



COMMISSIONERS COURT COMMUNICATION

REFERENCE NUMBER _____

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DATE: 03/07/2023

**SUBJECT: BID NO. 2023-055 - PURCHASE OF FIREARMS AND TOOLMARKS
COMPARISON MICROSCOPE - MEDICAL EXAMINER'S OFFICE -
PROJECTINA AG**

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court award Bid No. 2023-055, Purchase of Firearms and Toolmarks Comparison Microscope, for the Medical Examiner's Office, to Projectina AG for \$132,649.60.

BACKGROUND

Notice of the County's intent to bid was advertised in local newspapers, as required by State statute, and posted on the Internet, the Arlington Black Chamber of Commerce, the Fort Worth Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, the Fort Worth Metropolitan Black Chamber of Commerce, and the Tarrant County Asian American Chamber of Commerce. Three hundred forty-three (343) vendors were contacted and requested to participate in this bid process. All documents pertaining to this bid were posted on the Tarrant County website and were downloaded by interested bidders. One (1) bid was received.

The bid received from Projectina AG meets all specifications and is acceptable to the Medical Examiner's Office.

Therefore, it is the joint recommendation of the Medical Examiner's Office and Purchasing that Bid No. 2023-055, Purchase of Firearms and Toolmarks Comparison Microscope, be awarded to Projectina AG for \$132,649.60.

The Projectina comparison microscope will replace the current Leeds brand comparison microscope used in firearms/toolmark forensic comparisons. The current comparison microscope is almost 10 years old and the needed repairs are occurring more frequently.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funding in the amount of \$132,649.60 is available in CARPA-2023.

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