

Legislation Text

File #: 15-10412, Version: 1

Sexual Assault Kit Testing Services

Action:

- A. Approve unit price contracts with BODE Cellmark Forensics, Inc. and DNA Labs International for the testing of sexual assault kits for an initial term of one year, and**
- B. Authorize the City Manager to negotiate and renew contracts with BODE Cellmark Forensics, Inc. and DNA Labs International for up to two, one-year terms with possible price adjustments and to amend the contract consistent with the City's business needs and the purpose for which the contracts were approved.**

Staff Resource(s):

Kerr Putney, Police
Bruce Bellamy, Police
Matthew Mathis, Police

Explanation

- City Council accepted a Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 U.S. Department of Justice National Sexual Assault Kit Initiative grant on October 23, 2017 to outsource 600 partially tested sexual assault kits to an accredited laboratory.
- As a continuation of this initiative, on January 15, 2019, the City issued a Request for Proposals (RFP); three responses were received.
- BODE Cellmark Forensics, Inc. and DNA Labs International best meets the City's needs in terms of qualifications, experience, cost, and responsiveness to RFP requirements.
- The testing cost per kit and provision of expert witness testimony when required:
 - BODE Cellmark Forensics, Inc. at \$795 per test kit and \$1,800 per expert witness testimony, and
 - DNA Labs International Inc. at \$675 per test kit and \$2,000 per expert witness testimony.
- Estimated annual expenditures are \$277,500 for the initial term.
- Additional testing and expert witness services may be provided by these vendors using funding associated with the FY 2017 National Sexual Assault Kit Initiative, a future FY 2019 National Sexual Assault Kit Initiative grant, and/or additional funding sources as may be identified.

Charlotte Business INclusion

No subcontracting goal was established because there are no subcontracting opportunities (Part C: Section 2.1 (a) of the Charlotte Business INclusion Policy)

Fiscal Note

Funding: General Grants Fund