



# COMMISSIONERS COURT COMMUNICATION

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**SUBJECT: NOBLE SOFTWARE GROUP, LLC - NOBLE ASSESSMENT  
PLATFORM - CRIMINAL COURTS ADMINISTRATION**

**\*\*\* CONSENT AGENDA \*\*\***

**COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED**

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve renewal of Noble Software Group, LLC as sole source for the purchase of Noble Assessment Platform.

**BACKGROUND**

On October 11, 2022, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #139407, approved Noble Software Group, LLC as the sole source for Noble Assessment Platform.

Noble Software Group, LLC provided the Purchasing Agent documentation to substantiate that their sole source status has not changed and they continue to be the sole source for Noble Assessment Platform.

This software is an automated assessment platform that is integrated with the criminal court case management system (TechShare.Court). This allows for access to data such as a defendant's criminal history, risk factors, and potential for violence, all of which is needed to calculate the Public Safety Assessment (PSA). Once the data is integrated, the platform uses an algorithm to calculate the PSA. The PSA is a risk assessment tool that is used to predict the likelihood of a defendant re-offending or committing a violent act. Judges and Magistrates use the information provided in the PSA as one of the many pieces of information to make bail decisions.

This software also provides a criminal court judge-approved release matrix recommendation. The release matrix is a tool that helps to make decisions about pretrial release. The matrix considers the PSA score, as well as other factors such as the severity of the crime, the defendant's ties to the community, and the availability of supervision.

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.

SUBMITTED BY:	Purchasing	PREPARED BY: APPROVED BY:	Brad Richards Chris Lax, CPSM, CPSD, CPCP
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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 \$56,213.85. Funding in the amount of \$57,900.00 is available in account 578025/10000-2024/4125500000.