

**County of San Diego Board of Supervisors  
AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION SHEET**

**AGENDA ITEM SUBJECT/TITLE:**

SHERIFF - REQUEST FOR SINGLE SOURCE PROCUREMENTS OF TOXICOLOGY AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE TECHNOLOGY FROM GERSTEL AND AGILENT TECHNOLOGIES (DISTRICTS: ALL)

**REQUIRES FOUR VOTES:**

Yes ☐ No ☒

**WRITTEN DISCLOSURE PER COUNTY CHARTER SECTION §1000.1 REQUIRED:**

Yes ☐ No ☒

**NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING REQUIRED:**

Yes ☐ No ☒

**PROJECT UNDER CEQA:**

Yes ☐ No ☒

If Yes, approval of CEQA document required?

Yes ☐ No ☒

**DECISION WITHIN GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 84308:**

Yes ☒ No ☐

**PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOARD ACTIONS:**

February 9, 2021 (1) - SHERIFF - Authorization to apply for and accept funding for fiscal year 2021-22 California Highway Patrol Cannabis Tax Fund Grant Program and to apply for and accept funding in subsequent years.

**BOARD POLICIES APPLICABLE:**

A-87 Competitive Procurement

**BOARD POLICY STATEMENTS:**

A-87 - Request for Single Source Procurement of Toxicology Equipment from GERSTEL and Agilent.

Item or Service and Term Period: (1) Procurement of two GERSTEL MultiPurpose Sampler robotic (MPS Robotic) smart series autosampler for use with Agilent 8890 GC-MS systems. (2) Procurement of one Agilent 8890 Gas Chromatography-Mass Spectrometry (GC-MS) system.

Benefits to the County of San Diego: The Agilent GC-MS with Gerstel MPS will allow the Crime Lab's Forensic Toxicology section to advance their testing for volatile compounds to ensure accurate and specific chemical identification. These systems will also allow the lab to expand volatile testing to commonly used inhalant drugs as recommended by the National Safety Council, rather than send samples that need inhalant testing to a third party lab at an additional cost. Purchasing Agilent GC instruments, the same manufacturer already in use for existing volatile testing, will allow the Forensic Toxicology section to integrate the systems into the existing laboratory information management system (LIMS) and utilize the same service contract.

The Agilent 8890 GC-MS will be able to continue operations as normal, as two of the GC-MS instruments currently located in Controlled Substances are now unable to be supported by the manufacturer and will not work with new technology in the Crime Lab. Obtaining the new 8890 GC-MS will prevent the Controlled Substances section from creating a backlog of cases due to not having enough technology within the unit.

Fair and Reasonable Pricing: Fair and Reasonable pricing will be determined through a comparison of other governmental agency invoices paid for the exact items being requested.

**MANDATORY COMPLIANCE:**

N/A

**ORACLE AWARD NUMBER(S) AND CONTRACT AND/OR REQUISITION NUMBER(S):**

Pending

**ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT:** SHERIFF

**OTHER CONCURRENCE(S):** Department of Purchasing and Contracting

**INTERNAL REVIEW COMPLETED:** YES ☒ NO ☐

Signature

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