



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street
Chicago, IL

Legislation Text

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PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Cook County Medical Examiner

Vendor: National Medical Services, Inc., Willow Grove, Pennsylvania

Request: Authorization for the Chief Procurement Officer to enter into and execute

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

Contract Value: \$1,611,880.00

Contract period: 2/20/2017 - 2/19/2019, with two (2), two (2) year renewal options

Potential Fiscal Year Budget Impact: FY 2017 \$634,455.03; FY 2018 \$805,940.04; FY 2019 \$171,484.93

Accounts: 259-278

Contract Number(s): 1618-15849

Concurrences:

The contract-specific goal set on this contract was zero.

The Chief Procurement Officer concurs.

Summary: The Cook County Medical Examiner is requesting a contract with National Medical Services, Inc. to perform all forensic testing in accordance with the National Association of Medical Examiners (NAME) recommendation to use an accredited toxicology laboratory to ensure NAME/ISO (International Organization for Standardization) accreditation. National Medical Services, Inc. is the only outside laboratory that is accredited by the American Board of Forensic Toxicology (ABFT) and the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors Laboratory Accreditation Board (ASCLD/LAB), as well as being the only private postmortem toxicology laboratory that carries the Illinois State Police Certification for Alcohol.

This is a Sole Source Procurement pursuant to Section 34-139 of the Cook County Procurement Code.