THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE

Staff Report

Council Meeting Date: March 14, 2023

Subject: Evidence IQ contract addendum renewal

Staff Resource(s): Elise Lewis, Financial Business Manager
Sgt Josh Meindl, Criminal Investigations/Forensics Unit

Action Requested: Adoption of a resolution to ratify the contract with Evidence IQ to allow for the renewal for an additional three years for continuing the subscription, service agreement and purchase of additional Virtual Correlation Center (VCC) cartridge cases for the Asheville Police Department's Ballistics IQ Triage Solution, now valued at $309,300.

Background:

- The Asheville Police Department (APD) entered into a contractual agreement with Evidence IQ on February 1, 2022 for the purchase of a Ballistics IQ Triage Solution which included a camera box, associated licensing, training, and unlimited Virtual Correlation Center (VCC) cartridge cases.
- The first year of the contract included unlimited VCC case packs.
- A subscription, service agreement and additional VCC case packs are needed annually to continue use of the Ballistics IQ Solution.
- Evidence IQ offers discounted annual rates when contracting for longer term periods.
- In the first year of use, Ballistic IQ was used to examine 630 cases including cases from years prior to 2022. As a result they were able to produce 137 investigative leads.
- APD's Forensic Unit has determined the appropriate annual package to move forward with to meet their needs.
- APD is requesting approval to renew and amend the current contract valued at $70,800 for three additional years at $79,500 per year, for a total contract value of $309,300, thus requiring Council approval to proceed.
- APD is asking for ratification of the renewal to February 1st, 2023.

Council Goal(s):

- Smart City

Committee(s):

- Environment and Safety Committee - February 28, 2023

Pro(s):

- Produces investigative leads

Con(s):

- Continued annual cost of contracting

Fiscal Impact:

- Funding for this contract is available in the Asheville Police Department operating budget.

Suggested Motion:

- Motion to approve a resolution to ratify the contract with Evidence IQ to allow for the renewal for an additional three years for continuing the subscription, service agreement and purchase of additional Virtual Correlation Center (VCC) cartridge cases for the Asheville Police Department's Ballistics IQ Triage Solution, now valued at $309,300

Attachment(s)

- Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 23-____

RESOLUTION TO RATIFY THE CONTRACT WITH EVIDENCE IQ TO ALLOW FOR THREE ADDITIONAL RENEWALS FOR CONTINUING THE SUBSCRIPTION, SERVICE AGREEMENT AND PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL VIRTUAL CORRELATION CENTER (VCC) CARTRIDGE CASES FOR THE ASHEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S BALLISTICS IQ TRIAGE SOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Asheville Police Department (APD) entered into a contractual agreement with Evidence IQ on February 1st, 2022 for the purchase of a Ballistics IQ Triage Solution which included a camera box, associated licensing, training, and unlimited Virtual Correlation Center (VCC) cartridge cases; and

WHEREAS, The first year of the contract included unlimited VCC case packs; and

WHEREAS, a subscription, service agreement and additional VCC case packs are needed annually to continue use of the Ballistics IQ Solution; and

WHEREAS, Evidence IQ offers discounted annual rates when contracting for longer term periods; and

WHEREAS, in the first year of use, Ballistic IQ was used to examine 630 cases including cases from years prior to 2022. As a result they were able to produce 137 investigative leads; and

WHEREAS, APD's Forensic Unit has determined the appropriate annual package to move forward with to meet their needs; and

WHEREAS, APD is requesting approval to renew and amend the current contract valued at $70,800 for three additional years at $79,500 per year, for a total contract value of $309,300, thus requiring Council approval to proceed; and

WHEREAS, APD is asking for ratification of the renewal to February 1st, 2023; and

WHEREAS, APD already includes this expense in the annual budget process so no additional funding is required;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE THAT:

The contract with Evidence IQ to allow for the renewal for an additional three years for continuing the subscription, service agreement and purchase of additional Virtual Correlation Center (VCC) cartridge cases for the Asheville Police Department's Ballistics IQ Triage Solution, now valued at $309,300, is hereby ratified.

Read, approved and adopted this the 14th day of March, 2023.

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City Clerk Mayor

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney