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MEMORANDUM

TO: EDWARD A. DION, COUNTY AUDITOR

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FROM: DAISY CABALLERO, INTERNAL AUDITOR CERTIFIED *Daisy Caballero*

DATE: SEPTEMBER 7, 2021

SUBJECT: INVESTIGATION RELATED TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S
INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (DIMS) CONTRACT

Overview

A question was raised regarding whether anyone working DIMS could be required to screen non DIMS cases. A review of the DIMS contract has been performed. The objective of this investigation was to determine if the contract would be affected by requiring anyone working DIMS to also screen non DIMS cases.

Background

The City of El Paso and the County of El Paso entered into an interlocal governmental agreement to co-fund the DIMS project. The project allows a prosecutor to screen criminal cases presented by any law enforcement agency and determine if prosecution is desired within hours instead of weeks or months after arrest. The total budgeted cost of the program is \$769,888. The County is accountable for 69% of the cost, not to exceed \$531,222.72. The City is accountable for 31% of the cost, not to exceed \$238,665.28. The County bills the City on a monthly basis for the City's portion of expenditures. The billing is composed of a flat fee plus salary and fringe expenditures for the month based on predetermined shift rates for attorney and clerical positions. County funding of the operation is mandated by Texas Government Code § 43.120.

Scope

The following was reviewed to ensure contractual compliance:

- DIMS Contract 2020-0452
 - Contract period: 09/01/2020-08/31/2021
 - Funding:
 - City: up to \$238,665.28
 - County: up to \$531,222.72
- DIMS Billings
 - Monthly billings: 09/2020-07/2021

Summary

While reviewing the DIMS contract and billings, no discrepancies were noted. Requiring anyone working on DIMS to screen non DIMS cases does not compromise contract compliance.

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