

# Mayor and Council Communication

**DATE:** 09/14/21

**M&C FILE NUMBER:** M&C 21-0656

**LOG NAME:** 13P COOP GSA GS-07F-0559X WATERS CRIME LAB EQUIPMENT TD

**SUBJECT**

(ALL) Authorize Purchase Agreement with Waters Technologies Corporation for a Liquid Chromatography Mass Spectrometer Instrument for the Police Department Using General Services Administration Cooperative Contract GS-07F-0559X in an Amount Up to \$134,880.62

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council authorize a purchase agreement with Waters Technologies Corporation for a Liquid Chromatography Mass Spectrometer instrument for the Police Department using General Services Administration Cooperative Contract GS-07F-0559X in an amount up to \$134,880.62.

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**DISCUSSION:**

The Police Department (PD) approached the purchasing division for assistance in buying a second Liquid Chromatography Mass Spectrometer (LCMS) instrument. The Forensic Laboratory receives requests from officers and detectives to conduct testing on submitted items to determine if the items contain controlled substances, and thus, illegal to possess. The LCMS instrument will be used for drug identification and quantification of complex mixtures of evidence submitted for analysis. A second LCMS system will add redundancy if one instrument goes down. PD obtained a quote from Waters Technologies Corporation using General Services Administration (GSA) Contract GS-07F-0559X.

COOPERATIVE PURCHASE - State law provides that a local government purchasing an item under a cooperative purchase agreement satisfies any state law requiring that the local government seek competitive bids for purchase of the item. GSA contracts are competitively bid to increase and simplify the purchasing power of government entities across the State of Texas. GSA conducted competitive bidding for the contract GS-07F-0559X during May 2021.

BUSINESS EQUITY - A Minority/Women Business Enterprise (M/WBE) goal is not assigned when purchasing from an approved purchasing cooperative or public entity.

AGREEMENT TERM - Upon City Council's approval, this agreement will commence upon execution by both parties through May 31, 2022. This action does not require specific City Council approval provided that the City Council has appropriated sufficient funds to satisfy the City's obligations during the renewal term.

This project will serve ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS.

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**FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:**

The Director of Finance certifies that funds are available in the current capital budget, as previously appropriated, in the CCPD Capital Projects Fund for the FY21 PD Forensic Equip Replac project and the State Asset Forfeiture Capital Fund for the PD-FTIR project to support the approval of the above recommendation and execution of agreement. Prior to any expenditure being incurred, the Police Department has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds.

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