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Health Care and County Operations Committee
(HCCO) Meeting

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9:30 A.M.
Commission Chambers

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**Item No. 3B
File No. 190162**

Researcher: JFP Reviewer: TD

RESOLUTION APPROVING ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY IN A TOTAL AMOUNT UP TO \$497,000.00 FOR PREQUALIFICATION POOL NO. 4627-1/19-1 FOR PURCHASE OF HOSES, CONNECTORS, FITTINGS, CLAMPS AND RELATED ITEMS FOR MULTIPLE DEPARTMENTS

ISSUE/REQUESTED ACTION

Whether the Board should approve additional expenditure authority of \$497,000 for *Prequalification Pool No. 4627-1/19-1, Hoses, Connectors, Fittings, Clamps and Related Items* for the following departments with corresponding requested amounts: Aviation (\$32,000), Fire Rescue (\$20,000) and Water and Sewer (\$445,000).

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION/POLICY

Section 2-8.1 of the County Code (Contracts and Purchases Generally) applies to all contracts for public improvements and purchases of all supplies, materials and services other than professional services and (1) requires formal sealed bids for purchases over \$250,000; (2) describes the circumstances under which non-competitive purchases may be approved; (3) establishes requirements for legacy purchases, designated purchases, and single vehicle leases; and (4) provides that procurement procedures shall be established by I.O. and approved by the Board.

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Resolution No. R-225-10, adopted March 2, 2010, establishes a prequalification pool to purchase hoses, nozzles, couplings and related items for various County departments in the amount of \$1,057,000. The cumulative value with the implementation of the one, five-year Option to Renew is \$2,114,000.

<http://intra/gia/matter.asp?matter=100654&file=false&yearFolder=Y2010>

Resolution No. R-716-12, adopted September 4, 2012, requires identification of a firm's small business enterprise program certification in any procurement item submitted for Board approval.

<http://intra/gia/matter.asp?matter=121265&file=true&yearFolder=Y2012>

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<http://intra/gia/matter.asp?matter=180822&file=true&yearFolder=Y2018>

Implementing Order No. 3-38 sets forth the County's processes and procedures for the purchase of goods and services. The I.O. outlines: the roles and responsibilities of the Internal Services Department; the methods of purchasing goods and services; the authority to award and modify contracts; and the requirements for access contracts, emergency purchases, bid waivers, confirmation purchases and sole sources.

<http://www.miamidade.gov/aopdfdoc/aopdf/pdffiles/IO3-38.pdf>

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PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Prime Sponsor: None

Department/Requester: Internal Services Department

This item has no procedural history.

ANALYSIS

This item is requesting Board authorization for additional expenditure authority of \$497,000 for *Prequalification Pool No. 4627-1/19-1, Hoses, Connectors, Fittings, Clamps and Related Items* for the following departments (with corresponding requested amounts): Aviation (\$32,000), Fire Rescue (\$20,000) and Water and Sewer (\$445,000).

Department	Additional Requested Allocation	Funding Source	Justification for Additional Funds
Aviation	\$32,000	Proprietary Revenue	To continue to purchase for the remainder of the contract term, potable water cabinet hoses which need to be replaced yearly, or upon discoloration, and passenger loading bridge hydraulic hoses and fittings, maintained by staff.
Fire Rescue	\$20,000	Fire District Funds	To purchase hose adapters, assault nozzles and shut-off valves in response to increased demand for this commodity throughout its facilities.
Water and Sewer	\$445,000	Proprietary Revenue	To purchase hoses, nozzles, couplings and other related items based on upcoming projects for the remainder of the contract term. The department uses this pool to replace the hydraulic hoses and fittings used to transport certain chemicals at its treatment facilities, and to maintain shop equipment and tools.
Total:	\$497,000		

This pool was approved by the Board on March 2, 2010 for a term of five years with one, five-year Option to Renew. The value of the original term was \$1,057,000. An administrative modification in the amount of \$200,000 was approved

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on May 30, 2013, resulting in the increase of cumulative value to \$1,257,000. The five-year Option to Renew was exercised (the pool is currently in the option to renew term), bringing the cumulative value of the pool to \$2,514,000. Another administrative modification in the amount of \$50,000 was approved on March 17, 2018, increasing the cumulative value to \$2,564,000. However, adjustments to the allocation were made administratively on December 24, 2018, reducing the allocation by \$28,000, as that amount had remained unallocated. The current cumulative value of the pool is now \$2,536,000.* The pool expires on April 30, 2020.

