



MEMORANDUM SOLE SOURCE DECLARATION

TO: Hidalgo County Commissioner's Court

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

DATE: 12/4/2024

RE: Sole Source Declaration for Berla Corporation "iVe Toolkit, associated service, maintenance, support, training"

The Hidalgo County is seeking to procure the purchase of iVe Toolkit and associated service/maintenance/support plans and training from Berla Co. The iVe Toolkit provides investigators the ability to identify, acquire, and analyze vehicle data during the forensics process. By utilizing Berla's equipment and software, critical information can be collected to answer questions that will change the course of an investigation.

Furthermore, Berla Co. provides the following attributes to identify as a sole source:

- Berla is the creator and sole provider of the iVe Toolkit and associated service/maintenance/support plans and trainings.
- Berla and Micro Systemation are the only vendors authorized to sell in the United States.

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