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**AWARD OF NATIONAL MEDICAL SERVICES, INC. (NMS) LABORATORIES CONTRACT
FOR FORENSIC TOXICOLOGY SERVICES AT THE DANE COUNTY MEDICAL
EXAMINER'S OFFICE**

The Dane County Medical Examiner's Office requires forensic toxicology testing services to support its medicolegal investigations. Reliable and high-quality toxicology testing is essential for determining cause and manner of death, as well as supporting criminal investigations.

To identify qualified laboratories capable of providing these services, the Medical Examiner's Office issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) # 2024-095. After careful evaluation of the responses received, the Medical Examiner's Office recommends award of a contract to National Medical Services, Inc. (NMS) Laboratories based on its expertise, quality of services, and cost-effectiveness. The Medical Examiner's Office has negotiated a five-year contract with NMS Laboratories to ensure continued access to comprehensive toxicology services, for a total estimated cost of \$450,000.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Dane County Board of Supervisors does authorize a five-year contract with NMS Laboratories with an estimated amount of \$450,000; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the County Executive and County Clerk are authorized to execute the contract documents.