It is unclear why \$28,000 remained unallocated and the allocation was therefore reduced by that amount if there was departmental need for those funds, as evidenced by this item's request for additional expenditure authority.

*The current cumulative value of \$2,536,000 obtained from the County's Bid Tracking System differs from the \$2,537,000 amount listed as the pool's existing cumulative allocation in the Mayoral Memorandum.

There are currently 23 active prequalified vendors, of which nine are local (39%) and four are certified SBEs. While additional vendors may be added throughout the pool's term, the pool having nine local vendors currently does not meet the 75% threshold prescribed by Resolution No. R-477-18.

The commodity codes for this procurement are 65933 (Couplings) 460 (Hose, Accessories, And Supplies: Industrial, Commercial, And Garden), and 46010 (Air Hoses and Fittings). A search for local certified SBEs under the codes on the Business Management Workforce System on February 13, 2019 yielded the following results (19 SBEs):

- A & B Hardware, Inc., dba A & B Hardware-Lumber, Inc.
- A & B Pipe and Supply, Inc/Global Distribution Industries
- AmeTrade, Inc., dba AmePower
- B & R Electronics Supply, Inc.
- BAX International, Corp., dba Bravo Plumbing And Mechanical Supply
- CMS International Group, Corp.
- Corcel Corp.
- Electropower Utility Sales Company
- Generating Systems, Inc.
- J D Distributors Automotive Supplies, Inc.
- Javan Lumber, Inc.
- Lehman Pipe and Plumbing Supply Inc.
- Paramount Electric and Lighting, Inc.
- Pro-Grounds Products, Inc.
- Rock International Distributors, Inc.
- Safety Source International, Inc.
- Stein Paint Company
- The Tool Place Corp.
- Total Connection Inc.

Note that Corcel Corp., Generating Systems, Inc., Lehman Pipe and Plumbing Supply Inc., and The Tool Place Corp. are prequalified vendors under this pool.

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**Item No. 3C
File No. 190166**

Researcher: IL Reviewer: TD

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ESTABLISHMENT OF PREQUALIFICATION POOL RTQ-00983 IN A TOTAL AMOUNT UP TO \$7,500,000.00 FOR THE PURCHASE OF PC PARTS AND PERIPHERALS FOR THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT FOR A FIVE-YEAR TERM; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO SOLICIT PRICING, AWARD CONTRACTS, EXERCISE ALL PROVISIONS OF THE SOLICITATION DOCUMENTS AND ANY RESULTING CONTRACTS PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-8.1 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA AND IMPLEMENTING ORDER 3-38, AND ADD VENDORS TO THE POOL AT ANY TIME, SUBJECT TO RATIFICATION BY THE BOARD ON A BI-ANNUAL BASIS

ISSUE/REQUESTED ACTION

Whether the Board should authorize the establishment of *Prequalification Pool No. RTQ-00983*, in the amount of \$7,500,000 for a five year term, in order to purchase PC PARTS and PERIPHERALS for the Information Technology Department (ITD).

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION/POLICY

Section 2-8.1 of the County Code (Contracts and Purchases Generally) applies to all contracts for public improvements and purchases of all supplies, materials and services other than professional services and (1) requires formal sealed bids for purchases over \$250,000; (2) describes the circumstances under which non-competitive purchases may be approved; (3) establishes requirements for legacy purchases, designated purchases, and single vehicle leases; and (4) provides that procurement procedures shall be established by Implementing Order (I.O.) and approved by the Board.

