
| Base   | \$19,308.00               |
| Sales Tax  | <u>\$1,648.44</u>         |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b><u>\$20,956.44</u></b> |