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SUBJECT: RFP NO. 2023-059 - LIQUID CHROMATOGRAPH AND MASS SPECTROMETER - MEDICAL EXAMINER'S OFFICE - AGILENT TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court award RFP No. 2023-059, Liquid Chromatograph and Mass Spectrometer, for the Medical Examiner's Office, to Agilent Technologies, Inc. for \$243,728.90.

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. Seventy-six (76) vendors were contacted and requested to participate in this proposal process. All documents pertaining to this RFP were posted on the Tarrant County website and were downloaded by interested parties. Three (3) proposals were received.

Proposals were evaluated by the Medical Examiner's Office, Information Technology, and Purchasing representatives. Evaluations were based upon the criteria and processes set forth in the RFP.

A Best and Final Offer was issued to the top scoring vendor, Agilent Technologies, Inc.

The proposal received from Agilent Technologies, Inc. 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 RFP No. 2023-059, Liquid Chromatograph and Mass Spectrometer, be awarded to Agilent Technologies, Inc. for \$243,728.90.

The Medical Examiner's Office's need to upgrade legacy laboratory equipment and attached workstations was the result of an information security risk audit. Some of the "black box" instrument configurations in the crime laboratory and toxicology laboratories, more specifically the associated workstations, were running outdated, obsolete, and unsupported, end-of-product life cycle Windows operating systems.

Tarrant County requires all vendors to maintain Microsoft supported operating systems and products, apply security patches on a regular basis, and maintain an "always on" antivirus/malware solution.

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Completion of all upgrades will reduce operational overhead and ensure that all systems are operationally supportable before requiring another upgrade. Furthermore, the acquisition would improve the overall security posture of the County.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funding in the amount of \$243,728.90 is available in account 540000/45100-2023/1810220000.