



## II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

### A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Years	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Capital Expenditures					
Operating Costs	268,750	358,333	358,333	89,584	
External Revenues					
Program Income(County)					
In-Kind Match(County)					
NET FISCAL IMPACT					
#ADDITIONAL FTE POSITIONS (CUMULATIVE)					

Is Item Included in Current Budget?                      Yes X    No  
 Does this item include the use of federal funds?      Yes        No X

**Budget Account No:**

Fund	Dept	Unit
0001	670	4100

### B. Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Costs will be covered by County ad valorem general funds – Medical Examiner budget.

### C. Departmental Fiscal Review:

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## III. REVIEW COMMENTS:

### A. OFMB Fiscal and/or Contract Dev. and Control Comments:

*Chris Martin* 12/3/2020  
 OFMB  
 LM 12/3

*Ann S. Jacobson* 12/9/2020  
 Contract Dev. & Control  
 12-9-20 TW

### B. Legal Sufficiency

*[Signature]*  
 Assistant County Attorney

### C. Other Department Review

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 Department Director

(THIS SUMMARY IS NOT TO BE USED AS A BASIS FOR PAYMENT.)

**CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

This Contract is made as of the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2021, by and between Palm Beach County, a Political Subdivision of the State of Florida, by and through its Board of Commissioners, hereinafter referred to as the COUNTY, and AXIS FORENSIC TOXICOLOGY, INC., a corporation authorized to do business in the State of Florida, hereinafter referred to as the CONSULTANT, whose Federal I.D. is 81-2989240.

In consideration of the mutual promises contained herein, the COUNTY and the CONSULTANT agree as follows:

**ARTICLE 1 – SERVICES**

The CONSULTANTS responsibility under this Contract is to provide professional/consultation services in the area of forensic toxicology testing, as more specifically set forth in the Scope of Work detailed in Exhibit “A”.

The COUNTY’S representative/liaison during the performance of this Contract shall be Wendolyn Sneed, M.D., telephone no. 561-688-4575.

**ARTICLE 2 – SCHEDULE**

The CONSULTANT shall commence services on January 1, 2021 and complete all services by December 31, 2023.

Reports and other Items shall be delivered or completed in accordance with the detailed schedule set forth in Exhibit “A”.

**ARTICLE 3 – PAYMENTS TO CONSULTANT**

- A. The total amount to be paid by the COUNTY under this Contract for all services and materials including, if applicable, “out of pocket” expenses shall not exceed a total contract amount of One Million Seventy-five Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$1,075,000). The CONSULTANT shall notify the COUNTY’S representative in writing when 90% of the “not to exceed amount” has been reached. The CONSULTANT will bill the COUNTY on a weekly basis, or as otherwise provided, at the amounts set forth in Exhibit “B” for services rendered toward the completion of the Scope of Work. Exhibit “B” prices are based on a three (3) year term to be implemented by the approval of this contract. Where incremental billings for partially completed items are permitted, the total billings shall not exceed the estimated percentage of completion as of the billing date.
- B. Invoices received from the CONSULTANT pursuant to this Contract will be reviewed and approved by the COUNTY’S representative within five (5) business days of receipt, to verify that services have been rendered in conformity with the Contract. The COUNTY will process all approved invoices for payment on a monthly basis by transmitting the

approved invoices to the Finance Department on the last day of each month. Invoices will normally be paid within thirty (30) days following transmittal to the Finance Department. The CONSULTANT and COUNTY agree that a late payment for purposes of Florida Statute Section 218.74 (“The Prompt Payment Act”), is thirty (30) days beginning from the last day of the month in which the invoice(s) was transmitted to the COUNTY.

- C. **Final Invoice:** In order for both parties herein to close their books and records, the CONSULTANT will clearly state “final invoice” on the CONSULTANT’S final/last billing to the COUNTY. This shall constitute CONSULTANT’S certification that all services have been properly performed and all charges and costs have been invoiced to Palm Beach County. Any other charges not properly included on this final invoice are waived by the CONSULTANT.
- D. In order to do business with Palm Beach County, CONSULTANTS are required to create a Vendor Registration Account OR activate an existing Vendor Registration Account through the Purchasing Department’s Vendor Self Service (VSS) system, which can be accessed at <https://pbcvssp.co.palm-beach.fl.us/webapp/vssp/AltSelfService>. If CONSULTANT intends to use sub-consultants, CONSULTANT must also ensure that all sub-consultants are registered as consultants in VSS. All subcontractor agreements must include a contractual provision requiring that the sub-consultant register in VSS. COUNTY will not finalize a contract award until the COUNTY has verified that the CONSULTANT and all of its sub-consultants are registered in VSS.

**ARTICLE 4 – TRUTH-IN-NEGOTIATION CERTIFICATE**

Signature of this Contract by the CONSULTANT shall also act as the execution of a truth-in-negotiation certificate certifying that the wage rates, over-head charges, and other costs used to determine the compensation provided for in this Contract are accurate, complete and current as of the date of the Contract and no higher than those charged the CONSULTANT’S most favored customer for the same or substantially similar service.

