Public Safety Committee Update:
Sam Houston State University
Regional Crime Lab

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Acquisition of SHSU-RCL

- Discussion with Sam Houston State University regarding Regional Crime Lab services and divesting by September 2012

- Acquisition allows for an efficient integration of SHSU operations and expansion of HPD Toxicology forensic discipline

- Transfer of capital equipment in exchange for providing internships and collaborative research opportunities
Benefits of Acquisition

- Acquire validated grant-funded equipment
- Hire previously trained, experienced staff
- Obtain procedures which are compliant with ISO accreditation standards
- Eliminate alcohol testing backlog by increasing capacity and adding drug testing capability in body fluids
- This added capacity will eliminate outsourcing, associated costs and delays
Property

- Equipment
- Supplies
- Protocols
- Casework Files

7/24/12
Costs

One-time Costs:

Renovation Estimate $ 20,000
Hoods and installation $ 57,014
Work tables $ 31,000
Moving costs $ 26,355*
Total One-time costs $ 134,369*

Annual Recurring Costs:

Staff (6) $ 427,508
Supplies, QA, Services, Training $ 36,430
Outsource costs eliminated $ (293,300)
Net Operating Cost $ 170,638

*Adjust for moving cost for non-equipment related items
Toxicology Floor Plan

- Renovation
Advantage of Acquisition

- Low cost and low risk: validated, grant-funded equipment and trained staff
- Short integration period: approximately 8 weeks
- Expansion of Toxicology to include drug analysis, eliminating outsourcing
- Minimize delays in the Criminal Justice System
- Apprehension of impaired drivers increases public safety
Summary of Contract Terms

- COH will receive at least $500,000 worth of equipment and supplies at minimal cost to the COH.
- SHSU Lab will maintain equipment in accordance with accreditation standards.
- COH will be allowed to inspect property and receive warranties, service and maintenance agreements, and documents related to calibration & testing of equipment.
- COH will receive SHSU Case Files.
Summary of Contract Terms

- COH will use good faith efforts to employ six persons from SHSU in accordance with HPD Crime Lab employment standards.

- COH will provide to SHSU unpaid internships for forensic students and collaborative research opportunities for SHSU forensic science faculty.

- COH may terminate transfer if equipment is not operating according to specifications or SHSU fails to maintain accreditation until September 9, 2012.

- Either party may terminate transfer if not completed by September 30, 2012.