



Legislation Text

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Police Crime Laboratory Equipment, Supplies, and Services

Action:

- A. Approve the purchase of DNA equipment, supplies, and services by the sole source exemption,**
- B. Approve a contract with Life Technologies Corporation for the purchase of DNA equipment, supplies, and services for a term of three years, 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
Matthew Mathis, Police

Sole Source Exemption

- NC General Statute Section 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 because Life Technologies Corporation is the only vendor capable of supplying DNA testing kits, consumables, and software that are compatible with the DNA testing equipment currently used by Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department's (CMPD) crime lab.
- City Council approval is required for any purchases made under the sole source exception.

Explanation

- Analyzing DNA samples is a routine service of the CMPD crime lab.
- The software and supplies provided by Life Technologies Corporation have been validated through an extensive testing process required for the crime lab's accreditation and for coordination with the Federal Bureau of Investigation's national DNA database.
- At renewal, potential price adjustments may be considered based on legitimate and justified increases in the cost of doing business. The ability to consider price adjustments also allows the city to accept decreases, if warranted.
- Annual expenditures are estimated to be \$400,000.

Charlotte Business INclusion

This is a sole source contract and is exempt from the CBI program.

Fiscal Note

Funding: CMPD Operating Budget