



City Council Report

Date: October 5, 2020
To: City Council
Through: Michael Kennington, Deputy City Manager/Chief Financial Officer
From: Edward Quedens, Business Services Director
Matt Bauer, Procurement Administrator
Subject: Purchase for a DNA Mixture Interpretation Software License and Maintenance (Addition and Upgrade) for the Police Department **(Sole Source) (\$29,715 grant funded by the National Institute of Justice and \$750.60 funded by the Police Department operating budget) (Citywide)**

Recommendation

Council is requested to approve the award as recommended.

The Police Department and Purchasing recommend authorizing the purchase from the sole source vendor, Niche Vision Forensics, LLC, at \$30,465.60.

Background / Discussion

In April 2016, Council approved the purchase of DNA Mixture Interpretation Software for the Police Department's Forensic Services Division. This software program assists in identifying suspects and aids in solving crimes. Evidence from investigations frequently contains low levels of DNA and mixtures of DNA from two or more individuals. This software helps to deconvolute the mixtures using manual mathematical calculations.

Two software licenses are in use and this purchase will provide for an additional third license which will include maintenance for a 12-month period and the required upgrade.

NicheVision, Inc. was appointed by the Institute of Environmental Science and Research Ltd, in Auckland New Zealand as the exclusive United States distributor for the STRmix expert DNA analysis system.

Purchase Information

Action: Award
Procurement Type: Sole Source
Contract Number: 2021039
Local Consideration: Policy did not apply to this procurement method
Protests Received: None
Funding Source: \$29,715 grant funded by the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, National Institute of Justice 2018-DN-BX-0064 and \$750.60 funded by the Police Department operating budget

AWARD RECOMMENDATION

Quantity One – STR-L User License \$25,000 and One STR-AM Annual Upgrade and Maintenance \$3,850 per Contract No. 2021039 and Quote No. 00004623 dated 7/8/2020

Base	\$28,850.00
5.6% Use Tax	<u>\$1,615.60</u>
Total	<u>\$30,465.60</u>