



COMMISSIONERS COURT
COMMUNICATION

REFERENCE NUMBER _____

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DATE: 10/25/2022

SUBJECT: **THERMO FISHER SCIENTIFIC - MAINTENANCE FOR THERMO
SCIENTIFIC LCMS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT - MEDICAL
EXAMINER'S OFFICE**

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

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve Thermo Fisher Scientific as sole source for maintenance of Thermo Scientific LCMS and related equipment, for the Medical Examiner's Office.

BACKGROUND

Thermo Fisher Scientific provided the Purchasing Agent documentation that they are the sole source instrument manufacturer and service provider for Thermo Scientific LCMS proprietary parts, training, technical support, field service, support, and software.

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;
 - (D) captive replacement parts or components for equipment”.

FISCAL IMPACT

Expenses for last year were \$111,109.00. Funding in the amount of \$130,768.00 is available in account 578031/10000-2023/2310100000.

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