



DATE: 6/29/2026
TO: Robert Gleason, Director, Purchasing Division
THRU: Mary Hall, Chief Deputy SO
FROM: Joe Scott, Broward County
PROJECT TITLE: ES&S Voting Equipment
REQUISITION NO.
SOURCE/BRAND NAME: ES&S

SOLE SOURCE/SOLE BRAND/ONLY ONE REASONABLE SOURCE REQUEST

☒ SOLE SOURCE ☐ SOLE BRAND ☐ ONLY ONE REASONABLE SOURCE

I. REQUEST: Provide a description of the features of the product/service or Scope of Work.

New ballot scanner and tabulation hardware and software system. See attached quote.

II. JUSTIFICATION: Please check all boxes that describe your reason(s) for determining that only one source or brand is reasonably available.

Sole Source/Uniqueness

- ☒ Proprietary Item - this vendor/source has the only rights to provide this service or commodity. A letter from the manufacturer or authorizing entity is included in this request.
- ☒ Technology Improvements - updates or upgrades to an existing system, software, software as a service (SaaS), hardware purchases.
- ☐ Engineering Direction - engineering drawing or specification identifies product; "no substitutes or equivalents will be acceptable."
- ☒ Only qualified supplier - reliability and maintainability of the product or service would be degraded unless specified supplier is used; may void warranty. This request includes a copy of the current warranty information.

- ☒ Other/or Additional information - the County requires this sole source purchase for the following reasons.

See attached memo

Business Case (Only One Reasonable-Source¹ or Only One Reasonable Brand)

- ☐ Operational Compatibility - replacement parts from alternate suppliers are not interchangeable with original part and causes equipment incompatibility. Previous findings and/or documentation is included with this request.
- ☐ Ease of Maintenance - maintenance or retooling prohibits competition. Section III, Comparative Market Research includes estimated costs associated with changing current source and/or brand.
- ☐ Follow-On - potential for continued development or enhancement with same supplier and eliminates costs incurred by using different supplier. Section III, Comparative Market Research includes estimated costs for replacing current or existing system.
- ☐ Complies with existing community and safety standards, and/or laws, rules, and regulations.
- ☐ Other/or additional information - using this only one reasonable source, only one reasonable brand purchase benefits the County for the following reasons:

N/A

III. COMPARATIVE MARKET RESEARCH: Provide a detailed source or market analysis for justification of sole source/brand or most reasonable source (attach extra sheets as needed).

Estimated project value: \$13,000,000.00 Contract length (if applicable): _____

Has this commodity or service been previously provided to the County? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, provide the following and attach any supporting documentation (e.g., previous approved memoranda):

Vendor name and date ES&S Method of Procurement Sole Source

What is the current contract (Procurement Catalog) or purchase order number? _____

Expenditures to date: _____

Will this procurement utilize any local/state/federal grant funding? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, attach any supporting documentation (e.g., grant agreement).

If this is a sole brand, is there an "authorized" dealers/resellers list? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, provide the manufacturer's "authorized" dealers/resellers list.

¹ Commonly known as Most Reasonable Source

Cost/Benefit Analysis: What would the cost be to utilize an alternate vendor or source? This explanation should include the savings and/or additional costs to the County by not using the preferred vendor or source. Attach additional sheets if needed.

There is only one certified vendor that can provide the needed voting system to the County.

CERTIFICATION: I have thoroughly researched the sole source, sole brand, only one reasonable source, or only one reasonable brand justification and fully understand the implications of Section 838.22 of the Florida Statutes:

(2) "It is unlawful for a public servant or a public contractor who has contracted with a governmental entity to assist in a competitive procurement to knowingly and intentionally obtain a benefit for any person or to cause unlawful harm to another by circumventing a competitive solicitation process required by law or rule through the use of a sole-source contract for commodities or services".

(5) "Any person who violates this section commits a felony of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084".

