



COMMISSIONERS COURT  
COMMUNICATION

REFERENCE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

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DATE: 05/07/2024

SUBJECT: **NICHEVISION FORENSICS, LLC - STRMIX DNA ANALYSIS  
SYSTEM - MEDICAL EXAMINER'S OFFICE**

**\*\*\* CONSENT AGENDA \*\*\***

**COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED**

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve NicheVision Forensics, LLC as sole source for STRmix DNA analysis system for the Medical Examiner's Office.

**BACKGROUND**

NicheVision Forensics, LLC provided the Purchasing Agent documentation that they are the sole source of the STRmix DNA analysis system.

STRmix is a stand-alone software designed to help deconvolute DNA mixtures and provide DNA profile statistical calculations for DNA interpretation by the forensic biology section of the Medical Examiner's Office.

Under the County Purchasing Act, exemptions to the competitive bidding requirements are allowed for certain types of purchases. The statutes require that the Purchasing Agent advise the Commissioners Court of the existence of only one (1) source, with such notice to be entered into the minutes of the Court.

Accordingly, the above item has been determined to be sole source under the County Purchasing Act 262.024(a)(7) as follows:

- “(7) an item can be obtained from only one (1) source, including:  
(A) items for which competition is precluded because of the existence of patents, copyrights, secret processes, or monopolies”.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Expenses for last year were approximately \$18,275.00. Funding in the amount of \$164,080.00 is available in account Grant-2004 L0013-2024 OJP - DOJ-NIJ-FY2020-DNA Capacity Enhancement & Backlog Reduction Program/2310100000 Medical Examiner/540000 Capital Outlay.

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