

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Requested Board Meeting Date: 06/03/2014

ITEM SUMMARY, JUSTIFICATION and/or SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

Sole Source: Award of Contract, Requisition No. 1400000000000000000315, Sorenson Forensics, LLC (Headquarters: Salt Lake City, UT), for DNA laboratory testing services in the annual amount of \$50,000.00. The award of contract is for an one year term and includes four (4) annual one (1) year renewal periods. The Procurement Director is authorized to execute term extensions and funding increases provided they do not exceed the annual funding amount of \$50,000.00 contemplated and authorized by this award. Funding Source: General Funds. Administering Department: Sheriff.

Background

The Sole Source procurement for this award was conducted in accordance with Pima County Procurement Code 11.12.050 and Board of Supervisors Policy D29.2.

Per the attached Sole Source request memo dated April 30, 2014, the Sheriff's Department previously utilized Sorenson Forensics, LLC (Sorenson) contract MA 13*050 which expired 04/08/2014 and was replaced by a different vendor DNA Labs International. The Sheriff's Department and the County Attorney's office have needs to continue utilizing Sorenson to provide DNA laboratory testing services for DNA samples initially tested by Sorenson. This is to maintain the integrity and continuity of certain ongoing crime investigations with DNA profiles provided by Sorenson under their expired contract. The court will only accept testimonies from the analysts who worked on the initial DNA profiles. In addition, the Arizona Department of Public Safety (DPS) provides DNA match for the Sheriff's Department through their national database Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) and the State DNA Index System (SDIS). DPS has concerns over multiple labs conducting work on the same case.

Contract Officer: Nina Schatz, 724-8719, Procurement Department

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