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MEMORANDUM

“SOLE SOURCE DECLARATION”

TO: Hidalgo County Commissioner’s Court

FROM: Martha L. Salazar, CPPB
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DATE: April 19, 2016

RE: “Sole Source Declaration” – COPsync, Inc.

Hidalgo County Sheriff’s Office requires the purchase of software for the purpose of real-time, in-car law enforcement information sharing network with data interoperability.

COPsync is the sole source developer and owner of software that allows real-time information sharing among all users at the point of incident. COPsync holds all copyrights for the technology, as well as the patent (patent no. 9,047,768) and pending patents and patent applications covering certain elements of the COPsync Network and COPsync911 Service.

All users on the system have instant communication through instant message as well as map based messaging sent directly to specific vehicles appearing on the AVL map. The messaging is multi-jurisdictional and encrypted so it can only be accessed by users. The software provides GPS/AVL (Global Positioning/Auto Vehicle Locator) which distributes the location, direction, speed and current activity of every user on the system. If a user enters the name, address, vehicle license plate, or associate of someone with an officer safety BOLO, the five (configurable) nearest officers are automatically notified regardless of the agency. All activity conducted on individuals, their associates, vehicles and location is immediately available to all users.

Data collection and entry is standardized. Information captured from a driver’s license scan, or already resident in the system, is populated across all forms automatically eliminating redundant data entry. Vehicle crash reporting and diagram builder electronically generates state forms and crash reports as well as the diagram. Electronic reporting includes DUI Module. Reports can be completed electronically in the field. Forms, including Booking Sheets, Complaint Forms, Towed Vehicle Inventories, and many others can be generated from the same centralized screen.

The COPsync system can be used effectively without making changes to the current record, jail, or court management technology infrastructure. The system can also be interfaced with any record, jail, court, or computer-aided dispatch system, assuming cooperation from the relevant vendor.

COPsync allows access to the National, State and Local criminal database. Criminal and vehicle history can be queried from the patrol unit.

Although comparable software exists, COPsync is the only software that is compatible with Spillman Technologies.

Therefore, Hidalgo County Sheriff’s Office requires the purchase of COPsync Network including COPsync911 to include if necessary; all other related Hidalgo County Law Enforcement Agencies (from all funding sources).

This Sole Source Declaration is to remain in effect unless otherwise revoked by Hidalgo County Commissioners Court.