The said rates and costs shall be adjusted to exclude any significant sums should the COUNTY determine that the rates and costs were increased due to inaccurate, incomplete or noncurrent wage rates or due to inaccurate representations of fees paid to outside consultants. The COUNTY shall exercise its rights under the Article 4 within three (3) years following final payment.

**ARTICLE 5 – TERMINATION**

This Contract expires on December 31, 2023 or sooner if otherwise terminated in accordance to the provisions of this article.

This Contract may be terminated by the CONSULTANT upon sixty (60) days' prior written notice to the COUNTY in the event of substantial failure by the COUNTY to perform in accordance with the terms of this Contract through no fault of the CONSULTANT. It may also be terminated, in whole or in part, by the COUNTY, with cause upon five (5) business days written notice to the

CONSULTANT or without cause upon ten (10) business days written notice to the CONSULTANT. Unless the CONSULTANT is in breach of this Contract, the CONSULTANT shall be paid for services rendered to the COUNTY'S satisfaction through the date of termination. After receipt of a Termination Notice, except as otherwise directed by the COUNTY, in writing, the CONSULTANT shall:

- A. Stop work on the date and to the extent specified.
- B. Terminate and settle all orders and subcontracts relating to the performance of the terminated work.
- C. Transfer all work in process, completed work, and other materials related to the terminated work to the COUNTY.
- D. Continue and complete all parts of the work that have not been terminated.

**ARTICLE 6 – PERSONNEL**

The CONSULTANT represents that it has, or will secure at its own expense, all necessary personnel required to perform the services under this Contract. Such personnel shall not be employees of or have any contractual relationship with the COUNTY.

All of the services required herein under shall be performed by the CONSULTANT or under its supervision, and all personnel engaged in performing the services shall be fully qualified and, if required, authorized or permitted under state and local law to perform such services.

Any changes or substitutions in the CONSULTANT'S key personnel, as may be listed in Exhibit "A", must be made known to the COUNTY'S representative and written approval must be granted by the COUNTY'S representative before said change or substitution can become effective.

The CONSULTANT warrants that all services shall be performed by skilled and competent personnel to the highest professional standards in the field.

All of the CONSULTANT'S personnel (and all Subcontractors), while on COUNTY premises, will comply with all COUNTY requirements governing conduct, safety and security.

**ARTICLE 7 – SUBCONTRACTING**

The COUNTY reserves the right to accept the use of a subcontractor or to reject the selection of a particular subcontractor and to inspect all facilities of any subcontractors in order to make a determination as to the capability of the subcontractor to perform properly under this Contract. The CONSULTANT is encouraged to seek additional small business enterprises for participation in subcontracting opportunities. If the CONSULTANT uses any subcontractors on this project the following provisions of this Article shall apply:

If a subcontractor fails to perform or make progress, as required by this Contract, and it is necessary to replace the subcontractor to complete the work in a timely fashion, the CONSULTANT shall promptly do so, subject to acceptance of the new subcontractor by the COUNTY.

**ARTICLE 8 – FEDERAL AND STATE TAX**

The COUNTY is exempt from payment of Florida State Sales and Use Taxes. The COUNTY will sign an exemption certificate submitted by the CONSULTANT. The CONSULTANT shall not be exempted from paying sales tax to its suppliers for materials used to fulfill contractual obligations with the COUNTY, nor is the CONSULTANT authorized to use the COUNTY'S Tax Exemption Number in securing such materials.

The CONSULTANT shall be responsible for payment of its own and its share of its employees' payroll, payroll taxes, and benefits with respect to this contract.

**ARTICLE 9 – AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS**

The COUNTY'S performance and obligation to pay under this contract for subsequent fiscal years are contingent upon annual appropriations for its purpose by the Board of County Commissioners.

**ARTICLE 10 – INSURANCE**

- A. CONSULTANT shall, at its sole expense, agree to maintain in full force and effect at all times during the life of this Contract, insurance coverages and limits (including endorsements), as described herein. CONSULTANT shall agree to provide the COUNTY with at least ten (10) day prior notice of any cancellation, non-renewal or material change to the insurance coverages. The requirements contained herein, as well as COUNTY'S review or acceptance of insurance maintained by CONSULTANT are not intended to and shall not in any manner limit or qualify the liabilities and obligations assumed by CONSULTANT under the contract.
  
- B. **Commercial General Liability** CONSULTANT shall maintain Commercial General Liability at a limit of liability not less than **\$500,000** Each Occurrence. Coverage shall not contain any endorsement excluding Contractual Liability or Cross Liability unless granted in writing by COUNTY'S Risk Management Department. CONSULTANT shall provide this coverage on a primary basis.
  
