



Legislation Text

File #: 24-2351, **Version:** 1

Department: Sheriff

Department Head/Elected Official: Ed Gonzalez

Regular or Supplemental RCA: Regular RCA

Type of Request: Memorandum of Understanding

Project ID (if applicable):

Vendor/Entity Legal Name (if applicable): U.S Customs and Border Protection (CBP), Office of Field Operations (OFO), Houston Seaport.

MWDBE Contracted Goal (if applicable):

MWDBE Current Participation (if applicable):

Justification for 0% MWDBE Participation Goal: N/A - Goal not applicable to request

Request Summary (Agenda Caption):

Request for approval of a Memorandum of Agreement with the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Office of Field Operations (OFO) - Houston Seaport to establish a collaborative effort that allows for a more efficient tactical sharing of information in criminal investigations.

Background and Discussion:

The objective of this MOU is to establish a “whole of government” type collaborative effort between CBP, OFO, and Houston Seaport to allow for an easy/faster tactical sharing of information and to advance significant criminal investigations of interest in a more legally efficient and comprehensive manner.

Expected Impact:

Formalizing an affiliation would accomplish several goals, including:

1. Timely share finding of the criminal investigation, or enforcement actions on cases being supported by CBP, to close the intelligence cycle. This facilitates the identification of additional targets or leads and avoids duplicity of work.
2. To provide timely enforcement action results of the investigations being supported, for CBP to maintain metrics of the unit’s impact on this assignment.

Alternative Options:

Commissioners Court could choose to not allow the Harris County Sheriff’s Office to partner with CBP, OFO, and the Houston Seaport.

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	N/A	N/A

Location:

Address (if applicable):

Precinct(s): Choose an item.

Fiscal and Personnel Summary

Service Name				
	Current Fiscal Year Cost			Annual Fiscal Cost
	Labor	Non-Labor	Total	Recurring Expenses
Funding Sources				
Existing Budget				
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total Current Budget	\$	\$	\$	\$
Additional Budget Request (<i>Requires Fiscal Review Request Form</i>)				
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: April 23, 2024**Anticipated Implementation Date** (if different from Court date):**Emergency/Disaster Recovery Note:** Not an emergency, disaster, or COVID-19 related item

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Attachments (if applicable): MOA between the Harris County Sheriff's Office and the U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Office of Field Operations - Houston Seaport