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The Forensic Science Division may utilize competent consultants and subcontractors who provide specialized services. See also QM - 6.6 Externally Provided Products and Services.

### 2.15.1 Use of Consultants

If an outside agency or prosecutor is requesting a specialized service that cannot be provided within FSD, the local laboratory shall assist in an advisory capacity and, if requested, assist in locating a viable vendor. The laboratory shall instruct the agency to contact the provider directly and advise the agency they are responsible for the transfers of evidence and payment of these services. Any request for FSD funding for the specialized service requires Division approval.

### 2.15.2 Use of Subcontractors

When it is determined that the use of subcontractors is necessary, the FSD will utilize competent FSD Subcontractors. The customer shall be advised of which laboratory activities will be completed by an external service provider. Documentation of the notification and their acceptance shall be retained in the case file object repository. Subcontracted analyses will be technically and administratively reviewed per discipline-specific procedures.