



Brevard County Board of County Commissioners

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Legislation Text

File #: 2217, **Version:** 1

Subject:

Request Approval of a Contract Extension for Toxicology and Histology Lab Services; Medical Examiner's Office

Fiscal Impact:

Contract executes on an as needed basis; expenditures are currently budgeted at \$200,000 annually.

Dept/Office:

Public Safety / Medical Examiner's Office

Requested Action:

It is requested the Board of County Commissioners:

1. Approve a 120-day extension of the existing contract with Steward Rockledge Hospital Inc for continued Lab Services for the Brevard County Medical Examiner's Office; and
2. Authorize the Chair to execute the contract extension as required.
3. Authorization to develop and advertise a request for proposal for firms that can provide these services, if in expectation of competition exists.

Summary Explanation and Background:

The Brevard County Medical Examiner's Office current contract for Toxicology and Histology Lab Services expires on 11 November 2020. The Medical Examiner's Office is requesting a 120-day extension to this contract. This contract was originally awarded as a single source in 2015 due to non-existent market competition; the forensic services and testing required were only offered at Steward. While discussing renewal cost saving options with Purchasing, it was recommended research be conducted to determine if competition now exists in the market place for these services. As such, the Medical Examiner's Office would like to extend this contract to allow for sufficient time to explore if competition for these services now exists and if so, use that open market competition for the next contract solicitation by issuing a Request for Proposal (RFP).

Clerk to the Board Instructions:

none