



Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

Meeting Date: July 15, 2014

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Elected/Appointed Official/Dept. Head: Cyd Grimes

Commissioners Court Sponsor: Judge Biscoe

Agenda Language:

APPROVE ORDER EXEMPTING THE PURCHASE OF NOBLE ASSESSMENT PLATFORM FROM NOBLE SOFTWARE GROUP LLC FROM THE COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT PROCESS PURSUANT TO SECTION 262.024 (a) (7) (A) OF THE COUNTY PURCHASING ACT.

Purchasing Recommendation and Comments: Purchasing concurs with department and recommends approval of requested action. This procurement action meets the compliance requirements as outlined by the statutes.

The Travis County Office of the Juvenile Probation Department recommends the purchase of Noble Assessment Platform for the Juvenile Probation Department and has requested this exemption because of copyright and patents. The assessment tool is being used for evaluating youth, making service recommendation, and managing associated case plans. Noble software has many proprietary innovations include the risk and needs assessment instrument, a mental health screener, and the Ohio Youth Assessment System. In addition, This company's product is compatible and is integration ready to the current juvenile probation case management systems (Caseworker and JCMS) and is currently being utilized in 35 other county probation departments in Texas and the state Texas Juvenile Justice Department (TJJD).

AGENDA REQUEST DEADLINE: All agenda requests and supporting materials must be submitted as a pdf to the County Judge's office, Agenda@co.travis.tx.us by Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m. for the next week's meeting.

➤ **Contract-Related Information:**

Award Amount: \$234,561.00

Contract Type: Exemption

Contract Period: Beginning July 22, 2014

➤ **Special Contract Considerations:**

Award has been protested; interested parties have been notified.

Award is not to the lowest bidder; interested parties have been notified.

Comments:

➤ **Funding Information:**

Purchase Requisition: Shopping Cart 1000067742

Funding Account(s):

Comments:

**ORDER EXEMPTING
PURCHASE OF THE NOBLE ASSESSMENT PLATFORM FROM NOBLE
SOFTWARE GROUP LLC FROM REQUIREMENTS OF THE COUNTY
PURCHASING ACT**

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court of Travis County, Texas has received a Sole Source Justification from Travis County Juvenile Probation Department and an Affidavit of Single Source sworn and submitted by the Purchasing Agent in accordance with TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE, 262.024 (a) (7) (A) and

WHEREAS, based on the evidence presented, the Commissioners Court of Travis County, Texas finds that there is only one source available for the purchase of the Noble Assessment Platform for Travis County.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Commissioners Court of Travis County, Texas hereby orders that the purchase of the Noble Assessment Platform from Noble Software Group, LLC is exempt from the requirements of the County Purchasing Act because it is a contract for the purchase of items that can be obtained from only one source.

Signed and entered this ____ day of _____, 2014.

Samuel T. Biscoe, County Judge
Travis County, Texas

Ron Davis
Commissioner, Precinct 1

Bruce Todd
Commissioner, Precinct 2

Gerald Daugherty
Commissioner, Precinct 3

Margaret Gomez
Commissioner, Precinct 4



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ESTELA P. MEDINA
Chief Juvenile Probation Officer

MEMORANDUM

TO: Cyd Grimes, CPM
Purchasing Agent

FROM: *Estela P. Medina*
Estela P. Medina
Chief Juvenile Probation Officer

DATE: January 28, 2014

RE: Noble Software Group, LLC
Sole Source Request

The Travis County Juvenile Probation Department is respectfully requesting for your review and approval, that Noble Software Group, LLC be used as the sole source to provide technology services for implementing a comprehensive evidence-based risk and needs assessment tool. The assessment tool is to be used for evaluating youth, making service recommendations, and managing associated case plans. Noble Software has many proprietary innovations that are not found in other single competitive product. Noble Software proprietary innovations include the risk and needs assessment instrument, a mental health screener, and the Ohio Youth Assessment System. It provides for "customizable" case plans for various stages within the continuum of care, and the flexibility to incorporate other tools and reports. This company's product is compatible and is integration ready to the current juvenile probation case management systems (Caseworker and JCMS) and is currently being utilized in 35 other county probation departments in Texas and the state Texas Juvenile Justice Department (TJJD).

It is our belief that because the Texas Juvenile Justice Department also uses this provider, that the same may be beneficial with ensuring that our department is utilizing tools that meet State reporting and case management requirements. More importantly with the recent legislation which allows Travis County to maintain youth locally in lieu of a state commitment, the acquisition of this application affords Travis County the opportunity to use the same tool and track the same type of data that is being collected at the State level resulting in comparable program evaluation for efficacy.

We are available to address any questions you may have regarding this request to sole source this project. Thank you in advance for your consideration and review.

Lisa Eichelberger lisa.eichelberger@co.travis.tx.us
Business Analyst (TCJPD)

July 22, 2014

TO: Commissioners Court
Travis County, Texas

SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE FROM NOBLE SOFTWARE GROUP, LLC FOR THE
NOBLE ASSESSMENT PLATFORM

I certify that the purchase of the Noble Assessment Platform from Noble Software Group, LLC for Travis County Office of the Juvenile Probation Department constitutes a sole source exemption pursuant to V.T.C.A. Local Government Code 262.024 (a) (7) (A) for which competition is precluded, because of copyrights and patents proprietary to Noble Software Group, LLC.

This statement is submitted pursuant to V.T.C.A. Local Government Code 262.024 and is to be entered into the Commissioners Court minutes.

Cyd V. Grimes, C.P.M., CPPO
Travis County Purchasing Agent

APPROVED () DISAPPROVED ()

BY COMMISSIONERS COURT ON

(DATE)

(COUNTY JUDGE)