



# County of Monterey

Board of Supervisors  
Chambers  
168 W. Alisal St., 1st Floor  
Salinas, CA 93901

## Board Report

---

**File #:** 20-1051, **Version:** 1

---

Approve and Authorize the Contracts/Purchasing Officer or Contracts/Purchasing Supervisor to sign the agreement with ChemImage, a vero vision mail screener, for \$160,369.00, effective upon signature and will terminate two years after installation of equipment.

### RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

Approve and Authorize the Contracts/Purchasing Officer or Contracts/Purchasing Supervisor to sign the agreement with ChemImage, a vero vision mail screener, for \$160,369.00, effective upon signature and will terminate two years after installation of equipment.

### SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

The Monterey County Sheriff's Office is requesting approval to purchase a mail screening system (vero vision mail screener) to help combat the threat of illicit drugs that are smuggled into the jail through the mail service. A mail screener greatly increases facility security by empowering officers with technology that will help them identify illegal drugs hidden in the mail.

ChemImage is currently used by Mariposa County Jail, Lake County Jail, Santa Ana PD and Polk County Jail in Oregon along with several others.

This is a sole source purchase (Sole Source Justification attached). Other scanners were considered, but simply did not have the technology necessary to be as effective at detecting illicit materials as the recommended vendor ChemImage.

### OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

County Counsel has approved the agreement as to legal form, and the Auditor/Controller has reviewed for fiscal provisions.

### FINANCING:

The cost of this contract is fully funded by AB109 and was included in the FY 2020-21 approved budget. There will be no increase in General Fund Contribution as a result of this Board action.

### BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:

This contract meets the Board's strategic initiatives by:

*"Creating a safe environment for people to achieve their potential"*

Mark a check to the related Board of Supervisors Strategic Initiatives

Economic Development  
Administration

Health & Human Services  
Infrastructure  
X Public Safety

Prepared by: Arthur Curtright, Management Analyst II, Extension #3708

Approved by: Steve Bernal, Sheriff/Coroner, Extension #3750

Attachments: Attachment A - Agreement between County of Monterey and ChemImage and Justification of  
Sole Source  
Attachment B - ChemImage Sales Agreement