



Randy Rydel, Finance Director

MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable Satpal Singh Sidhu, County Executive; and
The Honorable Members of the Whatcom County Council

Through: Randy Rydel, Finance Director

From: Steve Harris, Undersheriff

Prepared By: Sara Winger, Senior Purchasing Coordinator

Date: May 7, 2025

Re: Approval to Purchase RapidHIT ID System (Forensic DNA Instrument)

Requested Action

The Sheriff's Office requests County Council and County Executive approval to purchase an Applied Biosystems™ RapidHIT™ ID System using authorized cooperative, National Association of State Procurement Officials (NASPO) via a Participating Addendum, Washington State Contract (WSC) #20722 (Laboratory Equipment and Supplies). The current contract term is for the period of 03/01/2024 through 02/28/2029.

The NASPO contract is awarded to several manufacturers, including Fisher Scientific Company. Whatcom County will purchase through Thermo Fisher Scientific/Life Technologies Corporation. The total cost for this purchase is \$210,784.83, including equipment, sales tax, delivery, set-up, and sales tax.

Background and Purpose

This RapidHIT™ ID System will allow investigators to collect DNA from suspects, human remains, blood, and/or other biohazard materials and, within 90 minutes, learn if a DNA match exists.

Funding Amount and Source

The Sheriff's Office received a reimbursable grant from the US Department of Justice in 2024 (Whatcom County Contract #202409023) to purchase a rapid DNA machine. Expenditure authority was authorized in the General Fund for this purchase on Supplemental ID #2025-4931, as approved on Ordinance #2025-025.

Contact

Please contact Steve Harris, extension 6718, if you have any questions or concerns.

Recommendation

In accordance with WCC 3.08.030, I concur with this recommendation:

Sara Winger

Digitally signed by Sara Winger
DN: cn=Sara Winger, o=Whatcom County
AS Finance, ou=Senior Purchasing
Coordinator,
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Sara Winger, Senior Purchasing Coordinator

Approved as recommended:

County Executive

Date of Council Action



Fisher Scientific

Part of Thermo Fisher Scientific

To: ERIK FRANCIS

Date: 05/06/2025

Message: PER NASPO STATE CONTRACT # 20722

NO SHIPPING/FREIGHT CHARGES TO APPLY

- 05/07/2025 Swinger, Purchasing
- * Quote reviewed for due diligence to WSC/NASPO contract "list" price.
 - * All items except line #2 A59805 are in the Fisher catalog online.
 - * Item #2 A59805 is a separate software that gives the ability to do a "Kinship" analysis. (OK not on list sw/rr)
 - * WSC/NASPO contract pricing is a percentage off list

Sales Quotation



Part of Thermo Fisher Scientific

FISHER SCIENTIFIC COMPANY LLC
4500 TURNBERRY DRIVE
HANOVER PARK IL 60133-5491

Review and Place Order

[Click here or go through your purchasing system to fishersci.com quotes](#)

***Please reference this Quote Number on all correspondence.**

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*Quote Nbr	Creation Date	Due Date	Page
5126-1997-81	05/06/2025		1 of 2
Payment Terms		Delivery Terms	
NET 30 DAYS		DEST	
Valid To		Prepared By	
06/27/2025		NIGRO, TYLER	
Customer Reference		Sales Representative	
QUOTE 5/6		TYLER NIGRO	
To place an order	Ph: 800-766-7000	Fx: 800-926-1166	
Submitted To:		Customer Account: 024009-001	
ERIK FRANCIS TYLER.NIGRO@THERMOFISHER.COM 360-778-6636		WHATCOM COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE 311 GRAND AVE BELLINGHAM WA 98225	

Nbr	Qty	UN	Catalog Number	Description	Unit Price	Extended Price
1	1	EA	A41810	RAPIDHIT ID SYSTEM Applied Biosystems RapidHIT ID System, Content And Storage: Store at room temperature., Product Line: RapidHIT, Shipping Condition: Room Temperature Vendor Catalog # A41810 Hazardous Material This item is being sold as 1 per each	150,000.00	150,000.00
2	1	EA	A59805	RLINK MATCHING STE V1.0 STWARE Vendor Catalog # A59805 Hazardous Material This item is being sold as 1 per each	7,500.00	7,500.00
3	1	EA	A59183	AB RLINK V2.0 - SOFTWARE ONLY Applied Biosystems RapidLINK Software v2.0, Product Line: RapidLINK, Quantity: Each, Shipping Condition: Room Temperature Vendor Catalog # A59183 Hazardous Material This item is being sold as 1 per each	10,625.00	10,625.00
4	1	EA	A48503	RAPIDLINK LAPTOP SYSTEM Vendor Catalog # A48503 Hazardous Material This item is being sold as 1 per each	2,500.00	2,500.00
5	1	EA	A53084	AB RHID PRIMARYCTRG GFE 150 Vendor Catalog # A53084	6,033.54	6,033.54

list \$200,900⁰⁰

list \$12,950⁰⁰

list \$3,195⁰⁰

list \$10,800⁰⁰

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Nbr	Qty	UN	Catalog Number	Description	Unit Price	Extended Price
				Hazardous Material This item is being sold as 1 per each		
6	1	EA	ZG11SCRHID	AB ASSURANCE1PM RHIT ID Vendor Catalog # ZG11SCRHID Hazardous Material This item is being sold as 1 per each	14,120.32	14,120.32
				<i>list \$18,220⁰⁰</i>		
7	1	EA	ZGLPSCRHID	PRIORITY TECH SUP RAPIDHIT ID Vendor Catalog # ZGLPSCRHID Hazardous Material This item is being sold as 1 per each	2,601.72	2,601.72
				<i>list \$3,285⁰⁰</i>		

