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MEMORANDUM SOLE SOURCE DECLARATION

TO: Hidalgo County Commissioner's Court

FROM: Eduardo Belmarez, MBA, CPM 

DATE: August 29, 2022

RE: Sole Source Declaration Cardinal Tracking, Inc.

Since 2010 Hidalgo County Commissioner's Court approved the purchase of law enforcement hardware & software equipment for Hidalgo County's HIDTA Task Force from Cardinal Tracking Inc.

Cardinal Tracking is the developer, manufacturer of the BADGE RMS and as such, Cardinal Tracking is the only provider of support and maintenance services.

The system database currently links Hidalgo County District Attorney and HIDTA Task Force personnel to all active criminal investigations and crucial evidence of the agencies. Maintains and secures files to active federal investigations to include public corruption investigations, to include undercover agents, sources of information and allows only specific assigned individuals to make changes to reports, files, photo, or evidence entries.

Cardinal Tracking allows agents to get in real time query checks to locate prior criminal investigations linked to a suspect by name, alias, address, vehicle, weapons, date, or other associated word. In addition, to its capabilities to obtain information throughout the state in a form of a database.

262.024 Discretionary Exemptions. (a) A contract for the purchase of any of the following items is exempt from the requirement established by Section 262.023 if the commissioners court by order grants the exemption:

(7) an item that can be obtain from only one source, including:

(A) items for which competition is precluded because of the existence to patents, copyrights, secret processes, or monopolies;



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This declaration (with authority to renew) should remain in effect through the life term of the equipment, software, hardware and licenses.