- C. **Business Automobile Liability** CONSULTANT shall maintain Business Automobile Liability at a limit of liability not less than **\$500,000** Each Accident for all owned, non-owned and hired automobiles. In the event CONSULTANT doesn't own any automobiles, the Business Auto Liability requirement shall be amended allowing CONSULTANT to agree to maintain only Hired & Non-Owned Auto Liability. This amended requirement may be satisfied by way of endorsement to the Commercial General Liability, or separate

Business Auto coverage form. CONSULTANT shall provide this coverage on a primary basis.

D. **Worker's Compensation Insurance & Employers Liability** CONSULTANT shall maintain Worker's Compensation & Employers Liability in accordance with Florida Statute Chapter 440. CONSULTANT shall provide this coverage on a primary basis.

E. **Professional Liability** CONSULTANT shall maintain Professional Liability or equivalent Errors & Omissions Liability at a limit of liability not less than **\$1,000,000** Each Claim. When a self-insured retention (SIR) or deductible exceeds **\$10,000**, COUNTY reserves the right, but not the obligation, to review and request a copy of CONSULTANT'S most recent annual report or audited financial statement. For policies written on a "Claims-Made" basis, CONSULTANT shall maintain a Retroactive Date prior to or equal to the effective date of this Contract. The Certificate of Insurance providing evidence of the purchase of this coverage shall clearly indicate whether coverage is provided on an "occurrence" or "claims - made" form. If coverage is provided on a "claims - made" form the Certificate of Insurance must also clearly indicate the "retroactive date" of coverage. In the event the policy is canceled, non-renewed, switched to an Occurrence Form, retroactive date advanced, or any other event triggering the right to purchase a Supplement Extended Reporting Period (SERP) during the life of this Contract, CONSULTANT shall purchase a SERP with a minimum reporting period not less than 3 years. CONSULTANT shall provide this coverage on a primary basis.

**Additional Insured** CONSULTANT shall endorse the COUNTY as an Additional Insured with a CG 2026 Additional Insured - Designated Person or Organization endorsement, or its equivalent, to the Commercial General Liability. The Additional Insured endorsement shall read "Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners, a Political Subdivision of the State of Florida, its Officers, Employees and Agents." CONSULTANT shall provide the Additional Insured endorsements coverage on a primary basis.

F. **Waiver of Subrogation** CONSULTANT hereby waives any and all rights of Subrogation against the COUNTY, its officers, employees and agents for each required policy. When required by the insurer, or should a policy condition not permit an insured to enter into a pre-loss agreement to waive subrogation without an endorsement to the policy, then CONSULTANT shall agree to notify the insurer and request the policy be endorsed with a Waiver of Transfer of rights of Recovery Against Others, or its equivalent. This Waiver of Subrogation requirement shall not apply to any policy, which specifically prohibits such an endorsement, or which voids coverage should CONSULTANT enter into such an agreement on a pre-loss basis.

- G. **Certificate(s) of Insurance** Prior to execution of this Contract, CONSULTANT shall deliver to the COUNTY'S representative as identified in Article 26, a Certificate(s) of Insurance evidencing that all types and amounts of insurance coverages required by this Contract have been obtained and are in full force and effect. Such Certificate(s) of Insurance shall include a minimum ten (10) day endeavor to notify due to cancellation or non-renewal of coverage. The certificate of insurance shall be issued to

Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners  
301 North Olive Ave.  
West Palm Beach, FL 33401

- H. **Umbrella or Excess Liability** If necessary, CONSULTANT may satisfy the minimum limits required above for Commercial General Liability, Business Auto Liability, and Employer's Liability coverage under Umbrella or Excess Liability. The Umbrella or Excess Liability shall have an Aggregate limit not less than the highest "Each Occurrence" limit for either Commercial General Liability, Business Auto Liability, or Employer's Liability. The COUNTY shall be specifically endorsed as an "Additional Insured" on the Umbrella or Excess Liability, unless the Certificate of Insurance notes the Umbrella or Excess Liability provides coverage on a "Follow-Form" basis.
- I. **Right to Review** COUNTY, by and through its Risk Management Department, in cooperation with the contracting/monitoring department, reserves the right to review, modify, reject or accept any required policies of insurance, including limits, coverages, or endorsements, herein from time to time throughout the term of this Contract. COUNTY reserves the right, but not the obligation, to review and reject any insurer providing coverage because of its poor financial condition or failure to operate legally.

#### **ARTICLE 11 – INDEMNIFICATION**

CONSULTANT shall protect, defend, reimburse, indemnify and hold COUNTY, its agents, employees and elected officers harmless from and against all claims, liability, expense, loss, cost, damages or causes of action of every kind or character, including attorney's fees and costs, whether at trial or appellate levels or otherwise, arising during and as a result of their performance of the terms of this Contract or due to the acts or omissions of CONSULTANT.

