

Legislation Text

File #: 15-15762, Version: 1

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