

Crime Laboratory Expansion**FY2007 Request: \$4,800,000****Reference No: 41600****AP/AL:** Appropriation**Project Type:** Construction**Category:** Law and Justice**Location:** Statewide**Contact:** Dan Spencer, Director, Administrative Services**House District:** Statewide (HD 1-40)**Contact Phone:** (907)465-5488**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2006 - 06/30/2010**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

This project will provide funding for the design phase of a new 38,000 square foot Scientific Crime Detection Laboratory in Anchorage.

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Funding:	<u>FY2007</u>	<u>FY2008</u>	<u>FY2009</u>	<u>FY2010</u>	<u>FY2011</u>	<u>FY2012</u>	<u>Total</u>
Gen Fund	\$4,800,000						\$4,800,000
Total:	\$4,800,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,800,000

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - underway	<input type="checkbox"/> On-Going
0% = Minimum State Match % Required		<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment	<input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Bill	

Operating & Maintenance Costs:

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Project Development:	0	0
Ongoing Operating:	0	0
One-Time Startup:	0	0
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

None

Project Description/Justification:

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The crime lab is responsible for the statewide breath and blood alcohol testing program which includes maintaining breath testing instruments from across the state and providing the materials and documentation for insuring instrument accuracy and reliability for legal evidence gathering purposes. The lab provides forensic analysis to all local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies in Alaska in the areas of latent fingerprints, firearms, trace evidence, and other criminalistics services, drug analysis, and DNA analysis. Additionally, the crime lab provides crime scene response and courtroom testimony.

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All sections of the lab are experiencing ever increasing backlogs of requests for forensic exams. This is due in part to agencies increasing the number of police personnel and in part to the success of new technologies such as DNA. Both increase the demands on the lab.

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