#### **ARTICLE 12- SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS**

The COUNTY and the CONSULTANT each binds itself and its partners, successors, executors, administrators and assigns to the other party and to the partners, successors, executors, administrators and assigns of such other party, in respect to all covenants of this Contract. Except as above, neither the COUNTY nor the CONSULTANT shall assign, sublet, convey or transfer its interest in this Contract without the prior written consent of the other.



**ARTICLE 13 – REMEDIES**

This Contract shall be governed by the laws of the State of Florida. Any legal action necessary to enforce the Contract will be held in a court of competent jurisdiction located in Palm Beach County, Florida. No remedy herein conferred upon any party is intended to be exclusive of any other remedy, and each and every such remedy shall be cumulative and shall be in addition to every other remedy given hereunder or now or hereafter existing at law or in equity, by statute or otherwise. No single or partial exercise by any party of any right, power, or remedy hereunder shall preclude any other or further exercise thereof.

No provision of this Contract is intended to, or shall be construed to, create any third party beneficiary or to provide any rights to any person or entity not a party to this Contract, including but not limited to any citizen or employees of the COUNTY and/or CONSULTANT.

**ARTICLE 14- CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

The CONSULTANT represents that it presently has no interest and shall acquire no interest, either direct or indirect, which would conflict in any manner with the performance of services required hereunder, as provided for in Chapter 112, Part III, Florida Statutes, and the Palm Beach County Code of Ethics. The CONSULTANT further represents that no person having any such conflict of interest shall be employed for said performance of services.

The CONSULTANT shall promptly notify the COUNTY's representative, in writing, by certified mail, of all potential conflicts of interest of any prospective business association, interest or other circumstance which may influence or appear to influence the CONSULTANT'S judgement or quality of services being provided hereunder. Such written notification shall identify the prospective business association, interest or circumstance, the nature of work that the CONSULTANT may undertake and request an opinion of the COUNTY as to whether the association, interest or circumstance would, in the opinion of the COUNTY, constitute a conflict of interest if entered into by the CONSULTANT. The COUNTY agrees to notify the CONSULTANT of its opinion by certified mail within thirty (30) days of receipt of notification by the CONSULTANT. If, in the opinion of the COUNTY, the prospective business association, interest or circumstance would not constitute a conflict of interest by the CONSULTANT, the COUNTY shall so state in the notification and the CONSULTANT shall at its option, enter into said association, interest or circumstance and it shall be deemed not in conflict of interest with respect to services provided to the COUNTY by the CONSULTANT under the terms of this Contract.

**ARTICLE 15 – EXCUSABLE DELAYS**

The CONSULTANT shall not be considered in default by reason of any failure in performance if such failure arises out of causes reasonably beyond the control of the CONSULTANT or its subcontractors and without their fault or negligence. Such causes include, but are not limited to, acts of God, force majeure, natural or public health emergencies, labor disputes, freight embargoes, and abnormally severe and unusual weather conditions.

Upon the CONSULTANT’S request, the COUNTY shall consider the facts and extent of any failure to perform the work and, if the CONSULTANT’s failure to perform was without it or its subcontractors fault or negligence, the Contract Schedule and/or any other affected provision of this Contract shall be revised accordingly, subject to the COUNTY’S rights to change, terminate, or stop any or all of the work at any time.

**ARTICLE 16 – ARREARS**

The CONSULTANT shall not pledge the COUNTY’S credit or make it a guarantor of payment or surety for any contract, debt, obligation, judgement, lien, or any form of indebtedness. The CONSULTANT further warrants and represents that it has no obligation or indebtedness that would impair its ability to fulfill the terms of this Contract.

**ARTICLE 17 – DISCLOSURE AND OWNERSHIP OF DOCUMENTS**

The CONSULTANT shall deliver to the COUNTY’s representative for approval and acceptance, and before being eligible for final payment of any amounts due, all documents and materials prepared by and for the COUNTY under this Contract.

To the extent allowed by Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, all written and oral information not in the public domain or not previously known, and all information and data obtained, developed, or supplied by the COUNTY or at its expense will be kept confidential by the CONSULTANT and will not be disclosed to any other party, directly or indirectly, without the COUNTY’S prior written consent unless required by a lawful court order. All drawings, maps, sketches, programs, data base, reports and other data developed, or purchased, under this Contract for COUNTY at the COUNTY’S expense shall be and remain the COUNTY’S property and may be reproduced and reused at the discretion of the COUNTY.

All covenants, agreements, representations and warranties made herein, or otherwise made in writing by any party pursuant hereto, including but not limited to any representations made herein relating to disclosure or ownership of documents, shall survive the execution and delivery of this Contract and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby.

Notwithstanding any other provision in this Contract all documents, records, reports and any other materials produced hereunder shall be subject to disclosure, inspection and audit, pursuant to the Palm Beach County Office of the Inspector General, Palm beach County Code, Sections 2-421 – 2-440, as amended.