Mary Hall as Chief Deputy Supervisor of Elections

Mary Hall

06/30/2026

REQUESTOR/EVALUATOR (PRINT)

REQUESTOR/EVALUATOR (SIGN)

DATE

Joe Scott

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DESIGNEE (PRINT)

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(SIGN)

DATE

PURCHASING DIVISION USE ONLY

The Purchasing Agent has reviewed the request and has completed the required due diligence per the Procurement Code Section(s) 21.25 and 21.26. The Purchasing Agent recommends the following:

☒ Sole Source ☐ Sole Brand ☐ Only One Reasonable Source/Brand² ☐ Reject
☐ Authorization to Negotiate ☐ Standardization ☒ Board Award

Attachments

☒ Request for Information ☐ Previous Approved Documentation
☐ Vendor Letter

² As per Florida Statute 287.057(3)(c), FLL projects valued ≥\$325,000 require 15 business day posting of intended sole source designation

Additional Information (e.g., Number, opening date, # of responses, Agency reviewed yes/no):

The Purchasing Agent recommends approval of the Sole Source Designation of Election Systems & Software (ES&S) for voting equipment and related services.

Request for Information (RFI) No. TCH2132781F1 (Attachment 1) was posted on July 23, 2026 to determine if the specified commodity or service is available from multiple providers, or if an alternate commodity or service is available. The RFI was advertised to the public and closed on July 30, 2026 with no vendor responses received. Based on these results, ES&S was identified as the sole source to meet the County's requirement.

Upon approval of the sole source designation, the County will negotiate an Amended Master Agreement, forward it to the County Administrator for execution and will then prepare an agenda item for the Board to ratify the Amended and Restated Master Agreement.

Purchasing Agent Signature:

Reviewer Title:

Purchasing Manager

Tiffany Wright

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Reviewer Signature:



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APPROVAL AUTHORITY



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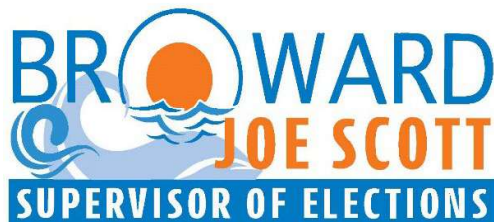
REASON/SUGGESTED ACTION (IF DISAPPROVED):

I concur with the Purchasing Agent's recommendations and the Using Agency's business determination, as it has been presented to the Board of County Commissioners. REG

Title: Director of Purchasing

Signature: Robert Gleason

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Joe Scott, Supervisor of Elections
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Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309
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June 15, 2026

BY ELECTRONIC MAIL

Mayor Mark D. Bogen & Board of County Commissioners
Broward County Government Center
115 South Andrews Avenue
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

Re: Re-designation of ES&S as Sole Source Available for the Purchase of State Certified Voting Equipment

Dear Mayor Bogen and the Board of County Commissioners:

I am recommending that the County (1) re-designates Election Systems & Software, Inc. (ES&S) as the sole source available for the County's voting equipment and software, (2) procure new voting equipment and hardware to replace the County's current aging voting system pursuant to the enclosed quotes from ES&S for approximately \$13,000,000 including 1500 DS300 Polling Place Scanners and Tabulators, 722 ExpressVote Universal Voting System Devices, 12 DS950 High Speed Scanners and Tabulators, and all related accessories, components, equipment, and software necessary for their operation and maintenance; and (3) execute the necessary purchase agreements, software licenses, and maintenance agreement necessary for the successful operation of the replacement voting equipment and software.

Pursuant to Section 21.5(a)(1) of the Procurement Code, purchases by the Supervisor of Elections are exempt from the County's procurement process and requirements, and under Florida law, the county's Supervisor of Elections generally has plenary discretion over purchasing decisions. However, Florida law does require the Board to approve single source purchases of certain defined voting equipment above the applicable \$35,000 threshold. Specifically, Sections 101.292(3) and 101.5603(4), Florida Statutes and Rule 1S-2.004, Florida Administrative Code, require the County to conduct competitive solicitation of voting equipment purchases covered by the statute consistent with its local procurement process and rules, except in the case of the following exigent circumstances: (1) an emergency situation arises which necessitates an exception to competitive solicitation requirements; and (2) the Board finds that there is only a single source from which suitable equipment may be obtained. As previously acknowledged by your predecessors, ES&S was, and indeed continues to be, the only feasible voting system option available to the County.

A renewal or re-ratification of ES&S voting system sole source designation and brand standardization is consistent with the Board's prior approvals and actions. At the June 19, 2007 Commissioner Meeting, Agenda Item #48B, your predecessors initially approved a sole source

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sole brand standardization of ES&S voting equipment for some of the reasons outlined in this letter. Then, during the Commission Meetings on May 7, 2019, and August 22, 2023, the Board approved additional purchases of voting equipment from ES&S, as a sole provider, based on the recommendations from the Supervisor of Elections.¹ The referenced Meeting Agendas and supporting documentation are enclosed for your review.

