

Legislation Text

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RECOVER Latent Fingerprint System

Action:

- A. Approve the purchase of the RECOVER Latent Fingerprint System by the sole source exemption,**
- B. Approve a contract with Foster and Freeman USA Inc for the purchase of the RECOVER Latent Fingerprint System, and**
- C. Authorize the City Manager to purchase such additional software licenses, services, hardware, maintenance and support, and system upgrades/expansions as required to maintain the system for as long as the City uses the system.**

Staff Resource(s):

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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 for this contract because there is only one supply source.
- City Council approval is required for any purchases made under the sole source exception.

Explanation

- The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department's (CMPD) Crime Lab has five specialized sections that provide state-of-the-art forensic analytical services. The CMPD Crime Lab is a full service, accredited forensic laboratory.
- The RECOVER Latent Fingerprint System uses specialized fingerprint processing and imaging equipment designed to develop fingerprints on a range of difficult surfaces including those that have been exposed to extreme heat.
- The RECOVER Latent Fingerprint System uses a chemical development process for recovering fingerprints on metal surfaces. This chemical process was developed by the vendor and is not available through other companies.
- Annual expenditures are estimated to be \$180,000 for the first year and \$10,000 subsequently for annual maintenance support costs.

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: General Grants Fund