



**COMMISSIONERS COURT
COMMUNICATION**

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SUBJECT: HART INTERCIVIC, INC. - HART INTERCIVIC VERITY VOTING SYSTEM AND ASSOCIATED SOFTWARE, HARDWARE, ACCESSORIES, CONSUMABLES, MAINTENANCE, AND REPAIR - ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATION

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

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve renewal of Hart InterCivic, Inc. as sole source for Hart InterCivic Verity Voting System and associated software, hardware, accessories, consumables, maintenance, and repair, for Elections Administration.

BACKGROUND

On February 7, 2023, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #140261, approved Hart InterCivic, Inc. as sole source for Hart InterCivic Verity Voting System and associated software, hardware, accessories, consumables, maintenance, and repair, for Elections Administration.

On January 23, 2024, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #142509, approved renewal of the sole source.

Hart InterCivic, Inc. provided the Purchasing Agent documentation to substantiate that their sole source status has not changed and they continue to be the sole source for Hart InterCivic, Inc. Verity Voting System (Verity) and its associated software, hardware, accessories, consumables, maintenance, and repair. The Verity software applications are a proprietary group of products necessary for an authorized Hart InterCivic, Inc. customer to accomplish ballot creation, election management, tabulation, and maintenance of the Verity equipment.

The system and services include voting equipment, certified by the Secretary of State’s Office, software, accessories, on-site technical support, and solution-specific consumables that are part of the certified solution..

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

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		APPROVED BY:	Christopher Lax, CPSM, CPSD, CPCP



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of patents, copyrights, secret processes, or monopolies;
equipment.” (D) captive replacement parts or components for

FISCAL IMPACT

Expenses for last year were approximately \$1,535,406.00. There is no immediate fiscal impact associated with this item. The County’s future cost will be determined on an as-needed basis. Funding is available in the following account: 10000-2025 General Fund/1420000000 Elections/578021 Hardware Maintenance.



September 25, 2024

Wanyu Chen
Senior Buyer
Tarrant County Purchasing Department
100 E. Weatherford Street, Suite 303
Fort Worth, TX 76196

Hello Wanyu,

This letter is regarding Hart InterCivic's Verity Voting System (Verity) and its associated Hart software, Hart hardware, and Verity-specific accessories and consumables. Verity and/or its individual components, including hardware, software, support, and Verity-specific accessories and consumables may only be purchased or licensed from Hart InterCivic, Inc:

-The Verity software applications are a proprietary group of products necessary for an authorized Hart customer to accomplish ballot creation, election management, tabulation and maintenance of the Verity equipment. The software and voting equipment will enable the customer to comply with the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) of 2002.

-The license to use the Verity software may only be issued by Hart InterCivic.

-Support for Hart's Verity system and products under the Verity Master Agreement between Hart and Tarrant County can only be provided by Hart InterCivic.

-Maintenance for the Verity software and Verity hardware is only provided by Hart InterCivic.

-Repair of the Verity voting system must be completed by Hart InterCivic.

-Verity archival-grade thermal paper rolls, guaranteed and qualified by Hart to ensure proper system operation and avoid system damage are only provided by Hart InterCivic.

-Verity thermal ballot paper, which contains an exclusive combination of a smooth high-contrast stock and thermal ink adhesion properties is specifically manufactured for use in conjunction with Hart's Verity Duo system. The rounded corner, printed arrow, and solid bars included on the thermal paper provides clarity and consistent system operation that cannot be duplicated by any other method. The unique configuration is designed by and is available exclusively from Hart InterCivic.

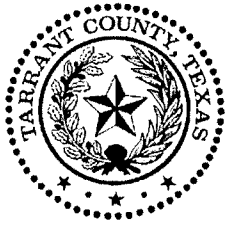
All items listed in this letter are not available from any other source.

If you have questions regarding any aspect of these Hart products and their authorized use, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Julie Mathis', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Julie Mathis
President & CEO
Hart InterCivic



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: Hart InterCivic, Inc. - Hart InterCivic Verity Voting System and Associated Software, Hardware, Accessories, Consumables, Maintenance, and Repair - 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.
