

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE: September 9, 2011

TO: Members of the Public Safety Committee

SUBJECT: Forensic Analysis of Criminal Evidence - Southwestern Institute of Forensic Sciences at Dallas Interlocal Agreement

In 1969, the City withdrew from a joint Criminal Investigations Laboratory operation with Dallas County. Thereafter, laboratory services were a function of the Dallas County Medical Examiner's Office and the laboratory became known as the Southwestern Institute of Forensic Sciences at Dallas (SWIFS). SWIFS continues to provide a broad range of evidence analyses for both the Police and Fire Departments. In 1999, the first annual interlocal agreement for these services was approved.

SWIFS' services include analyses of drug evidence, DNA analysis and comparison, microscopic (trace) evidence analyses, examination of firearms and tool marks (matching bullets to weapons that fired them), 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, 2011 through September 30, 2012. The cost, which is shared with the Fire Department, is estimated at \$3,800,000.

Seeking favorable recommendation, this interlocal agreement will be placed on the City Council Agenda for September 14, 2011.

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A.C. Gonzalez
First Assistant City Manager

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DATE: September 9, 2011

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SUBJECT: Proposal to Accept the ABTPA Grant Funds

In a memo presented to the Public Safety Committee members on April 4, 2011, the Dallas Police Department's Auto Theft Unit sought approval to apply for grant funds from the Texas Burglary and Automobile Theft Prevention Authority (ABTPA). The requested amount was for \$630,715.00, with a Cash Match of \$130,074.00 and an In-Kind Match of \$520,665.00. The actual award was for \$630,716.00, there will be no changes to the Cash Match or In-Kind Matching amounts. The City Council approved the application process at the council meeting conducted on April 27, 2011. The grant period will be from September 1, 2011, through August 31, 2012.

Once accepted these funds will provide monies for the funding of the continuation of last year's mission in relation to the prevention awareness programs and apprehension and identification of offenders and vehicles related to auto theft. The staff this money funds will remain the same.

The awarding of the funds was determined and announced at a Grant Review hearing in Dallas, Texas on June 14, 2011. On July 10, 2011, the Dallas Police Department was formally notified by mail of the listed award of \$630,716.00. The Dallas Police Department is seeking the support and recommendation of the Public Safety Committee in gaining approval from the City Council to accept this grant and continue this proactive approach to combat the Auto Burglary and Theft problem in the City of Dallas.

Seeking favorable recommendation, this interlocal agreement will be placed on the City Council Agenda for September 14, 2011.


A.C. Gonzalez
First Assistant City Manager