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<http://intra/gia/matter.asp?matter=121265&file=true&yearFolder=Y2012>

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<http://intra/gia/matter.asp?matter=180822&file=true&yearFolder=Y2018>

Resolution No. R-140-15, adopted by the Board on February 3, 2015, directs the County Mayor to conduct a full review, prior to re-procurement of replacement contracts for goods or services of the scopes of services or goods requested to ensure such contracts reflect the current needs of the County, to include information in recommendations to the board, and to consult with the Small Business Development division regarding solicitation and contract language.

<http://intra/gia/matter.asp?matter=150090&file=true&yearFolder=Y2015>

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Resolution R-33-10, adopted by the Board on January 21, 2010, authorizing the award of competitive contracts, rejection of bids and contract modifications, specifically under item 1.2 “PC Parts, Peripherals and maintenances services for various County departments. The amount being requested is \$4,200,000.00. If the County chooses to exercise the two three-year OTR periods, the cumulative value will be \$12,600.00.

<http://www.miamidade.gov/govaction/matter.asp?matter=093254&file=true&fileAnalysis=false&yearFolder=Y2009>

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<http://www.miamidade.gov/aopdfdoc/aopdf/pdffiles/IO3-38.pdf>

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Prime Sponsor: None

Department/Requester: Internal Services Department

There is no procedural history for this item at this time.

ANALYSIS

The proposed resolution is requesting Board authorization to establish Board should authorize the establishment of *Prequalification Pool No. RTQ-00983*, in the amount of \$7,500,000 for a five year term, in order to purchase PC PARTS and PERIPHERALS for the Information Technology Department (ITD). The qualification criteria for inclusion in the pool is as follows:

Group 1.

1. Vendors shall provide three (3) client references with whom the Vendor has conducted business within the last three (3) years. The references should be able to demonstrate that the Vendor has satisfactorily provided products as outlined in Section 3.1.1.
2. Vendors shall provide contact information for a primary staff member within their company who will be responsible for providing a response to spot market quotes issued by the County, including name of contact, email address, and phone number. These services shall typically be required Monday through Friday within the business hours of 8:00AM to 5:00PM (Eastern Standard Time).

Group 2

1. Vendors shall provide three (3) client references with whom the Vendor has conducted business within the last three (3) years. The reference should be able to demonstrate that the Vendor has satisfactorily provided maintenance, repair, and/or trade-in services for various types of equipment as outlined in Section 3.1.2.
2. Vendors shall provide contact information for a primary staff member within their company who will be responsible for providing a response to spot market quotes issued by the County, including name of contact, email address, and phone number. These services shall typically be required Monday through Friday within the business hours of 8:00AM to 5:00PM (Eastern Standard Time).
3. Vendors shall complete the table in Section 4.5 to demonstrate the types of products for which they are able to provide maintenance, repair, and trade-in services.

The fiscal impact of this replacement prequalification pool is an amount up to \$7,500,000 for a five (5) year term. The current pool 7401-2/19-2 is set to expire on May 31, 2019 and has a cumulative allocation of \$17,095 and was in operation for 6 years. The annual allocation under the current pool is \$2,849.166.00. The annual allocation under the proposed pre-qualification pool is \$1,500,000.00. The mayoral memo attributes the decrease due to less anticipated purchases.

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ISD sent out a request to qualify to which fourteen vendors responded and of which twelve of the fourteen are being recommended for inclusion in the pool. Five of the twelve firms are local, which currently is less than the 75% threshold, required by Resolution No. 477-18. Four of the twelve are certified Small Business Enterprises. Five of the Twelve vendors are incumbents and they are: BLM Technologies of Florida LLC. DBA Evolytec, CDW Government LLC, Network & Communication Services, Inc., PC Solutions & Integration Inc., and Universal Adaptive Consulting Services. There are three hundred and eight (308) vendors registered under the commodity codes included in the solicitation.

