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DATE: <u>10/25/2022</u>

SUBJECT: VOTEC CORPORATION - VEMACS VOTER REGISTRATION AND ELECTION MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE SYSTEM AND MAINTENANCE - ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATION

*** CONSENT AGENDA ***

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve VOTEC Corporation as sole source for VEMACS voter registration and election management software system and maintenance, for Elections Administration.

BACKGROUND

VOTEC Corporation provided the Purchasing Agent documentation that they are the sole owner and only vendor that can provide VEMACS voter registration and election management software, upgrades, updates, and maintenance. VOTEC Corporation is the sole source for the add-on BallotBoard software and processing National Change of Address (NCOA) data into the VEMACS database in bulk.

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

Expenses for last year were approximately \$218,503.46. There is no immediate fiscal impact associated with this item. The County's future cost will be determined by services provided on an asneeded basis.

SUBMITTED BY:	Purchas