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Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	9157	Agenda Number	52.
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Meeting Date:	August 25, 2011
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Department:	Purchasing
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Subject

Authorize award and execution of a contract with MCBAIN SYSTEMS, Simi Valley, CA for the purchase of a Leica comparison microscope for the Austin Police Department in an amount not to exceed \$80,000. McBain Systems is the single source provider for this product.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available in the U.S. Department of Justice, FY 2009 Recovery Act Justice Assistance Grant Program.

Fiscal Note

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	Single Source.
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Prior Council Action:	
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Boards and Commission Action:	
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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.
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Related Items:	
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Additional Backup Information

This contract is for the one-time purchase of a Leica comparison microscope for the Austin Police Department (APD) Firearms Laboratory. This microscope allows the laboratory technician to perform a simultaneous comparison of unique striations and impressed marks found on the surface of collected evidence such as firearms, bullets, and fired casings.

APD currently uses a Leica comparison microscope and there is no other brand or model compatible with the Firearms Laboratory's existing equipment. McBain Systems is the only authorized Leica distributor for the state of Texas.