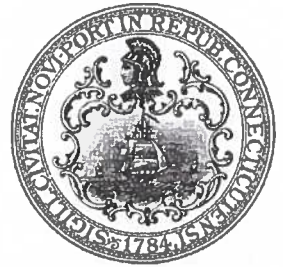




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The Honorable Tyisha Walker-Myers
President, Board of Alders
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Dear Alder President Walker-Myers,

The New Haven Police Department requests your consideration of our purchase of a National Integrated Ballistic Information Network Cartridge Cases Acquisition and Triage Package (NIBIN Package) from Ultra Electronics Forensic Technology, Inc., the vendor with sole source designation, for \$144,853.00 to assist our efforts in developing our Crime Gun Intelligence Center.


The Honorable Board approved a grant of \$700,000 to establish a Crime Gun Intelligence Center on May 4, 2020: LM-02020-0082. The purpose of this grant is to improve the Department's capacity to work with its Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) partners and other law enforcement and community agencies. This group uses intelligence, technology, and community engagement to identify unlawfully used firearms and their sources, and to effectively prosecute perpetrators engaged in violent crime. Two elements are key to this approach: collecting guns and ballistic evidence from all crime scenes (including incidents in which shots are fired at buildings, vehicles, street signs, etc., but don't strike anyone) and quickly analyzing that evidence using modern technology.

NIBIN was developed by ATF in 1997 and is the only national network that allows for the capture and comparison of ballistic evidence to aid in solving and preventing violent crimes involving firearms. Firearms technicians enter cartridge casing evidence into the Integrated Ballistic Identification System (IBIS) and these images are correlated against the national database, assisting agencies in linking incidents, identifying shooters, and getting offenders off the streets before the next shooting or homicide occurs. The Crime Gun Intelligence Center grant pays for personnel, equipment, and technology, and grant funding is available to purchase the NIBIN Package.

We are currently submitting cartridge casing evidence to the Forensic Science Laboratory in Meriden. This is time-consuming in terms of travel and waiting for results. Having the NIBIN Package at headquarters will enable us to process evidence more quickly and will significantly enhance investigations and arrests.

Thank you for your consideration. Please contact me if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,


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