



## Sole Source Justification Form

**Vendor:** Foster and Freeman US Inc

**Department:** Police Department, Criminal Investigations Division

**Is this purchase for Supplies, Services, or Construction:** Supplies/Equipment

**Is this a onetime purchase Y/N:** Yes

**Estimated expenditure for the current term of contract, one time purchase or annually:** \_\_\_\_\_  
One Term, \$168,378.68

*Check the box below that applies to the proposed purchase.*

The Supply, Service, or Construction is available from only one source.

Supplies, Services, or Construction is a proprietary item, there is not more than one potential bidder or offeror for that item.

The vendor is the manufacturer, and no other distribution channel is available.

The Vendor is the sole authorized dealer or reseller for a specified region.

Required items are proprietary to the Vendor.

Compatible with existing software.

Compatible with existing equipment.

Repair, maintenance or modification of existing equipment.

Upgrade to proprietary software or hardware.

Must match existing equipment.

The undersigned requests that competitive procurement be waived and that the vendor identified as the supplier of the service or material described in this sole source justification be authorized as a sole source for the service or material.

CSI Manager Smith

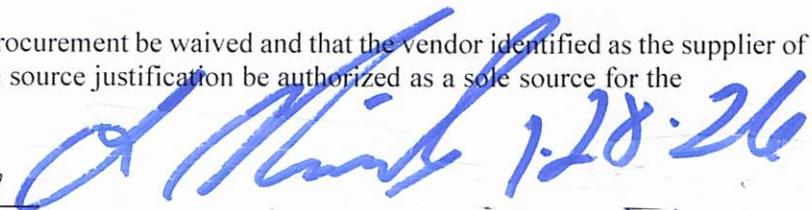
Requisitioned by:



Signature

Department  
Director/Designee

Date



**\*\*Sole sources are required to be publicly posted by the Organization for seven (7) days business days not including holidays before approval. \*\***

**1. Detailed Description of services and/or items: Describe the product/service you are requesting and its function.**

The multi-component laboratory imaging and capture system currently in use is no longer supported following the closure of SPEX Forensics in the summer of 2025. The proposed DCS6 system will not only replace the existing fingerprint imaging platform but will also significantly enhance functionality. It surpasses the capabilities of the former Reflective Ultra Violet Imaging System (RUVIS) by incorporating advanced lighting controls, interchangeable filtered lenses, and enhanced alternate light source imaging options.

**2. Justification for Sole Source/Special Circumstances: Explain why this vendor is the only source from which to obtain this product or service.**

The DCS6 (Digital Crime Scene 6) represents the latest generation of Foster + Freeman's forensic imaging and evidence documentation systems. It is an integrated workstation designed for the detection, capture, and enhancement of latent, patent, and contaminated fingerprints, as well as trace and document evidence.

The proposed configuration includes the following core components and enhancements:

1. DCS6 Core Imaging System
2. DCS6 RUVIS Camera, Lens, Lighting and Filtering (Kit 022)
3. DCS6 Cylindrical Surface Unwrapper (DCS6/CSU)
4. DCS6 FLS Light Source (Kit 007)

Foster and Freeman are the sole source provider for this equipment. All other systems only provide partial components.

**3. Efforts to Identify Other Vendors: Describe steps taken to make this determination, vendors contacted, etc.**

CSI Manager Smith has compared this equipment Safariland, Searchie Inc, and several other vendors. No other vendor offers this equipment. All other systems are not comprehensive, do not offer the equipment in its entirety, and would require a larger budget purchase.

**4. Provide written justification demonstrating the proposed price is fair and reasonable. This may include, but not limited to, historical pricing comparisons, market research, catalog pricing, or relevant supporting documentation. All evidence must be included with this request.**

**Comparative Evaluation**

Evaluation Criteria DCS6 System (Foster + Freeman) was compared to Legacy SPEX System / Alternatives.

Manufacturer Support: Foster and Freeman are an active company with global service, updates, and parts availability. Legacy SPEX is discontinued and closed in 2025.

Imaging Capabilities: Foster and Freeman offer high resolution digital camera with integrated spectral lighting. Legacy SPEX offer lower resolution with limited spectrum coverage.

RUVIS Functionality: Foster and Freeman kit 022 provides enhanced non-contact UV fingerprint detection. Legacy SPEX has no upgrade for this or support to offer it.

Cylindrical Surface Imaging: DCS6/CSU Unwrapper enables imaging or curved items. This is not available with Legacy or its competitors.

Software Integration:DCS6 proprietary capture and enhancement suite. Legacy this is an obsolete program and unsupported.

Training and Support: Provided by Foster and Freeman. None is available for Legacy or competitors.

Maintenance and Warranty: Comprehensive coverage through Foster and Freeman. Legacy this is not available.

GL Code (Include Project String, if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

**IDENTIFY TYPE OF FUNDING:**

- LOCAL
- IDENTIFY IF STATE
- FEDERAL
- OR OTHER FUNDING

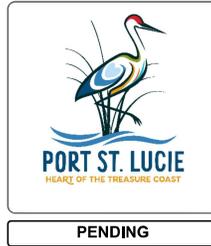
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Sole Source No. 20260158 - Fingerprint Capture and Enhancement Core System Date: 01/30/2026

Posted Date: 01/30/2026 From: 02/13/2026 (7 BUSINESS DAYS)

Approved  Disapproved   03/10/26  
Signature of Approver/Designee Date

Reason for Disapproval  
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## Sole Source Notice - Fingerprint Capture and Enhancement System Core

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**Project ID:** 20260158

**Release Date:** Friday, January 30, 2026

**Due Date:** Friday, February 13, 2026 4:00pm

Posted Friday, January 30, 2026 3:00pm

*All dates & times in Eastern Time*

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### Responses

List of vendor responses submitted for the project

No responses have been submitted yet.

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