



Legislation Text

File #: 22-4451, **Version:** 1

Department: Purchasing

Department Head/Elected Official: DeWight Dopslauf

Regular or Supplemental RCA: Regular RCA

Type of Request: Contract - Amendment

Project ID (if applicable): 190031

Vendor/Entity Legal Name (if applicable): Sentinel Offender Services, LLC

MWDBE Contracted Goal (if applicable): N/A

MWDBE Current Participation (if applicable): N/A

Justification for 0% MWDBE Participation Goal: N/A - project was awarded prior to launch of County's M/WBE Program

Request Summary (Agenda Caption):

Request for approval of a renewal option with Sentinel Offender Services, LLC for electronic monitoring equipment and services for Harris County for the period of September 1, 2022 - August 31, 2023 at a cost of \$8,500,000 (190031).

Background and Discussion:

For many years, Pretrial Services has provided electronic monitoring (EM) and transdermal alcohol monitoring (SCRAM) services to the courts for the management of perceived risk presented by defendants released on bond. Particularly during the COVID pandemic and the increased backlog of cases, courts increased their use of these services. In January 2019, the department's average daily population (ADP) on EM was 28 defendants. By October 2021, the EM ADP peaked at 3,974 and since that point has decreased only to 3,665 (May 2022). As well, since March 2020, the ADP of defendants using court-ordered SCRAM units provided by this vendor has continued to rise from 18 to 838 (May 2022). For the indicated renewal term, Pretrial Services anticipates expenses of between \$8,500,000 and \$12,000,000, depending on how the courts utilize the services.

Expected Impact:

The renewal and anticipated funding are expected to meet the needs for the indicated court-ordered services for the period from September 1, 2022, through August 31, 2023.

Alternative Options:

Given that the department has no authority to discontinue these court-ordered services, there is no viable option that will meet the needs and the requirements of the courts served by Pretrial Services.

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
08/21/19		Award
07/1/20		1 st renewal
08/17/21		2 nd renewal

Location:

Address (if applicable): N/A

Precinct(s): Choose an item.

Fiscal and Personnel Summary			
Service Name			
	SFY 22	FY 23	Next 3 FYs
Incremental Expenditures (do NOT write values in thousands or millions)			
Labor Expenditures	\$	\$	\$
Non-Labor Expenditures	\$	\$	\$
Total Incremental Expenditures	\$	\$	\$
Funding Sources (do NOT write values in thousands or millions)			
Existing Budget			
1000 - General Fund	\$	\$8,500,000	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Total Current Budget	\$	\$	\$
Additional Budget Requested			
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Total Additional Budget Requested	\$	\$	\$
Total Funding Sources	\$	\$8,500,000	\$

Personnel (Fill out section only if requesting new PCNs)			
Current Position Count for Service	-	-	-
Additional Positions Requested	-	-	-
Total Personnel	-	-	-

Anticipated Court Date: August 2, 2022

Anticipated Implementation Date (if different from Court date):

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

Contact(s) name, title, department: Dennis Potts, Deputy Director, Pretrial Services

Diandra Singleton, Senior Buyer, Purchasing Department

Attachments (if applicable): Letter