



## Recommendation for Action

**File #: 22-2430, Agenda Item #: 53.**

**7/28/2022**

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### **Posting Language**

Authorize negotiation and execution of a cooperative contract with Fisher Scientific Co LLC d/b/a Fisher Scientific for forensic science equipment, in an amount not to exceed \$97,000.

(Note: This procurement 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 procurement, there were no subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established).

### **Lead Department**

Financial Services Department.

### **Client Department(s)**

Austin Police Department.

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2021 Coverdell Crime Lab Enhancement 1748718 Grant of the Austin Police Department.

### **Purchasing Language:**

Multiple contractors within this cooperative purchasing program were reviewed for these goods. The Financial Services Department has determined this contractor best meets the needs of the department to provide the goods required at the best value for the City.

### **For More Information:**

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### **Additional Backup Information:**

The City Manager's Office has reviewed this grant for alignment as directed by Resolution 20200611-096 and recommends approval. The contract is for the purchase of two Fourier Transfer Infrared (FTIR) spectrophotometer drug testing instruments for the Forensic Science Bureau's Chemistry Unit. The FTIR spectrophotometer is analytical chemistry equipment used to identify the presence of controlled or illicit substances and the chemical composition of matter, solids, and liquids, in evidence submitted to the Austin Police Department. The requested two instruments are replacements for obsolete equipment currently in use by the laboratory and scheduled for decommission. If the City is unable to secure a contract, the lab will continue to use obsolete equipment negatively impacting service delivery and it may result in the Austin Police Department losing grant funding to purchase the equipment.

The OMNIA Partners Cooperative establishes competitively bid contracts that can be utilized by the State and other government agencies through a cooperative agreement. Cooperative agreements save taxpayer dollars by leveraging volume-buying power to drive down costs on hundreds of contracts through a streamlined

cooperative purchasing program.

**Strategic Outcome(s):**

Safety.