

**STATE CRIME LABORATORY**

**(0955) 2007-09 BIENNIUM**

**BUDGET INFORMATION ACCORDING TO ACT 700 of 2007**

**I) AGENCY SUMMARY & REVENUE SOURCES**

**MISSION**

The State Crime Lab provides forensic laboratory services, written scientific analysis of evidence, and expert testimony in court to the state's law enforcement and criminal justice community to assist in the apprehension and conviction of individuals involved in criminal activities.

**TOTAL BIENNIAL APPROPRIATION**

Total biennial appropriation provides for \$13,588,819 FY08 and \$13,742,023 FY09.

**SOURCE OF FUNDING**

The State Crime Lab is funded with General Revenues, Special Revenues and Federal Funds.

**II) NEW POSITIONS**

**Total Positions for FY 2007-09 Biennium: 148**

**Total Positions for FY 2005-07 Biennium: 149**

**Restoration of eleven (11) positions:** 3 Forensic Biologist, 2 Forensic Toxicologist, 3 Forensic Chemist, 1 Administrative Assistant, and 2 Subpoena Coordinators

**III) CHANGES/APPROPRIATION**

- **Crime Lab - Federal.** - Increase in appropriation of \$535,547 each year for anticipated federal funds for lab supplies, training, and outsourcing DNA Convicted Offender cases for analysis.
- **Equipment** - Additional appropriation of 100,000 each year of special revenues received from the Special State Assets Forfeiture Fund.
- **Crime Lab-State** - Primary operating account for the Arkansas State Crime Laboratory. General Revenue funding increase of \$49,000 each year for rent. Appropriation increases in Capital Outlay for \$250,000 each year for video testifying equipment and for the restoration of eleven positions. Total biennial appropriation of \$10,402,398 for FY08 and \$10,554,782 for FY09.
- **Video Testify Treasury** - Appropriation of \$210,692 each year to spend remaining grant monies received from AR Science and Technology Authority. (video-testifying project)
- **DNA Detection Special** - Appropriation increase of \$600,000 each year to purchase DNA lab supplies, DNA kits, and necessary chemicals.

**IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE**

- NONE

