



## **CITY OF SALINAS COUNCIL STAFF REPORT**

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**DATE:** APRIL 23, 2024

**DEPARTMENT:** SALINAS POLICE DEPARTMENT

**FROM:** JOHN C. MURRAY, ACTING CHIEF OF POLICE

**BY:** TONYA ERICKSON, POLICE SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR  
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**TITLE:** DIRECT PURCHASE OF FSIS-II COLOR LAB SYSTEM

### **RECOMMENDED MOTION:**

A motion to approve a Resolution authorizing the Interim City Manager to approve the direct purchase of the FSIS-II Color Lab System from Arrowhead Forensics for a total cost not to exceed \$87,623.84.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that City Council approve the direct purchase of the FSIS-II Color Lab System from Arrowhead Forensics for a total cost not to exceed \$87,623.84.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The Salinas Police Department (SPD) is requesting the purchase of a replacement Alternative Light Source machine for the Crime Lab as the current unit no longer works. The current Alternative Light Source machine in the Crime Lab was manufactured in 1995 and is no longer being made. SPD is requesting the purchase of the FSIS-II Color Lab System, as it is an all-in-one system with a built-in camera and computer system. The FSIS-II will play a crucial role in locating fingerprints and other biological evidence on items that would otherwise be difficult to identify. This equipment allows for hands-free use and offers the maximum level of clarity and quality of images.

### **BACKGROUND:**

The Salinas Police Department Crime Lab needs to replace the current Alternative Light Source machine used for locating fingerprints. Since March of 2024, we have not been able to use the Alternative Light Source machine because it has reached the end of its service life. It was manufactured in 1995 and there is no ability to make repairs due to the equipment no longer being

made. This makes it imperative that we secure a new FSIS-II Color Lab System from Arrowhead Forensics.

We have contacted Arrowhead Forensics and received a quote for a FSIS-II Color Lab System. The new system offers a hands-free image capture with the integrated foot pedal and a mounted UV light, which will allow us to maximize the efficiency and results. The FSIS-II's key feature is the ability to capture untreated latent prints at high resolution. While other machines are similar, the FSIS-II is the only system that has full-spectrum capability to view and capture color images of altered documents and other biological evidence on items that would otherwise be difficult to identify.

Arrowhead Forensics is the sole manufacturer and developer of the FSIS-II Color Lab System. There are no local vendors available to provide this equipment. The City Council has the authority to approve this direct purchase under Salinas Municipal code Section 12-27 and without application of the local purchasing preference pursuant to Salinas Municipal Code Section 12-28.080.

#### POLICE COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Acting Police Chief John Murray discussed this purchase with members of the Police Community Advisory Committee during their meeting on March 27, 2024. The Committee did not provide any comments or concerns in response to this proposed purchase.

#### CEQA CONSIDERATION:

**Not a Project.** The City of Salinas has determined that the proposed action is not a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (CEQA Guidelines Section 15378).

#### STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVE:

Approving the purchase will support the City Council's Strategic Plan Goal of Public Safety and Effective and Culturally Responsive Government.

#### DEPARTMENTAL COORDINATION:

The Police Department will coordinate with the Finance Department, including Information Technology, during the purchasing process.

#### FISCAL AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

Funds are appropriated and available within the Police Department's Crime Scene Investigations (CSI) Equipment budget, account 1000.40.4129-66.5000.

#### ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution  
Quote – Arrowhead Forensics  
Sole Source for FSIS-II Color Lab System