



THE COUNTY OF GALVESTON

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August 29, 2025

Honorable County Judge
Honorable County Commissioners' Court
Galveston County Courthouse
Galveston, Texas 77550

RE: Consideration of Sole Source Discretionary Exemption – M-Vac System

Gentlemen,

It is requested that the Commissioners' Court grant a Discretionary Exemption as referenced in Local Government Code section 262.024 (a)(7)(A), an item that can be obtained from only one source including items for which competition is precluded because of the existence of patents, copyrights, secret processes, or monopolies, to purchase the following:

M-Vac System used for forensic DNA collection

The item is a law enforcement-specific forensic investigative tool (equipment) that is not available on any purchasing cooperative and is a sole source. The purchase will be reimbursed 100% through the Operation Lone Star Grant FY25.

Your consideration in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

Veronica Van Horn
Interim Purchasing Agent



February 4, 2025

To Whom It May Concern:

This correspondence is to verify that M-Vac Systems, Inc. is the sole manufacturer and supplier of the M-Vac system, a wet-vacuum based surface sampling system primarily used for forensic DNA collection. The M-Vac is a unique wet-vacuum DNA collection system. All customers worldwide - private, industry, government or otherwise - are offered the M-Vac System and its components exclusively through M-Vac Systems, Inc. as the sole source manufacturer. M-Vac Systems is the sole possessor of the trade secrets, intellectual property and manufacturing systems used to provide the M-Vac and its associated supplies. In addition, there are no authorized re-sellers in the US and all US based purchases must be direct with M-Vac Systems, Inc. This also includes all M-Vac System specific training.

If there are any questions or concerns regarding this equipment or M-Vac Systems Inc., please feel free to contact me at any time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Wayne Carlsen", is written over a horizontal line.

Wayne Carlsen
Chief Operating Officer
M-Vac System, Inc.



640 West Sandy Pkwy
Sandy, Utah 84070
Phone: (801) 523-3962

Sales Quote

| Date | Quote No. |
|-----------|-----------|
| 7/31/2025 | W250731-1 |

Name / Address:

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| Galveston County Sheriff's Office c/o Sgt Christopher Ham 601 54th St Galveston, TX 77551 | |
| Telephone # | 409-766-2327 |

Ship To:

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| Galveston County Sheriff's Office c/o Sgt Christopher Ham 601 54th St Galveston, TX 77551 | |
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| P.O. No. | Due Date | Sales Rep |
|----------|----------|---------------|
| | | Wayne Carlsen |

| Item | Description | Ordered | Rate | Amount |
|------------------------|---|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| SEC 100 | SEC - Field Unit | 1 | \$45,500.00 | \$45,500.00 |
| M-Vac 100-Case | M-Vac and Sampling Head - 10/cs | 2 | \$850.00 | \$1,700.00 |
| SRS 1000-Case | Sterile Solution - 1 Liter - 10/cs | 1 | \$270.00 | \$270.00 |
| Filter 100-Case | Sterile Filter Unit 0.45 µm, 250 mL PES - 12/cs | 3 | \$239.00 | \$717.00 |
| TB 05 | SEC Extension Tubing 5 ft | 5 | \$37.00 | \$185.00 |
| TB 10 | SEC Extension Tubing 10 ft | 1 | \$57.00 | \$57.00 |
| TB 15 | SEC Extension Tubing 15 ft | 1 | \$78.00 | \$78.00 |
| MVH | M-Vac Sampling Harness | 1 | \$140.00 | \$140.00 |
| PF 040 | Sterile Pre-Filter, 40 micron | 12 | \$14.00 | \$168.00 |
| PF Shield | Pre-filter Vacuum Shield - Non Sterile | 4 | \$45.00 | \$180.00 |
| Equipment Service | Equipment Service & Maintenance | 1 | \$1,280.00 | \$1,280.00 |
| | Shell Casing Supplies: | | | |
| PB-S 100-Case | Plastic Collection Bottle - Sterile - 10/cs | 1 | \$170.00 | \$170.00 |
| SC-NS F100-Case | Non-Sterile Funnel - 12/bag | 1 | \$107.00 | \$107.00 |
| SC-50mL-Pkg | Sterile 50mL Conical Tube - 25/pkg | 1 | \$35.00 | \$35.00 |
| | One-day onsite training for up to six people is included in the purchase of the SEC 100 | | | |
| | Orders may be emailed to forensics@m-vac.com | | | |
| Customer Email Address | | Sub-total | | \$50,587.00 |
| Customer Signature | (Email confirmation is acceptable) | Sales Tax | TBD | \$0.00 |
| Comments | Quote is valid for six months and is subject to unexpected market changes. | Shipping & Handling | | \$410.00 |
| | Shipping quotes are estimates. | Total | | \$50,997.00 |

ORDER GRANTING DISCRETIONARY EXEMPTIONS

On this, the 29th day of August 2025, the **Commissioners' Court of Galveston County, Texas**, convened in a specially scheduled meeting with the following members thereof present:

Mark Henry, County Judge
Darrell A. Apffel, Commissioner, Precinct No. 1
Joe Giusti, Commissioner, Precinct No. 2
Hank Dugie, Commissioner, Precinct No. 3
Robin Armstrong, MD, Commissioner, Precinct No. 4; and
Dwight Sullivan, County Clerk

when the following proceedings, among others, were had, to-wit:

WHEREAS, Section 262.024, Local Government Code, allows a contract for the purchase of items and an exemption from the requirement established by Section 262.023 if the commissioners court, by order, grants the exemption; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court of Galveston County, Texas, wishes to authorize a discretionary exemption under Local Government Code Section 262.024 (a)(7)(A) for an item that can be obtained from only one source. M-Vac Systems, Inc. is the sole manufacturer and supplier of the M-Vac system, a wet-vacuum-based surface sampling system primarily used for forensic DNA collection.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED BY THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF GALVESTON COUNTY, TEXAS THAT:

1. The Commissioners Court of Galveston County, Texas approves and authorizes a discretionary exemption under Local Government Code Section 262.024 (a)(7)(A) for an item that can be obtained from only one source; and
2. A copy of this Order shall be maintained in the Purchasing Department.

Upon Motion Duly Made and Seconded, the above **Order** was passed on this 29th day of August 2025.

Attest:

County of Galveston, Texas

By:

Dwight D. Sullivan, County Clerk

Mark A. Henry, County Judge

Darrell A. Apffel, Comm., Pct. #1

Hank Dugie, Comm., Pct. #3

Joe Giusti, Comm., Pct. #2

Robin Armstrong, MD, Comm., Pct. #4