



CITY OF HOUSTON - CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Date: 8/26/2025

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SR1579043968 – Integrated Ballistics Identification System (Forensic Technology Inc.) –
MOTION

Agenda Item#: 3.

Background:

SR1579043968 - Approve spending authority in an amount not to exceed \$202,119.00 for the purchase of Integrated Ballistics Identification System Technology from the sole source supplier Forensic Technology Inc., for a three-year term for the Houston Police Department.

Specific Explanation:

The Chief of the Houston Police Department and the Chief Procurement Officer recommend that City Council approve spending authority in an amount not to exceed **\$202,119.00** for the purchase of Integrated Ballistics Identification System Technology (IBIS) from the sole source supplier, **Forensic Technology Inc.**, for the Houston Police Department.

IBIS is used by law enforcement agencies to investigate firearm-related crimes. It helps identify links between different shooting incidents by analyzing the unique markings left on bullets and cartridge cases when a firearm is discharged. The system supports collaboration across jurisdictions and has played a key role in solving thousands of cases. The vendor will supply the necessary equipment, software, maintenance, and training.

Forensic Technology is the sole source vendor for IBIS because it is the exclusive manufacturer and patent holder of the system and its components. The proprietary nature of the technology and required access to sensitive information limit manufacturing, servicing, and upgrades to Forensic Technology alone. Additionally, IBIS is the only ballistic identification system approved for use within the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN) program and meets all associated security standards.

This recommendation is made pursuant to subsection 252.022(a)(7) of the Texas Local Government Code, which provides that "a procurement of items that are available from only one source..." is exempt from the competitive requirements for purchases.

MWBE Subcontracting:

M/WBE Zero Percentage Goal document approved by the Office of Business Opportunity

Hire Houston First:

This procurement is exempt from the City's Hire Houston First Ordinance. Bids/proposals were not solicited because the department is utilizing a sole source for this purchase.

Fiscal Note:

No fiscal note is required on grant items.

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Jedediah Greenfield
Chief Procurement Officer

Department Approval Authority

Estimated Spending Authority

| Department | FY2026 | Out Years | Total |
|---------------------------|---------------|------------------|--------------|
| Houston Police Department | \$202,119.00 | \$0 | \$202,119.00 |

Amount and Source of Funding:

\$202,119.00 - Federal Government – Grant Funded (5000)

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ATTACHMENTS:

| Description | Type |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Ownership Form | Backup Material |
| Cleared Tax Report | Backup Material |
| Certification of Funds | Financial Information |
| Acknowledged Form 1295 | Backup Material |
| Conflict of Interest Questionnaire | Backup Material |
| Sole Source Justification | Backup Material |
| Quote | Backup Material |
| OBO Goal Waiver Request | Backup Material |