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**SUBJECT: STACS DNA INC. D/B/A INVITA HEALTHCARE TECHNOLOGIES -
AD-HOC CONFIGURATION AND CUSTOMIZATION SERVICES
OF ANCILLARY SOFTWARE - MEDICAL EXAMINER'S OFFICE**

***** CONSENT AGENDA *****

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve STACS DNA Inc. d/b/a InVita Healthcare Technologies as sole source for ad-hoc configuration and customization services of ancillary software and approve contract.

BACKGROUND

STACS DNA Inc. d/b/a InVita Healthcare Technologies provided the Purchasing Agent documentation to substantiate the fact that they are the sole source provider for ad-hoc configuration and customization services related to ancillary instrument and software interfaces. Desired services will optimize the existing DNA Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS) software which is nearing full implementation.

On March 7, 2023, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #140429, awarded RFP No. 2022-175, Annual Contract for Forensic DNA and Laboratory Information Management Software, for the Medical Examiner's Office, to STACS DNA Inc. d/b/a InVita Healthcare Technologies.

After award, the Medical Examiner's Office purchased a new laboratory instrument, Qiacube Connect, and Justice Trax, a separate case management solution which supports all other laboratories within the Medical Examiner's Office. Configuration of Qiacube Connect provides a two-step verification which ensures that the DNA samples are positioned in the instrument correctly. The desired customization between the two case management solutions is a sample import, allowing existing case data from Justice Trax LIMS to be imported into DNA LIMS for DNA sample processing. Both serve as quality assurance mechanisms to ensure the fidelity of case and sample information.

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”.

SUBMITTED BY:	Purchasing	PREPARED BY: APPROVED BY:	Brad Richards, NIGP-CPP Chris Lax, CPSM, CPSD, CPCP
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The contract is effective upon signature of all parties and is attached for approval and signature. The Criminal District Attorney's Office reviewed the contract as to form.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funding in the amount of \$47,281.50 is available in GRANT-2024 L0013-2024 OJP - DOJ-NIJ-FY2020-DNA Capacity Enhancement & Backlog Reduction Program/2310100000 Medical Examiner/578025 Software Maintenance and Licenses.