




## MEMORANDUM SOLE SOURCE DECLARATION

TO: Hidalgo County Commissioner's Court

FROM: Ignacio Amezcua MBA, CTCM, CTCD 

DATE: 12/6/2024

RE: Sole Source Declaration for Hart Intercivic, Inc. – Verity Voting Machine System Hardware, Software, Warranties, License support and Maintenance.

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In 2017 Hidalgo County acquired and purchased the Hart Intercivic, Inc. Verity Touch Voting Machine System. Hart Intercivic, Inc. is the sole developer and seller of the Verity Voting Machine System along with all the accompanying hardware, software licenses support, maintenance renewals and annual warranties. In addition, The Texas 87<sup>th</sup> Legislature's passed SB 598 wherein, Section 129.003 of the Texas Election Code that requires voting systems must "use, create, or display a paper record that may be read by the voter". Therefore, the current Hidalgo County Hart Verity Touch Electronic System, requires retrofitting to the Hart Verity Duo to comply with the law and any update by Hart Intercivic, Inc.

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 Hart Intercivic, Inc. This sole source declaration will remain in effect through the life term of the contract, unless otherwise revoked by the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court.