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**MEMORANDUM TO:** Cybele K. Daley  
Acting Assistant Attorney General

**THROUGH:** Rafael Madan *[Signature]*  
General Counsel

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National Institute of Justice

*[Signature]* John Morgan *[Signature]*  
Deputy Director for Science and Technology  
National Institute of Justice

Lois Tully *[Signature]*  
Acting Chief  
Investigative & Forensic Sciences Division  
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National Institute of Justice

**FROM:** Mark Nelson *[Signature] For MN*  
Senior Program Manager  
Investigative & Forensic Sciences Division  
Office of Science & Technology  
National Institute of Justice

**SUBJECT:** Environmental Assessment (EA) and Finding of No  
Significant Impact (FONSI) for Human Identification Technologies, Inc

**SUMMARY:**

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), codified at 42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq., an Environmental Assessment has been prepared and a final FONSI has been generated for the above laboratory.

Based on the review and recommendation from The Louis Berger Group, Inc., a contractor NIJ brought in to provide expert advice regarding NEPA compliance, no significant impact to the environment is expected to result from the above award and hence, an Environmental Impact Statement is not necessary. I recommend that you approve and sign the enclosed Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the award.

Attached for your reference is a copy of an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the award, a recommendation letter from The Louis Berger Group, Inc. and a final FONSI for your signature.

**PRIORITY**

Currently, the grantee of the awards cannot expend funds until the attached FONSI is signed and the corresponding special withholding condition lifted.

**EXPECTED ACTIONS**

Your approval and signature on the attached FONSI are requested.

Attachments: Recommendation Letter, Final FONSI, and EA.

November 16, 2007

NEPA Coordinator  
Office of Justice Programs/National Institute of Justice  
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Washington, D.C. 20531

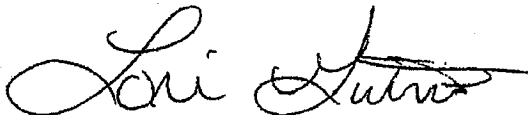
**Re: National Environmental Policy Act Requirements**  
**Project: Forensic DNA Services**  
**Award: Not Applicable**

Dear NEPA Coordinator:

We have reviewed the Environmental Assessment and Draft FONSI for Human Identification Technologies, Inc Forensic DNA Services that is being funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs (OJP)/National Institute of Justice (NIJ). At this time we are recommending that OJP/NIJ accept this EA and that the Final FONSI be signed-off.

If you have questions or require additional information, please contact me at 303-231-1012 or at [lgutman@louisberger.com](mailto:lgutman@louisberger.com).

Sincerely,  
**THE Louis Berger Group, INC.**



Lori Gutman, AICP  
Senior Planner

Attachment: Final FONSI  
Final FONSI Letter  
Final Environmental Assessment  
NOA



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**Finding of No Significant Impact**

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), codified at 42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq., an Environmental Assessment has been prepared for Outsourced Forensic DNA Services at Human Identification Technologies, Inc. in Redlands, California. This project is subject to NEPA review because it is being funded, in part, with federal funding available from the Office of Justice Programs' National Institute of Justice.

**Proposed Action**

Under the Proposed Action, Human Identification Technologies, Inc would provide forensic DNA testing services to increase the forensic DNA testing capacity in the United States and reduce the turn around times for DNA analysis. Human Identification Technologies, Inc would analyze the biological evidence routinely encountered and collected at crime scenes throughout the United States. Human Identification Technologies, Inc. has a modern forensic DNA testing laboratory that was built in 2005 to meet all American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors/Laboratory Accreditation Board (ASCLD/LAB)-International quality assurance standards. This project would require the continued storage, use and disposal of chemicals that are currently used for forensic DNA testing. This project would not expand the types of chemicals stored and used on site. The proposed action may involve hiring and training of additional forensic scientists; however, no additional construction or remodeling would be necessary to carry out the proposed action plan.

**Project Location**

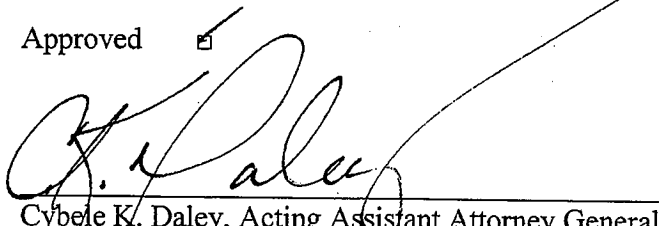
The proposed project would be located at Human Identification Technologies, Inc. at 440 Business Center Court, Redlands, California 92373.

**Findings**

The Office of Justice Programs' National Institute of Justice has determined that the implementation of the proposed action to provide outsourced forensic DNA services would not significantly affect the quality of the human and natural environment. Less than significant impacts would occur from the use of chemicals. Therefore, it has been determined that the proposed project would not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment and an Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared for this proposal.

Approved

Denied

  
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Cybele K. Daley, Acting Assistant Attorney General  
Office of Justice Programs  
U. S. Department of Justice

12/05/07  
Date