OCA performed a search for commodity codes 205: (Computers and Information Processing Systems), 20502: (Cables, Computer, Premade: Printer Terminal), 20543: (Peripheral Devices and Accessories, Computers), and 20549: (Printers and Printer Sub-systems, Computers) on the Business Management Workforce System's Certified Vendor Directory on February 6, 2019. Listed below are the local SBEs identified:

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Barlop, Inc., dba Barlop Business Systems	Miami, FL SBE-G&S
Compu Design USA, Inc.	North Miami Beach, FL SBE-G&S
International Consulting Group Inc., dba ICG	Miami, FL SBE-G&S
iPhone and iPad Warehouse dba Phone and Pad Warehouse	Miami, Gardens, FL SBE-G&S
Network & Communication Services, Inc.	Miami, FL SBE-G&S
Office Express Supplies, Incorporated,	Miami, FL SBE-G&S
PC Solutions & Integration, Inc.	Miami, FL SBE-G&S
Safco Systems, Inc.	Miami, FL SBE-G&S
The Ashvins Group, Incorporated	Miami, FL SBE-G&S
Toner Cartridge Recharge, Inc.	Doral, FL SBE-G&S
Total Connection, Inc.,	Miami, FL SBE-G&S
20502	
Advanced Total Systems, Inc.,	Miami, FL SBE-G&S
Southern Data Systems, Inc. dba Nettogo	Miami, FL SBE-G&S

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Item No. 3D
File No. 190225

Researcher: PGE Reviewer: TD

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A DESIGNATED PURCHASE FOR ADA COMPLIANT VOTING SYSTEM FOR THE MIAMI-DADE ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT, CONTRACT NO. L8488—2/29, TO ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE, LLC. PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-8.1(B)(3) OF THE COUNTY CODE BY A TWO-THIRDS VOTE OF THE BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT FOR AN INITIAL FIVE-YEAR TERM PLUS TWO, THREE-YEAR OPTION TO RENEW TERMS IN A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$21,591,000.00 AND APPROVING TERMS OF AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT AND TO EXERCISE ALL PROVISIONS OF THE CONTRACT PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-8.1 OF THE COUNTY CODE AND IMPLEMENTING ORDER 3-38

ISSUE/REQUESTED ACTION

Whether the Board should authorize a designated purchase pursuant to Section 2-8.1(b)(3) of the County Code by a two-thirds vote of the members present to enable the Elections Department to acquire ADA compliant voting system equipment from Election Systems & Software, LLC under *Contract No. L8488-2/29* for an initial five-year term plus two, three-year option to renew terms in an amount of up to \$21,591,000.

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION/POLICY

Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) sets forth a national mandate for the elimination of discrimination against individuals with disabilities, guaranteeing those with disabilities an equal opportunity to enjoy employment, purchase goods and services and participate in State and local government programs and services. To be protected by the ADA, one must have a disability, which is defined as a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities, a person who has a history or record of such impairment, or a person who is perceived by others as having such an impairment.

<https://www.ada.gov/pubs/adastatute08.htm>

Title II Regulations set forth the U.S. Department of Justice regulations providing nondiscrimination on the basis of disability in State and local government services.

https://www.ada.gov/regs2010/titleII_2010/titleII_2010_regulations.htm

Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA) was passed by the U.S. Congress to make sweeping reforms to the nation's voting process to address improvements to voting systems and voter access identified following the 2000 election. HAVA creates new mandatory minimum standards for states to follow in key areas of election administration. HAVA requires voting systems to be accessible for individuals with disabilities in a manner that provides the same opportunity for access and participation as for other voters.

<https://www.eac.gov/assets/1/6/HAVA41.PDF>

Florida Statutes Section 101.56062 (Standards for Accessible Voting Systems) requires each voting system certified by the Department of State for use in local, state and federal elections to include the capability to install accessible voter interface devices in the system configuration.

http://www.leg.state.fl.us/Statutes/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Statute&Search_String=&URL=0100-0199/0101/Sections/0101.56062.html

Florida Statutes Section 101.56075 requires that all voting shall be by marksense ballot utilizing a marking device for the purpose of designating ballot selections. Persons with disabilities may vote on a voter interface device that meets the voting system accessibility requirements for individuals with disabilities pursuant to State and federal law.