**ARTICLE 18 – INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR RELATIONSHIP**

The CONSULTANT is, and shall be, in the performance of all work services and activities under this Contract, an Independent Contractor, and not an employee, agent, or servant of the COUNTY. All persons engaged in any of the work or services performed pursuant to this Contract shall at all times, and in all places, be subject to the CONSULTANT'S sole direction, supervision, and control. The CONSULTANT shall exercise control over the means and manner in which it and its employees perform the work, and in all respects the CONSULTANT'S relationship and the relationship of its employees to the COUNTY shall be that of an Independent Contractor and not as employees or agents of the COUNTY.

The CONSULTANT does not have the power or authority to bind the COUNTY in any promise, agreement or representation.

**ARTICLE 19 – CONTINGENT FEES**

The CONSULTANT warrants that it has not employed or retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for the CONSULTANT to solicit or secure this Contract and that it has not paid or agreed to pay any person, company, corporation, individual, or firm, other than a bona fide employee working solely for the CONSULTANT, any fee, commission, percentage, gift, or any other consideration contingent upon or resulting from the award or making of this Contract.

**ARTICLE 20 – ACCESS AND AUDITS**

The CONSULTANT shall maintain adequate records to justify all charges, expenses, and costs incurred in estimating and performing the work for at least three (3) years after completion or termination of this Contract. The COUNTY shall have access to such books, records, and documents as required in this section for the purpose of inspection or audit during normal business hours, at the CONSULTANT'S place of business.

Palm Beach County has established the Office of the Inspector General in Palm Beach County Code, Section 2-421 – 2-440, as may be amended. The Inspector General's authority includes but is not limited to the power to review past, present and proposed County contracts, transactions, accounts and records, to require the production of records, and to audit, investigate, monitor, and inspect the activities of the CONSULTANT, its officers, agents, employees, and lobbyists in order to ensure compliance with the contract requirements and detect corruption and fraud.

Failure to cooperate with the Inspector General or interfering with or impeding any investigation shall be in violation of Palm Beach County Code, Section 2-421 – 2-440, and punished pursuant to Section 125.69, Florida Statutes, in the same manner as a second degree misdemeanor.

**ARTICLE 21- NONDISCRIMINATION**

The COUNTY is committed to assuring equal opportunity in the award of contracts and complies with all laws prohibiting discrimination. Pursuant to Palm Beach County Resolution R2017-1770, as may be amended, the CONSULTANT warrants and represents that throughout the term of the Contract, including any renewals thereof, if applicable, all of its employees are treated equally during employment without regard to race, color, religion, disability, sex, age, national origin, ancestry, marital status, familial status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or genetic information. Failure to meet this requirement shall be considered default of the Contract.

As a condition of entering into this Contract, the CONSULTANT represents and warrants that it will comply with the COUNTY'S Commercial Nondiscrimination Policy as described in Resolution 2017-1770, as amended. As part of such compliance, the CONSULTANT shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, ancestry, sex, age, marital status, familial status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, or genetic information in the solicitation, selection, hiring or commercial treatment of subcontractors, vendors, suppliers, or commercial customers, nor shall the CONSULTANT retaliate against any person for reporting instances of such discrimination. The CONSULTANT shall provide equal opportunity for subcontractors, vendors and suppliers to participate in all of its public sector and private sector subcontracting and supply opportunities, provided that nothing contained in this clause shall prohibit or limit otherwise lawful efforts to remedy the effects of marketplace discrimination that have occurred or are occurring in the COUNTY'S relevant marketplace in Palm Beach County. The CONSULTANT understands and agrees that a material violation of this clause shall be considered a material breach of this Contract and may result in termination of this Contract, disqualification or debarment of the company from participating in COUNTY contracts, or other sanctions. This clause is not enforceable by or for the benefit of, and creates no obligation to, any third party. CONSULTANT shall include this language in its subcontracts.

**ARTICLE 22 – AUTHORITY TO PRACTICE**

The CONSULTANT hereby represents and warrants that it has and will continue to maintain all licenses and approvals required to conduct its business, and that it will at all times conduct its business activities in a reputable manner. Proof of such licenses and approvals shall be submitted to the COUNTY's representative upon request.

**ARTICLE 23 – SEVERABILITY**

If any term or provision of this Contract, or the application thereof to any person or circumstances shall, to any extent, be held invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this Contract, or the application of such terms or provision, to persons or circumstances other than those as to which it is held invalid or unenforceable, shall not be affected, and every other term and provision of this Contract shall be deemed valid and enforceable to the extent permitted by law.

**ARTICLE 24 – PUBLIC ENTITY CRIMES**

As provided in F.S. 287.132-133, by entering into this contract or performing any work in furtherance hereof, the CONSULTANT certifies that it, its affiliates, suppliers, subcontractors and consultants who perform hereunder, have not been placed on the convicted vendor list maintained by the State of Florida Department of management Services within the 36 months immediately preceding the date hereof. This notice is required by F.S. 287.133(3)(a).

