



Legislation Details (With Text)

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**Title:** Request for approval to negotiate with WSP USA for Professional Engineering services in connection with the Institute of Forensic Sciences Building, located at 1861 Old Spanish Trail, UPIN 24035MF3B001, Precinct 1.

**Sponsors:**

**Indexes:**

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Date	Ver.	Action By	Action	Result
2/27/2024	1	Commissioners Court		

**Department:** County Engineer

**Department Head/Elected Official:** Milton Rahman, PhD, P.E., PMP, CFM, ENV SP, County Engineer

**Regular or Supplemental RCA:** Regular RCA

**Type of Request:** Negotiation

**Project ID (if applicable):** UPIN- 24035MF3B001

**Vendor/Entity Legal Name (if applicable):** WSP USA

**MWDBE Contracted Goal (if applicable):** N/A

**MWDBE Current Participation (if applicable):**N/A

**Justification for 0% MWDBE Participation Goal:** N/A - Goal not applicable to request

**Request Summary (Agenda Caption):**

Request for approval to negotiate with WSP USA for Professional Engineering services in connection with the Institute of Forensic Sciences Building, located at 1861 Old Spanish Trail, UPIN 24035MF3B001, Precinct 1.

**Background and Discussion:**

On February 8, 2022, Commissioner’s court approved the Preliminary Investment Memo request of \$1,500,000 to provide professional services for the detailed design of the forensic genetics lab relocation, the morgue expansion, the relocation of other HCIFS departments during renovation, and the design plan of floors currently occupied. This is a request to negotiate with consultant and utilize some of the previously approved funding for the building HVAC system.

**Expected Impact:**

The HCIFS building is experiencing issues of poor air circulation, which in turn has caused mold growth. With the upcoming renovations and expansions to the building, this problem will only be exasperated and become

a greater issue for the building health and the health of the occupants.

Upon approval to proceed, the consultant will assessment the HVAC system and provide detailed recommendation for building HVAC system improvements for better efficiency.

**Alternative Options:**

If this RCA is not approved, IFS will continue to experience issues of poor air circulation, leading to unhealthy an environment.

**Alignment with Goal(s):**

- Justice and Safety
- Economic Opportunity
- Housing
- Public Health
- Transportation
- Flooding
- Environment
- Governance and Customer Service

**Prior Court Action (if any):**

Date	Agenda Item #	Action Taken
12/17/2019	4.i.7	Request for \$1M in CP funding for the IFS long-term masterplan
12/17/2019	1.e.2	Authorization to negotiate with Page Southerland Page, Inc. for the Masterplan Study for the IFS Building.
5/19/2020	1.g.4	Approval of \$86,000 for the Masterplan Study for IFS building.
12/15/2020	1.f.1	Approval of Amendment #1 for additional \$31,400 for study efforts
12/14/2021	38.	Approval of Amendment #2 for additional \$38,000 for morgue expansion study to complete study efforts.

**Location: Institute of Forensic Sciences Building**

Address (if applicable): 1861 Old Spanish Trail, Houston, TX 77021

Precinct(s): Precinct 1

Fiscal and Personnel Summary				
Service Name	Department wide			
	Current Fiscal Year Cost			Annual Fiscal Cost
	Labor	Non-Labor	Total	Recurring Expens
<b>Funding Sources</b>				
<b>Existing Budget</b>				
Commercial Paper	\$	\$	\$	\$

Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Total Current Budget</b>	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Additional Budget Request</b> ( <i>Requires Fiscal Review Request Form</i> )				
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$
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Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Total Additional Budget Request</b>	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Total Funding Request</b>	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Personnel</b> (Fill out section only if requesting new PCNs)				
Current Position Count for Service	-	-	-	-
Additional Positions Request	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Personnel</b>	-	-	-	-

**Anticipated Court Date:** February 27, 2024

**Anticipated Implementation Date (if different from Court date):** N/A

**Emergency/Disaster Recovery Note:** Not an emergency, disaster, or COVID-19 related item

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**Attachments** (if applicable): N/A