



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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Chicago, IL

Legislation Text

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PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Cook County Office of the Medical Examiner

Vendor: National Medical Services, Inc. d/b/a NMS Labs, Willow Grove, Pennsylvania

Request: Authorization for the Chief Procurement Officer to renew and increase contract

Good(s) or Service(s): Forensic Toxicological Testing

Original Contract Period: 4/25/2013 - 4/24/2015, with two (2), one (1) year renewal options

Proposed Contract Period Extension: 4/25/2016 - 4/24/2017

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$728,173.00

Original Approval (Board or Procurement): 4/17/2013, \$338,173.00

Previous Board Increase(s) or Extension(s): 6/10/2015, \$300,000.00

Previous Chief Procurement Officer Increase(s) or Extension(s): 5/13/2015, \$90,000.00; 5/15/2015, 4/25/2015 - 4/24/2016)

This Increase Requested: \$300,000.00

Potential Fiscal Impact: FY 2016 \$200,000.00, FY 2017 \$100,000.00

Accounts: 259-278

Contract Number(s): 12-53-223

Concurrences:

The vendor has met the Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprise Ordinance.

The Chief Procurement Officer concurs.

Summary: This second of two (2), one (1) year renewal options will allow the Office of the Medical Examiner (OME) to continue to receive forensic toxicological testing in the toxicology laboratory. Currently, the OME uses National Medical Services, Inc. d/b/a NMS Labs to assist with drug testing in determining manner and cause of death. The ME office is working towards performing more in-house testing without using outside sources.

This contract was awarded through the competitive bidding process in accordance with the Cook County Procurement Code. National Medical Services, Inc. d/b/a NMS Labs was the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder.