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Harris County Purchasing Agent

May 08, 2023

Commissioners Court
Harris County, Texas

RE: Personal Services Exemption - Local Government Code § 262.024 (a)(4)

Members of Commissioners Court:

Please approve the attached Order(s) authorizing the County Judge to execute the attached First Amendment to the Agreement(s) for the following:

Description: Medical Examiner Services for the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences

Vendor(s): Purple Neuron, LLC

Amount: \$132,000 previously approved funds for the term 02/21/2023 - 02/20/2024
13,200 additional funds for the term 02/21/2023 - 02/20/2024
\$145,200

Reviewed By: • Harris County Purchasing • Institute of Forensic Sciences

The Amendment increases funding for federal funding under the American Rescue Plan Act 2021 (ARPA). Purchase order(s) will be issued upon Commissioners Court approval.

Sincerely,

DeWight Dopslauf
Purchasing Agent

MM
Attachment(s)
cc: Vendor(s)

FOR INCLUSION ON COMMISSIONERS COURT AGENDA MAY 16, 2023



**FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN HARRIS COUNTY
AND PURPLE NEURON, LLC**

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
 §
COUNTY OF HARRIS §

This First Amendment to the Personal Services Agreement between Harris County and Purple Neuron, LLC is entered into by and between Harris County (the "County"), a body corporate and politic under the laws of the State of Texas, acting by and through the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences ("Department"), and Purple Neuron, LLC ("Contractor"). The County and Contractor are referred to herein collectively as the "Parties" and individually as a "Party."

WHEREAS, on February 21, 2023 the County and Contractor entered into a Personal Services Agreement (the "Agreement") for the Contractor to provide medical examiner services for the County.

WHEREAS, the Parties wish to amend the Agreement for the first time ("First Amendment") for the purpose of adding funds.

THEREFORE, County and Contractor hereby agree to amend the Agreement in the following respects:

Terms

I.

This First Amendment shall be governed by the Agreement, which is incorporated herein by reference as if set forth word for word.

II.

Article 6) A) under the heading "Limit of Appropriation" is hereby modified to read as follows:

- A) Having previously certified funds in the amount of Forty-Eight Thousand Four Hundred and No/Dollars (\$48,400.00), the County hereby amends the Agreement to certify as available Thirteen Thousand Two Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$13,200.00) in additional ARPA funds, bringing the total amount of funds certified as available under the Agreement to Sixty-One Thousand Six Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$61,600.00). Contractor understands and agrees, said understanding and agreement also being of the absolute essence of this Agreement, that the total maximum compensation that Contractor may become entitled to hereunder for the Term of the Agreement and the total maximum sum that the County shall become liable to pay to Contractor hereunder shall not under any conditions, circumstances, or interpretations thereof exceed that sum. When all the funds so certified under this Agreement are expended,

unless additional funds are certified available as evidenced by a written amendment to the Agreement, Contractor's sole remedy will be to terminate this Agreement in accordance with Article 8) to the extent permitted under Article 8).

III.

All other terms and provisions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect as originally written.

IV.

It is expressly understood and agreed that the Agreement is incorporated herein by reference. In the event of any conflict between the terms and provisions of this First Amendment, or any portion thereof, and the terms and provisions of any other part or portion of the Agreement, this First Amendment shall control.

V.

Execution. Multiple Counterparts: This First Amendment may be executed in several counterparts. Each counterpart is deemed an original. All counterparts together constitute one and the same instrument. Each Party warrants that the undersigned is a duly authorized representative with the power to execute this First Amendment.

PURPLE NEURON, LLC

By: _____

Dr. Melissa Blessing
President

Date: _____

4/20/2023

HARRIS COUNTY

By: _____

LINA HIDALGO
County Judge

Date: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
CHRISTIAN D. MENEFE
COUNTY ATTORNEY

By: _____

Manasi Tahiliani
Manasi T. Tahiliani
Assistant County Attorney
CAO No. 23GEN0904

ORDER OF COMMISSIONERS COURT

Authorizing Execution of First Amendment to Personal Services Agreement with Purple Neuron,
LLC For the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences

The Commissioners Court of Harris County, Texas, met in regular session at its regular term at the Harris County Administration Building in the City of Houston, Texas, on _____, with all members present except _____.

A quorum was present. Among other business, the following was transacted:

**ORDER AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE
PERSONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH PURPLE NEURON, LLC TO PROVIDE
MEDICAL EXAMINER SERVICES FOR THE HARRIS COUNTY INSTITUTE OF
FORENSIC SCIENCES**

Commissioner _____ introduced an order and moved that Commissioners Court adopt the order. Commissioner _____ seconded the motion for adoption of the order. The motion, carrying with it the adoption of the order, prevailed by the following vote:

Vote of the Court	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Judge Hidalgo	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comm. Ellis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comm. Garcia	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comm. Ramsey, P.E.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comm. Briones	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

The County Judge thereupon announced that the motion had duly and lawfully carried and that the order had been duly and lawfully adopted. The order adopted follows:

IT IS ORDERED that County Judge Lina Hidalgo is hereby authorized to execute for and on behalf of Harris County a First Amendment to the Agreement with Purple Neuron, LLC for the purpose of adding funding to the Agreement in an amount not to exceed Thirteen Thousand Two Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$13,200.00). The First Amendment is incorporated herein by reference as though fully set forth word for word.

All Harris County officials and employees are authorized to do any and all things necessary or convenient to accomplish the purpose of this Order.