

ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION REQUEST

Please email requests to the Mayor's Legislative Team

at MileHighOrdinance@DenverGov.org by 9 a.m. Friday. Contact the Mayor's Legislative team with questions

Date of Request: 5/8/2025

Please mark one: ☐ Bill Request or ☒ Resolution Request

Please mark one: The request directly impacts developments, projects, contracts, resolutions, or bills that involve property and impact within .5 miles of the South Platte River from Denver's northern to southern boundary? (Check map [HERE](#))

☐ Yes ☒ No

1. Type of Request:

☒ Contract/Grant Agreement ☐ Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) ☐ Rezoning/Text Amendment

☐ Dedication/Vacation ☐ Appropriation/Supplemental ☐ DRMC Change

☐ Other:

2. **Title:** (Start with *approves*, *amends*, *dedicates*, etc., include name of company or contractor and indicate the type of request: grant acceptance, contract execution, contract amendment, municipal code change, supplemental request, etc.)

Approves a contract with National Medical Services, Inc. (NMS) for \$3,322,000.00 and five years, beginning 1-1-2026 to 12-31-2030 for the Office of the Medical Examiner (OME) for toxicology testing on postmortem samples and for the Denver Police Department (DPD) Crime Lab for crime investigation sample testing, citywide (202579044-00).

3. **Requesting Agency:** Denver Department of Public Health & Environment (DDPHE)/Office of the Medical Examiner (OME)

4. Contact Person:

Contact person with knowledge of proposed ordinance/resolution (e.g., subject matter expert)	Contact person for council members or mayor-council
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5. General description or background of proposed request. Attach executive summary if more space needed:

Initiates a new expenditure contract with National Medical Services, Inc. to continue services. The current executed contract expires 12/31/2025 and we are working on the new contract to avoid gaps in service. Additionally, the Office of the Medical Examiner (OME) is 'sharing' the new contract with the Denver Police Dept. Crime Lab, allowing them access for the 5-year term as well. NMS offers government discounted pricing for both OME and DPD. NMS Labs will provide postmortem toxicology testing for OME and specific crime scene investigation sample testing for the DPD Crime Lab at pre-established pricing.

6. **City Attorney assigned to this request (if applicable):** Troy Bratton

7. **City Council District:** Citywide

8. ****For all contracts, fill out and submit accompanying Key Contract Terms worksheet****

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Key Contract Terms

Type of Contract: (e.g. Professional Services > \$500K; IGA/Grant Agreement, Sale or Lease of Real Property):

Professional Services >\$500k – New Standard Expenditure Agreement

Vendor/Contractor Name (including any dba's):

National Medical Services, Inc. (d.b.a. NMS Labs)

Contract control number (legacy and new): 202579044-00

Location: City and County of Denver

Is this a new contract? ☒ Yes ☐ No **Is this an Amendment?** ☐ Yes ☒ No **If yes, how many?** _____

Contract Term/Duration (for amended contracts, include existing term dates and amended dates):

This is a new contract for a five-year term beginning January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2030.

Contract Amount (indicate existing amount, amended amount and new contract total): **\$3,322,000**

\$2,000,000 is allotted for the Office of the Medical Examiner (OME) and \$1,322,000 is allotted for the Denver Police Department (DPD) Crime Lab for a total contract value of \$3,322,000.

<i>Current Contract Amount</i>	<i>Additional Funds</i>	<i>Total Contract Amount</i>
(A)	(B)	(A+B)
\$3,322,000	\$00	\$3,322,000

<i>Current Contract Term</i>	<i>Added Time</i>	<i>New Ending Date</i>
January 1, 2026	N/A	December 31, 2030

Scope of work:

National Medical Services, Inc. will provide laboratory testing for the Office of the Medical Examiner and the Denver Police Department-Crime Lab. All test samples submitted to National Medical Services, Inc. shall be retained for a period of twelve (12) months from the date of the final report. After the 12-month retention period, the samples will be discarded unless notification has been submitted by the Office of the Medical Examiner or the Denver Police Department. Notification to hold sample beyond the 12-month retention period must be submitted in writing with alternate instructions regarding the disposition of the specimens.

National Medical Services, Inc. shall submit monthly invoices separately; one to the Office of the Medical Examiner (Account Number: 10114) and one to the Denver Police Department Crime Lab (Account Number: 145677) using each agency's respective account numbers. Invoices shall include services completed during the preceding month e.g., the invoice for testing completed in July would be received in early August. Invoice payment terms are net 30 days.

Was this contractor selected by competitive process? No

If not, why not? This contract is a Sole Source.

National Medical Services, Inc. (NMS) has developed an interface with the OME case management system (VertiQ), allowing our technicians to place/track orders and retrieve completed toxicology reports. This is not even a possibility with other suppliers. They also offer an extensive number of tests for forensic specimens, whereas other labs can be restrictive on what testing they offer for postmortem samples. Furthermore, NMS sustains a faster turnaround on diagnostics than other labs and offer cost-savings in that they provide clients with sample collection supplies and pre-paid shipping labels to submit samples. We have worked with many other laboratories for toxicology testing including Quest Diagnostics, ARUP, and UC Health, but have not experienced any other lab that offers the wide variety of tests, nor the competitive volume-based pricing that we receive from NMS. Additionally, NMS upholds the highest standard in laboratory testing and diagnostics. They utilize specially trained forensic staff who are easily reachable by phone and email. They also have an accredited board-certified toxicologist who is also available by phone when needed. Besides the best quality, pricing, and variety of tests available, NMS provides a strategy team that tracks the changing drug market, identifying novel and emerging drugs, anticipating the most popular new substances, often then developing specific forensic testing for those substances. Other laboratories are not that forward thinking or innovative, and with an ever-changing and growing illicit drug market, this kind of progressiveness in toxicology testing has become a necessity.

Has this contractor provided these services to the City before? ☒ Yes (since 2016) ☐ No

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Source of funds: OME's portion will be funded by the General Fund; DPD will provide their own funding.

Is this contract subject to: ☐ W/MBE ☐ DBE ☐ SBE ☐ XO101 ☐ ACDBE ☒ N/A

WBE/MBE/DBE commitments (construction, design, Airport concession contracts): N/A

Who are the subcontractors to this contract? N/A

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