Certain components of the County's voting system are now at or nearing the end of their useful lifecycle and thus another renewal or re-ratification of ES&S' sole source designation to purchase replacement equipment and updated software is necessary. For example, the County's current Polling Location Scanners and Tabulators (DS 200s) are about 20 years old. I also recently learned that Broward County is the only county in Florida that still uses ES&S' election management software version 4530. All Florida counties that use the ES&S voting system (the large majority) have updated their ES&S software from version 4350 to versions 6310 and 6510 which also required replacing related hardware and equipment such as the Polling Location Scanner and Tabulators and the High-Speed Scanners and Tabulators.² The County's current Polling Location Scanners and Tabulators model DS200 would be replaced with ES&S most current model DS 300 and the High-Speed Scanner and Tabulator model DS850 would be replaced with DS950s.

Any voting equipment, whether hardware or software, must be compatible with the County's existing voting system requirements and be one of only two approved voting systems certified for use in Florida elections as reflected on the Florida Division of Election's website here: [Certified Voting Systems and Vendors - Division of Elections - Florida Department of State \(myflorida.com\)](https://myflorida.com/elections/division-of-elections/certified-voting-systems-and-vendors). In particular, Sections 101.294(1), Florida Statutes and Rule 1S-2.004(3)(e) and (5)(a), require that the County use only voting systems approved by the State and also prohibits the use of third party equipment, parts, and software with an approved system that is not also approved for use by the vendor themselves and the State.

The only other currently certified voting system, Liberty Vote USA f/k/a Dominion Voting Systems, does **not** have the high-speed capacity scanners and tabulators necessary for a county of our size. As illustrated in the attached image, only 18 of Florida's 67 counties utilize the Liberty Vote USA systems and none of the comparably large counties including Palm Beach and Miami-Dade utilize their system. As a result, of the only two certified by the State, ES&S's voting system certified by the State of Florida is the only feasible option for Broward County.

Even if there was time to invite bids from other vendors not yet certified by the State that could fulfill the County's voting system requirements, there would not be enough time for prospective vendor(s) to complete the State's certification process ahead of the 2028 election cycle. Further, that kind of competitive procurement process requires a prohibitively extensive investment of time, resources, and money at a time when critical components of the voting system are at the

¹ In 2019 the Broward County Supervisor of Elections was the late Peter Antonacci. My term as Supervisor of Elections commenced in 2021.

² Miami-Dade for example switched to the updated software and hardware in 2025.

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end of their lifecycle and face an increased risk of failure. Hopefully, there will come a time when the County will have the benefit of a more robust market for certified voting systems, but currently ES&S is the only certified voting system that is suitable for and available to Broward County.

Additionally, mixing and matching voting equipment and software between different vendors to the extent such equipment and software are even compatible would introduce unacceptable risk of failure during the County's elections. If the County were to choose to mix and match voting system components, there is no way to fully anticipate the true scope and cost of the necessary measures needed to try to mitigate against incompatibility issues and risks of failure by trying to integrate different scanning and tabulating equipment and related software from ES&S and Liberty Vote USA. The County would also risk voiding support and maintenance agreements and warranties with ES&S or Liberty Vote USA which could result in either of those vendors validly refusing to support, repair, or maintain a component of the voting system retrofitted to facilitate compatibility with their competitor's product (assuming this is even possible). Tellingly, our Office knows of no other county that has successfully mixed and matched voting system components between ES&S and Liberty Vote USA.

Based on these reasons, I ask that the County procure replacement voting equipment and software for its current voting system from ES&S as the sole source available.

Please let us know if you require any additional information regarding the above.

