

**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER  
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION  
MAY 5, 2020 AGENDA**

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Action Required:</b>	<b>Approved By:</b>
<p>An ordinance authorizing a Sole-Source Contract with Ultra Electronics/Forensic Technology, for the purchase of a NIBIN System.</p> <p><b>Submitted By:</b></p> <p>Little Rock Police Department</p>	<p>√ <b>Ordinance</b> Resolution</p>	<p>Bruce T. Moore City Manager</p>
<b>SYNOPSIS</b>	<p>An ordinance to authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with Ultra Electronics/Forensic Technology, for the purchase of a National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN) System.</p>	
<b>FISCAL IMPACT</b>	<p>The total cost of the purchase, including a three (3)-year warranty, is \$294,268.39, which includes delivery, installation and instruction, and use tax. Funding is provided 100%, through the Crime Gun Intelligence Center Grant, from the United States Department of Justice, Account No. 270529- G35167.</p>	
<b>RECOMMENDATION</b>	<p>Approval of the resolution.</p>	
<b>BACKGROUND</b>	<p>The National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN) System will enable the Little Rock Police Department's (LRPD) Crime Gun Intelligence to supply the missing elements to have an effective Crime Gun Intelligent Center (CGIC) based upon the Department of Justice's Best Practices. This is a multidisciplinary collaborative effort focused on the timely collection, management and analysis of crime gun evidence in order to proactively identify shooters. LRPD partners with Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms (ATF), the State Prosecuting Attorney, the U.S. Attorney, the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, surrounding Law Enforcement Agencies and others.</p>	

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NIBIN is the only interstate automated ballistic imaging network in operation in the United States and is available to most major population centers in the United States. The only other NIBIN in Arkansas is located at the State Crime Laboratory. This will enable LRPD to have 24/7 access to a system. To use NIBIN, Police will enter images of cartridge casing evidence, which are then correlated against the national database. Law enforcement can search against evidence from their jurisdiction, neighboring ones, and others across the country thereby making it more effective to close cases.

LRPD had to receive permission from ATF to join the network and are required by ATF to purchase from the only vendor that makes this system. Therefore, a sole-source purchase authorization is requested.