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Office of State Budget and Management


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January 15, 2004

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Marc Basnight, Senate President Pro Tempore,
Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations
The Honorable James B. Black, Speaker of the House,
Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations
The Honorable Richard T. Morgan, Speaker of the House,
Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations
Senator Scott Thomas, Co-Chairman, Justice and Public Safety
Subcommittee
Representative Bill Culpepper, Co-Chairman, Justice and Public Safety
Subcommittee
Representative Joe L. Kiser, Co-Chairman, Justice and Public Safety
Subcommittee

FROM: David McCoy 

RE: Cost Increase for the SBI Crime Laboratory DNA/Database Basement Renovation Project

I am writing to report the increase of project costs associated with the SBI Crime Laboratory's DNA database renovation project and to satisfy the statutory Governmental Operations reporting requirement. As you may recall, during the past legislative session, the Department of Justice reported to the General Assembly the increasing backlog of DNA evidence and the need for additional resources and facilities to analyze this evidence in a more timely manner. The Department was authorized by the General Assembly to utilize "up to \$516,000 to expand the physical capacity of the Molecular Genetics Section and purchase equipment." Regrettably, when the department made its request, it underestimated the actual cost for this renovation project.

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Because it is in the best interest of the State to have DNA evidence analyzed in a timely manner and because the actual cost of this project has been determined to be \$1,281,300, I have authorized the increase in project cost as outlined below. As you can see, the source of funds in addition to the authorized appropriation includes Surplus Property and Drug Tax receipts as well as \$587,017 from the legislatively authorized Repair and Renovation Fund.

PROJECT EXPENDITURES:

Riley Contracting Construction Bid	\$1,117,300
Design/Architectural Expenses	\$109,000
Contingency	\$55,000
<u>Total Expenditures</u>	<u>\$1,281,300</u>

REVENUE SOURCES:

Appropriation – Basement Renovation	\$516,000
DOJ Sale of Surplus Property Receipts	\$65,650
NC Dept. of Revenue Drug Tax Receipts	\$112,633
OSBM Repair & Renovation Funds	\$587,017
<u>Total Revenue Sources</u>	<u>\$1,281,300</u>

Please contact Charlie Perusse or Byron Harris at 733-7061, if you have any questions or need additional information.

Thank you.

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cc: Attorney General Roy Cooper
Franklin Freeman