



**Contra
Costa
County**

To: Board of Supervisors
From: David O. Livingston, Sheriff-Coroner
Date: February 6, 2018

Subject: Purchase Order - Agilent Technologies

RECOMMENDATION(S):

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Purchasing Agent to execute, on behalf of the Sheriff-Coroner, a purchase order with Agilent Technologies in an amount not to exceed \$209,500 to purchase 2 Gas Chromatography Mass Spectrometry (GCMS) Instruments for the Office of the Sheriff Forensic Services Division.

FISCAL IMPACT:

\$209,500. 100% General Fund; Budgeted.

BACKGROUND:

The Contra Costa County Office of the Sheriff Crime Laboratory is responsible for the analysis of suspected controlled substance. The Laboratory provides forensic services to law enforcement agencies for use in the criminal justice system. The results must be accurate and scientifically defensible. This instrumentation is a major factor that enables the Laboratory to produce a more sensitive and quality result.

Agilent has been selected because the vendor meets the 'Buy American' guidelines, manufactures the Gas Chromatograph Mass Spectrometer (GC/MS) in the United States. The

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **02/06/2018** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

VOTE OF SUPERVISORS

AYE: John Gioia, District I Supervisor
Candace Andersen, District II Supervisor
Diane Burgis, District III Supervisor
Karen Mitchoff, District IV Supervisor
Federal D. Glover, District V Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: February 6, 2018

David Twa, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: June McHuen, Deputy

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Agilent GC/MS instrument also is the instrument currently being used in the Forensic Services Division. The similarities

BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

of the instruments will reduce the time required for training. FSD staff will be able to use current instrument methods on all instruments.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

The Office of the Sheriff will not be able to purchase this equipment and will have to continue to send requests for analysis to accredited outside laboratories, which creates increased burden and cost to Contra Costa County law enforcement agencies.

CHILDREN'S IMPACT STATEMENT:

No impact.