



Recommendation for Action

File #: 20-2059, **Agenda Item #:** 37.

6/11/2020

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract with Waters Technologies Corporation, for the purchase of an ultra-performance liquid chromatograph-mass spectrometer, in an amount not to exceed \$214,582.

(Note: Sole source contracts are exempt from City Code Chapter 2-9D Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program; 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 project entitled Crime Lab Enhancement for the project period January 1, 2020 - September 30, 2020.

Purchasing Language:

Sole Source.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

The contract is for the one-time purchase of an ultra-performance liquid chromatograph-mass spectrometer (UPLC-MS). This instrument is used by the Austin Police Department's (APD) forensic chemistry section for chemical analysis in the identification of unknown substances to detect the presence of illicit drugs or controlled substances.

APD purchased a UPLC-MS instrument in 2011 and the City needs an additional instrument to meet increasing demands and provide analytical redundancy should the existing instrument experience a lapse in service.

Waters Technologies Corporation is the sole manufacturer and distributor of the Waters UPLC-MS. This is the only model available in the U.S. capable of providing the full range of analysis required by APD.

If the City is unable to secure a contract, APD's ability to meet the increasing demands for chemical analysis may be severely impacted.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Government that Works for All; Safety.