MERCHANDISE TOTAL

193,380.58 ✓

Estimated Sales Tax

17,404.25 ✓

TOTAL

210,784.83 ✓

NOTES:

We now offer highly competitive financing with low monthly payments. Please contact your local sales representative for more information.

Tell us about your recent customer service experience by completing a short survey. This should take no longer than three minutes. Enter the link into your browser and enter the passcode: USA-PGH-CS2

<http://survey.medallia.com/fishersci>

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Item	Price	Quantity	Availability	Item subtotal
A41810 Applied Biosystems™ RapidHIT™ ID System RAPIDHIT ID SYSTEM by Applied Biosystems A41810	\$200,900.00 / Each	1		\$200,900.00 ✓
A59183 Applied Biosystems™ RapidLINK™ Software v2.0 Quantity: Ea. by Applied Biosystems™ A59183	\$12,950.00 / Each	1		\$12,950.00 ✓
A48503 LIFE TECHNOLOGIES RAPIDLINK LAPTOP SYSTEM by LIFE TECHNOLOGIES A48503	\$3,195.00 / Each	1		\$3,195.00 ✓
A53084 LIFE TECHNOLOGIES AB RHID PRIMARYCTRG GFE 150 by LIFE TECHNOLOGIES A53084	\$10,800.00 / Each	1		\$10,800.00 ✓
ZG11SCRHID LIFE TECHNOLOGIES AB ASSURANCE1PM RHIT ID by LIFE TECHNOLOGIES ZG11SCRHID	\$18,220.00 / Each	1		\$18,220.00 ✓
ZGLPSCRHID LIFE TECHNOLOGIES PRIORITY TECH SUP RAPIDHIT ID by LIFE TECHNOLOGIES ZGLPSCRHID	\$3,285.00 / Each of 1	1		\$3,285.00 ✓

Subtotal

\$249,350.00

Estimated Shipping *

\$405.95

Shipping Fuel
Surcharge

\$5.95

Shipping Charge

\$400.00

Estimated Tax

\$0.00

Cart Total

\$249,755.95

05/06/2025 Swinger

"Cart" printed from Fisher's
online catalog to show
"List Pricing" due diligence

*Price and availability are subject to change.

Supplemental Budget Request

Status: Pending

Sheriff

Operations

Suppl ID # 4931

Fund 1000

Cost Center 10003578

Originator: Donna Duling

Expenditure Type: One-Time Year 1 2025 Add'l FTE ☐ Add'l Space ☐ Priority 1

Name of Request: 2025 - US DOJ Rapid DNA Machine

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[Signature]

3/4/25

Department Head Signature (Required on Hard Copy Submission)

Date

Costs:	Object	Object Description	Amount Requested
	4331.1601	DJ-lead grant	(\$440,000)
	6320	Office and operating supplies	\$113,086
	6610	Contractual services	\$85,314
	7400	Machinery and Equipment	\$241,600
	Request Total		\$0

1a. Description of request:

Whatcom County Sheriff's Office was awarded \$440,000 from US Department of Justice, to purchase a Rapid DNA machine. This machine will allow investigators to collect DNA from suspects, human remains, blood and/or other biohazard materials and within ninety minutes learn if there is a DNA match.

Assuming Washington State legislators enact law, this machine will function nationwide, whereas now it can be used solely as a county data base.

None of the funds, WCC#2024090230, were used in 2024, leaving the full amount for 2025.

1b. Primary customers:

Whatcom County Sheriff Office Deputies and the citizens of Whatcom County

2. Problem to be solved:

Budget authority is needed to use these funds.

3a. Options / Advantages:

3b. Cost savings:

\$440,000

4a. Outcomes:

4b. Measures:

5a. Other Departments/Agencies:

5b. Name the person in charge of implementation and what they are responsible for:

6. Funding Source:

US Department of Justice Office of Justice Programs Bureau of Justice Assistance Grant, BJA FY24
Byrne Discretionary Community Projects Grants / Byrne Discretionary Grants Programs, 16.753 -
Congressionally Recommended Awards

Thursday, March 06, 2025

Rpt. Rpt Suppl Regular

WHATCOM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
GRANTS / RECEIVABLES

Manager	Francis
Fund	WCSO
Customer #	2252826
Agency	US DOJ - DNA
Grant/Agreement #	15PBJA-24-GG-00378-BRND
WC Contract No.	2024090230
CC# / Account	10003578 4331.1673. 601
CC Description	Rapid DNA Machine
GL Offset	1341
Expiration	06/30/25
Status	Active

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