



COMMISSIONERS COURT
COMMUNICATION

REFERENCE NUMBER _____

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DATE: 09/17/2024

SUBJECT: **CLEARWATER PACKAGING, INC. D/B/A CPI/GUARDIAN -
GUARDIAN PROPERTY AND EVIDENCE PACKAGING SYSTEM -
SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

***** CONSENT AGENDA *****

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve Clearwater Packaging, Inc. d/b/a CPI/Guardian as sole source for the Guardian Property and Evidence Packaging System, for the Sheriff's Office.

BACKGROUND

Clearwater Packaging, Inc. d/b/a CPI/Guardian provided the Purchasing Agent documentation to substantiate the fact that they are the sole provider, patent holder, and sole supplier of materials and parts for this system, which provides tamper evident, odor free, space saving storage for inmate personal property.

Clearwater Packaging, Inc. d/b/a CPI/Guardian is the sole source provider of the Property Room Expander (PRE5) system for storage of inmate clothing currently being used in Tarrant County's correctional facility. This system uses a vacuum bag to store inmate clothing in a compact, odor free, hygienic manner, and provides a signature block for tamper evidence. This sole source designation is for the bags used with this system.

Under the County Purchasing Act exemptions to the competitive bidding requirements are allowed for certain types of purchases. The statutes require that the Purchasing Agent advise the Commissioners Court of the existence of only one (1) source, with such notice to be entered into the minutes of the Court. Accordingly, the above item has been determined to be sole source under the County Purchasing Act 262.024(a)(7) as follows:

- “(7) an item can be obtained from only one (1) source, including:
(A) items for which competition is precluded because of the
existence of patents, copyrights, secret processes, or monopolies;”

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no immediate fiscal impact associated with this item.

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