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Hi James,

Attached is the tight script for SAC Testimony today. Both Commissioner Flynn and Secretary Cole have this. I will be headed over shortly to meet the Commissioner.

Thanks,

Joe

Senate Appropriations Committee  
Testimony  
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**VCIC - 2 FTE positions** – (\$160,000)

GF \$160,000

DPS/VCIC will require 2 full-time positions in FY17 in order to initiate and oversee the rulemaking and application process.

- The first will serve as the overall program administrator and can be estimated at a pay grade 25 (similar to an Administrative Services Manager I).
- The second will provide program and administrative support and can be estimated at a pay grade 20 (similar to a Program Technician II).

**Hiring 2 Forensic Chemists** – (\$180,000)

GHSP \$144,000

GF (match) \$36,000

**Training Forensic Chemists** – (\$25,000)

GHSP \$20,000

GF (match) \$5,000

- The major training expense involves sending the Forensic Chemists to Indiana to attend the Robert F. Borkenstein Course on the Effects of Drugs on Human Performance and Behavior (<http://www.borkensteincourse.org/drugcourse/>).
- As a parallel, all of our Forensic Chemists who provide expert testimony in DUI-Alcohol cases have attended the Borkenstein Course on Alcohol. The week-long course costs \$1500 per person, plus the additional travel expenses.
- Another training expense will be purchasing reference materials (books, etc.) pertaining to Toxicology.

**Contractual** – (\$10,000)

GHSP \$8,000

GF (match) \$2,000

- The major contractual expense is to update our current Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS) to incorporate a blood-drug analysis module. This will be used by analysts to document their examination and analysis of evidence (blood samples) submitted for testing. We currently have a contract with the vendor (Forensic Advantage) which provides annual maintenance of the system, but we will need to pay an additional cost for the major update needed to roll out the new module.

- The other contractual expense is for annual proficiency testing (PT) of our analysts. We have a contract with a PT provider (Collaborative Testing Services) to supply the lab with mock casework samples that analysts examine and report on. Their results are compared with results from other labs across the country to ensure that the methods we use are sound and able to generate similar results to everyone else's. This is an accreditation requirement. Each Forensic Chemist in the blood-drug program will have to perform one of these annually at a cost of \$425 each.

**Supplies** – (\$26,550)

GHSP \$21,240

GF \$5,310

- The Supplies expense include all of the laboratory items necessary to perform the blood-drug testing – from vials, caps, glassware and chemicals to parts for the instrumentation and known drug standards for use in setting up standard curves to quantify the amount of drugs in a blood sample.

**Equipment** – (\$592,600)

GHSP portion \$474,080

GF (match) \$118,520

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| ➤ Randox Tox Screen      | \$80,000  |
| ➤ LC/MS-triple quad      | \$436,000 |
| ➤ SPE equipment          | \$25,000  |
| ➤ Evaporator             | \$2,000   |
| ➤ Nitrogen generator     | \$15,000  |
| ➤ Vortex mixer           | \$600     |
| ➤ Bio cabinet            | \$11,000  |
| ➤ Fume hood              | \$7,500   |
| ➤ Refrigerator           | \$3,000   |
| ➤ Rees temperature probe | \$500     |
| ➤ Computers              | \$2,000   |