



## Legislation Text

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**STRATEGIC PRIORITY:** Public Safety  
**AGENDA DATE:** December 13, 2023  
**COUNCIL DISTRICT(S):** N/A  
**DEPARTMENT:** Police Department  
**EXECUTIVE:** Jon Fortune

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### **SUBJECT**

Authorize an Interlocal Agreement with Dallas County through Southwestern Institute of Forensic Sciences at Dallas for the provision of forensic, drug, toxicological, environmental, and physical evidence analysis, and other similar medical/forensic analytical services for the period October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2026 - Estimated amount of \$12,300,000.00 - Financing: General Fund ([subject to appropriations](#))

### **BACKGROUND**

This action does not encumber funds; the purpose of a price agreement is to establish firm pricing for services, for a specific term, which are ordered on an as needed basis according to annual budgetary appropriations. The estimated amount is intended as guidance rather than a cap on spending under the agreement, so that the need combined with the amount budgeted will determine the amount spent under this agreement.

Beginning in January 2000, the City of Dallas has annually entered into an interlocal agreement with Dallas County for forensic laboratory services through Southwestern Institute of Forensic Sciences at Dallas, also known as SWIFS.

SWIFS' services include analysis of drug evidence, Deoxyribonucleic Acid (DNA) analysis and comparison, microscopic (trace) evidence analysis, and identification of fire accelerants. These services are vital to the successful investigation and prosecution of crime.

The proposed Interlocal Agreement will provide services from October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2026. The \$4,100,000.00 estimated annual cost is shared between Dallas Police Department \$4,090,000.00 and with the Fire Department \$10,000.00.

### **PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (COUNCIL, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS)**

On September 12, 2018, the City Council authorized renewal of the Interlocal Agreement with Dallas County, through Southwestern Institute of Forensic Sciences at Dallas for the provision of forensic, drug, toxicological, environmental, and physical evidence analysis, and other similar medical/forensic analytical services for the period October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019, by Resolution No. 18

-1281.

On September 25, 2019, the City Council authorized renewal of the Interlocal Agreement with Dallas County, through Southwestern Institute of Forensic Sciences at Dallas for the provision of forensic, drug, toxicological, environmental, and physical evidence analysis, and other similar medical/forensic analytical services for the period October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020, by Resolution No. 19 -1525.

On October 28, 2020, the City Council authorized renewal of the Interlocal Agreement with Dallas County, through Southwestern Institute of Forensic Sciences at Dallas for the provision of forensic, drug, toxicological, environmental, and physical evidence analysis, and other similar medical/forensic analytical services for the period October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021, by Resolution No. 20 -1724.

On September 22, 2021, the City Council authorized renewal of the Interlocal Agreement with Dallas County, through Southwestern Institute of Forensic Sciences at Dallas for the provision of forensic, drug, toxicological, environmental, and physical evidence analysis, and other similar medical/forensic analytical services for the period October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022, by Resolution No. 21 -1581.

On September 28, 2022, the City Council authorized renewal of the Interlocal Agreement with Dallas County, through Southwestern Institute of Forensic Sciences at Dallas for the provision of forensic, drug, toxicological, environmental, and physical evidence analysis, and other similar medical/forensic analytical services for the period October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023, by Resolution No. 22 -1475.

**FISCAL INFORMATION**

Fund	FY 2024	FY 2025	Future Years
General Fund	\$4,100,000.00	\$4,100,000.00	\$4,100,000.00