



Legislation Details (With Text)

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**Type:** Financial Authorization      **Status:** Passed

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**Title:** Request by the Office of the Purchasing Agent for approval of a professional services exemption from the competitive bid requirements and that the County Judge execute an agreement with Forensic Radiology Group, LLC in the amount of \$300,000 for forensic radiology consulting and training services for the Institute of Forensic Sciences for the period of March 26, 2024 - March 25, 2025 with four (4) one-year renewal options, Justification for 0% MWDBE Participation Goal: 0% - Specialized, Technical, or Unique in Nature.

**Sponsors:**

**Indexes:**

**Code sections:**

**Attachments:** 1. 24-1439 Professional Services Exemption - Forensic Radiology Group, LLC

Date	Ver.	Action By	Action	Result
3/26/2024	1	Commissioners Court		

**Department:** Purchasing

**Department Head/Elected Official:** DeWight Dopslauf

**Regular or Supplemental RCA:** Regular RCA

**Type of Request:** Financial Authorization

**Project ID (if applicable):** N/A

**Vendor/Entity Legal Name (if applicable):** Forensic Radiology Group, LLC

**MWDBE Contracted Goal (if applicable):** 0%

**MWDBE Current Participation (if applicable):** 0%

**Justification for 0% MWDBE Participation Goal:** 0% - Specialized, Technical, or Unique in Nature

**Request Summary (Agenda Caption):**

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**Background and Discussion:**

The Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences (HCIFS) serves as the Medical Examiner’s Office for Harris County, as well as seven other local counties upon request, serving a population of over 5 million people. The Medical Examiner’s Office received 13,649 reported cases in 2023 - leading to over 5,300 postmortem

examinations. It is believed that utilizing 3D computed tomography (CT) scans to triage decedents, the death investigative process will be streamlined, and postmortem exam report turnaround times will be reduced. HCIFS acquired a comprehensive CT scanner in late 2023. To validate the use of the scanner as part of the medicolegal death investigation process at HCIFS, Harris County is seeking a consultant / consulting group to assist in the advanced training of HCIFS pathologists to properly read and interpret postmortem CT scans.

**Expected Impact:**

N/A

**Alternative Options:**

N/A

**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
		N/A

**Location: N/A**

Address (if applicable): N/A

Precinct(s): Countywide

Fiscal and Personnel Summary				
Service Name	Current Fiscal Year Cost			Annual Fiscal Cost
	Labor	Non-Labor	Total	Recurring Expenses
<b>Funding Sources</b>				
<b>Existing Budget</b>				
1000 - General Fund	\$	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Total Current Budget</b>	\$	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$
<b>Additional Budget Request (Requires Fiscal Review Request Form)</b>				

Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total Additional Budget Request	\$	\$	\$	\$
<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: 03/26/2024**

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

**Emergency/Disaster Recovery Note:** COVID-19 related item

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Jessica Barelak, Senior Buyer, Purchasing

**Attachments** (if applicable): Letter, Agreement