

**JUSTIFICATION FOR PROPRIETARY  
OR NON-COMPETITIVE PURCHASE**

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TO: Susan Serrano, Purchasing Director

For Presentation to Commissioners Court:

Below is justification for a proprietary or non-competitive purchase pursuant to Texas Local Government Code section 262.024(a)(7)(B):

- A. Explanation or the need for the specification, i.e., which part or parts of the stated specification restricts the requisition to one manufacturer or provider:

The Integrated Ballistic Identification System (IBIS®) uses technology that encompasses several patents protected in the United States and throughout the world. As such, manufacturing and servicing these products require access to proprietary and commercially sensitive information that is only accessible to employees of Ultra Electronics Forensic Technology Inc. and its affiliate company Forensic Technology Inc. (hereinafter collectively referred to as Forensic Technology).

Consequently, only Forensic Technology, the exclusive manufacturer of IBIS and Quantum 3D Microscope™ (Q3M), can provide their proprietary products IBIS BRASSTRAX, IBIS BULLETTRAX, IBIS MATCHPOINT, IBIS Data Concentrator, IBIS Correlation Engine, and Q3M, as well as maintenance, upgrades and services, including data migration, moving and training services pertaining thereto.

- B. The reason competing products are not satisfactory, i.e., justification for sole source purchase:

Furthermore IBIS, currently in use in the United States under the ATF NIBIN program, is the only technology that has undergone extensive testing and complies with the security standards needed for integration into NIBIN. Other ballistic identification technologies are not compatible with NIBIN.

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