



MEMORANDUM SOLE SOURCE DECLARATION

TO: Hidalgo County Commissioner's Court

FROM: Ignacio Amezcua MBA, CTCM, CTCD *IA*

DATE: September 05, 2023

RE: Sole Source Declaration for GovOS, Inc. "GovOS Minutes Application"

The Hidalgo County Clerk's Office seeks to procure the purchase of a Minutes Application-Add-on to Cloud Search from GovOS, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("GovOS").

GovOS is the sole owner, publisher, distributor, servicer, and maintenance provider for the Cloud Search. The Cloud Search Minutes are a feature that integrates with GovOS Cloud Search. GovOs proposes its proprietary products and services as a sole source offering as they believe no other product offers the same unique combination of features available.

In addition to the foregoing, vendors are unable to natively load data into the Cloud Search database due to proprietary restrictions and the security access required to perform such activities. GovOS restricts such access in order to satisfy its customer's security requirements surrounding sensitive Personally Identifiable Information. Although there is no patent the IP is copyrighted and there are various associated trade secrets.

In accordance with the Texas Local Government Code Chapter 262.024 (a)(7)(A), (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)Any item that can be obtained from only one source, including: (A) Items for which competition is precluded because of the existence of patents, copyrights, secret processes, or monopolies;

Therefore, for the reason stated herein, we humbly request that the Hidalgo County Commissioners' Court declare a Sole Source Vendor, for the purpose of procuring the purchase with GovOS Inc., a Delaware Corporation ("GovOs") This Sole Source declaration will remain in effect through the life term of the, unless otherwise revoked by the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court.