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**TO:** Honorable Mayor & Members  
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

**FROM:** Lee Feldman, City Manager

**DATE:** October 2, 2012

**TITLE:** Motion to approve the purchase of additional latent print examination services - Contract 225-10914 - \$8,910

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**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the City Commission approve the purchase of additional latent print examination services with Ron Smith & Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$8,910.

**Background**

In September 2011, the Police Department was awarded funding under the Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grants Program. The purpose of Coverdell grant funding is to assist units of local government to improve the quality and timeliness of forensic science services, including elimination of backlogs in the analysis of forensic evidence. The City's Coverdell award included funds to secure contracted latent print examination services in order to immediately reduce fingerprint analysis case backlogs.

After receiving one competitive bid for on-site services, on March 20, 2012 the City Commission approved the purchase of latent print examination services in the amount of \$39,600 from Ron Smith & Associates, Inc., Collinsville, MS (CAR 12-0533, PUR-05). Subsequently, Ron Smith and Associates, Inc. provided 144 hours (4.8 days) of on-site latent print examination services to the Police Department at a cost of \$23,760. A total of 601 backlogged cases were examined resulting in the evaluation of 2,087 latent lifts. As a result, 420 lifts were determined to be "of value" and 555 automated fingerprint identification system (AFIS) entries were completed. To date, latent examiners have confirmed 40 identifications via AFIS. However, due to the threat of Hurricane Isaac, the vendor was required to leave two (2) days earlier than contracted.

Given the positive results achieved via the services of Ron Smith and Associates, Inc. and the number of remaining backlogged cases, the Police Department wishes to increase the contracted services with this vendor by \$8,910. In addition to completing the initial number of days contracted, the requested increase will allow the vendor to remain on-site an additional 54 hours (1.8 days) to assist with clearing the remaining 500 backlogged cases.

If approved, the combined total for services provided by Ron Smith and Associates, Inc. under this contract will be \$48,510. The Police Department believes that these additional services will enable it to meet its stated goals and objectives under the Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grant Program.

**Resource Impact**

There is a fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$8,910.

**FUNDS AVAILABILITY LOCATION:**

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YEAR	FUND	FUND	FUND NAME	INDEX #	INDEX NAME	SUBJECT #	SUBJECT NAME	AMOUNT
2013	129	01	Misc. Federal/State/County Grants	GCOVERD12	FY2011 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science	3199	Other Professional Services	8,910.00
<b>TOTAL</b>								<b>8,910.00</b>

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