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By 2020, persons with disabilities shall vote on a voter interface device that meets the voter accessibility requirements for individuals with disabilities under HAVA and State law.

http://www.leg.state.fl.us/Statutes/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Statute&Search_String=&URL=0100-0199/0101/Sections/0101.56075.html

Florida Statutes Section 101.5607 (Department of State to maintain voting system information; prepare software) requires copies of the program codes and the user and operator manuals and copies of all software and any other information, specifications or documentation required by the Department of State relating to an approved electronic or electromechanical voting system and its equipment to be filed with the Department of State by the supervisor of elections at the time of purchase or implementation. Any such information or materials that are not on file with and approved by the Department of State, including any updated or modified materials, may not be used in an election.

http://www.leg.state.fl.us/Statutes/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Statute&Search_String=&URL=0100-0199/0101/Sections/0101.5607.html

Section 5.03(D) of the Home Rule Charter states that contracts for public improvements and purchases of supplies, materials, and services other than professional shall be made whenever practicable on the basis of specifications and competitive bids. The Board, upon written recommendation of the Mayor, may by resolution adopted by two-thirds vote of the members present waive competitive bidding when it finds this to be in the best interest of the county.

<http://www.miamidade.gov/charter/library/charter.pdf>

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Section 2-8.1(b)(3) of the County Code (Designated Purchase) sets forth the requirements for a purchase of goods or services where formal sealed bids would not be practicable. Such purchases include: (i) sole source purchases, (ii) services where no competition exists such as public utility services, (iii) where purchases or rates are fixed by law or ordinance, (iv) unique professional or artistic services not governed by the Consultants' Competitive Negotiations Act, section 287.055, Florida Statutes, (v) purchases of goods and services necessary to address an emergency, or where additional formal competition would not be practicable, and (vi) solicitations where only a single proposer has responded to a competitive solicitation but such response contains material defects and the County still desires to enter into a contract with such proposer.

Any recommendation by the Mayor for the award of a Designated Purchase shall at a minimum: (i) provide a written explanation of why the purchase through formal sealed bids would not be practicable under the circumstances and is in the best interest of the County, (ii) provide a written explanation of the process followed resulting in the recommendation for a Designated Purchase, and (iii) provide a written description of any informal competition conducted and any and all efforts to obtain a valuation of the recommended purchase. The Board of County Commissioners shall adopt any resolution authorizing a Designated Purchase by a two-thirds vote of the members present. A recommendation for award of a Designated Purchase shall not be subject to the protest procedures set forth in Section 2-8.4 of the Code.

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<http://intra/gia/matter.asp?matter=180822&file=true&yearFolder=Y2018>

Resolution No. R-1011-15, adopted by the Board on November 3, 2015, directed the County Mayor to require that vendors provide addresses of all local branch offices and headquarters and the number and percentage of local residents such vendors employ in memoranda to the Board pertaining to vendors being recommended for contract award.

<http://intra/gia/matter.asp?matter=152271&file=true&yearFolder=Y2015>

Resolution No. R-1232-07, adopted by the Board on November 6, 2007, authorized award of *Contract No. BW8488-5/17* to Election Systems & Software, Inc. to obtain voting equipment, licensing rights, technical and maintenance support for the Elections Department in an amount of up to \$16,232,020 for the initial five-year term. The contract included five, one-year options to renew.

<http://intra/gia/matter.asp?matter=073170&file=true&yearFolder=Y2007>

Resolution No. R-1170-17, adopted by the Board on December 5, 2017, authorized a designated purchase to award additional time of up to two years for *Contract No. BW8488-5/17-5* for the purchase of maintenance and support services for the County's voting systems in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 for the Elections Department.

