



## Legislation Text

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**File #:** 24-1070, **Version:** 1

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**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- 24035MF3AZ01

**Vendor/Entity Legal Name** (if applicable): AUTOARCH Architects, LLC

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

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

**Justification for 0% MWDBE Participation Goal:** N/A - Personal Services Agreement

**Request Summary (Agenda Caption):**

Request for approval to negotiate with AUTOARCH Architects, LLC for Professional design services in connection with Furniture/Fixture/Equipment at the Institute of Forensic Sciences Building (IFS) located at 1861 Old Spanish Trail, UPIN 24035MF3AZ01, Precinct 1, Justification for 0% MWDBE Participation Goal: N/A - Personal Services Agreement.

**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 use some of the previously approved funding to provide furniture/fixture/equipment plans for the renovation and expansion of the IFS building. In addition, provide IT/AV/Security services to the additional spaces.

**Expected Impact:**

The HCIFS building has many upcoming renovation and expansion projects.

**Alternative Options:**

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

**Location: Institute of Forensic Sciences Building**

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

Precinct(s): Precinct 1

| <b>Fiscal and Personnel Summary</b>                                    |                          |           |       |                    |
|--|--------------------------|-----------|-------|--------------------|
| Service Name   | Department wide          |           |       |                    |
|  | Current Fiscal Year Cost |           |       | Annual Fiscal Cost |
|  | Labor                    | Non-Labor | Total | Recurring Expenses |
| <b>Funding Sources</b>   |                          |           |       |                    |
| <b>Existing Budget</b>   |                          |           |       |                    |
| Commercial Paper   | \$                       | \$        | \$    | \$                 |
| Choose an item.  | \$                       | \$        | \$    | \$                 |
| Choose an item.  | \$                       | \$        | \$    | \$                 |
| Total Current Budget   | \$                       | \$        | \$    | \$                 |
| <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:** 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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Division, Harris County Engineering Department

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