



AGENDA STAFF REPORT

Control: 26001152

MEETING DATE: 05/19/2026

LEGAL ENTITY TAKING ACTION: Board of Supervisors

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DISTRICT(S): District 2

SUBMITTING AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: Sheriff-Coroner

DEPARTMENT CONTACT PERSON(S): Cory Martino, 714-647-1817
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SUBJECT: Approve the Life Technologies Corporation Contract

CEO CONCUR Concur	COUNTY COUNSEL REVIEW Approve agreement to form	CLERK OF THE BOARD DISCUSSION 3 Votes Board Majority
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Budgeted: Yes	Current Year Cost: \$199,247	Annual Cost: N/A
Staffing Impact: No		Sole Source: Yes
Current Fiscal Year Revenue: N/A	Funding Source: FED: 100%	County Audit in Last 3 years: No
Levine Act Review Completed? Yes		
Prior Board Action: N/A		

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Authorize the County Procurement Officer or Deputized designee to execute the Life Technologies Corporation contract for the purchase, delivery, installation, and training, of one SeqStudio Flex eight capillary Genetic Analyzer for Human Identification and software upgrade licenses, for a one-year term effective upon Board of Supervisors approval, in an amount not to exceed \$199,247.

SUMMARY:

Approval of the contract with Life Technologies Corporation will allow the Sheriff-Coroner Department to contract for the purchase, delivery, installation of one SeqStudio Flex eight capillary Genetic Analyzer for Human Identification and software upgrade licenses in support of the Orange County Crime Lab.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The County was awarded \$246,939 in 2024 from the U.S. Department of Justice for additional DNA laboratory personnel and laboratory instruments, equipment and related supplies to speed DNA analysis and to increase the number of cases analyzed to prevent future backlogs as casework demands increase. On September 23, 2023, the Board of Supervisors (Board) accepted the DNA Backlog Reduction grant funds and approved the purchase of an additional Genetic Analyzer for the Orange County Crime Lab (OCCL) to increase the number of DNA analyses performed and to improve the efficiency of the analysis process.

The Genetic Analyzers process DNA samples and provide the genetic profile for each sample. The Thermo Cyclers amplify targeted regions on the DNA in preparation for genetic analysis. These diagnostic tests benefit all law

enforcement stakeholders in the County, including police departments and the County of Orange District Attorney's Office. The system provides investigative leads, reliable suspect identifications, and physical evidence for trial. The proposed contract is a sole source contract. Life Technologies Corporation (Life Technologies) is the only contractor that offers the SeqStudio Flex, which is the only genetic analyzer for human identification applications with a built-in operating system.

On March 10, 2026, through the normal vetting process, Sheriff's staff issued a sole source for the purchase, delivery, installation and training of one SeqStudio Flex eight capillary Genetic Analyzer for Human Identification and software upgrade licenses in the amount of \$199,247.

The Sheriff-Coroner now requests Board approval of the Life Technologies contract for the purchase, delivery, installation and training of one SeqStudio Flex eight capillary Genetic Analyzer for Human Identification and software upgrade licenses in the OCCL, effective upon Board of Supervisors approval, in the amount of \$199,247, as noted in the Recommended Action.

Sheriff staff confirmed contractor has represented that: 1) neither it nor any of its principal officers are involved in litigation in connection with contracts for the provision of similar services, and 2) there is no current or threatened litigation that would impact the vendor's ability to provide, produce and/or perform services under the contract. This contract contains non-standard indemnification and limitation of liability terms. This contract does not include subcontractors or pass through to other providers. See Attachment B for the Contract Summary. The Orange County Preference Policy is not applicable to this sole source contract.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Appropriations for this contract was approved in the Sheriff-Coroner's Mid-Year Budget Adjustment Request (MBAR) for FY 2025-26 for Budget Control 060 under sequence #MB26-007 and is offset with revenue from the Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) FY 2024 Formula DNA Capacity Enhancement for Backlog Reduction (CEBR) Program. This contract contains language allowing the Sheriff-Coroner Department to terminate the contract or reduce the level of services without penalty with cause or without cause in the event that funding is reduced and/or not available to continue funding the contract.

STAFFING IMPACT:

N/A

REVIEWING AGENCIES/DEPARTMENTS:

N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A - Contract PO-060-26010339

Attachment B - Contract Summary Form

Attachment C - Risk Assessment or Modification of Insurance Terms