

ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION REQUEST

Please email requests to the Mayor's Legislative Team

at MailHighOrdinance@DenverGov.org by 3:00pm on **Monday**. Contact the Mayor's Legislative team with questions

Date of Request: 04/28/2023

Please mark one: ☐ Bill Request or ☒ Resolution Request

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.)

Amends a contract with National Medical Services, Inc. by adding \$899,100 for a new total of \$1,499,100 and two years for a new end date of 12-31-25 to provide toxicology testing services to the city's Office of the Medical Examiner (ENVHL-202366792-01).

3. Requesting Agency: Department of Public Health & Environment (DDPHE)

4. Contact Person:

Contact person with knowledge of proposed ordinance/resolution	Contact person to present item at Mayor-Council and Council
Name: Will Fenton & Steve Castro	Name: Will Fenton & Steve Castro
Email: Will.Fenton@denvergov.org	Email: Steven.Castro@denvergov.org

5. General description or background of proposed request. Attach executive summary if more space needed:

Amends current expenditure contract with National Medical Services, Inc. (NMS) to increase total amount and extend term. Current contract amount is for \$600,000.00. Requesting to add \$899,100 for a new contract value of \$1,499,100. Current term is January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2023; requesting to extend term an additional two years expiring 12-31-2025.

In 2022, The Office of the Medical Examiner (OME) spent approximately \$270,000 on National Medical Services for specialized postmortem toxicology lab and diagnostic services. Case numbers are steadily increasing every year due to population growth and the increase in drug deaths. These increases drive the need for increased specialized postmortem toxicology testing and lab diagnostics. OME is requesting an amendment to the contract to support these increases both in dollars and term. OME has estimated an increase of \$30,000 up to \$300,000 for 2023; an additional increase of \$50,000 up to \$350,000 for 2024, and the same increase of \$50,000 up to \$350,000 for 2025.

6. City Attorney assigned to this request (if applicable): Lindsay Walton | Lindsay.Walton@denvergov.org

7. City Council District: All

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

Key Contract Terms

To be completed by Mayor's Legislative Team:

Resolution/Bill Number:

Date Entered: _____

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

Professional Services>\$500k – expenditure agreement-amendment

Vendor/Contractor Name: National Medical Services, Inc.

Contract control number: Original Contract number: ENVHL-202157790-00; New Contract number: ENVHL-202366792-01

Location: Citywide

Is this a new contract? ☐ Yes ☒ No **Is this an Amendment?** ☒ Yes ☐ No **If yes, how many?** 01

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

Current term is January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2023; requesting to extend term an additional two years expiring 12-31-2025.

Contract Amount (indicate existing amount, amended amount and new contract total):

Current contract amount is for \$600,000.00. Requesting to add \$899,100 for a new contract value of \$1,499,100

<i>Current Contract Amount (A)</i>	<i>Additional Funds (B)</i>	<i>Total Contract Amount (A+B)</i>
\$600,000	\$899,100.00	\$1,499,100.00

<i>Current Contract Term</i>	<i>Added Time</i>	<i>New Term</i>
1/1/2021-12/31/2023	2 Years	1/1/2021-12/31/2025

Scope of work:

To provide toxicology/specialized lab diagnostic services for the Office of the Medical Examiner in Denver County.

Was this contractor selected by competitive process? No

If not, why not? Professional Preference

The original contract was issued as a Professional Preference under the following justifications:

- NMS offers an extensive number of tests for forensic pathology specimens, whereas other labs can be restrictive on what they offer on postmortem samples.
- NMS has panels for specific specimens that meet our needs for testing; they also offer us competitive pricing based on the volume of tests that we order from them.
- We have used other laboratories, and some of them have been fine for certain tests, but few can offer the number of tests available from NMS at a discounted rate.
- In the past when using other laboratories, those labs have sent our samples to NMS for testing; and then we ended up paying more for tests we could have gotten directly from NMS.
- NMS not only gives us the kinds of tests we need in our forensic investigations; but they also continuously develop testing for new substances as the need arises (i.e. synthetic drugs).

Has this contractor provided these services to the City before? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Source of funds: General Funded

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? None

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