

AGENDA



Thursday, August 7, 2008

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 44**

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a contract with APPLIED BIOSYSTEMS, Foster City, CA, for the purchase of a genetic analyzer for the Austin Police Department in an amount not to exceed \$75,923.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$75,923 is available in the Austin Police Special Revenue Fund, 2007 NIJ Capacity Enhancement/Backlog Reduction Grant-2007-DN-BX-K107.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

For More Information: Sydney Ceder, Senior Buyer/974-2035

Purchasing Language: Sole Source.

MBE/WBE: This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9D of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this solicitation.

This contract is for the purchase of a capillary electrophoresis machine, 3130 Genetic Analyzer, that allows for four DNA samples to be analyzed simultaneously compared to the current machine that only allows for one sample to be analyzed at a time.

This process is used to develop a DNA profile from a previously amplified DNA extract and will be used by the DNA lab and DNA analysts. This process is required for every DNA sample that is processed in the Austin Police Department's DNA laboratory.

All of the genetic analyzers currently in service at the Austin Police Department's DNA laboratories are purchased from Applied Biosystems in order to maintain consistent laboratory certifications and the validation of procedures required by the criminal justice system. Applied Biosystems has no authorized agents, distributors, or dealers for its instrument systems, consumable products or services

This purchase will be funded by the 2007 National Institute of Justice Capacity Enhancement/Backlog Reduction grant for DNA laboratories.