



Recommendation for Action

File #: 19-2569, **Agenda Item #:** 52.

8/22/2019

Posting Language

Authorize award of a contract with Shimadzu Scientific Instruments, Inc., for a liquid chromatograph mass spectrometer, in an amount not to exceed \$268,806.

(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 LMI1001 for these goods. The solicitation issued on May 13, 2019 and it closed on June 6, 2019. Of the four 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=130452)
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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 a liquid chromatograph mass spectrometer with high resolution mass spectrometry for the Forensic Toxicology Unit of the Austin Police Department (APD). The Forensic Toxicology Unit averages around 2,700 requests for analysis per year. Nearly 730 of those requests require drug toxicological analysis beyond the laboratory's current capabilities. The complex nature and low concentrations of the vast number of possible substances that can be detected in a person's blood require a specialized instrument that is capable of accurately identifying compounds both qualitatively and quantitatively.

The instrument will allow APD to expand its scope of testing in forensic toxicology, improve turnaround times for testing, and eliminate the need to outsource for toxicological analysis.

If the City is unable to secure a contract for this purchase, it will increase outsourcing of toxicological testing which significantly delays turnaround times for reported results.