



COMMISSIONERS COURT
COMMUNICATION

COURT ORDER NUMBER _____

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DATE: 2/4/2025

**SUBJECT: WIRELESS DATA SYSTEMS, INC. - ELECTIONS INVENTORY
MANAGEMENT SYSTEM SOFTWARE - ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATION**

***** CONSENT AGENDA *****

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve Wireless Data Systems, Inc. as sole source for Elections Inventory Management System Software, for Elections Administration.

BACKGROUND

Wireless Data Systems, Inc. provided the Purchasing Agent documentation that they are the proprietary manufacturer of Elections Inventory Management System Software.

Wireless Data Systems, Inc. custom designed an inventory and tracking system for Tarrant County Elections Administration to track all elections equipment efficiently and effectively, providing chain of custody documentation as required by statute. The inventory system is specific to elections equipment and tailored to the County’s needs. Wireless Data Systems, Inc. owns all rights and intellectual property of the system software and has a dedicated fulltime team that supports the system. Wireless Data Systems, Inc. is the only organization with these rights and there are no current agreements or rights to the sale or distribution of this software from any other source.

Under the County Purchasing Act, exemptions to the competitive bidding requirements are allowed for certain types of purchases. The statutes require that the Purchasing Agent advise the Commissioners Court of the existence of only one (1) source, with such notice to be entered into the minutes of the Court.

Accordingly, the above item has been determined to be sole source under the County Purchasing Act 262.024(a)(7) as follows:

- “(7) an item can be obtained from only one (1) source, including:
 - (A) items for which competition is precluded because of the existence of patents, copyrights, secret processes, or monopolies;

The term of the contract is effective through March 7, 2026.

FISCAL IMPACT

Services are provided on an as-needed basis.

SUBMITTED BY	Purchasing	PREPARED BY:	Dallas Arter
		APPROVED BY:	Christopher Lax, CPSM, CPSD, CPCP



January 7, 2025

To whom it may concern,

This letter is to confirm that the Election Inventory and Asset Tracking System (TopShelf® Elections) installed at Tarrant County Elections is a Sole Source product of Wireless Data Systems, Inc. (WDS), a Florida Corporation located at 20423 State Road 7, Boca Raton FL 33498.

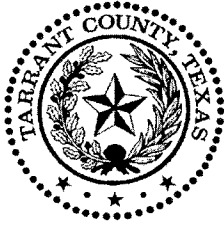
The system is a custom design that was submitted by Tarrant personnel. WDS then developed that specific system based on the Tarrant design. There are no current agreements or rights to the sale or distribution of this software from any other source.

Wireless Data Systems, Inc. (WDS) owns all rights and intellectual property of the system software and has a dedicated fulltime team that supports the system. WDS is the only organization with these rights.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. David Whitt', is positioned above the typed name and title.

P. David Whitt
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TAKINGS IMPACT ASSESSMENT CHECKLIST

Complete this form for any county action that involves the adoption of a regulation, policy, guideline, court resolution, or order.

Project/Regulation Name: Wireless Data Systems, Inc. - Elections Inventory Management System Software - Elections Administration

County Department: PURCHASING

Contact Person: Melissa Lee, C.P.M., A.P.P.

Phone Number for Contact Person: (817) 884-3245

Type of TIA Performed: SHORT TIA or FULL TIA. Circle one after answering the questions in Sections II and III below.

I. Stated Purpose

Attach to this checklist an explanation of the purpose of the regulation, policy, guideline, court resolution, or order.

Note: The remainder of this Takings Impact Assessment Checklist should be completed in consultation with the Criminal District Attorney's Office.

II. Potential Effect on Private Real Property

1. Does the county action require a physical invasion, occupation, or dedication of real property?

Yes _____ No √

2. Does the county action limit or restrict a real property right, even partially, or temporarily?

Yes _____ No √

If you answered yes to either question, go to Section III. If you answered no to both, STOP HERE and circle SHORT TIA at the top of the form.
