



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: The Division of Police Crime Lab purchased an expanded capacity genetic analyzer in April 2009 using DNA Backlog Reduction Grant funds (Ord. #1875-2008). Due to the complexity of the instrument and new tests that are to be performed, the Crime Lab needs to validate the instrument for use in casework. The new testing to be performed is called Y-STR. This test will be extremely valuable in typing small quantities of male DNA when mixed with female DNA as is common with sexual assault cases.

Bid Information: Formal bid SA003635 was solicited and two companies submitted bids on July 24, 2010 as follows:

Applied Biosystems \$ 70,000.00.
Sorenson Forensics \$106,500.00.

The Division of Police recommends the bid award be made to the most responsive, responsible, and lowest bidder, Applied Biosystems, LLC.

Contract Compliance No.: Applera Corporation/Applied Biosystems, LLC 06-1534213, expires 02/03/2011

Emergency Designation: Emergency legislation is requested so that instrument validation, supplies, and training can be procured as soon as possible and to meet grant timelines.

FISCAL IMPACT: This ordinance authorizes an expenditure of \$70,000.00 from the General Government Grant fund for instrument validation, purchase of supplies, and training associated with a new genetic analyzer instrument. There is no impact on the General Fund since the purchase is funded by 2008/2009 DNA Backlog Reduction Grant funds.

To authorize and direct the Public Safety Director to enter into contract with Applied Biosystems for the purchase of instrument validation, supplies, and training for the Division of Police Crime Lab; to authorize the expenditure of \$70,000.00 from the General Government Grant Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$70,000.00)

WHEREAS, in 2009 the Division of Police Crime Laboratory purchased a 3130 Genetic Analyzer to help reduce the backlog of DNA analysis; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to validate the genetic analyzer for use, procure supplies, and complete training; and

WHEREAS, formal bids were solicited and two responses were received; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Police recommends Applied Biosystems, LLC as the most responsive, responsible and lowest bidder; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the daily operation of the Division of Police, Department of Public Safety, in that it is immediately necessary to enter into contract for the purchase of instrument validation for the genetic analyzer, supplies, and training from Applied Biosystems, LLC for the immediate preservation of the public health, peace, property, safety and welfare; now, therefore

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

SECTION 1. That the Public Safety Director be and is hereby authorized and directed to enter into contract with Applied Biosystems,

LLC for the purchase of genetic analyzer instrument validation, supplies, and training for the Division of Police, Department of Public Safety.

SECTION 2. That the expenditure of \$70,000.00, or so much thereof as may be needed, be and the same is hereby authorized as follows:

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SECTION 3. That for reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part thereof, this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor, or ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.