



## Legislation Text

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**File #:** 24-0798, **Version:** 1

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**Department:** Purchasing

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

**Regular or Supplemental RCA:** Regular RCA

**Type of Request:** Contract - Renewal

**Project ID** (if applicable): 220157

**Vendor/Entity Legal Name** (if applicable): Canon Medical Systems USA, Inc.

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

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

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

**Request Summary (Agenda Caption):**

Request for approval of a renewal option with Canon Medical Systems USA, Inc. for postmortem computed tomography scanning for the Institute of Forensic Sciences for the period of April 25, 2024 - April 24, 2025 at a cost of \$91,805 (220157), Justification for 0% MWDBE Participation Goal: 0% - Specialized, Technical, or Unique in Nature.

**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 13,681 reported cases in 2022 - leading to over 5400 postmortem examinations. It is believed that by acquiring 3D computed tomography (CT) scans for decedents, fewer full autopsy exams will be required, thus lowering the amount of work required by HCIFS forensic pathologists and allowing for faster reporting of cause and manner of death, as well as faster turnaround times for final autopsy reports. The reduction in work required will hopefully also lead to reduced staff attrition within the Medical Examiner's Office.

In May 2022, Commissioners Court approved RFP Job No. 220157, requesting vendor proposals for a complete postmortem CT solution - including, hardware, training, maintenance, and support.

**Expected Impact:**

Reduction of workload in the Medical Examiner's Office, leading to reduction in backlog and processing times, and faster turnaround times for completion of determination of cause and manner of death and final autopsy reports.

**Alternative Options:**

Not accepting the bid proposal for a dedicated CT scanning system will lead to increased backlogs and turnaround times and could lead to more staff attrition within HCIFS.

**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
5/24/2022	22-3072	Approval of a project scheduled for advertisement and consent for Request for Proposal for postmortem computed tomography scanning for the Institute of Forensic Sciences (220157)
4/25/2023	249	Approval of an award and execution of an agreement with Canon Medical Systems USA, Inc. for postmortem computed tomography scanning for the Institute of Forensic Sciences
12/5/2023	192	Approval of an Amendment to remove the software

**Location:**

Address (if applicable):

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>				
Grant	\$	\$	\$	\$
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:** 2/27/2024

**Anticipated Implementation Date (if different from Court date):** 2/27/2024

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

**Contact(s) name, title, department:** Julie Prine, Chief of Staff/ HCIFS; Luke Herdrich, Senior Buyer, Purchasing

**Attachments** (if applicable): Letter