



Recommendation for Action

File #: 19-2559, **Agenda Item #:** 49.

8/22/2019

Posting Language

Authorize award of a contract with PKJ International LLC, for the purchase of a vacuum metal deposition chamber, for a total amount not to exceed \$71,357.

(Note: This solicitation was reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9D Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program. For the goods required for this solicitation, there were no subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established).

Lead Department

Purchasing Office.

Client Department(s)

Austin Police Department.

Fiscal Note

Funding is available in a grant from the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, Coverdell National Forensic Sciences Improvement Act Fund for the project period of January 1, 2019 - September 30, 2019. A City match is not required.

Purchasing Language:

The Purchasing Office issued an Invitation for Bids (IFB) 8700 BRS1006 for these goods. The solicitation issued on April 29, 2019 and it closed on May 23, 2019. The recommended contractor submitted the only responsive offer. A complete solicitation package, including a tabulation for the bid received, is available for viewing on the City's Financial Services website, Austin Finance Online. Link: [Solicitation Documents <https://www.austintexas.gov/financeonline/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=130453>](https://www.austintexas.gov/financeonline/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=130453).

For More Information:

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NOTE: Respondents to this solicitation, and their representatives, shall continue to direct inquiries to the solicitation's Authorized contact person: Bridney Stewart at 512-974-3127 or [Bridney.Stewart@austintexas.gov <mailto:Bridney.Stewart@austintexas.gov>](mailto:Bridney.Stewart@austintexas.gov).

Additional Backup Information:

The contract is for the purchase of a vacuum metal deposition (VMD) chamber for the purpose of latent fingerprint development by the Austin Police Department (APD).

VMD is a rapid and highly sensitive technique that develops latent fingerprints through the evaporation of metals in a vacuum that adhere to fingerprint residue. A VMD chamber can develop fingerprints on problematic surfaces such as woven fabrics, leather material, and evidence that has been exposed to extreme environmental conditions. Expanding the capability of developing latent fingerprints will assist APD with

properly identifying suspects, supporting cold case investigations, and re-examining evidence previously processed with traditional methods.