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Williamson County Commissioners Court

Re: Sole Source recommendation for Pen-Link PLX and Pen Point

Dear County Judge and Commissioners,

Recently our Williamson County Sheriff's Office made a request for qualifying **Pen-Link PLX and Pen Point programs as a sole source supplier for use in the Criminal Investigations Division (CID)**. The program is an all-inclusive analysis tool to combine data from all types of communication devices to collect email and other Internet communication data, analyze and export large volumes of social media. The program includes charting tools to identify data links, frequencies, timelines, and call associations using an array of charting tools. Pen-Link is a sole sourced program being used by many federal law enforcement agencies to analyze large volumes of data to link criminal organizations together and analyze the data to help detectives secure successful prosecution of cases.

After reviewing all documentation requested and provided to me, **I recommend qualifying this request as a sole source purchase, per Texas Local Government Code sections 262.003(a) and 262.024.(a)(7).**

The process has included the following:

- A signed Sole Source Justification Request
- A letter of justification from the supplier, establishing why their product/service is only available from their company
- A notarized Sole Source Affidavit completed by the supplier
- A signed letter of recommendation from Robert Chody, Williamson County Sheriff
- Review and analysis of potential suppliers of same/similar product by both Purchasing staff and Sheriff's Office staff
- Posting on Negometrix website for a period of fourteen (14) days to invite potential competition, with no responses received from alternate vendors

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at any time.

Sincerely,

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