<http://intra/gia/matter.asp?matter=172341&file=true&yearFolder=Y2017>

Implementing Order No. 3-38 sets forth the County's processes and procedures for the purchase of goods and services. The I.O. outlines: the roles and responsibilities of the Internal Services Department; the methods of purchasing goods and services; the authority to award and modify contracts; and the requirements for access contracts, emergency purchases, bid waivers, confirmation purchases and sole sources.

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PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Prime Sponsor: N/A

Department/Requester: Internal Services

The item has no procedural history.

ANALYSIS

This item is requesting Board approval of a designated purchase pursuant to Section 2-8.1(b)(3) of the County Code by a two-thirds vote of the members present to enable the Elections Department to acquire ADA compliant voting system

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equipment from Election Systems & Software, LLC under *Contract No. L8488-2/29* for an initial five-year term plus two, three-year option to renew terms in an amount of up to \$21,591,000. In accord with Florida law, voting systems providers shall be certified by the Florida Department of State, Division of Elections. The website of the Florida Department of State Division of Elections lists two certified voting system vendors – Dominion Voting Systems, Inc. and Election Systems and Software, LLC. The voting equipment currently used by the County (Unity for the general public and iVotronic for the disabled) was purchased from Election Systems and Software, LLC.

Pursuant to Resolution No. R-1232-07, adopted on November 6, 2007, the Board authorized award of *Contract No. BW8488-5/17* to Election Systems & Software, Inc. to obtain voting equipment, licensing rights, technical and maintenance support for the Elections Department in an amount of up to \$16,232,020 for the initial five-year term. The contract included five, one-year options to renew. Pursuant to Resolution No. R-1170-17, adopted on December 5, 2017, the Board authorized a designated purchase to award additional time of up to two years to *Contract No. BW8488-5/17-5* for the purchase of maintenance and support services for the County's voting systems in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 for the Elections Department. The cumulative value of *Contract No. BW8488-5/17* is \$26,502,020 for a cumulative term of 12 years, expiring on January 13, 2020.

In 2007, the Florida Legislature mandated that all counties in the State transition to a paper-based marksense voting system. To comply, the County bought and has since used Election Systems & Software, Inc.'s optical scanners as its primary voting system. The system enables voters to mark their selections on a paper ballot, providing a paper trail. Additionally, per State of Florida requirements to ensure disabled citizens are afforded an equal opportunity to participate in elections, the County purchased iVotronic from Election Systems & Software, Inc. iVotronic is a touchscreen interface that records votes on an internal flash memory card; however, the system does not provide a paper trail.

In order to comply with the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA), the State of Florida is requiring that all voting in the State shall be by marksense ballot by 2020. That means the iVotronic equipment must be retired and replaced with an ADA accessible voting unit that provides a paper trail for voters with a disability. Through the proposed designated purchase, the County shall purchase ExpressVote Universal System equipment from Election Systems & Software, Inc. as the replacement unit for the iVotronic System. Such purchase will enable the County to comply with Florida law by 2020.

If the Elections Department selected Dominion Voting Systems, Inc. to purchase the needed replacement ADA compliant voting system equipment, it would require the County to completely replace the existing optical scanners, tabulation software and infrastructure, costing more than \$10,000,000. Through this designated purchase, the County can continue to use the existing optical scanners, avoiding additional hardware costs. An upgrade to the software will be required to integrate the new ADA units. Also, unlike the current vendor, Dominion Voting Systems, Inc. does not have a state-certified high-speed scanner to meet the County's Vote by Mail volume.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

See the Florida Department of State Division of Elections website for information relating to accessible voting for persons with disabilities.

<https://dos.myflorida.com/elections/for-voters/voting/accessible-voting-for-persons-with-disabilities/>

See the link below to the certified accessible voting systems for use by persons with disabilities. The systems meet at least 12 major categories of accessibility standards.

<https://dos.myflorida.com/media/695246/voting-systems-in-use-by-county.pdf>