**ARTICLE 25 – MODIFICATIONS OF WORK**

The COUNTY reserves the right to make changes in Scope of Work, including alterations, reductions therein or additions thereto. Upon receipt by the CONSULTANT of the COUNTY'S notification of a contemplated change, the CONSULTANT shall, in writing: (1) provide a detailed estimate for the increase or decrease in cost due to the contemplated change, (2) notify the COUNTY of any estimated change in the completion date, and (3) advise the COUNTY if the contemplated change shall affect the CONSULTANT'S ability to meet the completion dates or schedules of this Contract.

If the COUNTY so instructs in writing, the CONSULTANT shall suspend work on that portion of the Scope of Work affected by a contemplated change, pending the COUNTY'S decision to proceed with the change.

If the COUNTY elects to make the change, the COUNTY shall initiate a Contract Amendment and the CONSULTANT shall not commence work on any such change until such written amendment is signed by the CONSULTANT and approved and executed on behalf of Palm Beach County.

**ARTICLE 26 – NOTICE**

All notices required in this Contract shall be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, hand delivery or other delivery services requiring signed acceptance. If sent to the COUNTY, notices shall be addressed to:

Palm Beach County  
Wendolyn Sneed, M.D.  
Medical Examiner's Office  
3126 Gun Club Road  
West Palm Beach, FL 33406

With a Copy to:

Palm Beach County Attorney's Office  
301 North Olive Ave., 6<sup>th</sup> Fl  
West Palm Beach, Florida 33401

If sent to the CONSULTANT, notices shall be addressed to:

Axis Forensic Toxicology, Inc.  
P.O. Box 681513  
Indianapolis, IN 46268

**Article 27 - ENTIRETY OF CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT**

The COUNTY and the CONSULTANT agree that this Contract sets forth the entire agreement between the parties, and that there are no promises or understandings other than those stated herein. None of the provisions, terms and conditions contained in this Contract may be added to, modified, superseded or otherwise altered, except by written instrument executed by the parties hereto in accordance with Article 25 – Modifications of Work.

**ARTICLE 28 – CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECK**

The CONSULTANT, CONSULTANT'S employees, subcontractors of CONSULTANT and employees of subcontractors shall comply with Palm Beach County Code, Section 2-371 - 2-377, the Palm Beach County Criminal History Records Check Ordinance ("Ordinance"), for unescorted access to critical facilities ("Critical Facilities") or criminal justice information facilities ("CJI Facilities") as identified in Resolutions R2013-1470 and R2015-0572, as amended. The CONSULTANT is solely responsible for the financial, schedule, and/or staffing implications of this Ordinance. Further, the CONSULTANT acknowledges that its Contract price includes any and all direct or indirect costs associated with compliance with this Ordinance, except for the applicable FDLE/FBI fees that shall be paid by the COUNTY.

This Contract may include sites and/or buildings which have been designated as either "critical facilities" or "criminal justice information facilities" pursuant to the Ordinance and above referenced Resolutions, as amended. COUNTY staff representing the COUNTY department will contact the CONSULTANT(S) and provide specific instructions for meeting the requirements of this Ordinance. Individuals passing the background check will be issued a badge. The CONSULTANT shall make every effort to collect the badges of its employees and its subcontractors' employees upon conclusion of the contract and return them to the COUNTY. If the CONSULTANT or its subcontractor(s) terminates an employee who has been issued a badge,

the CONSULTANT must notify the COUNTY within two (2) hours. At the time of termination, the CONSULTANT shall retrieve the badge and shall return it to the COUNTY in a timely manner.

The COUNTY reserves the right to suspend the CONSULTANT if the CONSULTANT 1) does not comply with the requirements of County Code Section 2-371 - 2-377, as amended; 2) does not contact the COUNTY regarding a terminated CONSULTANT employee or subcontractor employee within the stated time; or 3) fails to make a good faith effort in attempting to comply with the badge retrieval policy.

#### **ARTICLE 29 – REGULATIONS; LICENSING REQUIREMENTS**

The CONSULTANT shall comply with all laws, ordinances and regulations applicable to the services contemplated herein, to include those applicable to conflict of interest and collusion. CONSULTANT is presumed to be familiar with all federal, state and local laws, ordinances, codes and regulations that may in any way affect the services offered.

#### **ARTICLE 30 – SCRUTINIZED COMPANIES**

- A. As provided in F.S. 287.135, by entering into this Contract or performing any work in furtherance hereof, the CONSULTANT certifies that it, its affiliates, suppliers, subcontractors and consultants who will perform hereunder, have not been placed on the Scrutinized Companies that boycott Israel List, or is engaged in a boycott of Israel, pursuant to F.S. 215.4725. Pursuant to F.S. 287.135(3)(b), if CONSULTANT is found to have been placed on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List or is engaged in a boycott of Israel, this Contract may be terminated at the option of the COUNTY.
  
