



Legislation Text

File #: 24-1439, **Version:** 1

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):

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.

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
Funding Sources					
Existing Budget					
1000 - General Fund	\$	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$	
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$	
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$	
Total Current Budget	\$	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$	
Additional Budget Request (Requires Fiscal Review Request Form)					
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$	
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$	
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$	
Total Additional Budget Request	\$	\$	\$	\$	
Total Funding Request	\$	\$	\$	\$	
Personnel (Fill out section only if requesting new PCNs)					
Current Position Count for Service	-	-	-	-	
Additional Positions Request	-	-	-	-	
Total Personnel	-	-	-	-	

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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Attachments (if applicable): Letter, Agreement