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The Office of Financial Management contemplates awarding a sole source contract to Greggory S. LaBerge to aid in the organizational design of the Office of Independent Investigations.

The 2021 Legislature passed Governor-request legislation to create the Office of Independent Investigations (OII) to conduct investigations of police use of excessive force, effective July 1, 2022. The OII is the first statewide independent investigation agency in the nation.

OII requires support from someone who can clearly identify critical needs and requirements of forensic disciplines, expert forensic assessment needs for notification and data tracking, and training related to forensic investigations.

The statute authorizing the establishment of the OII requires the agency to start receiving cases beginning on July 1, 2022. The mechanics of setting up a 100+ FTE agency with multiple locations can take a year or more. In this case, the state must establish operations and procure a notification system and specialized data management system. The state must also obtain or develop training required by law for investigative team members, the advisory board, and administrative staff.

Investigators must complete rigorous training before they can work on any cases; based on similar law enforcement programs. This means that an organization model must be developed and fully established.

Greggory Laberge started this work under a sole source contract that ran from 10/25/2021 to 6/30/2022. A series of unavoidable delays in the transition project resulted in corresponding delays to Mr. LaBerge’s body of work.

Greggory Laberge has served as a dedicated subject matter expert on several agency forensic development projects comparable to the OII. Mr. Laberge was essential to the creation of the first municipal crime laboratory in Denver, CO, and currently serves as its Forensics and Evidence Division Director. Additionally, he has worked as an ISO-17025 Laboratory Auditor seated with the Standards Council of Canada. As a result, he understands the unique technical forensic challenges that agencies comparable to OII experienced while operating within existing standards and stakeholders in the criminal justice system.

Greggory Laberge background and direct experience with the OII transition uniquely qualify him to continue until the project is done.
OII will enter into a one (1) year contract with Greggory S. LaBerge. The contract will be issued on or after July 15, 2022.

The cost of this contract is $100,000. OII may opt to extend the contract for an additional single term of one (1) year if required. OII determines that an optional additional one (1) year extension would result in equal (and/or slightly higher) consideration being added to the total contract value.

Vendors who believe they possess the same experience and capabilities and meet the same requirements as Greggory S. LaBerge are invited to submit capability statements detailing their ability to meet the state’s requirements within five (5) business days of this announcement.

Capability statements should address the following state requirements:

- Demonstrated experience in providing expert consultation, development, and review on the preparation of forensic investigation procedures and policies;

- Expertise and ability to provide input on specifications for a management information system and identify data needed to be collected to manage evidence and forensic requirements; and

- Expertise and ability to provide expert consultation on critical training curriculum for forensic services and investigators.

- Exhibited deep knowledge and expertise in the forensic disciplines as applied to the prosecutorial process.

In the absence of other qualified sources, it is the state’s intent to make a sole source award of the contract. To submit capability statements or for questions, contact:

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