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**Crime Laboratory Reagents and Consumables**

**Action:**

- A. Approve the purchase of chlorination equipment, by the sole source exemption,**
- B. Approve a contract with QIAGEN, LLC for laboratory reagents and consumables for an initial term of one year, and**
- C. Authorize the City Manager to renew the contract for up to two, one-year terms with possible price adjustments and to amend the contract consistent with the purpose for which the contract was approved.**

**Staff Resource(s):**

Johnny Jennings, Police  
Robert Dance, Police  
Matthew Mathis, Police

**Sole Source Exemption**

- G.S. 143-129(e)(6) provides that formal bidding requirements do not apply when:
  - Performance or price competition are not available;
  - A needed product is available from only one source or supply; or
  - Standardization or compatibility is the overriding consideration.
- Sole sourcing is necessary for this contract for standardization and compatibility.
- City Council approval is required for any purchases made under the sole source exemption.

**Explanation**

- The Crime Laboratory of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department requires certain supplies and consumables to operate instruments that allow DNA extraction from shell casings and biological samples.
- These DNA extraction processes rely solely on QIAGEN reagents and consumables.
- These supplies and consumables are required to operate the specialized instruments used for the extraction, processing, and analysis of DNA samples.
- Annual expenditures are estimated to be \$85,000.

**Charlotte Business INclusion**

This is a sole-source contract and is exempt (Part A: Appendix 1.27 of the Charlotte Business INclusion Policy).

**Fiscal Note**

Funding: Police Operating Budget