



Recommendation for Action

File #: 22-3027, **Agenda Item #:** 28.

9/29/2022

Posting Language

Authorize award of a contract with Agilent Technologies Inc. d/b/a Agilent Technologies for two gas chromatograph mass spectrometers, in an amount not to exceed \$113,452.

(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

Financial Services Department.

Client Department(s)

Austin Police Department.

Fiscal Note

Funding is available in the Capital Budget of the Austin Police Department.

Purchasing Language:

The Financial Services Department issued an Invitation for Bids (IFB) 7800 BRS1050 for these goods. The solicitation was issued on June 13, 2022 and closed on July 7, 2022. Of the three 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://financeonline.austintexas.gov/afo/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=137111)
<https://financeonline.austintexas.gov/afo/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=137111>.

For More Information:

Respondents to this solicitation, and their representatives, shall continue to direct inquiries to the solicitation's Authorized Contact Persons: Bridney Stewart, at 512-974-3127 or Bridney.Stewart@austintexas.gov <<mailto:Bridney.Stewart@austintexas.gov>> or Richard Whipple, at 512-974-3349 or Richard.Whipple@austintexas.gov <<mailto:Richard.Whipple@austintexas.gov>>.

Additional Backup Information:

The contract is for the purchase of two replacement gas chromatograph/mass spectrometers (GC/MS) for the Forensic Science Bureau's Chemistry Unit. The GC/MS is the main instrument used by the laboratory for the identification of narcotic and toxic substances and is globally accepted as a means to conclusively identify narcotic substances. This purchase will replace two workhorse GC/MS instruments that have met or exceeded the instrument lifecycle.

A vast majority of literature published regarding narcotic analysis includes or is based on data from this instrument. Each Forensic Science Bureau chemist has been trained and competency tested on the use of this

instrument. This allows them to testify as an expert witness in court.

This is a new contract. The recommended contractor has previously provided similar equipment to the City.

If the City is unable to secure a contract, the Forensic Science Division may experience delays in completing stakeholder analysis requests.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Safety.