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Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	38987	Agenda Number	24.
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Meeting Date:	March 23, 2015
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Department:	Purchasing
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Subject

Authorize award, negotiation, and execution of a contract with LIFE TECHNOLOGIES CORPORATON for upgrades and consumables to support the mandatory upgrade of the Applied Biosystems DNA technology program for the Austin Police Department in an amount not to exceed \$116,068.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Operating Budget of the Austin Police Department.

Fiscal Note

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

Purchasing Language:	Sole Source
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Prior Council Action:	
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For More Information:	Shawn Willett, Corp Contract Compliance Manager 512-974-2274
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Boards and Commission Action:	
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Related Items:	
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MBE / WBE:	This contract will be awarded as a sole source and is exempt from City Code Chapter 2-9D Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program as specified in Texas Government Code Chapter 252.022.
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Additional Backup Information

The contract with Life Technologies Corporation, Carlsbad, CA, is for the purchase of software and support equipment required for a mandatory upgrade to three Applied Biosystems DNA technologies programs used by the Austin Police Department (APD). APD is purchasing the upgraded software rather than replacing the equipment as it is six to seven times less expensive than buying all new equipment. This software is used to control the DNA analysis instrument and perform data analysis.

The upgrade is due to the obsolescence of Windows XP, the current operating system. The software and instruments in this contract require Windows 7 in order to continue operating. Life Technologies is the sole manufacturer and distributor of the Applied Biosystems instrument systems. These proprietary instruments are the only genetic analyzers that have been fully validated for the purpose of forensic human identification. Life Technologies is also the exclusive distributor of all instrument upgrades, analysis software, service, and related consumable products used in conjunction with these instruments. These products are sold direct, and are available exclusively from Life Technologies.