- B. **When contract value is greater than \$1 million:** As provided in F.S. 287.135, by entering into this Contract or performing any work in furtherance hereof, the CONSULTANT certifies that it, its affiliates, suppliers, subcontractors and consultants who will perform hereunder, have not been placed on the Scrutinized Companies With Activities in Sudan List or Scrutinized Companies With Activities in The Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List created pursuant to F.S. 215.473 or is engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria.

If the COUNTY determines, using credible information available to the public, that a false certification has been submitted by CONSULTANT, this Contract may be terminated and a civil penalty equal to the greater of \$2 million or twice the amount of this Contract shall be imposed, pursuant to F.S. 287.135. Said certification must also be submitted at the time of Contract renewal, if applicable.

**ARTICLE 31 – PUBLIC RECORDS**

Notwithstanding anything contained herein, as provided under Section 119.0701, F.S., if the CONSULTANT: (i) provides a service; and (ii) acts on behalf of the COUNTY as provided under Section 119.011(2) F.S., the CONSULTANT shall comply with the requirements of Section 119.0701, Florida Statutes, as it may be amended from time to time. The CONSULTANT is specifically required to:

- A. Keep and maintain public records required by the COUNTY to perform services as provided under this Contract.
- B. Upon request from the COUNTY’S Custodian of Public Records, provide the COUNTY with a copy of the requested records or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in Chapter 119 or as otherwise provided by law. The CONSULTANT further agrees that all fees, charges and expenses shall be determined in accordance with Palm Beach County PPM CW-F-002, Fees Associated with Public Records Requests, as it may be amended or replaced from time to time.
- C. Ensure that public records that are exempt, or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements are not disclosed except as authorized by law for the duration of the contract term and following completion of the Contract, if the CONSULTANT does not transfer the records to the public agency.
- D. Upon completion of the Contract the CONSULTANT shall transfer, at no cost to the COUNTY, all public records in possession of the CONSULTANT unless notified by COUNTY’S representative/liaison, on behalf of the COUNTY’S Custodian of Public Records, to keep and maintain public records required by the COUNTY to perform the service. If the CONSULTANT transfers all public records to the COUNTY upon completion of the Contract, the CONSULTANT shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt, or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. If the CONSULTANT keeps and maintains public records upon completion of the Contract, the CONSULTANT shall meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records. All records stored electronically by the CONSULTANT must be provided to COUNTY, upon request of the COUNTY’S Custodian of Public Records, in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of COUNTY, at no cost to COUNTY.

Failure of the CONSULTANT to comply with the requirements of this article shall be a material breach of this Contract. COUNTY shall have the right to exercise any and all remedies available to it, including but not limited to, the right to terminate for cause. CONSULTANT acknowledges that it has familiarized itself with the requirements of Chapter 119, F.S., and other requirements of state law applicable to public records not specifically set forth herein.



**IF THE CONSULTANT HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO THE CONSULTANT'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS CONTRACT, PLEASE CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT RECORDS REQUEST, PALM BEACH COUNTY PUBLIC AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT, 301 N. OLIVE AVENUE, WEST PALM BEACH, FL 33401, BY E-MAIL AT RECORDSREQUEST@PBCGOV.ORG OR BY TELEPHONE AT 561-355-6680.**

**ARTICLE 32 – COUNTERPARTS**

This Contract, including the exhibits referenced herein, may be executed in one or more counterparts, all of which shall constitute collectively but one and the same Contract. The COUNTY may execute the Contract through electronic or manual means. CONSULTANT shall execute by manual means only, unless the COUNTY provides otherwise.

**ARTICLE 33 – E-VERIFY – EMPLOYMENT ELIGIBILITY**

CONSULTANT warrants and represents that it is in compliance with section 448.095, Florida Statutes, as may be amended. No later than January 1, 2021, CONSULTANT shall: (1) register with and use the E-Verify System (E-Verify.gov), to electronically verify the employment eligibility of all newly hired workers; and (2) verify that all of the CONSULTANT's subconsultants performing the duties and obligations of this Contract are registered with and use the E-Verify System to electronically verify the employment eligibility of all newly hired workers.

CONSULTANT shall obtain from each of its subconsultants an affidavit stating that the subconsultant does not employ, contract with, or subcontract with an Unauthorized Alien, as that term is defined in section 448.095 (1)(k), Florida Statutes, as may be amended. CONSULTANT shall maintain a copy of any such affidavit from a subconsultant for, at a minimum, the duration of the subcontract and any extension thereof. This provision shall not supersede any provision of this Contract which requires a longer retention period.

COUNTY shall terminate this Contract if it has a good faith belief that CONSULTANT has knowingly violated Section 448.09(1), Florida Statutes, as may be amended.

If COUNTY has a good faith belief that CONSULTANT's subconsultant has knowingly violated Section 448.09(1), Florida Statutes, as may be amended, COUNTY shall notify CONSULTANT to terminate its contract with the subconsultant and CONSULTANT shall immediately terminate its contract with the subconsultant.

