

MANATEE COUNTY GOVERNMENT INTENT TO NEGOTIATE

SUBJECT	Voting Tabulation System Hardware, Software, Installation and Training	DATE POSTED	MC 6/11/15 DS 3/8 CC _____
PURCHASING REPRESENTATIVE	Frank Lambertson, Ext. 3042	DATE CONTRACT SHALL BE AWARDED	June 18, 2015
DEPARTMENT	Supervisor of Elections	CONSEQUENCES IF DEFERRED	None
SOLICITATION	RFP #15-1845MD	AUTHORIZED BY DATE	Melissa Wendel, CPPO June 11, 2015

NOTICE OF INTENT TO NEGOTIATE

Notice of Intent to Negotiate with Election Systems & Software, LLC, Omaha, Nebraska to furnish a Voting Tabulation System which includes hardware, software, installation and training services.

ENABLING/REGULATING AUTHORITY

Federal/State law(s), administrative ruling(s), Manatee County Comp Plan/Land Development Code, ordinances, resolutions, policy.

Manatee County Code of Laws

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

PROJECT BACKGROUND:

The County, acting at the request of the Supervisor of Elections, solicited proposals to furnish and install a voting tabulation system complete with all hardware, software, training, and support services as certified by the State of Florida Division Elections in accordance with Florida State Statute §101.015.

SOLICITATIONS:

The RFP was solicited directly to the two (2) State of Florida pre-qualified vendors and posted on the Manatee County website. The following two (2) proposals were received:

- 1) Dominion Voting Systems Denver, CO
- 2) Election Systems & Software, LLC Omaha, NE

EVALUATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Scott Farrington, Assistant Supervisor, Manatee County Supervisor of Elections Office
 Suzie McGuire, Business Services Manager, Information Technology Department
 Frank Lambertson, Contracts Negotiator, Financial Management Department

ATTACHMENTS (List in order of attached)	None	FUNDING SOURCE (Acct Number & Name)	001-0000801-56400 Machinery & Equipment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Funds Verified <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Funds
COST	\$1 Million	AMT/FREQ OF RECURRING COSTS (Attach Fiscal Impact Statement)	\$88,000 (estimate)

EVALUATION RESULTS SUMMARY:

The Evaluation Committee convened on June 5, 2015 to review evaluation committee responsibilities, Florida sunshine laws applicable to public meetings, and to discuss the offers based on the stated requirements in the RFP, continuing the acquisition process and determining a recommendation to the County Administrator.

Both firms have proposed a system that has been certified by the State of Florida and costs were similar in comparison.

Election Systems & Software, LLC: Election Systems & Software, LLC ("ES&S") demonstrated exceptional qualifications via their proposal and has provided tabulation systems to many of the larger-sized counties in the State of Florida that includes Pinellas, Orange, Miami-Dade, Duval, and Broward Counties.

ES&S proposed system includes, the DS200 Precinct Scanner Precinct-based Digital Scanner, DS850 Central Scanner, AutoMark Visual Assistance Terminal and the ElectionWare Election Management Software which provides a solution allowing the Supervisor of Elections to manage all aspects of an election. The equipment has a smaller foot print which would make it easier for poll workers to learn how the system operates and be able to assist voters as needed during any Election Day.

The Evaluation Committee preferred the duration of work proposed by ES&S, including their implementation and training schedules which was clearly defined in their Scope of Service. Additionally the proposed system is faster in the processing of the ballots as tabulation is performed.

Election Systems & Software, LLC was ranked first by the Evaluation Committee based on the total system.

Dominion Voting Systems: Dominion Voting Systems submitted a quality proposal detailing their qualifications and experience as they have provided voting tabulation systems which are fully integrated solutions to their customers.

The Evaluation Committee spoke favorably of the Tabulator Audit Trail and the Electronic Safeguards and Security applications that was included as part of the system. Also considered how the firm clearly identified what staff the Supervisor of Elections would have to provide for a successful implementation and use of the voting tabulation system.

However the committee was concerned about (i) the number of moving parts in the prescient equipment creating a maintenance concern, (ii) the proposed team of key personnel seemed to be the same individual with changing roles during installation, implementation and training efforts and (iii) Dominion's project plan for implementation did not seem to reflect the same effort of man hours that were included in the cost section of their proposal.

As a result, Dominion was ranked second by the Committee.

Estimated Cost of Service: \$1 Million

Funding: Supervisor of Elections/001 0000801 564000 – Machinery & Equipment

The above justifications are a generalized summary of major observations intended only to provide the County Administrator a sufficiently detailed overview of the main observations of a majority of Committee Members. Each Committee Member may have considered one or more facts or factors more or less important than the other Committee Members when voting, and this summary of the Evaluation Committee's decision is not an attempt to exhaustively describe each of the relevant factors which motivated each of the Committee Members to select the rankings described.

The Evaluation Committee voted 3-0 to proceed with Election Systems & Software, LLC.

The resulting agreements will be managed by Scott Farrington, Assistant Supervisor, Manatee County Supervisor of Elections Office.