Sincerely,



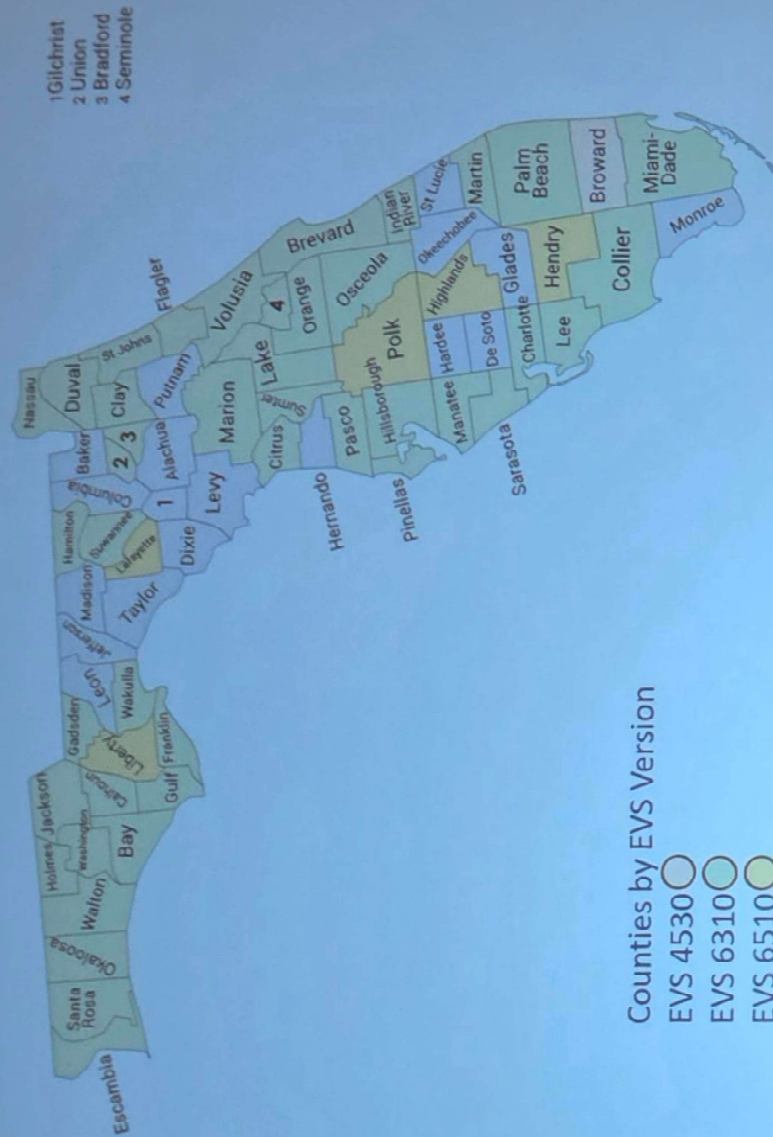
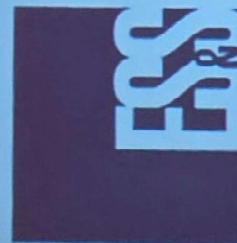
Joe Scott,
Broward County Supervisor of Elections

Enclosures

cc.

Andrew J. Meyers, Broward County Attorney
Devona A. Reynolds Perez, Senior Assistant County Attorney
Monica Cepero, County Administrator

Current Electionware Version Breakdown



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Project Details

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Ref. #: TCH2132781F1

Department: FASD - Purchasing

Type: RFI

Status: CLOSED

Open Date: Jul 23rd 2026, 2:00 PM EDT

Questions Due Date: Jul 30th 2026, 2:00 PM EDT

Contact Information: Tiffany Wright (Primary),
tifwright@broward.org

Close Date: Jul 30th 2026, 2:00 PM EDT

Days Left: Submissions are now closed

Contract Duration:
Not Applicable (RFQ/RFI)

Contract Renewal:

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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Bid Validity:
Not Applicable

Bonding Required:
No

Total Amount of Pass-Thru Allowance (Initial Term or Fixed):
0

OESBD Designation Goal Participation Type (Non-Multi):
No Goal

Goal Assigned Percentage (0 if No Goal):
0

Public Works/Construction:
No

Project Description:
Notice of Intent to Designate Sole Source/Sole Brand:

This Request for Information (RFI) is to determine if the specified commodity or service is available from multiple providers, or if an alternate commodity or service is available that would meet the County's needs. This is not a request for pricing or a purchase commitment. See Supporting Documentation for additional information.