If COUNTY terminates this Contract pursuant to the above, CONSULTANT shall be barred from being awarded a future contract by COUNTY for a period of one (1) year from the date on which this Contract was terminated. In the event of such contract termination, CONSULTANT shall also be liable for any additional costs incurred by COUNTY as a result of termination.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, Florida has made and executed this Contract on behalf of the COUNTY and CONSULTANT has hereunto set its hand the day and year above written.

ATTEST:  
JOSEPH ABRUZZO,  
CLERK OF THE COURT  
AND COMPTROLLER

PALM BEACH COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor David Kerner

CONSULTANT:

AXIS FORENSIC TOXICOLOGY, INC.

Company Name

*Philip T. Roberts*

Signature

(corp. seal)

PHILIP T ROBERTS,

Typed Name

CEO

Title

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

By \_\_\_\_\_  
County Attorney

APPROVED AS TO TERMS  
AND CONDITIONS

By *Wendy New*  
Department Director

**EXHIBIT "A"**  
**SCOPE OF WORK**

CONSULTANT shall provide forensic toxicology services to COUNTY on an as-needed, fee-for-service basis as set forth in Exhibits "A" and "B". Various drug panels allow for screening, confirmation and quantitation of alcohols, carbon monoxide, and the drugs listed in Exhibit "A" in blood, urine, vitreous fluid, tissue, and other applicable specimen types from the submitted medical examiner cases. CONSULTANT shall invoice COUNTY on a weekly basis for completed services as required by Article 3 of this Contract.

Testing results:

CONSULTANT shall provide COUNTY with 95% of the drug panel results within two weeks from the date of receipt of the complete order and specimen.

Records:

CONSULTANT shall provide the final toxicology report via fax or secure web portal subject to all applicable federal and state laws, rules and regulations pertaining to public records and confidentiality of records. CONSULTANT' toxicologists shall be available to COUNTY for consultation and review of test results at no charge.

Specimen pickup, delivery, storage and return:

CONSULTANT shall provide to the COUNTY supply kits which include all of the specific containers and requisition forms necessary for specimen collection and shipping to ensure that a proper chain of custody is maintained at no charge. CONSULTANT shall provide FedEx shipping labels and containers for specimen overnight transport to CONSULTANT at no charge.

CONSULTANT shall store all specimens in a secure freezer for 12 months [F.A.C. 11G-2.004(3)(c)] at no charge. All specimens will be maintained in refrigerated temporary storage until final testing is completed. Specimens will be stored appropriately to ensure against loss, contamination, or deleterious change.

CONSULTANT shall follow legal chain-of-custody procedures in compliance with the applicable State and federal laws as well as the current test practices in forensic toxicology, including American Board of Forensic Toxicology (ABFT), the College of American Pathologists (CAP) test practices, and the Society of Forensic Toxicologists (SOFT) recommendations. Testing shall be conducted on appropriate instrumentation.

Expert witness/testifying at trial:

CONSULTANT shall provide appropriate witnesses or expert witness(es) to testify at a trial, hearing, or deposition in any medical examiner case when subpoenaed to do so.

Certifications:

CONSULTANT shall maintain certification by the College of American Pathologists (CAP), clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA), and the American Board of Forensic Toxicology (ABFT).

The chief toxicologist of CONSULTANT shall hold a relevant doctoral degree from an accredited institution. The chief toxicologist shall be certified by the American Board of Forensic Toxicology (ABFT) or certified in toxicological chemistry by the American Board of Clinical Chemistry or an international equivalent.

Products:

CONSULTANT may adjust product descriptions/specifications from time to time provided same does not impact the services provided under this Contract and does not result in additional cost for the services contracted for herein.

EXHIBIT "B"

PRICE LIST



November 20, 2020

Palm Beach County Medical Examiner's Office

Axis knows your work requires completion in unprecedented times with dependable, accurate results, timely response to questions and problems, fair and reasonable prices, and relevant postmortem, human performance, and drug-facilitated crime tests from your forensic toxicology laboratory partner.

Axis is pleased to extend the following pricing for your case work:

Order Code	Test Name	Advanced Price
13610:	Psychoactive Substances Panel	\$ 135.00
13810:	Designer Opioid Panel	\$135.00
20400:	Qualitative Drug Identification	\$ 400.00
32400:	Electrolytes Panel	\$ 75.00
42130:	Synthetic Cannabinoids Panel	\$ 240.00
44060:	Carbon Monoxide, Blood	\$ 60.00
49910:	Storage Only/No Testing	\$ 50.00
70510:	Comprehensive Drug Panel, Blood with Analyte Assurance™	\$ 180.00
70510T:	Comprehensive Drug Panel, Tissue	\$ 285.00
70530:	Drugs of Abuse Panel, Blood	\$ 125.00

We deeply value our partnership!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Philip T. Roberts'.

Philip T. Roberts  
Chief Executive Officer