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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: July 24, 2018

DATE: Wednesday, July 18, 2018

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Kerri Heward, Director – Forensic Science Division
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THROUGH: Sheriff Chuck Allen

SUBJECT: Recommendation to approve the sole source exemption and purchase of consumables from Life Technologies at approximate cost of [\$210,000.00] annually. (All Commission Districts)

SUMMARY

The Washoe County Sheriff's Office Forensic Science Division is requesting approval of a sole source exemption to purchase consumables from Life Technologies to use in the DNA section. The cost of these consumables is estimated to be \$210,000 annually.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Safe, Secure and Healthy Communities.

PREVIOUS ACTION

Sole Source was signed by the Purchasing Department in July 2017.

BACKGROUND

Legislative changes have resulted in an increased the number of sexual assaults kits tested by the Forensic Science Division's DNA section. Additionally, the Forensic Science Division is preparing to move the outsourcing of offender samples in-house. These changes require the purchase of more consumables. Life Technologies is our current vendor for DNA kits and consumables. The GlobalFiler and YFiler STR Kits are currently validated for use by the Forensic Science Division and all DNA analysts are trained in the use of these kits. Life Technologies is the only manufacturer and distributor of these kits and associated chemicals and instrumentation. Life Technologies gives Washoe County government pricing as well as volume discounted pricing.

AGENDA ITEM # _____

FISCAL IMPACT

The cost is already built into the 2019 fiscal year budget from the Cost Center of 150650 for \$80,000 and in the Internal Order 20391 for \$130,000.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners approve the sole source exemption and purchase of consumables from Life Technologies at approximate cost of [\$210,000.00] annually.

POSSIBLE MOTION

A possible motion would be: Move to approve the sole source exemption and purchase of consumables from Life Technologies at approximate cost of [\$210,000.00] annually.