



Recommendation for Action

File #: 19-2567, **Agenda Item #:** 51.

8/22/2019

Posting Language

Authorize award of a contract with Brinkmann Instruments, Inc. D/B/A Metrohm USA, Inc., for portable handheld Raman spectroscopy analyzers, in an amount not to exceed \$83,716.

(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 in the amount of \$83,716 is available from the U.S. Department of Justice Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grants Program for the project period January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019. A City match is not required.

Purchasing Language:

The Purchasing Office issued an Invitation for Bids (IFB) 8700 LMI1000 for these goods. The solicitation issued on April 29, 2019 and it closed on May 23, 2019. Of the eight offers received, the recommended contractor submitted the lowest responsive offer. A complete solicitation package, including a tabulation of the bids 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=130232)
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For More Information:

Inquiries should be directed to the City Manager's Agenda Office, at 512-974-2991 or AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov <<mailto:AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov>>

NOTE: Respondents to this solicitation, and their representatives, shall continue to direct inquiries to the solicitation's Authorized Contact Person: Leyla Mammadova, at 512-974-2938 or Leyla.Mammadova@austintexas.gov <<mailto:Leyla.Mammadova@austintexas.gov>>.

Additional Backup Information:

The contract is for the purchase of four portable handheld Raman spectroscopy analyzers for the Austin Police Department to perform non-contact forensic analysis of various substances in field applications. The instruments will enable officers to accurately test and quickly identify unknown chemicals, explosives, narcotics and many other substances while performing execution of a search warrant, vehicle or individual patrol stops, and "calls for service" over the course of their daily duties.

If the City is unable to secure a contract for this purchase, it may result in the increased risk of officer exposure to dangerous substances.