Important Events:

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Status	Event Name		Location	Description		
PASSED	Open Date	Online Portal	Posting date for the Opportunity	Jul 23rd 2026, 2:00 PM EDT	N/A	
PASSED	Close Date	Online Portal	Deadline for Submissions	Jul 30th 2026, 2:00 PM EDT	N/A	
PASSED	Questions Due Date	Online Portal	Deadline to submit Questions	Jul 30th 2026, 2:00 PM EDT	N/A	

NIGP 99896 Voting Machines and Other Election Equipment, Sale of Surplus and Obsolete Items
NIGP 60058 Election and Voter Equipment and Supplies, Electronic and Non-Electronic
NIGP 5783480 VOTING SYSTEMS, INCLUDING PARTS AND ACCESSORIES
NIGP 9369040 MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT SERVICES, VOTING EQUIPMENT

Supporting Documentation:

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File	Type	Description
Request for Information Questionnaire.docx	Documentation	Jul 22nd 2026, 4:53 PM EDT Download
Supporting Documentation for Request for Information.pdf	Documentation	Jul 22nd 2026, 4:56 PM EDT Download

Requested Information:

Listed below are the documents and information needed to complete your submission:

Name	Type
RFI Questionnaire Response	File Type: Any (*.*) Multiple REQUIRED

Document Takers

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Vendors	# Files	Actions
11427725 Canada Inc.	2	View
BBR Printers	2	View
BidSparq LLC	4	View
BuildCentral Inc	2	View
Cendien	4	View
CJIS GROUP LLC	6	View
Construction Bid Source	1	View
Deltek	2	View

Enterprise, Inc.	4	View
Popdega LLC	4	View
PWXPress	2	View
Quicsolutionz	1	View
re	2	View
Runbeck Election Services LLC	4	View
Smartprocure Inc	2	View
Summit Procurement Solutions	2	View
VISUAL	2	View
XIEagle	2	View

Interested Contractors

Prime/General Contractors

[Subcontractors](#)

Vendors

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☐ Messages

Submissions and Prime/Subcontractor Interest

This project is not open for proposal submissions at this time.

Public Q&A

No messages

Public Notices

No messages

Submissions

Supplier	Date Submitted	Name	Email	Confirmation Code
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**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION
REQUEST FOR INFORMATION**

Voting Equipment and Software Purchase

A. Sole Brand or Sole Source Designation

This Request for Information (RFI) Notice of Intent to Designate Sole Source is to determine if the specified commodity or service is available from multiple providers, or if an alternate commodity or service is available that would meet the County's needs. This is not a request for pricing or a purchase commitment.

The following commodity or service is thought to be available from only a sole source (or reasonable source) and is the only commodity/services that meets the County's needs:

Election Systems & Software (ES&S) for new scanners and tabulators, and all related accessories, components, equipment, software licenses, and maintenance.

- Compatibility with Broward County's existing voting system requirements, ES&S;
- Current State of Florida certified voting system and approved vendor;
- High-speed capacity scanners and tabulators for large counties;
- Process 10,000+ ballots per hour while sorting overvoted and undervoted ballots for canvassing
- Outstacking and sorting

This RFI will remain posted until closing date and time.

Prospective Vendors are requested to provide information regarding their ability to provide the commodity or service described or written explanation or other documentation contesting the proposed RFI designation.

If you are capable of meeting or exceeding the County's requirements for the specified commodity or service, respond to this RFI through the electronic bidding system. Vendor should upload any supporting information in the electronic bidding system as part of its response to assist the County in determining if commodity or service is comparable, is available from multiple suppliers, and meets the County's needs. The Director of Purchasing shall have sole authority in deciding what is comparable.

The Director of Purchasing shall consider such submittals and notify all submitting vendors (thru the electronic bidding system) of the decision whether to designate as a Sole Source/Brand, which decision shall not be subject to objection, protest, or appeal.

B. Single Source Designation for FLL

Not applicable to this solicitation.

C. Market Survey

Not applicable to this solicitation.

D. Additional Information/Instructions

Not applicable to this solicitation.

Voting Equipment and Software Purchase

Vendor Name: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Vendor Instructions:

Provide responses to the questions below through the BPRO Requested Information section. Include any relevant specifications and/or supporting documentation related to the product you are offering. This information will be used by the County to determine if the specified commodity or service is available from multiple providers, or if an alternate commodity or service is available that would meet the County's needs.

1. Scanner and Tabulators

Check all features that your solution currently provides:

- ☐ Compatible with Broward County's existing voting system, Election Systems & Software
- ☐ High-speed capacity scanners and tabulators for large counties
- ☐ Process 10,000+ ballots per hour while sorting overvoted and undervoted ballots for canvassing
- ☐ Outstacking and sorting

2. Is your voting system currently certified through the State of Florida?

Check Yes or No

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

3. Are you a State of Florida certified voting system vendor?

Check Yes or No

- ☐ Yes ☐ No