

**REPORT FROM EVALUATION COMMITTEE
FOR REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR
REQUIREMENTS CONTRACT FOR
SEXUAL ASSAULT KIT INITIATIVE GRANT
2020 “TESTING OF PARTIALLY TESTED
KITS”**

RFP NO. 9616

March 1, 2022

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Desiree Perry, Administrative Manager, Police Department/Fiscal Affairs Bureau
Neal Cooney, Police Officer, Police Department/SAKI Grant
Delia Heredia, Retired Director, Fresno Department of Justice Regional Laboratory

Purchasing Support:

Jonathan Medina, Procurement Specialist, Purchasing/Finance Department

BACKGROUND:

The goal of this Request for Proposal (RFP) was to solicit proposals from qualified vendors to perform DNA analysis of sexual assault kits.

Two proposals were downloaded from the City's Planet Bid site and opened and recorded on September 28, 2021. This proposal would be for a three (3) year contract with no extensions.

EVALUATION BY COMMITTEE:

Bode Cellmark Forensics, Inc.

This proposer had the highest proposal pricing at \$67,891.25 based on a pricing list of anticipated/potential individual testing processes. Bode Cellmark Forensics, Inc. had the most experience with a 25-year history in the field of forensic identification and related advanced technologies. Over the past 25 years, Bode Cellmark Forensics, Inc. has analyzed over 150,000 Sexual Assault Kits (SAKs) and their customer base includes over 200 law enforcement agencies, crime laboratories, non-governmental organizations and disaster management organizations. Bode Cellmark Forensics, Inc. provided an excellent detailed proposal.

Utah Cold Case Coalition, Inc. dba Intermountain Forensics

This proposer had the lowest proposal pricing at \$33,370.00 based on a pricing list of anticipated/potential individual testing processes. Intermountain Forensics has very little experience, as the business is only two years old and has been providing services for only one year. In addition, Intermountain Forensics does not currently, nor have they ever had certification with the California Department of Justice Forensic Laboratory. They also did not submit audited financial

statements, which were required.

RECOMMENDATION

Based on a thorough review of both submissions, the committee members unanimously agreed that Bode Cellmark Forensics, Inc had the most expertise, experience, accreditations and available capacity to meet the City's needs as specified in the RFP and recommends that Council approve and award to Bode Cellmark Forensics, Inc. for a three (3) year contract at an amount not to exceed \$509,500 for the three year period with no extensions. In addition, Fresno City Manager Thomas Esqueda approved a Sole Source with Bode Cellmark Forensics, however, the grant funding agency required we submit it through the City's bidding process.