

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA,
DISPENSING WITH COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE
OF SPECIALIZED TESTING EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES, SOFTWARE, AND
MAINTENANCE FROM LIFE TECHNOLOGIES AND QIAGEN FOR THE DNA
LABORATORY AT THE GLENDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, the City of Glendale City Charter, in Article VI, Section 9 provides, in part, "Upon recommendation of the city manager, the council may dispense with competitive bidding for any contract when it determines that it is in the best interests of the City to do so and acts by resolution setting forth the reasons for such action";

WHEREAS, the City of Glendale has received federal grants for the establishment and operation of the Verdugo Regional Crime Laboratory ("DNA Laboratory") at the Glendale Police Department;

WHEREAS, in 2018, following the validation and establishment of DNA testing procedures, the DNA Laboratory and the Police Department established multi-year purchase orders with two primary vendors, namely Life Technologies and QIAGEN, in the amount of \$1.4 million and \$400,000, respectively, for the purchase of specialized testing equipment, supplies, software, and maintenance services;

WHEREAS, to date, the DNA Laboratory has encumbered or expended approximately \$1.2 million of the amount for Life Technologies and approximately \$260,000 for QIAGEN;

WHEREAS, forensic DNA testing laboratories must adhere to the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) Quality Assurance Standards and follow the National DNA Index System's (NDIS) DNA Acceptance Standards for all profiles uploaded into the national DNA database (CODIS);

WHEREAS, there are only three vendors of STR (short tandem repeat) typing kits that are currently approved by the FBI/CODIS for DNA analysis, namely Life Technologies, Promega, and QIAGEN;

WHEREAS, of the three vendors, Life Technologies and QIAGEN are the only providers of approved DNA analysis equipment in the Police Department's DNA Laboratory;

WHEREAS, the Life Technologies DNA testing kits have been designed to perform optimally on current DNA Laboratory platforms and have been validated;

WHEREAS, national DNA quality assurance standards require that laboratories validate their entire DNA testing procedure including testing protocols, STR testing kits, supplies, equipment, and software used in the analysis of casework samples;

WHEREAS, any significant changes to the validated procedure must in turn be validated;

WHEREAS, the Life Technologies and QIAGEN testing kits, supplies, equipment, and software have been validated by the DNA Laboratory at considerable cost in supplies, time, and personnel resources;

WHEREAS, the DNA Laboratory's standard operating procedures, analyst training program, and quality assurance/quality control procedures were developed based on the results of these validations, a process that took over a year;

WHEREAS, Life Technologies and QIAGEN are the only vendors that can provide the required items in order for the DNA Laboratory to meet project goals and maintain compliance with accreditation standards and national DNA quality assurance guidelines;

WHEREAS, the City Council finds there is a need to ensure that the DNA Laboratory complies with the established accreditation standards; and

WHEREAS, due to the validation process and the stringent requirements for DNA Laboratory accreditation, the City Council finds that it is appropriate and in the best interests of the City of Glendale to dispense with competitive bidding and to authorize the Deputy Director of Finance - Purchasing to issue purchase order agreements with the Life Technologies and QIAGEN.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA:

1. That the foregoing facts are deemed to be a true and correct and a basis for dispensing with competitive bidding;
2. That the City Council hereby dispenses with competitive bidding and authorizes the Deputy Director of Finance - Purchasing to issue purchase orders with Life Technologies in the amount of \$2,500,000 and with QIAGEN in the amount of \$400,000, over 5 years, for testing kits, equipment, supplies, contract services, software, and maintenance, including maintenance for the life of the software, for the DNA Laboratory, as more specifically set forth above and in the report to the City Council dated August 23, 2022; and

3. The Deputy Director of Finance - Purchasing is authorized to approve and execute necessary agreements to implement this resolution.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2022.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) SS

I, Suzie Abajian, Ph.D., City Clerk of the City of Glendale, certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Council of the City of Glendale, California, at a regular meeting held on the _____ day of _____, 2022, and that same was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

City Clerk